



St. Louis County Police Department INFORMATION DIGEST

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NEW POLICE COMMISSIONERS

On Tuesday, April 7, 2009, Mr. **John Saracino** and Mr. **Raymond Wagner** were appointed to the St. Louis County Board of Police Commissioners. Colonel Saracino is a resident of south St. Louis County and Colonel Wagner a resident of west St. Louis County. Colonels Saracino and Wagner replace the positions held by Colonel **Patrick Twardowski** who served on the Board from 1991 to 2009 and Colonel **Sheila Hoffmeister** who served on the Board from 1993 to 2009. Congratulations to Colonels Twardowski and Hoffmeister for a job well done and welcome aboard Colonels Saracino and Wagner.

DEPARTMENT FAMILY

Officer **Mudasser Malik**, North County Precinct, and his girlfriend have a new baby boy, Isaac Joseph, born Thursday, April 9, 2009.

Officer **Jon Sumpter**, West County Precinct, and his wife, Robin, have a new baby boy, Shane Robert Dode, born Friday, April 17, 2009.

WELL DONE

On Monday, April 6, 2009 at 7:30 PM, Police Officers **Todd Bakula**, **Michael Kaemmerer** and **Columbus Love**, North County Precinct, responded to a domestic disturbance. After being let into the residence, the officers saw the homeowner's two 40 year old sons fighting in the kitchen. As the officers entered the room they saw one of the suspects holding an eight inch long kitchen knife and threatening the other brother. The officers tried to calm the armed individual but he continued to yell and threaten the other brother for eating his Hamburger Helper. The suspect refused to drop the knife so Officer Kaemmerer deployed his TASER and took the armed man into custody. The mother advised that the older brother has been taking things from the younger brother for years but their fighting had never escalated to using weapons before.



On Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at 6:00 PM, Police Officers **Lawrence Fields**, **Daniel Brinkman** and **Jacob Maechling**, North County Precinct, responded to a call of shots fired behind a building in an apartment complex. When the officers arrived, three individuals fled on foot. One of the fleeing subjects dropped a handgun as they ran. The officers caught the suspect that had dropped the weapon and the suspect resisted arrest. Officer Maechling deployed his TASER and took him into custody. The weapon was also recovered that had been discarded. The other officers responded and detained the other two subjects nearby. A record check on the weapon revealed that it was stolen on March 29, 2009 from a burglary in an adjacent municipality. The suspect advised that he bought it from someone else and was just test firing his new purchase.

COMMENDATION

Chief Lee presented a Commendation at the April 23, 2009 Police Board meeting to Police Officer **Bret Lively**, North County Precinct, in recognition of self initiated investigations during the beginning of 2009 that resulted in the arrests of 32 felons.

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE



Recently, Police Officers **William Matthews III**, MetroLink Unit, **Steve Burgess** and **Christopher Heffron**, West County Precinct, Public Safety Dispatchers **Richard Kranz**, **Ronald Weidenhaft**, **Neal Booth**, **James Mullins**, **Christopher Trittler**, **Janet Rice** and **Angela VanCleave**, Bureau of Communications, each received an Award of Excellence for their outstanding performance of duty.

WELCOME ABOARD



On Monday, April 27, 2009, **Zachary Emily** started as a probationary police officer at the West County Precinct; **Robert M. Langan** started as a probationary police officer at the Central County Precinct and **Christopher M. Mathis** started as a police recruit currently assigned to the Division of Operational Support.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The following are the 2009 scholarship recipients as selected by the Welfare Board. The scholarships will be awarded at the May 8, 2009 Police Board meeting to Valerie Bayes, daughter of Detective **Robert Bayes**, Bureau of Drug Enforcement, Julianne Hill, daughter of Ms. **Joyce Hill**, Fiscal Services Unit, Morgan Hutcherson, daughter of Police Officer **Michael Hutcherson**, Property Control Unit, Linnsie McMahan, daughter of Sergeant **Joe McMahan**, Affton Southwest Precinct, Stuart Salamon, son of Sergeant **Steve Salamon**, Crime Scene Unit, and Rachel Wood, daughter of Police Officer **Bradley Wood**, City of Wildwood Precinct.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

On Thursday, April 23, 2007, the Executive Board of the Midwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) presented members of the St. Louis County Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force an Outstanding Cooperative Effort Award at the Police Board meeting. The award was in recognition of a successful investigation of a violent outlaw motorcycle club responsible for trafficking weapons, narcotics and stolen vehicles in Missouri, Illinois and four other states.



FROM THE CHAPLAINS

The hardest thing to learn in life is which bridge to cross and which to burn.

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.