

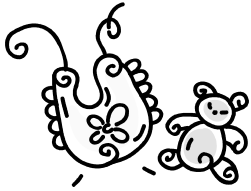


St. Louis County Police Department INFORMATION DIGEST

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DEPARTMENT FAMILY



Police Officer **Alex Jenne**, Central County Precinct, and his wife, Kenian, had twins, a baby boy named Landon Robert and a girl named Ava

Jane, born Friday, September 5, 2008.

Police Officer **Colby Dolly**, St. Louis County and Municipal Police Academy, and his wife, Dominique, had a baby girl, Peyton Anne, born on Monday, September 22, 2008.

Police Officer **Ryan Gardiner**, South County Precinct, and his wife, Nichole, had a baby girl, Avarey Nichole, born on Monday, September 29, 2008.

WELL DONE



On Wednesday, October 15, 2008, at 10:50 PM, Officers **Robert Lunatto**, **Josiah Merritt** and **Lawrence Fields**, North County Precinct, responded to a call of a burglary in progress. The caller

stated that her dogs were barking at the abandoned house next to hers. When she looked out her window, she saw someone climbing through a backyard window into the structure. The officers checked the backyard and saw the screen removed and the window shattered. The suspect came running out the front door and led the officers on a short foot pursuit. When the officers apprehended him he told them that he was only 16 years old, that he was homeless and needed a place to sleep. After he was processed, the officers took the suspect home and woke up his mother – who didn't appreciate her son saying he was homeless.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

On Friday, October 3, 2008, Ms. **Donna Knight**, Fingerprint Unit Supervisor, was chosen to serve as the Chairman of the Latent Certification Board. Her primary responsibilities include proctoring the Latent Certification test and keeping records for the Missouri Division while working with the Parent Body of the Latent Certification Board.



On Thursday, October 9, 2008, Police Officers **Edward Fingers** and **James Karase**, Central County Precinct, each received an award from the American Society of Industrial Security (A.S.I.S.), St. Louis Chapter, for their actions in the Village of Vinita Terrace wherein they saved the life of a young boy trapped in a burning home that was fully engulfed.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Police Officers **Josiah Merritt**, **Jennifer Clay**, **David McVey**, **Charles Willis**, **Neil Scognamiglio**, North County Precinct; **Robert Dean**, Police Canine Unit and **Christine Romo**, Crime Scene Unit, were all presented awards at the Third Annual North County Officer Appreciation Luncheon. Each officer was chosen based on the distinct and special services they have provided to the citizens of north County.

NEW CHAPLAIN

On Wednesday, October 15, 2008, the Reverend **William T. Simmons** was appointed as a chaplain to our Department and assigned to the Affton Southwest Precinct.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CITATIONS

Colonel Patrick Twardowski presented Sergeant **Peter Morrow** and Officers **Mark Berry** and **Chad Hinds**, City of Fenton Precinct, each with a Distinguished Service Citation at the October 15, 2008 Police Board meeting.

COMMENDATIONS

Chief Lee presented Police Officers **David Doyle**, **Stephen Dittmeier**, **Patrick Nigh** and **Michael Jordan**, City of Fenton Precinct; **Charles Weinman** and **Donald Beal**, North County Precinct; and Detectives **Francis Gomez**, **Matthew Brilllos**, **Michael McCartney**, **Craig Molden** and Sergeant **Adam Kavanaugh**, Division of Criminal Investigation, each with a Commendation at the October 15, 2008 Police Board meeting.

WELCOME ABOARD



On Monday, October 13, 2008, **Sarah M. Busalaki**, started as a forensic scientist at the Police Crime Laboratory.

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to Police Officers **Michael McCann**, Affton Southwest Precinct; **Ryan Ledbetter**, Central County Precinct and **Matthew Levy**, North County Precinct for recently receiving the Department's Award of Excellence for their outstanding performance of duty.

FAMILY HOLIDAY PROJECT

The 2008 Adopt-A-Family Holiday Project has begun. As always, properly labeled new items are needed as well as food and financial assistance. A list of families and their needs have been distributed throughout the Department. After you have selected a family to adopt, please call Human Services at 615-4426 and let them know which family you had in mind.

HOCKEY FUNDRAISER

Police Officer **Patrick Nigh**, City of Fenton Precinct, will be singing the National Anthem at the Kirkwood A-1 Mite Stars Benefit Hockey Game on Thursday, October 30th, at 6:15 PM at the Kirkwood Ice Rink for the Kirkwood Police Benevolent Fund and the St. Louis County Welfare Association. Tickets are \$5.00.

GUNS 'N HOSES



The 21st Annual Guns 'N Hoses boxing match is Wednesday, November 26, 2008 (Thanksgiving Eve), at the Scottrade Center located at 1401 Clark Avenue. Tickets are \$30, \$25 and \$20.

Contact Lieutenant **Chuck Molla** at cmolla@stlouisco.com or call 713-6031 to order tickets. Proceeds go to the St. Louis Backstoppers and so far the event has raised over \$2 million.

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).



FROM THE CHAPLAINS

Don't wait for your ship to come in,
swim out to it.