

O'Fallon Public Safety

Monthly Newsletter – October 2023



Halloween Safety Rules

- ✓ Never ever go trick-or-treating alone.
- ✓ Plan and review your trick-or-treating route with your parents before you begin. Do not stray from your planned route.
- ✓ Be very cautious of any strangers at houses or on the street.
- ✓ Never go inside a house -- accept treats only at the door.
- ✓ Don't eat any candy until you get home, and be sure your parents check your candy before you eat it.
- ✓ Everybody should wear a highly-visible or reflective costume and carry a flashlight when trick-or-treating at night.
- ✓ Stay on sidewalks and walkways.
- ✓ Walk! Do not run in your costume because you might trip and injure yourself.
- ✓ Carry a cell phone in case of an emergency.
- ✓ Always be sure to eat a good meal before going trick-or-treating.

2023 Night to Unite!



Tuesday
October 3rd, 2023
6:00 – 8:00 PM
Community Park
401 E. Fifth St.

Come enjoy food, refreshments,
and fun with your O'Fallon
Police Department!

100% FREE!

Free Food!
Free Goodie Bags for Kids!
Free Raffles for Bicycles and Pizza!
Police, Fire, and EMS Vehicles on Display!
Much More!



Members of the O'Fallon Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge #198 are always looking to give back to our community. This year we learned a local [Special Olympics Illinois- Region J](#) Organization, [Parent Teacher Organization for Exceptional Children - PTOEC](#), were in dire need of handicap accessible transportation.

PTOEC is the largest local Special Olympics team in our area who provide social and sporting opportunities for individuals with intellectual disabilities throughout the metro-east. The PTOEC's vehicles were in poor condition and were not wheelchair accessible. Since PTOEC is donation based and not state funded, their budget did not allow them to make the necessary upgrades.

With this information, the [O'Fallon Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #198](#) approved the purchase of a bus with a wheelchair lift to donate to the PTOEC. Leaning on some of the FOP's closest friends, Jim Ford at [Southbeach Motors](#) purchased a bus in Nebraska and made the round trip to drive it home.

We quickly identified some body work that needed addressed. [Moreland Auto Body](#) stepped up and donated their time to make the repairs to make the bus look new again. [Tactical Towing & Recovery Inc](#) towed the bus (at no cost to the FOP) to [Mission Accomplished Tire and Auto Belleville](#) who made the bus road worthy, donating both the tune up and maintenance package to upkeep the bus at no cost.

The 14 passenger bus then took a swing through [Southern Bus & Mobility](#) who serviced the wheel chair lift, replaced the roof and installed additional seats to ensure it was safe for all passengers, at no cost to us!

The last stop on the tour was [United Ink](#) , who designed and installed the vinyl bus wrap. Once they learned about the "why" behind our donation, they quickly got on board and donated the cost and install.

The bus was unveiled on Friday September 15th at a fun night held at O'Fallon PD. Only the board members of the PTOEC were aware of the donation. Friends and families of the PTOEC were in awe and full of raw emotion when the surprise was unveiled.

This is the single largest donation (approximately \$25,000) the FOP has ever made as an organization. The FOP is grateful for our friends that helped to make this happen. Not only those businesses listed above, but also our friends in the community that support us and help fund these kinds of projects every year.

We forever made an impact on the lives of those with PTOEC. *(see pics on following page)*

[National Fraternal Order of Police](#), [Official City of O'Fallon](#), [O'Fallon Police Department](#), [Special Olympics Illinois](#), [Special Olympics](#), [Mission Accomplished Tire and Auto O'fallon](#)



Let me win
But if I cannot win,
let me be brave
in the attempt

 - Special Olympics
Athlete Oath



VINE STREET MARKET

SEPT 2, 2023



KIDS GOT TO EXPLORER THE FIRE TRUCK, TAKE A PHOTO IN OUR 1985 CJ-7 JEEP, AND PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY BY USING A WATER FIRE EXTINGUISHER.



Mid America Training Exercises



SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

EVERY 3 YEARS, MIDAMERICA, ALONG WITH ST. LOUIS AIRPORT AND OTHER AIRPORTS, ENGAGE IN A FULL-SCALE EMERGENCY TRAINING EXERCISE. THIS IS REQUIRED BY THE FAA.



**MIDAMERICA AIRCRAFT
RESCUE TRUCK**



AGENCIES THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE EVENT THIS YEAR INCLUDE: O'FALLON FD, MASCOUTAH EMS, MASCOUTAH PD, NEW BADEN FD, MEDSTAR EMS, ST. CLAIR COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT., SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE AND ST. CLAIR COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY.



**SAFB EMERGENCY
VEHICLES & MEDSTAR**

It's great to see one of O'Fallon Fire Explorer's, Lucas Aylor, who graduated high school over the summer now serving in the United States Air Force.

Lucas just recently graduated Air Force Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas on September 27, 2023. We are excited to see his passion for the fire service has led to him serving his nation.

Congratulations Lucas and best wishes on your new career in the Air Force!



United States Air Force
Protecting our country's skies

OEMS EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Please join us in congratulating the new OEMS crew leaders paramedics, Nick Fensom, Pat Lenz, and Marty Nungesser!

What are the roles and responsibilities of a crew leader?

The crew leader position plays a vital leadership role here at O'Fallon/ Shiloh EMS. This position is a three year assignment, that allows crew leaders to cover essential responsibilities in the absence of a supervisor.



Nick Fensom



Pat Lenz



Marty Nungesser