



St. Louis County Police Department INFORMATION DIGEST

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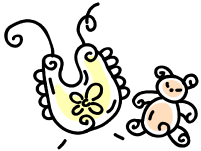
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IN MEMORIAM

During the month of April, please take a moment to remember three of our comrades who made the ultimate sacrifice for the citizens of St. Louis County. Detective **Wayne B. McClelland**, April 17, 1975; Officer **James R. Reifschneider**, April 30, 1977; and Detective **Lawrence J. McCormack**, April 14, 1989. May they never be forgotten.

DEPARTMENT FAMILY

Police Officer **Brandt Wathen**, Central County Precinct, and his wife, Michaelanne, have a new baby girl, Rylee Pearl, born Monday, March 2, 2009.



Sergeant **Mason Keller**, Affton Southwest Precinct, and his wife, Rebecca, have a new baby boy, William Bernard, born Tuesday, March 3, 2009.

WELL DONE

On Saturday, February 28, 2009, Officer **Amir Mustic**, Affton Southwest Precinct, stopped a pickup truck that had expired license plates. A computer check on the plates revealed that they were stolen. The driver of the truck admitted that he stole the plates because he did not have the money to register the truck. A computer check on the driver revealed that he was revoked and had 21 active warrants. A search of the vehicle resulted in finding a loaded handgun, four baggies of marijuana and ecstasy pills.

On Sunday, March 1, 2009, off-duty Police Officer **Robert Rinck**, North County Precinct, heard a call of an armed robbery and stolen automobile dispatched and saw the car traveling south on Bellefontaine Road near Interstate 270. Officer Rinck followed the vehicle until the driver lost control exiting Interstate 270 at Highway 367 and

hit a concrete culvert. The driver exited the stolen car and ran. Officer **Alim Poindexter** responded and along with Officer Rinck chased the suspect on foot. The pursuit lead the officers back over all lanes of Interstate 270 before they apprehended the suspect. The 17 year old suspect had a cigarette lighter shaped like a handgun in his pocket and said he took the car on a dare.

On Sunday, March 22, 2009 at approximately 11:50 PM, a resident of Oakville called 911 stating that she could hear a male voice calling for help at the rear of her backyard. The caller's home sits on a bluff that overlooks the Mississippi River and she believed that the call for help was originating from a bank on the Illinois side of the river. Police Officer **Colin Foppe**, Metro Air Support Unit, and his co-pilot, Officer Dave Devillez of the St. Charles County Sheriff's Office, responded. They made several passes over the river bank until they were able to locate the male in distress. Officer Foppe descended to his location in an effort to extract him. The debris and tree growth presented an extremely hazardous impediment. Officer Foppe was unable to completely land the helicopter on the bank due to those obstacles, as well as the thick mud along the river bank. He was, however, able to land on one skid and kept the copter out of the mud. After doing that, Officer Devillez was able to leave the craft and bring the man back to their copter, at which time he was transported to South County Center where an ambulance and other officers were awaiting to aid the individual. The subject had jumped into the river as a suicide attempt but changed his mind once in the water.

RETIREMENTS



On Wednesday, April 1, 2009, **Grace Brownlee**, Office Services Unit, retired after 35 years of service; Sergeant **Kenneth Heyer**, Fugitive Affairs Unit, retired after 29 years of service and Captain **Forrest VanNess**, Bureau of Criminal Identification, retired after 28 years of service.

COMMENDATIONS

Chief Lee presented the following Commendations at the March 18, 2009 Police Board meeting to Captain **Ken Gregory**, Sergeant **Donna Ostendorf**, Mr. **Ron Grames** and Ms. **Sandy Narrow**, CMPA; Police Officers **Clayton Fair** and **Greg Sanders**, City of Fenton Precinct; Police Officer **Steve Renfro**, North County Precinct and Police Officer **Daniel Davis**, Affton Southwest Precinct.

WELCOME ABOARD



On Monday, March 16, 2009, **Kathryn A. Mumford** started as a police recruit at the St. Louis County and Municipal Police Academy.

On Monday, March 30, 2009, **Donald R. Mestemacher** started as a probationary police officer at the Affton Southwest Precinct.

GRADUATES ON DUTY



Fourteen probationary police officers graduated from Police Recruit Class #168 on Thursday, March 19, 2009, from the St. Louis County and Municipal Police Academy. Probationary Police Officers **James Barry**, **Michael Cavanaugh**, **Anjurr Henderson**, **Derik Jackson** and **Vincent Rojano** are assigned to the North County Precinct; **Aaron Vinson** and **Brian Whalen** are assigned to the Central County Precinct; **John Bradley**, **Joseph Patterson** and **Christopher Sahrman** are assigned to the Affton Southwest Precinct; **Sean Murphy**, **Michael Petty** and **Jared Ruhland** are assigned to the South County Precinct; and **Amanda Wilhelm** is assigned to the West County Precinct.

SERVICE BARS

The following individuals have reached a milestone in their careers and were presented service bars reflecting their years of service: 40 years – **Robert Young**; 35 years – **Grace Brownlee**, **Michael Redman**; 30 years – **Kathy Hencken**; 25 years – **Patricia Difani**; 20 years – **John Manestar**; 15 years – **Janet Nisbet**, **James McWilliams**, **William Muller**, **Terry Wood** and **Phillip Accardi**; 10 years – **Steven Corwin**, **Jeremy Romo**, **Thomas Anderson**, **Jeffrey Olderworth**, **Diana Johnson** and **Grant Rummerfield**; 5 years – **John Williams**, **Barbara Lane**, **Mark Peeler** and **Joseph Stoverink**.

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.

2009 TORCH RUN

The 2009 Law Enforcement Torch Run honoring law enforcement's commitment to Missouri Special Olympics will be held on May 27-28. The local leg of the run will be held on the morning of May 27 and will be approximately three miles total, broken into two stretches.



May 28 will be the Missouri final leg of the Torch Run in Springfield, Missouri, where we will run with personnel from police departments across the State. Personnel who participate in the final leg run will also participate in various portions of the opening ceremonies for the Special Olympic State Summer Games that evening. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Sergeant **Mark Koeller**, MetroLink Unit.