



# St. Louis County Police Department INFORMATION DIGEST

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## DEPARTMENT FAMILY



Public Safety Dispatcher **Mike Perriman**, Bureau of Communications, and his wife, Kristen, had a baby girl, Raegan Elizabeth, born on Wednesday, August 13, 2008.

## WELL DONE

On Monday, July 28, 2008, Officers **Jeffrey Milam** and **Tracie Needham**, Central County Precinct, responded to a robbery call in progress at a Walgreens store. The victim stated that the suspect grabbed money from her hand while she was checking out and ran out the door. The victim advised that she believed the suspect was someone she knew through the neighborhood and provided a name. Officer Milam recognized the suspect's name from previous encounters and knew the general area he frequented. Officer **Philip Andrew** responded and together they began a neighborhood search. After talking to several neighbors they found the suspect hiding and took him into custody. All the money was found and returned to the victim. The suspect wanted the officers to know that he took the money because someone told him that the victim stole his phone.

On Thursday, August 14, 2008, at approximately 1:50 AM, Officer **Christine McHugh**, Affton Southwest Precinct, responded to a call of a larceny in progress. The victim stated that two subjects had just broken into his car and provided a description of the suspects' vehicle. Officers **Matthew Taylor** and **Dawn Neuman** saw the car nearby and pulled it over. A search of the vehicle resulted in finding the stolen items as well as recovering items from numerous other thefts from vehicles in the area.

On Saturday, August 16, 2008, at 11:00 PM, Officers **Stephen Schue** and **Mike McCann**, Affton Southwest Precinct, responded to a burglary in progress at a closed liquor store. The witness told the officers that a subject was removing recyclable metal from the building and

had just left, traveling south on Gravois. The officers caught up with the vehicle as it passed the Affton Southwest Precinct station. Sergeant **Mike Youngblood** heard the call and observed the suspect's pickup stopped at the intersection with no headlights on. Sergeant Youngblood and the officers stopped the pickup truck and detained the suspect until the witness arrived and identified him and the stolen metal.

On Sunday, August 17, 2008, at 9:00 AM, Officer **Dustin Partney**, North County Precinct, was on patrol when he saw a truck stuck in a pile of mulch on a parking lot with its motor running. Upon approaching the truck he saw the driver slumped over and asleep. He woke the driver by knocking on the window at which time the driver shouted, "I'm not going back to jail" and tried to drive away by stepping on the gas but the truck was still stuck. As the driver attempted to rock the truck out of the mulch, Officer Partney opened the vehicle's door and pulled the driver out. A record check on the subject who was stuck in the mulch in a stolen car revealed that he was in violation of parole and wanted for crimes by two jurisdictions. A search of the truck revealed personal items owned by the truck's true owner, other stolen license plates and materials and ingredients associated with the production of methamphetamine. The suspect, realizing he was captured, advised that he stole the items and the truck to start his own methamphetamine lab.

## PROMOTIONS

**On Sunday, August 24, 2008, Michael Smiley, Office of Emergency Management, was promoted from Emergency Management Specialist II to the rank of Deputy Director, Office of Emergency Management.**

## RETIREMENT



On Sunday, August 31, 2008, Police Officer **Don Tracy**, Metro Air Support Unit, retired after 31 years of service.

## WELCOME ABOARD

On Tuesday, August 19, 2008, **Katherine A. Blackburn** started as a police recruit at the St. Louis County and Municipal Police Academy.

On Wednesday, August 20, 2008, **Donna M. Hahn** started as a police report clerk in the Bureau of Central Police Records.

## COMMENDATIONS

Commendations were presented by Chief Lee at the August 20, 2008 Police Board meeting to Officers **John Bowman**, Central County Precinct, **Tyler Edgecombe**, Police Canine Unit and **Dustin Partney**, South County Precinct and **Robert Dean**, Police Canine Unit. Officer Bowman was recognized for apprehending an armed robbery suspect who was also wanted for prior assaults and armed criminal action. Officers Edgecombe and Partney were recognized for locating and arresting a suspect wanted in a recent shooting. Officer Dean, with the assistance of Canine **Lass**, was recognized for arresting two suspects in a stolen vehicle who were also wanted in a recent "shots fired" incident.

## AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to Public Safety Dispatcher **Sandra Aleman**, Bureau of Communications, for recently receiving the Department's Award of Excellence for her outstanding performance of duty. PSD Aleman was recognized for her actions on Thursday, August 7, 2008, wherein she was taking a citizen's call for a report of a fraud when she heard a commotion in the background and realized that the caller was being robbed. She was able to keep the caller calm as she obtained information for the responding police officers.

## RETIREES PICNIC

The St. Louis County Police Retirees Association will hold its annual picnic on Saturday, September 13, 2008, at Castlewood State Park (Site #2) from Noon to 4:00 PM. Dinners are \$9.50 each and include pork steak, chicken, slaw, pasta salad and beans (bring your own refreshments). Children under 12 eat free! It's a great opportunity to see friends and former co-workers. If you wish to attend, please contact Jim Kohnen at 843-3234.



## MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The **Dan Seymour** Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday, October 12, 2008, at the Bear Creek Golf Course in Wentzville, Missouri. The 18-hole round begins at 12:00 PM with a shotgun start. Lunch is served at 11:00 AM and free range balls are also available prior to noon. Dinner will be served at the conclusion of play. Cost is \$85 per person, \$340 per foursome. Anyone interested in just coming to the dinner can do so for only \$15 per person. All proceeds go to the St. Louis County Police Welfare Association. Last year's tournament was a huge success so sign up quickly because the sign-up deadline is October 5<sup>th</sup>. To register or get additional information, contact **Doug Wiese** at [dwiese04@charter.net](mailto:dwiese04@charter.net).

## FUN BOWL



The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation will be hosting a Fun Bowl at the Brunswick Zone-Lakeside located at 1254 Dougherty Ferry Road in Valley Park on Saturday, September 20, 2008. The cost is \$17 per person or \$95 per lane (each lane holds up to six bowlers) and includes three games of bowling and shoe rental. If you have any questions email [tmg4jdrf@att.net](mailto:tmg4jdrf@att.net).

## FROM THE CHAPLAINS

No person's eyesight was ever injured by looking on the bright side of things.