



St. Louis County Police Department INFORMATION DIGEST

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IN MEMORIAM

During the month of October, please take a moment to remember two of our comrades who made the ultimate sacrifice for the citizens of St. Louis County. Officer **Kenneth A. Koch**, October 26, 1984 and Sergeant **Richard Weinhold**, October 31, 2000. May they never be forgotten.

DEPARTMENT FAMILY

Police Officer **Ed Darabcsek**, Crime Scene Unit, and his wife, Kim, had a baby boy, Jackson Riley, born on Tuesday, July 29, 2008.



Police Officer **Patrick Hokamp**, Crime Scene Unit, and his wife, Jeri, had a baby girl, Katie Rena, born on Saturday, September 13, 2008.

WELL DONE

On Tuesday, September 16, 2008, at 12:15 PM, Officer **Jonathan Cunningham**, Central County Precinct, responded to a larceny in progress at a parking garage. A witness stated that he was watching a female go through cars and take items from each. He stayed on his cell phone watching the suspect until officers arrived. Officer **Tyler Edgecombe**, Police Canine Unit, responded to the scene and saw the woman hiding between two vehicles. The suspect immediately admitted to the larcenies and led the officers to her vehicle where the items taken from multiple cars were stored. Canine "Mikey" also alerted to the presence of drugs and heroin and drug paraphernalia were found in the vehicle.



On Friday, September 12, 2008, at 1:30 PM, Officer **Danny Page**, Central County Precinct, responded to a burglary that had just occurred. The victim stated that the suspect got into her room by removing a screen from a porch window. Once inside she confronted the suspect in her bedroom and he pushed her out of the way before fleeing. While traveling to the scene, Officer **David Edwards** saw the suspect near a bus stop but the suspect ran from him. A foot pursuit resulted in finding the 40 year old suspect hiding in a back yard storage shed. The piggy bank and Garfield organizer that were taken in the burglary were recovered.

On Wednesday, September 17, 2008, at 10:40 PM, Officer **Daniel Brinkman**, North County Precinct, responded to a robbery that had just occurred. Three subjects stated that three armed men took their wallets and money and fled the scene. Officers **Robert Rinck** and **Joseph Percich** saw the suspects running nearby and took them into custody. Although the money was found on the suspects, the wallet and gun had been discarded before the apprehension. All three denied being armed.

ACADEMY GRADUATION



On Tuesday, September 23, 2008, ten recruits from the St. Louis County and Municipal Police Academy Recruit Class #166 graduated. Police Recruits **Steven Zapolski** and **Michael Weston** are now assigned as probationary officers at the Affton Southwest Precinct; **Lauren Wandless** is assigned to the Central County Precinct; **Shawn Burle** and **Andrew Robertson** to the South County Precinct; **Matthew Koch** and **Wesley McDonald** to the North County Precinct; **Luis Almengor** and **Justin Sparks** to the West County Precinct and **Thomas Hrenak** to the City of Fenton Precinct.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

On Tuesday, September 23, 2008, three awards were presented to St. Louis County recruits at the St. Louis County and Municipal Police Academy Recruit Class #166 graduation. Probationary Police Officer **Shawn Burle**, South County Precinct, was presented with the Top Physical Training Award and Probationary Police Officer **Michael Weston**, Affton Southwest Precinct, was presented with the Top Firearm and Top Defensive Training Awards.

WELCOME ABOARD

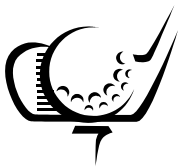


On Monday, September 8, 2008, **Adam J. Sutter** started as a police recruit at the St. Louis County and Municipal Police Academy.

On Monday, September 15, 2008, **Lauren M. King** started as a police report clerk in the Bureau of Central Police Records and **Paul Yu** started as an information systems designer/programmer in the Bureau of Computer Services.

On Friday, September 26, 2008, **James K. Barry**, **Jared M. Ruhland**, **Michael A. Petty**, **Joseph A. Patterson**, **Vincent L. Rojano III** and **Christopher J. Sahrman** started as police recruits at the St. Louis County and Municipal Police Academy.

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 dweise04@charter.net.

SERVICE BAR AWARDS

The following individuals have reached milestones in their careers and received awards for years of service: 40 years – **Randy Raines**; 35 years – **Gary Crews**; 30 years – **Kathy Mansker**, **Kevin Lawson**, **Donald Harris**, **Carl Schillinger** and **Robert Hornsey**; 25 years – **Charles Boschert**, **Gary Decker**, **Scott Melies**, **Jeffrey Bader**, **Gary Goro**, **Randall Combs**, **Richard Stumpf** and **Christopher Stocker**; 20 years – **Charles Weinman**, **Stephen Sack**, **Paul Dupuis**, **Alan Derickson** and **James Baldwin**; 15 years – **Timothy Burke** and **Joseph Marcinkiewicz**; 10 years – **Charles Willis**, **Michael Reifschneider**, **Mason Keller**, **Brent Kisner**, **Jeffrey Brenizer**, **Kent Menning**, **Steven Deidrick**, **Darren Jeffery**, **Timothy Ware**, **Joseph Ellis**, **Michael Tillman**, **Jody Franey**, **Joseph Early**, **Michael Kaufman**, **Timothy Rehagen**, **Marcus Bidlack**, **John Pfanstiel**, **Howard Marshall**, **William Roach**, **Jason Law**, **Edward Darabcsek** and **Heather Jewell**; 5 years – **Michelle Minnini**, **Michael Jordan**, **Joseph Craig**, **Joseph Goforth**, **Brian Schmidt**, **Tyler Edgecombe**, **Lucas Donaldson**, **Allen Williams** and **Brian Adams**.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

Our Department is once again participating in the Warner's Warm-up Coat Drive. Employees are encouraged to donate new or gently used winter coats that will be distributed to homeless shelters, outreach centers and schools throughout the metro area. The event will run from October 27 through November 9, 2008. Collection boxes will be at most precincts and Headquarters (Division of Patrol). Last year's effort was a huge success with over 10,000 coats collected.



BIKE AND BADGE RIDE

The Fourth Annual Bike and Badge Ride is Sunday, October 5, 2008. The ride benefits the Backstoppers. Registration begins at 8:30 AM at Dave Mungenast St. Louis Honda at 5935 South Lindbergh. Registration is \$25 per bike. Go to www.BikeandBadge.org for more information.