



# St. Louis County Police Department INFORMATION DIGEST

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## IN MEMORIAM

During the month of January, please take a moment to remember two of our comrades who made the ultimate sacrifice for the citizens of St. Louis County. Police Officer **Joann V. Liscombe**, January 14, 1991, and Detective **Willie Neal, Jr.**, January 29, 1997. May they never be forgotten.

## WELL DONE



On Wednesday, December 19, 2007, Officer **Dean O'Hara**, North County Precinct, responded to a call for a burglary that had just occurred. The victim gave Officer O'Hara a description of one of the suspects who was seen leaving the residence. While conducting a neighborhood canvass, Officer O'Hara spotted three females walking nearby, one of whom matched the description given by the victim. O'Hara obtained a positive identification of the female and placed her under arrest. One of the other two females was wanted for Absconding from Division of Youth Services.

On Tuesday, January 1, 2008, Officer **John Williams**, North County Precinct, responded to a burglary that had just occurred. Officer Williams contacted the victims and learned that several frozen food items, as well as a computer and television, had been stolen. Information was obtained from the victims leading to the neighbors' residence. While at the neighbors' residence, Officer Williams was given consent to search the home and located the stolen frozen food in the freezer and the electronics in the shed at the rear of the house. The suspect was arrested and all of the stolen property was returned to the victims.

On Wednesday, December 19, 2007, Officers **James Karase** and **Edward Fingers**, Central County Precinct, responded to a house fire. The resident told the officers she did not think anyone else was inside the residence, but then stated that a four year old could still be inside the house. Smoke was coming out of the roof vents, door jambs and windowsills at this time. Officers Karase and Fingers approached the home to verify that no one was inside the house and heard noise coming from a bedroom window. They attempted to enter the house by many different means, finally breaking out the bedroom window. Officer Karase climbed in the window and was forced to the floor by the smoke. While crawling around on the floor, he located a small child and passed the child out the window to Officer Fingers. The child was not responsive and was immediately transported to Children's Hospital, where he is recovering.

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The Bureau of Communications generously contributed puppy and kitten food, treats and toys for our four-legged friends at St. Louis County Animal Control. The collection of items was coordinated and organized by the staff. This is the second year the Bureau of Communications included the residents of Animal Control as part of their holiday giving.

The Police Canine Unit received a donation from the Town and Country Walmart of \$1,000 to adopt a family for Christmas. With the help of the Neighborhood Preservation Unit, a family was selected from South County. Members of both units then conducted a shopping spree and wrapped the presents with the assistance of Walmart. The presents were delivered to the family by officers of the Police Canine and Neighborhood Preservation Units.

## DEPARTMENT FAMILY

Detective **David Sandbach**, Arson and Explosives Unit, and his wife, Amy, had a baby boy, David, on October 15, 2007.

Officer **Matt Steinmetz**, North County Precinct, and his wife, Becca, had a baby girl, Lily Claire, on November 18, 2007.



Sergeant **Matt Redmond**, Affton-Southwest Precinct, and his wife, Sarah, had a baby boy, Patrick Crane, on December 27, 2007.

## WELCOME ABOARD

On Monday, December 31, 2007, **Matthew Levy**, **Brandon Hagler** and **Heather Wright** started as probationary police officers.

On Friday, January 4, 2008, **Robert Wallace**, **Dawn Neuman**, **Brian LaChance**, **Matthew Jacobsmeyer**, **Eva Becker**, **Nikki-Qui Brown**, **Johnathan Cunningham**, **Stephen Schue**, **Paul Leoni**, **Brandon Feazel**, **Milomir Jurcevic**, **Tracie Needham**, **Joseph Curcuru**, **Ryan Brusca**, **Kristina Fosdick**, **Matthew Eldridge**, **Wesley McDonald**, **Vadim Krinitskiy**, **David Bean** and **Charles Daly** started as police recruits at the St. Louis County and Municipal Police Academy.

## AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to Public Safety Dispatcher **Nichole Sansone**, Bureau of Communications, for recently receiving the Department's Award of Excellence for her outstanding performance of duty.

## POSITION POSTING

The Bureau of Criminal Identification has posted an opening for a Firearm and Toolmark Examiner. Police officers interested in the position should forward a Request for Transfer form through the chain of command to the Director, Bureau of Staff Services, by Friday, January 25, 2008.

## WELFARE ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Welfare Association is accepting requests from employees interested in representing our Department at the National Law Enforcement Memorial Week in Washington D.C. May 13-16, 2008. Employees interested in attending should send a white 3x5 index card with their name printed on it to Sergeant **Kevin Cavanaugh**, President of the Welfare Association/DCI. Deadline for all entries will be 5:00 PM, January 25, 2008. The Welfare Association will pay for nine (one for each officer who died in the line of duty) employees' airfare, hotel accommodations and a daily per diem. The Department will detach the employees for the trip. Employees who represented our Department in the past are not eligible this year. For additional information, contact Sergeant Kevin Cavanaugh at 615-5380.

## MISCELLANEOUS

As a friendly reminder, during the first quarter in-service training at the academy you are required to bring all weapons the Department has issued to you for inspection and detailing. This includes, but not limited to, your pistol, shotgun, less lethal shotgun and TASER. This does not include your rifle, which will be inspected and detailed at the range during your annual qualification.

The St. Louis Area Women's Soccer Team is hosting a "Mardi Gras" Trivia Night on Saturday, February 2, 2008, at Chaminade High School. Teams will consist of 8 to 10 players at \$20 per player. Proceeds benefit the Women's Soccer Team in sending them to Seattle for the 2008 North American Police Soccer Tournament. For more information, visit the team website at <http://www.stlouispolicesoccer.com/> or contact **Tracy Panus** at 314-615-4282.

## FROM THE CHAPLAINS

Success comes not from doing one thing 100 percent better, but from doing 100 things one percent better.