



# St. Louis County Police Department INFORMATION DIGEST

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## WELL DONE

On Wednesday, February 20, 2008, at 9:30 AM, Officer **Joanna Jensen**, South County Precinct, responded to a call of an attempt burglary at a residence. Officers **Chad Louis**, **Joe Brandt** and canine Max responded to the scene as additional calls came from neighbors who witnessed the suspect climb fences and run through nearby yards. A short foot pursuit resulted in Officer Louis apprehending the suspect, but the individual resisted. Max was next on the scene and after he made contact, the suspect surrendered. Burglary tools were found on the suspect who had no explanation as to why he was running through the yards.

On Friday, February 22, 2008, Officer **Ryan Gardiner**, South County Precinct, responded to an incident of tampering of a motor vehicle in progress at the South County Center mall. Upon arrival, the two subjects reported as entering vehicles ran in two different directions. Officer Gardiner exited his vehicle and began a foot pursuit, catching one of the suspects. Officers **Jeff Kriska** and **Michael Bieri** responded to the scene and found the other suspect hiding in one of the nearby businesses. Both admitted that they were looking for transportation because they did not want to take the bus.

Also on Friday, February 22, 2008, Officer **Christopher Steib**, City of Wildwood Precinct, received a call of a larceny that had just occurred from an open garage. A neighbor reported that he saw a subject run from the garage, jump into a white SUV and drive away. Officer Steib saw the vehicle and pulled it over near the location of the incident. Officer **Joseph Klipsch** responded and the three suspects in the vehicle were separated and questioned. Two of the suspects denied any wrongdoing but the third advised that he was just along for the ride as the other two stole items from open garages. Stolen property was seized and returned to its owners.



On Sunday, February 24, 2008, at 4:00 AM, Officers **Ed Menzenwerth**, **Matthew Grewe**, **Michael Slaughter** and **Charles Lehman**, West County Precinct, responded to a call of a tampering in progress. Officer Grewe stopped a vehicle he believed to be leaving the scene of the incident. Inside the car were four male subjects and numerous electronic items, medications and women's purses. The other officers canvassed the area and discovered multiple cars had been entered. In all, the four suspects had entered 20 vehicles and stolen the contents within.

## WELCOME ABOARD



On Monday, March 3, 2008, **Shannon M. Burke** started as a public safety dispatcher in the Bureau of Communications and **Christina F. McMullan** started as a police report clerk in the Bureau of Central Police Records.

On Thursday, March 6, 2008, **Mathew L. Burns** started as a police recruit at the St. Louis County and Municipal Police Academy.

On Monday, March 10, 2008, **Kathryn A. Sturgeon** started as a public safety dispatcher in the Bureau of Communications.

## AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to Officers **Mark Berry** and **Chad Hinds**, City of Fenton Precinct for recently receiving the Department's Award of Excellence for their outstanding performance of duty.



## MEMORIAL TRIVIA NIGHT



Join us in honoring and celebrating the life of our friend and colleague by coming to the first annual Sergeant **Dan Seymour** Memorial Trivia Night and Silent Auction that will be held on Friday, April 4, 2008, at CBC High School, 1850 De La Salle Drive, St. Louis, Missouri, 63141. The doors open at 6:30 PM and the questions start at 7:00 PM. A table of eight participants will cost \$200 (\$25 per person) and will include beer, soda and snacks. Reservations for teams are now being accepted by contacting **Chris Pignataro** at 651-8712 or Nancy Wind at 838-8355.

## BACKSTOPPERS RAFFLE



Support the Backstoppers and purchase a raffle ticket at the St. Louis County and Municipal Police Academy. On behalf of Police Recruit Class #164, dedicated to the memory of Sergeant William McEntee of the Kirkwood Police Department, a full week in a 2 bedroom/2 bath condo in the Ozarks is being raffled. The condo is located at the Southwood Shores Condos off Horseshoe Bend on the water and includes indoor/outdoor swimming pool, hot tub and swim deck. Tickets are being sold at \$5 for one draw or three for \$10. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go to Backstoppers. Simply submit a 3x5 card with your name, address and contact number along with a check payable to Backstoppers to the St. Louis County and Municipal Police Academy, 1266 Sutter Avenue, Wellston, Missouri, 63133. The drawing will be held on March 27, 2008 prior to Class #164's graduation ceremony.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN



The 2008 Law Enforcement Torch Run honoring Missouri Special Olympics will be held on May 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>. Our region's leg of the run will be held on May 27<sup>th</sup> and will be approximately three miles total, broken into three separate stretches (Earth City, O'Fallon and Jefferson City).

May 28<sup>th</sup> will be the Missouri final leg of the Torch Run in Springfield, Missouri. The length of this run is undetermined at this time. Personnel who participate in the final leg run will also participate in various portions of the opening ceremonies for the Special Olympic Summer Games that evening.

If manpower in your work unit permits, we will attempt to obtain a detachment for one of the dates so that you can participate. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Sergeant **Mark Koeller**, MetroLink Unit. The deadline for registration is April 18<sup>th</sup>. This is a very rewarding experience; ask anyone who has previously participated.

## EMPLOYEE REMINDER

Employees are reminded to notify the Benefits Office at 615-8111 within 30 days of a family or employment status change, such as the birth of a child or marriage, to coordinate insurance coverage details.

## FROM THE CHAPLAINS

The greatest homage we can pay to truth is to use it.

## BUY\*\*\*SELL\*\*\*SWAP

No items were submitted for this issue.