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## NEWS FROM THE ST. CHARLES POLICE DEPARTMENT

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **St. Charles Police and Fire to Take the Plunge for Special Olympics Illinois March 8, 2026, at 10 a.m., at Ferson Creek Park**

**ST. CHARLES, ILL.** (Feb. 3, 2026) – Each year, the Polar Plunge—jumping into cold water in cold weather—raises awareness and donations for Special Olympics Illinois programming and support services. On March 8, 2026, at 10 a.m., members of the St. Charles Team will take the plunge at Ferson Creek Park, off of IL Rt. 31, east of Wildrose Springs Drive.

Last year, this the St. Charles Polar Plunge raised more than \$26,000 to support Special Olympics Illinois athletes. Funds raised through Polar Plunge events help athletes participate in competitions and access critical medical care and support services.

All are invited to come out to support the team, have some fun, and purchase some swag. Proceeds benefit Special Olympics Illinois. For details, including how to donate, visit the [St. Charles Police Fire and Friends' team Special Olympics Illinois fundraising page](#).

**Parking Note:** Only handicap parking is available at Ferson Creek Park. To request a parking permit, contact Sara Cass at [scass@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:scass@stcharlesil.gov). Participants, volunteers, and supporters should park at St. Charles North High School, 255 Red Gate Road. A shuttle bus will take guests to Ferson Creek Park at 9:15 a.m. T

For more information about the St. Charles Polar Plunge event, contact Det. Jen Larsen at [jlarsen@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:jlarsen@stcharlesil.gov). More about Special Olympics Illinois is at <https://www.soill.org>.

#### **About the St. Charles Police Department**

*The St. Charles Police Department provides law enforcement, investigations, traffic and special events, social services, crime prevention, and community outreach services to the St. Charles, Illinois, community. One of the first agencies in Illinois to be accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, the Department has retained accreditation since 1989. The St. Charles Police Department actively supports Special Olympics Illinois and embraces community-oriented service to the 33,000 residents and nearly 2,000 businesses in St. Charles. The City of St. Charles is conveniently located 35 miles west of Chicago, in Kane and northwestern DuPage counties. The City is guided by the three driving principles in its Mission: Service. Tradition. Community. Together, these principles create a*

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*thriving environment for people who live or visit here, and for businesses to prosper. More at [www.stcharlesil.gov](http://www.stcharlesil.gov), and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#), and [LinkedIn](#).*

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