



St. Louis County Police Department INFORMATION DIGEST

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DEPARTMENT FAMILY



Sergeant **Peter Morrow**, City of Fenton Precinct, and his wife, Kelly, had a baby boy, Joseph Michael, born Thursday, February 7, 2008.

Officer **Danielle Durham**, North County Precinct, and her husband, Percy, had a baby girl, Brielle Alexis, born Monday, March 3, 2008.

Officer **Joseph Shepard**, City of Fenton Precinct, and his wife, Amy, had a baby boy, Andrew James, born Thursday, March 20, 2008.

Officer **Stephen Dittmeier**, City of Fenton Precinct, and his wife, Krystal, had a baby boy, Colton James, born Friday, April 4, 2008.

Officer **Charlie Faasen**, West County Precinct, and his wife, Bernadette, had a baby boy, Mason Alexander, born Tuesday, May 6, 2008.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CITATIONS

Distinguished Service Citations were presented by Board Chairman Colonel Patrick Twardowski at the May 9, 2008 Police Board meeting to Police Officers **John Wilson** and **Douglas Reiner**, Affton Southwest Precinct, in recognition of their efforts in rescuing a man from a burning building.

WELL DONE

On Friday, April 4, 2008, at 2:00 AM, two men attempted to rob a fast food restaurant from their car at the drive through window by demanding money and displaying a shotgun. The employee ran from the window and told the others of the robbery. The bright orange vehicle fled and was spotted by Officer **Alim Poindexter** just a few blocks away. Officer **Cedric Webb** responded and together they took the suspects into custody and retrieved a shotgun from the vehicle.

On Saturday, April 19, 2008, Sergeant **Tom Naughton**, North County Precinct, was responding to a call of a large party in a neighborhood when a vehicle without its headlights on almost struck his vehicle. Sergeant Naughton got behind the vehicle and stopped it up the street from the party. Six juveniles got out of the car and were about to flee on foot but immediately stopped when they saw Officer **Robert Dean**, Police Canine Unit, and Canine **Lass** had arrived. The juveniles advised that they had just left the party. A search of the vehicle resulted in finding a fully loaded handgun and marijuana.

On Monday, April 21, 2008, reports came in from two separate neighbors that a young man was trying to break into a house through the sliding glass door. The homeowner told the responding officers that she scared the burglar off when she screamed. Officers **Justin Adams** and **Michael Byrne**, North County Precinct, began searching the area and saw a subject who matched the burglar's description. Witnesses identified the juvenile as the suspect who attempted to break into the home. The 16 year old suspect advised that he heard there was weed, money and guns in the house and didn't think anyone was home at the time.

On Friday, March 2, 2008, Officer **Darko Omeragic**, South County Precinct, responded to a burglary in progress where two subjects forced entry into a garage by breaking through the door. Officer **Eric Algren** also responded and saw the subjects running towards an apartment complex. Officer Algren initiated a foot pursuit and apprehended one of the suspects. Officer **Andrew Whelehon** saw the second suspect and caught him after a short foot pursuit. Both suspects had criminal histories.

COMMENDATIONS

Commendations were presented by Chief Lee at the May 9, 2008 Police Board meeting to Officers **Thomas Torretta**, Affton Southwest Precinct and **Josiah Merritt**, North County Precinct.

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to Police Officers **Bret Lively**, North County Precinct and **Kevin Martin**, Community Action Team and Sergeant **Michael Amrein**, Communications, for recently receiving the Department's Award of Excellence for their outstanding performance of duty.

WELFARE SCHOLARSHIPS

Six scholarships in the names of our fallen officers, Sergeant **William Brandt**, Police Officer **Donald Lewis**, Mr. Michael Shanahan and Colonel **Ronald A. Battelle** will be awarded this year by the Welfare Association to six dependent children of Department employees for the advancement of their college educations. This year's recipients are Michael Brudek, son of Officer **Kenneth Brudek**; Sarah Davis, daughter of Public Safety Dispatcher **Dan Davis**; Justin Keim, son of Officer **Danny Keim**; Kathryn Narrow, daughter of **Sandra Narrow**; Nina Torretta, daughter of Officer **Thomas Torretta** and Kacey Wisdom, daughter of Sergeant **Kerry Wisdom**.

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 or any member of the St. Louis Area Women's Police Soccer Team.



POSITION POSTING

An opening for a School Resource Officer in the Rockwood School District has been posted. An officer assigned to the school district will work closely with school administration, parents, Family Court and the Division of Family Services. Police officers interested in the position and have successfully completed their probationary period with this Department, should forward a Request for Transfer form through the chain of command to the Director, Bureau of Staff Services, by Friday, May 16, 2008.

RETIREMENT

On Thursday, May 8, 2008, Officer **Frank Schmitt**, MetroLink Unit, retired after 29 years of service.



COUNTY GOLF TOURNAMENT



The 18th annual spring St. Louis County Employees Golf Tournament will be held Monday, June 16, 2008. The spring tournament will be held at the Landings at Spirit Golf Club. The tournament is open to all current St. Louis County employees and retirees. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The cost once again is \$160.00 per foursome. Questions may be directed to Jamie Carver at 615-7273 or Eric Johnson at 636-391-0922.

FROM THE CHAPLAINS

It's difficult to inspire others to accomplish what you haven't been willing to try.

BUY***SELL***SWAP

No items were submitted for this issue.