



St. Louis County Police Department INFORMATION DIGEST

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FROM THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

On Wednesday, June 10, 2009, the Board of Police Commissioners unanimously chose Major Timothy Fitch to be the new Chief of Police from ten applicants within the Department. We feel extremely fortunate that our Department possessed so many qualified candidates to choose from. We are confident that Chief Fitch will provide excellent leadership while enhancing the dedication to duty and commitment to professionalism throughout our Department. We also wish to congratulate Colonel Jerry Lee for his 39 years of extraordinary service. Chief Lee set the bar by assuring the highest quality law enforcement to the citizens of St. Louis County while always giving the credit to the men and women, commissioned and civilian, who make up our great Department.

FROM THE CHIEF

I want to let everyone know that I am honored to be chosen as your Chief. My time on the Department as well as the training, travel and diverse assignments I have had the privilege to experience have only reinforced the fact that I believe we have the best law enforcement agency second to none. As I undertake my new responsibilities I feel it important to continue some of the great traditions. These include honoring the men and women that have given their lives in the line of duty, as well as support their families; hiring the most qualified applicants to available positions and working closely with other law enforcement agencies and municipalities. It is also my intention to move forward and develop new ideas that will emphasize the talents that our personnel possess and the services we provide the community on a daily basis. I look forward to accomplishing these goals with the cooperation of everyone on our Department.

DEPARTMENT FAMILY

Security Officer **Tamara Wydrzynski**, Bureau of Security Services, and her husband, Neil, had a baby boy, Luca Thomas, born Friday, April 17, 2009.



Police Report Clerk **Amy Manning**, CARE Unit, and her husband, Mark, had a baby boy, Chase, born on Thursday, June 11, 2009.

WELL DONE

On Saturday, May 16, 2009, Officers **Matthew Levy, Alim Poindexter, Nicholas Payne** and **John Williams**, North County Precinct, responded to a larceny in progress where three subjects were rummaging through a vehicle. Upon arrival the officers heard a car alarm going off and saw the suspects running from a car. The suspects saw Officers Poindexter and Levy and continued running through a creek bed until they saw Officers Payne and Williams waiting on the other side. All three were taken into custody. Property from multiple vehicles was recovered.



On Tuesday, May 26, 2009, Police Officer **William Biesiada**, Central County Precinct, responded to a call of an assault involving a vehicle. The victim stated that he was trying to repossess a car while the female owner was inside the Famous Footwear store. The woman saw what was transpiring and got back into her car while the repo man was preparing to tow her vehicle. Instead of backing away, the woman drove forward and struck the man, knocking him down to the ground. As paramedics treated the injured man, Officer Biesiada broadcast the vehicle and license plate. Officer **Robert Rinck**, North County Precinct, responded to the address that the car was registered to and apprehended the woman as she drove down her street.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

On June 10, 2009, Chairman Gregory Sansone presented the City of Chesterfield Police Department with a plaque in recognition of 20 years of partnership with our Department as their Communication and CARE provider since their department's inception. Colonel Sansone cited the excellent work performed by the Bureau of Communications and Bureau of Central Police Records which made this valued partnership possible.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

The Department's Distinguished Service Citation was presented by Colonel Gregory Sansone at the June 10, 2009 Police Board meeting to Police Officers **Daniel Brinkman** and **Jacob Maechling**, North County Precinct, for apprehending an individual who shot and killed a firefighter during a crime spree.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE

The Department's Meritorious Service Citation was presented by Colonel Gregory Sansone at the June 10, 2009 Police Board meeting to Police Officer **Colin Foppe**, Metro Air Support Unit, for an air rescue of an individual from the Mississippi River.

COMMENDATION

Chief Fitch presented a Commendation at the June 10, 2009 Police Board meeting to Police Officers **Kevin Trott** and **Brandon Feazel**, Central County Precinct; **Chris Chambers**, **John Krebs**, **Adam Lane** and **James Barry**, North County Precinct and **Derrick Fort**, MetroLink Unit.

PROMOTIONS

Effective Tuesday, June 16, 2009, Major **Terry Roberds**, Division of Patrol, was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and assigned to the Division of Criminal Investigation.

Effective Tuesday, June 16, 2009, Director **William Howe**, Bureau of Staff Services, was promoted to the rank of Executive Director and assigned to the Division of Operational Support.

Effective Wednesday, June 17, 2009, Captain **Kenneth Gregory**, St. Louis County and Municipal Police Academy, was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and assigned to the Division of Special Operations.

Effective Thursday, June 18, 2009, Captain **Kenneth Cox**, South County Precinct, was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and assigned to the Division of Patrol.

Effective Tuesday, June 16, 2009, Lieutenant **Mary Barton**, Central County Precinct, was promoted to the rank of Captain and assigned to the Bureau of Staff Services.

Effective Wednesday, June 17, 2009, Lieutenant **Jeff Bader**, City of Fenton Precinct, was promoted to the rank of Captain and assigned to the City of Fenton Precinct.

CHIEF LEE'S RETIREMENT PARTY

Mark your calendars for Thursday, July 30, 2009, to celebrate the 39-year law enforcement career of Colonel Jerry Lee. The event will take place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel located at 7750 Carondelet, Clayton, Missouri in the Crystal Ballroom (7th floor). A cash bar begins at 4:30 PM and hors d'oeuvres will be served at 5:30 PM. Everyone is welcome and no RSVP is required.

OLYMPIC RESULTS

On Wednesday, June 10, 2009, the St. Louis County Police Roller Hockey Team won a gold medal at the 2009 Missouri State Police Olympics. The police officers who participated include Team Captain **Nick Leavy** (Affton Precinct), Assistant Captain **Nick Rebholz** (Affton Precinct), Assistant Captain **Justin Holtz** (Fenton Precinct), **Steve Schue** (Affton Precinct), **Alex Jenne** (Central County Precinct), **Greg Jansen** (South County Precinct), Sergeant **Dave Kopfensteiner** (North County Precinct), **Ryan Schieler** (Metro Air Support) and Dispatcher **Daniel Stumpf** (Communications). Special recognition to Steve Schue for 23 goals and 13 assists (36 points), Nick Leavy for 17 goals and 21 assists (38 points) and Nick Rebholz for 12 goals and 19 assists (31 points).

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No items were submitted for this issue.