



St. Louis County Police Department INFORMATION DIGEST

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WELL DONE

On Wednesday, July 29, 2009 at 2:30 AM, Officers **Virgil Avery** and **John Williams**, North County Precinct, stopped a vehicle that was traveling through a subdivision without headlights or taillights. When the car stopped, three occupants got out and attempted to run away but the officers detained them. Inside the car were bolt cutters and a large amount of copper piping. One of the suspect stated, "y'all caught us red-handed". The same suspect showed the officers the house they broke into. Two of the suspects had active warrants from other law enforcement agencies.

On Friday, July 31, 2009, Officers **Tony Amaro** and **Timothy Harrison**, South County Precinct, were on patrol at 4:55 AM when they observed a vehicle parked behind the Home Depot on South Lindbergh. As they watched the vehicle from a distance they saw a young man and woman run towards the car carrying a laptop computer and power cord. The two subjects came from an apartment complex located behind the store. When asked about the computer they both advised that they borrowed it from a friend. The owner of the computer was contacted and she advised that it was stolen from her apartment while she was sleeping on the couch. Both suspects were taken into custody for burglary and stealing.

Also on Friday, July 31, 2009, Officers **Joe Brandt** and **Amy Willenbrock**, South County Precinct, responded to a drug violation in progress at an apartment complex. The manager of the complex advised of a large amount of pedestrian traffic at an apartment near her office. As the officers approached the apartment a subject was leaving and the officers could smell the odor of marijuana on him. The subject admitted to just purchasing a bag from the apartment to resell. The officers knocked on the door and when the resident answered they could smell burning marijuana and saw several more bags within. A consent search resulted in additional drugs, drug paraphernalia and illegal weapons.

On Monday, August 3, 2009, at 8:00 PM, Captain **Dennis Elze**, Central County Precinct, was traveling on westbound Manchester Road when he heard a loud explosion and saw smoke near his vehicle. He then observed the passenger in a vehicle next to him was shooting bottle rockets out the rear passenger side. Captain Elze stopped the car and Officer **Tracy Gailis**, City of Wildwood Precinct, responded. The suspect shooting the fireworks stated he was trying to hit another car full of friends but that the Captain's car got in the way. The suspect was issued a summons for possession and discharging fireworks.



On Sunday, August 16, 2009, at 3:30 AM, Officers **Tony Amaro**, **Nicholas Nazzoli** and **Stephanie Percich**, South County Precinct, saw a house and attached garage on fire and flames coming through the roof. The officers saw two vehicles parked in the driveway and assumed the occupants to be within. The officers forced their way through the locked front door, crawled through the smoke-filled rooms and found a wife and husband sound asleep in their bedroom. The officers escorted them out of the house and were told their 19 year old son was still inside. The officers re-entered the home, found the son sleeping and removed him as well. Although the smoke detectors were sounding the entire time, the family was not awakened by the alarms or the door being forced open.

RETIREMENT



On Monday, August 31, 2009, **Michael Emken**, Office of Emergency Management, retired after 30 years of service and Detective **Gary Fourtney**, Bureau of Crimes Against Persons, retired after 29 years of service.

PROMOTION

On Sunday, August 23, 2009, Public Safety Dispatcher **Angela VanCleave**, Bureau of Communications, was promoted to Fingerprint Technician II and transferred to the Fingerprint Unit.

WELCOME ABOARD



On Monday, August 17, 2009, **Casey L. Ford** started as a police recruit at the St. Louis County and Municipal Police Academy.

BOWLING FUNDRAISERS



A Fun Bowl to benefit JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) is being held on Saturday, September 12, 2009, from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM by

the family of **Loren Godsil**, CMPA. It is being held at West County Lanes at 15727 Manchester Road in Ellisville. The cost is \$17.50 per bowler (includes shoes, 3 games of bowling). There will also be door prizes, silent auction and a 50/50 drawing. For a list of items, you can go to <http://tmg4jdrf.tripod.com>. For more information, you can contact Loren Godsil at (314) 889-8617 or email him at lgodsil@stlouisco.com.

“Strike in the Name of the Law” bowling fundraiser to benefit St. Louis County Police Welfare Association is Saturday, October 10, 2009 at 3:00 PM at the Olivette Lanes, 9520 Olive Boulevard. Open to police employees, families and friends. Team of six is \$120 per team and you get your team’s name on a t-shirt. Individual registration is \$25. Lots of prizes and different kinds of ways to bowl. If you have any questions contact CKoenig@stlouisco.com or RMajor@stlouisco.com.

ARMORY REMINDER

We are now entering the 4th quarter and the armory would like to remind everyone that the “black” magazine is at rest.

GOLF TOURNAMENTS



The First Annual St. Louis County Police Masters Golf Tournament is scheduled for September 23, 2009 at the Old Normandie Golf Course located at 7605 St. Charles Rock Road. Shotgun start at 8:00 AM.

Three-man scramble format includes 18 holes, golf cart and winners will receive individual trophies. The cost is \$27 per person, \$81 per team and the deadline is Wednesday, September 16, 2009. Optional Skins Game available day of play at \$10 per person. Contact **Robert Rinck** or **Justin Adams**, North County Precinct, for registration.

A golf tournament to benefit Kirkwood’s fallen officer, Thomas Ballman, will be held on Friday, October 2, 2009, at Quail Creek Golf Club located at 6022 Wells Road. Registration for the four-man scramble starts at 10:30 AM and shotgun start at 12:00 PM. Cost is \$120 per golfer, lots of prizes, box lunch, catered dinner and certificate for a free round of golf at Quail Creek and more. Volunteers also needed that day if you are not a golfer. Call Kevin at 443-6223 if interested.

COPS WALK

On Saturday, October 10, and Sunday, October 11, 2009, Concerns of Police Survivors, COPS, will sponsor the 2009 COPS WALK. Sam Weinhold, son of Sergeant Rick Weinhold, will be walking in this event to raise money for “COPS”. Sam is 20 years old and is currently a junior at the University of Central Missouri. If you would like to sponsor Sam in the walk, register on line at www.nationalcops.org and go to COPS WALK 2009. Complete the online donor slip and Sam will do the walking.