



# St. Louis County Police Department INFORMATION DIGEST

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## IN MEMORIAM

During the month of May, please take a moment to remember Officer **Robert T. Jordan**, May 16, 1981, who made the ultimate sacrifice for the citizens of St. Louis County.

## DEPARTMENT FAMILY



Police Officer **Tara Edsall**, West County Precinct, and her husband, Matt, had a baby girl, Victoria Aspen, born Monday, April 7, 2008.

Police Officer **Chris Chambers**, North County Precinct, and his wife, Jessica, had a baby girl, Carly Grace, born Friday, April 18, 2008.

## COMMENDATIONS

Commendations were presented by Chief Lee at the April 16, 2008 Police Board meeting to Lieutenant **Scott Melies** and Officer **Kevin Templeton**, City of Valley Park; Police Officers **Andrew Whelehon** and **Kevin Helldoerfer**, South County Precinct; Officer **Timothy Dennis**, West County Precinct; Sergeant **Thomas Murley** and Detectives **Nathan Hart** and **John Newsham**, Division of Criminal Investigation.

## WELL DONE

On Tuesday, March 25, 2008, Officers **Elizabeth Berardi**, **Justin Adams**, **Columbus Love** and **Matthew Levy**, North County Precinct, responded to a burglary in progress. As the officers approached the house they saw a shattered window and an open door. A subject came out of the door carrying items and was taken into custody. A search of the home resulted in two additional suspects hiding in bedroom closets. The suspects were ordered out of the closet and taken into custody. Two of the suspects had active warrants for robbery.

On Sunday, March 30, 2008, Officer **John Wilson** and Probationary Police Officer **Douglas Reiner**, Affton Southwest Precinct, responded to an active house fire at 4905 Hummelsheim Avenue where a female advised that her husband was still inside and would not be able to rescue himself due to his advanced stage of cancer. The officers entered the burning residence and located the man lying on the floor and dragged him from the home into the front yard. Paramedics treated the man and conveyed him to the hospital due to smoke inhalation and burns to his face, chest and legs.

On Monday, March 31, 2008, Officers **Kevin Martin** and **David Bello**, North County Precinct, responded to a robbery where a woman was knocked to the ground near a bus stop and her two bags taken. Two witnesses saw the robbery and gave descriptions of the suspects and their direction of travel. The two suspects were observed and apprehended as they were walking a few blocks away from the incident. Many of the victim's belongings were recovered.



On Tuesday, April 1, 2008, Officer **Charlie Rodriguez**, South County Precinct, was driving off-duty when he saw an assault in progress in the middle of Telegraph Road. Officer Rodriguez stopped his vehicle and chased the three suspects on foot until they entered a vehicle and drove off at a high rate of speed. The victim advised that he was assaulted and robbed of his jacket by the three suspects. Officer **Andrew Whelehon** heard the dispatch and saw the vehicle traveling north on Broadway. Officers Whelehon and **Michael Schira** stopped the car and took the occupants into custody. All three were charged with the assault and another assault that had been reported earlier the same day.

On Saturday, April 12, 2008, an exotic game farm owner was traveling through St. Louis County when the transmission went out on his truck. The driver was transporting several animals including a lemur named "Stumpie" and a two and a half week old camel. Off-duty officers **Mike Fumagalli**, Community Action Team and **Jerry Kelly**, Personnel Services Unit, saw the disabled vehicle and stopped. After contacting the Missouri Motorist Assist, they assisted in removing the truck and trailer off the highway to safety. Officers Fumagalli and Kelly also jumped in the trailer with the baby camel and gave it a bottle of milk. The new baby camel wasn't named yet so the owner gave the officers the choice to name him. He was named "Sarge" by the officers. St. Louis Animal Control responded with very heavy blankets for Sarge because the temperatures had dropped rapidly. After the vehicle was repaired, the owner made it home and sent both the officers pictures of the animals.

### AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to Mr. **Brett Lord-Castillo**, Office of Emergency Management; Officers **Joseph Percich** and **James Grace**, North County Precinct; Officer **Gary Robertson**, Central County Precinct and Officer **Gabrial Crocker**, Affton Southwest Precinct, for recently receiving the Department's Award of Excellence for their outstanding performance of duty.

### CONDO VACATION GIVEAWAY



The Welfare Association will draw the names of two employees who will each win a one-week stay at a condominium in Jensen Beach, Florida for either the week of December 7-14 or 14-21, 2008. To participate in the drawing, employees must print and then sign their name on a white 3x5 index card and forward it to **Judy Sampson**, Office Services Unit, by Wednesday, April 30, 2008. The two winners, using their accrued time, are guaranteed the time away from duty.

### NIGHT AT THE RACES

A Night at the Mouse Races is being hosted by the St. Louis Area Women's Police Soccer Team on Friday, June 20, 2008. The races begin at 7:00 PM at the Laborers Local 110 Hall located at 11000 Lin Valle Drive, St. Louis, Missouri, 63129. Tickets are \$20 each and include drinks, pizza and snacks. For information or tickets, please contact Police Officer **Tracy Panus** at 615-4282 or [Tpanus@stlouisco.com](mailto:Tpanus@stlouisco.com) or any member of the St. Louis Area Women's Police Soccer Team.



### CYSTIC FIBROSIS WALK

Officer **John Bozarth**, Personnel Services Unit, will be walking to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation to help fight CF. His niece was diagnosed with CF at birth, 19 years ago. Taking Steps to Cure Cystic Fibrosis is the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's largest national event. In 2007, Great Strides raised more than \$31 million. The Great Strides Walk for the St. Louis Gateway Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will be held in Tower Grove Park this year on Saturday, May 17, at 9:00 AM. You can help by pledging a flat donation of \$1, \$5 or whatever you would like to contribute. You can contact John Bozarth to make your donation, or [http://www.cf.org/great\\_strides/JohnBozarth](http://www.cf.org/great_strides/JohnBozarth) to donate online.

### FROM THE CHAPLAINS

Well done is better than well said.