



St. Louis County Police Department INFORMATION DIGEST

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IN MEMORIAM

On Thursday, February 7, 2008, two members of our law enforcement family, Kirkwood Police Sergeant **William Biggs Jr.** and Kirkwood Police Officer **Thomas F. Ballman**, as well as City Council Members **Connie Karr** and **Michael Lynch** and City Public Works Director **Ken Yost**, were brutally killed while in the performance of their duties. Seriously injured in the incident was Kirkwood Mayor **Mike Swoboda** and Suburban Journal reporter **Todd Smith**. Tragedies such as this remind us of the inherent dangers that are associated with our profession and the risks we face everyday. When officers and government officials are the victims of senseless violence, it affects the whole community and their perception of safety. We would like to commend all the individuals who assisted the City of Kirkwood in their time of need as well as all those who attended or assisted with the funerals. Please keep the families and friends of everyone involved in your thoughts and prayers as they begin the healing process.

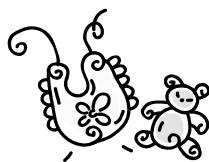
Colonel Patrick A. Twardowski Colonel Jerry Lee

DEPARTMENT FAMILY



Police Report Clerk **Amy Wohlschlaeger**, CARE Unit, and Mark Manning were married on Wednesday, January 30, 2008, in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

Research Associate **David Jones**, Planning and Analysis Unit, and his wife, Jill, had a baby girl, Emily Grace, born Tuesday, February 5, 2008.



WELL DONE

On Thursday, January 17, 2008, Officer **Matthew Martin**, North County Precinct, was advised that another jurisdiction was pursuing a vehicle that was wanted for an armed robbery. Officer Martin set up along the path of the pursuit and successfully deployed stop sticks that flattened two of the tires on the suspect's vehicle. The suspect continued to drive a short distance and abandoned the vehicle but was apprehended nearby. A weapon and ammunition were also recovered from the vehicle.

On Friday, January 18, 2008, Officer **William Munson**, North County Precinct, responded to a strong arm robbery on the parking lot of Jamestown Mall. Two suspects had forcibly taken a woman's purse and were fleeing on foot. Officer Munson began an area canvass and saw two individuals who matched the suspects' descriptions. Officer Munson detained the subjects until the victim confirmed they were the same suspects who took her purse. One of the suspects had her wallet in his pocket and the purse was found under a nearby car.



On Sunday, January 20, 2008, Officer **Dan Woodland**, City of Fenton Precinct, was dispatched to an automobile accident on Interstate 44. Before his arrival, one of the drivers fled the scene on foot. Officer **Patrick Nigh** was in the area and saw the suspect run into Buder Park. Officer Nigh stopped the fleeing driver at which time the suspect advanced towards him in a threatening manner. Officer Nigh used his TASER and took the suspect into custody.

WELCOME ABOARD

On Monday, February 11, 2008, **Jamie L. Strange** started as a public safety dispatcher in the Bureau of Communications.

COMMENDATIONS

Commendations were presented by Chief Lee at the February 20, 2008 Police Board meeting to Police Officers **Michael Kaemmerer** and **Michael Byrne**, North County Precinct; **Anthony Amaro**, South County Precinct and **Lucas Donaldson**, Affton Southwest Precinct.

WELFARE SCHOLARSHIPS

Letters of application are now being accepted for the award of \$1,000 college scholarships by the Welfare Association to dependent children of Department employees. Awarded will be two Donald R. Lewis Scholarships, funded by the deceased officer's family; the William R. Brandt Scholarship in memory of his dedication to the Association during his presidency; an award in the name of Mr. Michael Shanahan in appreciation of his generosity and support; the Colonel Ronald A. Battelle Scholarship in recognition of our former Chief; and a memorial scholarship in remembrance of our fallen officers who gave their lives in the line of duty. The application, in résumé form, must be received by **Judy Sampson**, Office Services Unit, by March 31, 2008. Please include age, school class, college to be attended, major, GPA, extracurricular activities, employment and financial need.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK



National Police Week in Washington, DC is May 12 through 17, 2008. Nine fallen St. Louis County police officers will be honored during these ceremonies. The Welfare

Association has selected the following nine police employees to attend: **Becky Murphy**, **Tom Lasater**, **Joe Clark**, **Brian Shanika**, **Kurt Hauser**, **Alexander Fisher**, **Bill Matthews**, **Michael McCartney** and **Jon Belmar**.

TEAMS SPONSORED BY DIVISION COMMANDERS



Each division commanding officer is sponsoring a team in their division for the 18 hole Welfare Association fund raising golf tournament on April 28th at Norwood Hills Country Club. This includes the dinner and all the extras. All Department employees are eligible. If interested send your name and your assignment by division to Major **Bob Trittler**. A blind draw by Chief Lee will take place on Friday, April 4, 2008 at 4:30 PM. Chief Lee will draw four names from each division, thus creating four teams.

DONATION TO EXPLORERS

On Tuesday, January 29, 2008, Sam's Club donated \$1,000 to the South County Precinct Explorer Post. Lieutenant **Mike Dierkes** and Officer **Greg VanMierlo** (Post advisor) accepted the donation on behalf of the explorers.

FROM THE CHAPLAINS

You haven't failed until you've stopped trying.