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WITH DEEP APPRECIATION

I want to thank my friends and extended family of the Department who have shared their sympathy and condolences for the loss of both of my parents, John and Virginia Molla. I have never been so proud to be a part of this organization - the outpouring of support from all of you has certainly made this difficult time more bearable. Again, from my family to my Department family, thank you for your kindness.

Chuck Molla

Central County Precinct

WELL DONE

On Wednesday, January 2, 2008, Officer **Matt Steinmetz**, North County Precinct, responded to a burglary that just occurred. The caller stated that he was sitting in his living room when he heard glass shatter and two subjects entered into his apartment. The reporting party chased the suspects down the street but lost them. He provided physical and clothing descriptions on the suspects. Officers **Patrick Hokamp** and **Robert Dean** responded to the area and found the suspects at a nearby home. Both were taken into custody and identified by the victim.

On Thursday, January 3, 2008, Officers **James McDonald**, **Joanna Jensen**, **Goran Katic**, **Russell Bono** and Lieutenant **Mike Dierkes**, South County Precinct, responded to a call of an attempt suicide at an apartment complex. As they arrived, a subject came out of an apartment, yelled at them, made gestures that she was going to harm herself and ran back into the apartment, locking the door. The officers made entry and saw the subject lying on the bed with a knife in her hand. The officers calmed the subject down and were eventually able to secure the knife from her. She was conveyed for medical treatment.

On Friday, January 4, 2008, Officers **Shanna Tionson**, Highway Safety Unit and **Timothy Harrison**, South County Precinct, received a call from On-Star who had received a call from the St. Clair County Illinois Sheriff's Department reference a suicidal female. The vehicle's approximate location was given and the officers found the car on a motel parking lot. The officers were able to determine the room where the driver checked into and made contact with her. Inside the room they found a pile of her personal belongings, pictures, multiple medications and a farewell note. She was conveyed for medical treatment.

On Tuesday, January 8, 2008, at approximately 10:30 PM, Officer **John Hallquist**, City of Wildwood Precinct, saw a subject run out of a convenience store and to a vehicle on an adjacent street. The driver of the vehicle sped off while committing multiple traffic violations. Officer Hallquist conducted a computer check on the vehicle's license and recognized the owner as an individual with a driver's license that was suspended. After stopping the vehicle and taking the driver into custody, a search of the vehicle revealed checks, passports and personal items with several different names on them. Upon contacting the owners of the property it was discovered that the items were reported stolen from different burglaries.

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to Public Safety Dispatcher **Ronald Weidenhaft**, Office of Information and Technology – Bureau of Communications, for recently receiving the Department's Award of Excellence for his outstanding performance of duty.

WELCOME ABOARD

On Monday, January 7, 2008, **Dominick L. Misuraca** started as a police recruit at the St. Louis County and Municipal Police Academy.



On Monday, January 14, 2008, **David E. Steinmeyer** and **Peter A. Johnson** started as probationary police officers in the Division of Patrol.

SERVICE BAR AWARDS

The following individuals have reached milestones in their careers and received awards for years of service: 30 years – Lieutenant **Charles Molla**, Sergeant **Robert Frohne**, Officer **Donald Tracy** and Ms. **Rebecca Murphy**; 25 years – Ms. **Kathryn Brehe** and Lieutenant **James Vollmar**; 20 years – Mr. **Ronald Grames**; 15 years – Sergeant **Jeffrey Hoots**, Officer **David McVey**, Officer **James Molden**, Sergeant **Mark Cox**, Officer **Clay Peeler**, Officer **Thomas Hawkins**, Sergeant **Daniel O’Neil**, Officer **Jamie Reiter**, Officer **Richard O’Brien**, Officer **Curtis Ratlif** and Officer **John Bozarth**; 10 years – Officer **Brian Shanika**, Sergeant **Jeffrey Fuesting**, Officer **Sammie Bush**, Officer **Jason Kapayou**, Officer **Stephen Rowland**, Officer **Vincent Bazzoni**, Officer **Timothy Culian**, Officer **Nicholas Milcic**, Officer **Theodore Dubis** and Ms. **Deborah Blanc**; 5 years – Officer **Patrick Hokamp**, Officer **Christine Romo** and Ms. **Candace Shelton**.

DEPARTMENT FAMILY



Lieutenant **Troy Doyle**, North County Precinct, and his wife, **Yolanda**, had a baby boy, **Ethan A.**, born Saturday, January 5, 2008.

POSITION POSTING

The Division of Special Operations has requested a selection process to develop an eligibility list of officers seeking assignment to the Tactical Operations Unit and Community Action Team in the future. If interested, forward a Request for Transfer form (F-239) through the chain of command to the Personnel Services Unit no later than 4:30 PM on Friday, January 25, 2008. In addition, a one page typed memorandum directed to the Director, Bureau of Staff Services, should be completed and attached to the request.

COMMENDATIONS

Commendations were presented by Chief Lee at the January 16, 2008 Police Board meeting to Detective **Donald Harris**, Police Officers **David Edwards**, **Kevin Stevener**, **Brandt Wathen**, **Mark Vollmar** and Reserve Officer **Garland Barnes**.

TRIVIA NIGHT

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**, Municipal Services Unit, at 615-4282.