



# St. Louis County Police Department INFORMATION DIGEST

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## FROM THE CHIEF

On Friday, January 30, 2009, at 6:00 AM, St. Louis County police officers began 24 hour full service police protection in the City of St. George. The elected officials of the City of St. George voted to contract with our Department.

The City of St. George is the 17<sup>th</sup> city in which we have contractual responsibility and commitment to be the exclusive provider of professional service. We are encouraged by the support and cooperation that we are receiving from the Honorable Heather Hediger, the elected officials and the citizens of St. George. We value this opportunity to be selected and welcome a partnership with this community.

## DEPARTMENT FAMILY



Warrant Clerk **Sara Moomey**, Bureau of Fugitive Affairs, and her husband, Michael, had a baby girl, Natalie Elizabeth, born Tuesday, January 13, 2009.

## WELL DONE

On Friday, January 2, 2009, Officers **Stephanie Percich** and **Christopher Most**, South County Precinct, responded to a suspicious automobile call on a parking lot that matched a vehicle involved in a road rage earlier in the day. According to the victim of the road rage, the suspect driver pointed a weapon at her as he swerved towards her car. The officers found the 50 year old owner of the vehicle living nearby and although he didn't match the description of the suspect, his 23 year old son did. The officers found clothing that matched the suspect description as well as the weapon. The 23 year old suspect had a suspended driver license and had a warrant out on him for a DWI charge.

On Tuesday, January 13, 2009, Officer **John Grobelny**, West County Precinct, was contacted by a mother who reported her 14 year old daughter was missing and last seen at Marquette High School. The mother stated she suspected a 19 year old ex-boyfriend that she had obtained an order of protection on the day prior. Officer Grobelny went to the residence of the ex-boyfriend and he admitted picking the girl up from her school, taking her to McDonalds and dropping her off in Ellisville. Officer Grobelny looked into the suspect's car and saw a backpack and school books belonging to the girl. The suspect then admitted that the girl was hiding in his bedroom closet. Once found, the girl had a bruised eye and advised she was picked up at school and beaten by the suspect and was not taken to McDonalds. The suspect was taken into custody and served the order of protection as well as charged with assault.

On Wednesday, January 14, 2009, Officer **Patrick Nigh** and **Greg Sanders**, City of Fenton Precinct, received a call of a suspect grabbing video games and running from a store across the parking lot. The officers arrived, got a good physical description of the suspect and started to search surrounding businesses. The officers found the suspect hiding in a bathroom stall of a nearby restaurant. The stolen items were recovered, returned to the store and hopefully destroyed.

## RETIREMENTS

On Thursday, January 29, 2009, Sergeant **Mark Werner**, Central County Precinct, retired after 31 years of service.



On Saturday, January 31, 2009, Police Officer **Patrice Mullins**, Metro Air Support Unit, retired after 28 years of service and Police Records Clerk **Phyllis Walker**, Bureau of Central Police Records, retired after 26 years of service.

## WELCOME ABOARD



Clerk in the Bureau of Central Police Records.

On Tuesday, January 20, 2009, **Thomas C. Clark** started as a Forensic Scientist I in the Police Crime Laboratory and **Julia M. Wood** started as a Police Report

## WELFARE SCHOLARSHIPS

Letters of application are now being accepted for the award of \$1,000 college scholarships by the Welfare Association to dependent children of Department employees. Awarded will be a memorial scholarship in remembrance of our fallen officers who gave their lives in the line of duty; two Donald R. Lewis Scholarships, funded by the deceased officer's family; the William R. Brandt Scholarship in memory of his dedication to the Association during his presidency; an award in the name of Mr. Michael Shanahan in appreciation of his generosity and support; and the Colonel Ronald A. Battelle Scholarship in recognition of our former Chief. The application, in resume form, must be received by **Judy Sampson**, Office Services Unit, by **February 28, 2009**. Please include age, school class, college to be attended, major, GPA, extracurricular activities, employment and financial need.

## BENCH PRESS COMPETITION

The Third Precinct will be hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bench Press Competition to be held on March 8, 2009 at the Tactical Operations hangar. We will get started around noon and end whenever the big guys and gals are done. This competition is open to everyone who is associated with the police department. There will be trophies for the top person in their weight class and an overall winner. This event is fun for all, so come and see what you can bench. We will have food provided and shirts. The cost to participate is \$10 and everything is included. If you think you can bench and you want to see what you can do then we will see you March 8<sup>th</sup>. Contact Lieutenant **Mike Busalaki** or Sergeant **Rick Hayes** at the Affton Southwest Precinct.



## CONDO VACATION GIVEAWAY

The Welfare Association will draw the names of two employees who will each win a one week stay at a condominium in Jensen Beach, Florida for either the week of December 6-13 or 13-20, 2009. To participate in the drawing, employees must print and then sign their name on a white 3x5 index card and forward it to **Judy Sampson**, Office Services Unit, by March 31, 2009. The two winners, using their accrued time, are guaranteed the time away from duty.



## FROM THE CHAPLAINS

To get nowhere, follow the crowd.