



St. Louis County Police Department INFORMATION DIGEST

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DEPARTMENT FAMILY



Police Officer **John Boehmer**, City of Wildwood Precinct, and his wife, Rachel, had a baby boy, John F. VI, born on Wednesday, September 3, 2008.

WELL DONE

On Friday, August 8, 2008, a call of a burglary in progress came out in the West County Precinct. The caller advised that a vehicle full of young adults had just left the scene without its headlights on. Officers **Steve Burgess** and **Ed Menzenwerth** saw the vehicle traveling nearby and stopped it as other officers responded to the victim's home. As the officers approached the vehicle they saw four occupants and smelled a burning odor believed to be marijuana. Officer **Tyler Edgecombe**, Police Canine Unit, and his canine, Mikey, responded. A search of the vehicle revealed small amounts of a controlled substance as well as cellular phones, I-Pods, computers, wallets, prescription drugs, radar detectors, golf equipment, stereo equipment, purses and US currency. As a result of the subsequent in-depth investigation, the arrest of these four suspects cleared three burglaries and 20 larcenies from vehicles.

On Wednesday, August 27, 2008, at approximately 11:30 PM, an 18 year old man was out for a walk when two armed subjects approached him and asked him for money. The victim pulled out his wallet and gave the suspect \$100. Officer **Alexander Jenne**, Central County Precinct, saw a subject who matched one of the suspects' descriptions and detained him until the victim positively identified him as the man with the weapon. A search of the suspect resulted in finding the money, at which time the suspect admitted to the crime but would not disclose the other suspect's name or the location of the weapon.

On Friday, September 5, 2008, Officer **Josiah Merritt**, North County Precinct, was on patrol when he saw a car that was reported as stolen from a carjacking earlier in the day. The vehicle was parked and unoccupied so, along with other officers, they conducted surveillance. Two women eventually got into the vehicle at which time the officers approached the car and took them into custody. Both suspects denied stealing the car but could not deny the active warrants on them or the drugs and drug paraphernalia that they were carrying.

On Saturday, September 6, 2008, Officer **Kevin Helldoerfer**, South County Precinct, responded to an anonymous call of a subject growing marijuana in the shed behind the subject's house. Officer Helldoerfer contacted the owner of the home at a side door and saw marijuana and marijuana paraphernalia on the kitchen table. When asked about his shed the owner stated that he just keeps a little back there because he likes to make hemp beer. When the owner opened the shed, Officer Helldoerfer observed 75 freshly cut marijuana plants. The owner then advised that he had transported the plants from Kansas and had just unloaded them minutes before the officer's arrival.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION



On Tuesday, August 19, 2008, the Lindbergh School District presented School Resource Officer **Michael Kaufman**, Affton Southwest Precinct, with a resolution honoring him for his accomplishments with the Do The Right Thing program and the recognition that it brought Sperrang Middle School. Officer Kaufman had been named the Officer of the Year by the Do The Right Thing program in recognition of his contributions and commitment to the program and the students of the Lindbergh School District.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

A Certificate of Recognition was presented to the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association – South Chapter for their efforts working with the Neighboring Policing Unit of the Affton Southwest Precinct in raising a record-breaking \$5,730 for Missouri Special Olympics through t-shirt sales.

On Sunday, August 31, 2008, a benefit motorcycle ride took place from Gateway Harley on Lemay Ferry Road for the **Mike Kinworthy** family. Retired St. Louis County Police Officer **Jim Kohnen** collected donations from the participants and a total of \$2,000.00 was raised.

WELCOME ABOARD



On Tuesday, September 2, 2008, **Derik J. Jackson** started as a police aide in the Division of Operational Support.

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to Police Officers **Matthew Anderson** and **Lewis Bouwman**, North County Precinct; **Tyler Edgecombe**, Police Canine Unit; **Kevin Martin**, **Michael Torizzo** and **Lucas Donaldson**, Community Action Team; **Aaron Schafer**, **Kevin Funston**, **Aaron Roediger** and **Heather Frankenreiter**, Affton Southwest Precinct; **Dustin Partney**, South County Precinct; **Justin Holtz**, **Mark Berry** and **Sean Becker**, City of Fenton Precinct, for recently receiving the Department's Award of Excellence for their outstanding performance of duty.

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. If you have any questions, please call Personnel Services at 615-4273.

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 prior 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 5th. To register or get additional information, contact **Doug Wiese** at dwiese04@charter.net.

SAINT MICHAEL'S DAY DASH

The 1st annual Saint Michael's Day Dash 5K run/walk will be held Sunday, September 28, 2008, in downtown Kirkwood, Missouri across from City Hall. The run will raise money for the families of the victims of the Kirkwood City Hall shooting and the BackStoppers. The event will start with a memorial service at 7:30 AM. The race starts at 8:00 AM. Registration is \$20. Register via the website www.kirkwood5k.com or contact **Andria VanMierlo** at 267-6118 for a mail-in registration form. Race day registration will be available for \$25.



FROM THE CHAPLAINS

If you do not believe in yourself, very few other people will.

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No items were submitted for this issue.