

# O'Fallon Public Safety

Monthly Newsletter – September 2022



## Citizen Police Academy Accepting Applications!

The O'Fallon Police Department will be hosting its 10th annual Citizen Police Academy from **Sept 7 – Oct 26, 2022**. The program will be taught by members of the O'Fallon Public Safety Department and guest speakers from other agencies. This academy is open to O'Fallon citizens or persons working in the City of O'Fallon. There will be a tax deductible \$25 course fee to the participants; which will be donated to "The BACKSTOPPERS, Inc." The Academy is designed to give participants a realistic view of the day to day operations of public safety work by providing instruction, practicals, and education on numerous topics. The Academy will be open to the first 20 qualified applicants, who are 21 years of age or older. **Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 – 9:00 PM, with an additional Thursday and Saturday session.**

Applications and additional details can be found here:

[www.ofallon.org/citizens-police-academy](http://www.ofallon.org/citizens-police-academy)

Please follow the link and return your application to Leah Wilson at [lwilson@ofallon.org](mailto:lwilson@ofallon.org) or drop it off at the Police Department.



## Retirement of Officer Rick Orr

Officer Rick Orr worked his last shift with the O'Fallon Police Department on Saturday, August 20, at City Fest. Officer Orr has diligently worked for over 22 years as a police officer for the City, after being hired on June 9, 2000.

During his tenure, Officer Orr worked as a Patrol Officer, a Detective (on two separate occasions), and a School Recourse Officer. Officer Orr also served as an investigator in the Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis.

Please join us in congratulating Officer Orr on his retirement! We will greatly miss Rick's experience, dedication, work ethic, personality, and professionalism.

Officer Orr will not be going far though, as he started a new job at OTHS as part of their security detail on Monday, August 22. Congratulations Officer Orr and thank you for your years of service!



# O'Fallon Wins the Governor's Cup!

The City of O'Fallon has been awarded the **2022 Governor's Cup**, the highest honor from the Governor's Hometown Awards. Since 1983, the [Governor's Hometown Awards](#) program gives formal recognition to those who contributed to projects that improved their community's quality of life.

The award recognizes the work done by the O'Fallon Police Department and community volunteers in 2021 for the [Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics](#). In 2021 the O'Fallon Police Department raised \$46,648 for Special Olympics Illinois with an estimated \$15,500 worth of volunteer hours.

"This is such an honor for our City, Police Department, volunteers, athletes, and everyone else involved," said Mayor Herb Roach. (continued next page)



## Governor's Cup (continued)

Det. Nick Schmidt, Det. Adam Krack, and Sgt. Brian Gimpel represented the Police Department at the event. They were joined by Mayor Herb Roach, Council Member/Volunteer Jessica Lotz, Administrative Intern Cameron Dewitt, Special Olympics Region J Director Justin Denning, Special Olympics athletes Tony Hill & Faith Short and Faith's mother Carolyn.

The **Law Enforcement Torch Run** is the single largest year-round fundraising movement benefiting **Special Olympics Illinois**. The Torch Run has two goals – to raise money and to gain awareness for the athletes who participate in Special Olympics Illinois.



The O'Fallon Police Department participates in several LETR fundraising events including the Polar Plunge, Burgers and Badges (Culver's), Texas Roadhouse Tip-A-Cop, T Shirt Sales (Schnucks), and BBQ's at Sam's Club. Since 1986, the Law Enforcement Torch Run has raised more than \$59 million while increasing awareness of Special Olympics Illinois athletes and their accomplishments.

We are extremely proud of the amazing work our department and community volunteers do every year for Special Olympics. The impact they make in raising money, awareness and building relationships throughout the community is undeniable.

While this award was given to the O'Fallon Police Department, we accept it on behalf of everyone who has supported the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics these many years. We couldn't do this without the support of our volunteers, schools, businesses, and community. This award is for all of O'Fallon!





**Special  
Olympics**  
Illinois



1412 Central Park Circle



Join us for TIP-A-COP  
September 16, 2022 4pm-10pm  
Special Olympics Illinois

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Texas Roadhouse donates 10% of all food sales for the evening to Special Olympics Illinois! Dine in and to-go orders are included. Officers will also be selling Torch Run merchandise!



