



St. Louis County Police Department

INFORMATION DIGEST

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THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for the thoughts and prayers offered to my mother and I regarding the loss of Dave Joyce. We were, and continue to be, astounded by the amount of support given to us during this very difficult time. We would like to especially thank the Highway Safety Unit, K-9 Unit and Dan Jackson for their roles in the service and also the CAT Team for patrolling Jennings so that the entire Jennings Police Department could attend the funeral. Thank you all so much.

Lauren Chilton, Bureau of Communications

DEPARTMENT FAMILY

Police Officer **Robert Wolff**, City of Wildwood Precinct, and his wife, Linda, have a new baby girl, Marjorie Rose, born Tuesday, February 10, 2009.

Police Officer **Daniel Smythe**, City of Wildwood Precinct, and his wife, Amy, have a new baby girl, Abigail Marie, born Wednesday, February 25, 2009.

Police Officer **Chad Hinds**, City of Fenton Precinct, and his wife, Kari, have a new baby boy, Drew Aaron, born Friday, March 6, 2009.

WELL DONE

On Monday, February 23, 2009, at 3:00 AM, Police Officer **Andrew Soll**, West County Precinct, received a call of five suspicious individuals walking down a street trying to enter vehicles. As Officer Soll arrived, the dispatcher advised that the subjects entered into a small red car and were leaving. Officer Soll saw the car and stopped it nearby. Other officers arrived and a search of the vehicle resulted in finding multiple types of stereo equipment and other items not owned by the subjects. Overall, four vehicles were discovered vandalized and broken into by the suspects. One of the suspects had an active warrant and three of them were juveniles.

On Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 3:30 AM, Police Officer **Amy Dlugos**, South County Precinct, responded to an automobile accident where a stolen vehicle struck a telephone pole and two occupants of the car fled on foot. Shortly afterward a call of a suspicious person was dispatched nearby that matched one of the suspects who had fled. Sergeant **Jeffrey Hunnius** responded and a citizen advised that a young man knocked on her door and needed to use the phone. The citizen gave Sergeant Hunnius the phone number that was called and he was able to obtain a nearby address from the number. Both suspects were found and taken into custody.

On Thursday, February 26, 2009, Police Officer **Roderick Jones**, Central County Precinct, was on patrol when a vehicle pulled up next to him, made a right turn and then accelerated away at a high speed. Officer Jones ran the license plate which came back to a different type of vehicle. Officer Jones turned onto the street and traveled the same way as the car which was now out of sight. Later that evening a vehicle was traveling towards Officer Jones' car and ran off the road striking a tree. Officer Jones stopped and saw it was the vehicle and driver from the earlier incident. The driver fled on foot until he became tired and turned to fight. Officer Jones activated his TASER and the suspect surrendered. The suspect had a revoked driver license and 15 active warrants. Officer Jones added eight traffic tickets to the suspect's resume.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Our Department recently received a letter from a citizen who had lost her wedding ring in Fenton City Park on Thursday, February 26, 2009. She and her husband spent five hours with a metal detector looking for the ring to no avail. The next morning she went back by herself and started looking again when Officer **Ed Begley** saw her and asked what she was doing. Officer Begley assisted her in the search and 45 minutes later found the ring.

PROMOTIONS

On Sunday, March 8, 2009, Public Safety Dispatcher **Shannon Schulte**, Bureau of Communications, was promoted to a Fingerprint Technician II assigned to the Fingerprint Unit.

WELCOME ABOARD



Precinct.

On Monday, March 9, 2009, **Timothy A. Borstell** started as a probationary police officer in the West County

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



You are invited to participate in the 2nd Annual Sergeant Dan Seymour Memorial Trivia Night on Friday, April 17, 2009 at CBC High School. Doors open at 6:30 PM and questions start at 7:00 PM. Cost is \$25 per person/\$200 per team of eight. The night will include ten rounds of trivia, raffle drawings and other games. All proceeds from the event will go to benefit the St. Louis County Police Welfare Association, which assists officers and their families in times of need. To reserve your table or for more information, please contact **Chris Pignataro** at 314-651-8712 or cpignataro@stlouisco.com or Amy Seymour at 636-332-0499 or seymour_amy@hotmail.com.

BENCH PRESS COMPETITION

The second annual Department bench press competition was held on Sunday, March 8, at the Metro Air Support Hangar at the Spirit of St. Louis Airport. Approximately 15 officers participated. Once again, Officer **Jerry Kelly**, Personnel Services Unit, won the event with a bench press of 415 pounds. Other notable lifts were Officer **Corey Zavorka**, Affton Southwest Precinct - 410 pounds; Officer **Jonathan Cunningham**, Central County Precinct - 395 pounds; Officer **Mike Fumagalli**, Special Operations - 385 pounds and Officer **Matt Delhougne**, City of Wildwood Precinct - 375 pounds. Officer **Joe Brandt**, South County Precinct, completed 23 repetitions with 225 pounds to win that portion of the event.



NEW CANINE



Chief **Jerry Lee** recently accepted a \$5,000 donation from Del Monte Pet Products and Milk-Bone in partnership with Dierbergs for the purchase of a new police dog for our Police Canine Unit. A ceremony was held at the Dierbergs store at 2460 Taylor Road in Wildwood on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 11:00 AM. Canine officers were present and performed a skills demonstration for all attendees. This event marks the 9th canine jointly donated to police departments since the initiation of this partnership with Dierbergs. Over 900 police and service dogs have been sponsored by Milk-Bone to communities across the country since 1997.

FROM THE CHAPLAINS

Elbow grease is the best polish.