



St. Louis County Police Department INFORMATION DIGEST

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NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN

During the month of January, please take a moment to remember two of our comrades who made the ultimate sacrifice for the citizens of St. Louis County. Police Officer **Joann V. Liscombe**, January 14, 1991, and Detective **Willie Neal, Jr.**, January 29, 1997. May they never be forgotten.

FROM THE CHIEF AND BOARD CHAIRMAN

SECOND NOTICE

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 secret ballot election will be conducted in the Bureau of Communications over a two week period. More detailed information as to the specific dates for the election is forthcoming.

Colonel Patrick A. Twardowski Colonel Jerry Lee

DEPARTMENT FAMILY



Forensic Scientist **Karlyn Rensing**, Police Crime Lab, and her husband, Eric, had a baby boy, Alexander Joseph, born Thursday, December 18, 2008.

WELL DONE

On Tuesday, December 9, 2008, Officers **Crystal Patterson**, **Matthew Geiger** and **Daniel Brinkman**, North County Precinct, responded to a domestic disturbance at a house. The wife was awaiting the officer's arrival outside the home and advised that

her husband was barricaded inside with a can of gasoline. The officers saw the subject inside the home holding a can of gasoline, a cigarette lighter and a bottle of whiskey. The wife advised that her husband was threatening suicide and the officers could smell the fumes of gasoline and natural gas coming from the house. The officers had the wife unlock the door and were able to turn off the gas and subdue the subject. On his way to the hospital he advised that he was just trying to scare his soon to be ex-wife.

On Wednesday, December 17, 2008, Officers **Robert Johnson** and **John Grosman**, Central County Precinct, responded to a burglary in progress at a building in Earth City and found a shattered glass door. A search of the building resulted in finding a subject coming off the elevator. The 37 year old subject from California was hallucinating and told the officers that he was being chased and drugged. His relatives in Ohio advised that he was traveling from California to receive medical attention in Missouri. After being booked and released, the officers transported the subject to a hospital where he voluntarily checked himself in.



On Sunday, December 21, 2008, Officer **Tracie Needham**, Central County Precinct, responded to a robbery at a gas station. The employee stated that four young males took items without paying and had just fled in a dark green vehicle with tinted windows. While en route, Officer Needham saw the car and attempted to pull it over but it sped away. Officers **Josiah Merritt** and **Christopher Buuck**, North County Precinct, heard the broadcast and saw the car speed down Chambers before crashing into a utility pole. The occupants attempted to flee but two were taken into custody. The stolen items were recovered and the other two suspects were identified.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

On Thursday, December 18, 2008, the St. Louis Regional Traffic Safety Council presented Police Officer **Shanna Tiongson**, Highway Safety Unit, with the Traffic Safety Officer of the Year Award for 2008, for contributions and performance as a law enforcement officer above and beyond the call of duty. Officer Shanna Tiongson was assigned to the Highway Safety Unit in December, 2006. During the calendar year of 2007, Officer Tiongson issued 2,421 traffic citations.

RETIREMENTS

On Saturday, December 27, 2008, Sergeant **Charles Roeseler**, Crime Scene Unit, retired after 32 years of service.

On Wednesday, December 31, 2008, Police Officer **Michael Roberts**, South County Precinct, retired after 38 years of service and Research Associate **Kathryn Brehe**, Planning and Analysis Unit, retired after 26 years of service.

GRADUATES ON DUTY



Eighteen probationary police officers graduated from Police Recruit Class #167 on Thursday, December 18, 2008, from the St. Louis County and Municipal Police Academy. Probationary

Police Officers **Todd Bakula**, **Katherine Blackburn**, **Tony Bommarito**, **Michael Delgadillo**, **Lisa Garcia**, **Christopher Jones** and **Austin Medlin** are assigned to the North County Precinct; **Neil Klein** and **Adam Sutter** are assigned to the Central County Precinct; **Julia Cain**, **Benjamin Simmons**, **Eric Tripp** and **Brandon Washburn** are assigned to the Affton Southwest Precinct; **Amy Dlugos** and **Jordan Willer** are assigned to the South County Precinct; **Jared Lindeman**, **Kimberly Mueller** and **Steven Quint** are assigned to the West County Precinct.

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to Officers **Joseph Goforth**, South County Precinct, and **Dale Johnson**, City of Wildwood Precinct, for recently receiving the Department's Award of Excellence for their outstanding performance of duty.



PERSONNEL REMINDER

All police officers please print off the preference form, complete, sign and return to Police Personnel Services no later than January 16, 2009. This is mandatory for all police officers (sergeants and lieutenants will have a different preference form to fill out soon). Thank you in advance.

FROM THE CHAPLAINS

Some of life's biggest disappointments come from getting what we insisted on having.

