



# St. Louis County Police Department INFORMATION DIGEST

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## FROM THE CHIEF AND BOARD CHAIRMAN

Recently the St. Louis County Police Association, through their attorneys, has requested that they be recognized as the bargaining unit for police officers of the St. Louis County Police Department. In order to facilitate this process, an election by secret ballot will be conducted in January of 2009. This election will be conducted by secret ballot in the Bureau of Communications over a two week period. More detailed information as to the specific dates for the election will appear in the next informational digest.

Colonel Patrick A. Twardowski      Colonel Jerry Lee

## WELL DONE

On Monday, November 24, 2008, Officer **Jason Kapayou**, North County Precinct, was on patrol when he observed a man yelling and pounding on the door of a residence demanding to be let in. As Officer Kapayou approached the home, the subject kicked the door open and entered the residence while still yelling. Officer Kapayou heard several females yelling at the subject so he entered the house. The female homeowner advised the suspect was her estranged husband and that he had punched her before the officer entered the room. Officer Kapayou told the suspect he was under arrest but the suspect refused to be handcuffed until he saw the TASER. The suspect then surrendered and refused to offer any explanation for the assault.

On Wednesday, November 26, 2008, Officer **Michael Wood**, North County Precinct, received a call of a burglary in progress at an apartment complex. The female resident advised that she came home and saw her front door kicked in and the living room ransacked. Officer Wood heard a noise in the back bedroom and saw a male suspect exiting into the hallway. When the suspect saw Officer Wood he charged towards him and they began to fight. Officer Wood held the suspect down until Officers **Robert Dean**, **Nicholas Payne** and **Joseph Percich** arrived and

assisted in handcuffing him. A search of the suspect resulted in finding multiple medication bottles with the victim's name on them. As the officers began to search the apartment, a foot came through the living room ceiling. The officers ordered the suspect down but he resisted arrest and struck Canine Lass in the head as Officer Payne attempted to handcuff him. Canine Lass assisted in the apprehension by biting the suspect's arm. The suspect stopped resisting, apologized for striking Lass and said that he was in the wrong place at the wrong time.

On Monday, December 1, 2008, at 10:30 AM, Officer **Nikki-Qui Brown**, North County Precinct, responded to a call for shots fired near a residence. When she arrived, Officer **John Conrardy**, Detective **Peggy Trittler** and Sergeant **Bob Robinson** already had the male shooter detained and the weapon secure. The shooter advised that he saw a subject attempting to break into the back door of his neighbor's house. He knew his neighbor wasn't home and that the house had been burglarized before. The man stated that he grabbed his weapon and confronted the suspect and told him to lie on the ground until police arrived. The suspect ran at which time the man said he chased him through the neighborhood firing eight rounds from his handgun. Officer **George Ziehl** saw the suspect nearby and took him into custody. The suspect admitted to attempt burglary. The incident concerning the neighbor with the gun was referred to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

On Saturday, December 6, 2008, Officers **Matthew Hylla**, **Christopher Ruder** and **Alexander Jenne**, Central County Precinct, responded to a call of a disturbance where a subject punctured the victim's car tires. The caller also stated that her daughter's boyfriend was armed with a knife and was keeping her out of her own house. As the officer approached the rear of the home they saw the suspect jump the fence and run through adjacent yards. After a short pursuit, Officer Hylla saw the large suspect attempting to hide behind a small tree and took him into custody. The suspect stated he was upset because his girlfriend was cheating on him.

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

On December 5<sup>th</sup> through December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008, Chief **Jerry Lee** and the St. Louis County and Municipal Police Academy CALEA Accreditation Team headed down to Tulsa, Oklahoma for the most recent CALEA Conference. Chief Lee, Captain **Ken Gregory**, Sergeant **Donna Ostendorf**, Mr. **Ron Grames** and Ms. **Sandy Narrow** attended their CALEA accreditation hearing, answering questions about the report from the successful accreditation team visit last August. The St. Louis County and Municipal Police Academy is the first academy in the state of Missouri to receive this honor and one of only 20 training academies in the world to have this international recognition. This makes St. Louis County one of an even smaller number of political entities to have both Police Department and Academy CALEA accreditation.

On Tuesday, December 16, 2008, St. Louis County Police Department's Police Canine Unit, Problem Properties Unit and the St. Louis County Health Department joined forces with Walmart in Town and Country to adopt a needy family from the North St. Louis County area. Detective **Peggy Trittler** became acquainted with the unofficial "adopted family" while performing her duties in the Problem Properties Unit. Police officers and Health Department employees did the shopping while Walmart donated clothes, household goods and toys for the kids. When the officers arrived to distribute the gifts, two additional children were at the home. The officers immediately pooled their own money, went to a local store, and bought more gifts for the children.

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CITATION

On Wednesday, December 17, 2008, Police Board Chairman **Patrick Twardowski** presented the Department's Distinguished Service Citation to Police Officer **Derrick Ahrens**, Affton Southwest Precinct, at the St. Louis County Police Board meeting.

## COMMENDATIONS

Commendations were presented by Chief Lee at the December 17, 2008 Police Board meeting to Police Officers **Norm Mizell**, **Chad Deakin** and **Kyle Jahns**, City of Fenton Precinct; Officers **Aaron Roediger** and **Heather Frankenreiter**, Affton Southwest Precinct; Officers **Scott Ruder**, Central County Precinct, as well as the Tactical Operations Unit, Community Action Team and the Police Canine Unit.

## SERVICE BARS

The following individuals have reached a milestone in their careers and were presented service bars reflecting their years of service:



40 years - **Lawrence Hanebrink**; 35 years - **Lawrence Stulce**, **Ronny Varner**, **George Corless** and **Robert Trittler**; 30 years - **Mary Barton**, **Philip Andrew**, **Danny Page**, **James Seewoester**, **Michael Williams**, **Thomas Lasater**, **Alan Eickhoff**, **Steven Salamon** and **Maria Parram**; 25 years - **Timothy Stoverink** and **Dennis Elze**; 20 years - **Dana Fulton**; 15 years - **John Roussin**; 10 years - **Kurtis Nelson**, **Dawn Neuman**, **Eric Holtz**, **Ronald Finck**, **Daniel Woodland**, **Donald Jacquin**, **Russell Bono**, **Brian Boedicker**, **Timothy Harris**, **Edward Fingers**, **Michael Coletti**, **Tara Edsall**, **Aaron Roediger**, **Earl Chambers**, **Joseph Bruckner**, **Eric Austermann**, **Kevin Lane**, **Lori Weaver**, **Devin Rose**, **John Wall**, **Vicki Petit**, **Christine McHugh** and **Althea Bevineau**; 5 years - **Jason Rappold**.

## WELFARE PLAQUES

Sergeant **Kevin Cavanaugh**, President of the Welfare Association, presented the following plaques: 30 years - **Philip Andrew**, **Mary Barton**, **Robert Bayes**, **Alan Eickhoff**, **Donald Harris**, **Robert Hornsey**, **Deborah Houghton**, **Thomas Lasater**, **Kevin Lawson**, **Kathy Mansker**, **Danny Page**, **Maria Parram**, **Steven Salamon**, **Carl Schillinger**, **Doug Seewoester**, **John Tiernan** and **Michael Williams**; 20 years - **James Baldwin**, **Daniel Davis**, **Walter Davis**, **Alan Derickson**, **Michael Dierkes**, **Paul Dupuis**, **Linda Flores**, **Gary Goro**, **Marc Hillen**, **Robert Hirtz**, **David Kopfensteiner**, **Stephen Sack**, **Jeffrey Silkwood**, **Leslee Tate** and **Charles Weinman**.