Enjoy some delicious food served to you by local law enforcement, while supporting a great cause! 100% of donations will benefit Special Olympics IL.





# New Kid on the Block

Is that new car smell? Why, yes it is! O'Fallon and Shiloh will soon be serviced by a brand-new EMS unit. The new Medic 3 will be placed into service shortly, after some finishing touches from IT and approval from St Elizabeth's. Crews have been working to load the truck and have it operational per region IV's guidelines. Many hands went into this process. The current Medic 3 will be rebranded as Medic 4; which will mean that all frontline trucks will have an autoloader system. The Autoload system reduces lifting strain on our crews by using an antler system to mechanically lock in and raise the cot into the back of the ambulance. This is a huge draw for new hires and a benefit to the health and safety of our current employees. OEMS is dedicated to improving our frontline units to best serve the need of our public and our employees.



Right: Medic 3 being carefully stocked by "A crew" prior to inspection, to make sure that it meets state and regional standards for onboard equipment.

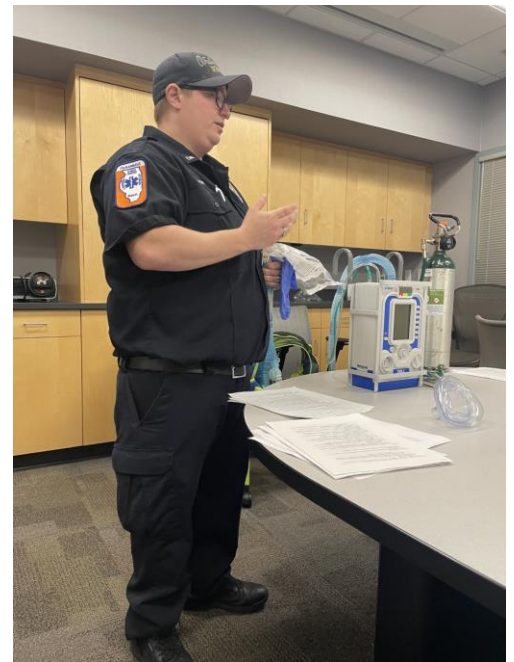




# Monthly Education Recap: Ventilator Training

Last month every full-time member of OEMS attended training on an important but rarely used piece of equipment; the Zoll ventilator. For those who are less familiar with this equipment, a ventilator can assist or take over breathing for critically ill or injured patients. Kayla, one of our paramedics who has extra training with this patient population, taught the class. Kayla got her critical care certification prior to her employment at OEMS. Kayla enjoyed teaching and it was clear to everyone that she was knowledgeable and passionate about this subject. The ventilator can also be used as a CPAP or BIPAP, which are less invasive ways to improve someone's breathing without intubation (the tube down the throat). This provides our medics with more options when dealing with severe respiratory calls. This also allows our paramedics to take transports from St Elizabeth's and Memorial East for intubated patients that require a ventilator as a part of their care. OEMS wants to thank Kayla for donating her time to make sure we are up to date and well prepared for these critical and sometimes stressful calls!

Below: Critical Care  
Paramedic Kayla Hoese  
teaching class



Above: An image of a  
Zoll ventilator. Look  
at all those buttons!

## O'Fallon Fire's New Addition, Unit 4319 - 2022 Spartan 75' Quint



O'Fallon Fire Rescue's newest truck, a 2022 Spartan 75' Quint, was purchased as part of our established vehicle replacement schedule. Typically, we keep ladder trucks 20 years and fire engines 15 years. In this case, we originally ran this truck for both ladder and engine operations. Hence, it's replacement at the 15-year mark. The new truck will be run as a traditional ladder with plans to keep it the full 20 years. The new truck will be housed at Engine House #1 on E Washington St.

The new truck cost just over \$960,000 and it has a 600-gallon water tank with a 2000 gallon per minute pump. We were able to sell the old 2008 Quint for \$275,000.



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### **New OFR Admin Assistant**

Kacie White recently accepted a position as the new Admin Assistant with O'Fallon Fire Rescue. Some of you may know Kacie already, as she worked in Utility Billing at City Hall for almost 16 years. Congratulations to Kacie on her new chapter with OFR!

