



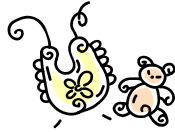
# St. Louis County Police Department INFORMATION DIGEST

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## DEPARTMENT FAMILY

Police Officer **Brad Mueller**, West County Precinct, and his wife, M.J., had twin baby girls, Emily Marie and Haley Elizabeth, born Tuesday, February 17, 2009.



## WELL DONE

On Monday, January 19, 2009, Officers **Eric Tripp**, **Mike Gilyon** and **Chris Gilyon**, Affton Southwest Precinct, responded to a call of several explosions occurring near each other in a residential neighborhood. The officers found three juveniles that had created six homemade explosive devices walking in the area. The juveniles had detonated four of the devices prior to the officers' arrival, destroying part of the lawn of a homeowner.

On Saturday, February 14, 2009, Officers **Andrew Weston** and **Lucas Donaldson**, Affton Southwest Precinct, conducted a traffic stop on the parking lot of a motel. The driver stated that she was going to the motel to meet a friend and spend the night. Drug paraphernalia found in her vehicle resulted in her admission that she came to the motel to use methamphetamine in one of the rooms. Officer **Michael Castellano**, Police Canine Unit, and his dog, "Tank", responded and a search of the room resulted in finding items used to produce meth. Both suspects were taken into custody.

On Sunday, February 22, 2009, Officers **Michael Bieri** and **Nathaniel Merry**, South County Precinct, responded to a strong-arm robbery at a business within the South County Shopping Center. A security officer reported that he was assaulted by a fleeing subject who had stolen a watch. The victim supplied a license plate number and Officer **Brian Boedicker**, Affton Southwest Precinct, saw the vehicle nearby and stopped it. The victim responded and identified the driver as the suspect. A record check also revealed that the driver was suspended and that the license plates were from another vehicle.

On Monday, February 23, 2009, Officer **Justin Jones**, South County Precinct, responded to a call of a suicidal subject threatening to jump from the Jefferson Barracks Bridge. The subject's wife was on the scene and she informed Officer Jones that her 23 year old husband was off his medication and was talking about suicide. Officer Jones engaged in a conversation with the subject as he slowly got closer to him. When the subject tried to climb to an outer section of the bridge, Officer Jones was able to grab and subdue him without injury until other officers arrived. The man was taken to a nearby hospital.

## RETIREMENT

On Saturday, February 28, 2009, Lieutenant **William Ostendorf**, South County Precinct, retired after 30 years of service.



On Sunday, March 1, 2009, Captain **Forrest VanNess**, Commander, Bureau of Criminal Identification, retired after 28 years of service.

## AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Recently, Sergeant **Michael Amrein** and Public Safety Dispatchers **Paul Koehnemann**, **Jill Reitzner**, **Jane Rogers**, **Raymond Richards** and **Jennifer Jensen** each received an Award of Excellence for their outstanding performance of duty.

## WELCOME ABOARD

On Monday, February 23, 2009, **Dario S. Hayes** was reinstated as a probationary police officer and assigned to the North County Precinct; **Chad W. Mueller** was reappointed as a probationary police officer and assigned to the Affton Southwest Precinct and **Patricia K. Eller** was hired as a probationary police officer and assigned to the South County 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.



## TRIVIA NIGHT



The St. Louis Area Women's Police Soccer Team is hosting a trivia night on Friday, March 13, 2009. Doors open at 6:00 PM and questions start at 7:00 PM.

The cost is \$20 per person (includes drinks and set-ups) and teams/tables can consist of 8-10 people. The event is being held at the Chaminate High School Cafeteria located at 425 South Lindbergh Boulevard. Contact **Tracy Panus** at 615-4282 for more information.

## BENCH PRESS COMPETITION

This is the last reminder that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bench Press Competition is at 12:00 PM on March 8, 2009 at the Tactical Operations hangar. This competition is open to everyone who is associated with the police department. We will provide food and shirts. The cost to participate is \$10 and everything is included.



Contact Lieutenant **Mike Busalaki** or Sergeant **Rick Hayes** at the Affton Southwest Precinct for more information.

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

Anyone interested in participating in the First Annual St. Louis County Police Officers "Open Golf Tournament" to be held at the Emerald Green Golf Course, Friday, May 22, 2009, please contact **Robert Rinck** or **Justin Adams**, North County Precinct, via Department email. The event is open to St. Louis County police officers only. The format will be a three-man scramble and is tentatively scheduled to start at 1:00 PM, however, the time may be adjusted to accommodate the large number of teams anticipated to register for the event.



The cost of the event will be \$35.00 per golfer, or \$105.00 per team. Pre-registration for the event must be completed by March 1, 2009.

## FROM THE CHAPLAINS

A pat on the back, though only a few vertebrae removed from a kick in the pants, is miles ahead in results.