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WELL DONE

On Saturday, August 1, 2009, Sergeant **Jeff Hoots**, South County Precinct, was on patrol when he saw five subjects who had been arrested in the past for dealing drugs standing in front of a house. As Sergeant Hoots approached the subjects, four of them engaged in a conversation with him as one started to back away, stating that he could not go back to jail. The subject placed his hands in his back rear pocket and started to walk towards Sergeant Hoots while revealing a handgun. Sergeant Hoots grabbed the suspect and pressed him up against a parked car and handcuffed the suspect before removing the loaded weapon from the pocket. A consent search of the suspect's vehicle revealed another loaded weapon under the front seat. The suspect advised that he was not the owner of either weapon.

On Monday, August 3, 2009, Officers **Michael Petty** and **Laura Clements**, South County Precinct, responded to a disturbance call at an apartment complex. Two tenants of the apartment wanted their landlord removed because he was inside taking pictures. The landlord stated that the tenants were being evicted in two days for failure to pay the last four months rent. The officers observed several bongos and drug paraphernalia in the apartment. An open closet door had a growing light, reflective material and several potted plants within. Also found in the apartment were bags of marijuana and weapons. The tenants advised that they started to grow the marijuana only for personal use and it turned into a business, but still didn't make enough to pay the rent.

On Thursday, August 6, 2009, at 1:30 AM, Officers **Eva Becker**, **Sean Lloyd**, **Gary Robertson** and **Tim Harris**, North County Precinct, responded to a burglary in progress at a home. The homeowner advised that she and her three children heard noises in the basement. The officers entered the basement and found a man hiding under a sheet in a storage bin. The man asked the officers what they were doing in his

house. When asked the address of the house and his name the man drew a blank. The suspect had four active warrants from three municipalities and was also arrested for Burglary in the First Degree.



On Friday, August 7, 2009, Officers **Virgil Avery** and **John Williams**, North County Precinct, responded to a cutting at an apartment complex. The victim, who was stabbed four times, gave a description of the suspect and a direction of travel. Officers **Alim Poindexter** and **Nicholas Payne** saw the suspect running nearby and engaged in a foot pursuit. The officers chased the individual back towards Officers Avery and Williams and all four officers were able to take the suspect into custody. The knife was retrieved and the victim was transported to the hospital where she survived. The 18 year old suspect advised that the incident was over an ex-boyfriend.

On Thursday, August 13, 2009, Officer **Kyle Jahns**, City of Fenton Precinct, responded to a fraud in progress at a business reporting someone attempted to pass a counterfeit \$100 bill. Officer Jahns saw the suspect nearby running through a wooded area. Officer Jahns engaged the suspect in a foot pursuit and observed him throwing four bills as they ran. Once apprehended, the suspect stated that he discarded the money because he didn't want to be caught with fake money. Officer **Robert Dean** and K-9 Lass responded and found the money that was dropped. Another counterfeit bill was discovered in the suspect's vehicle.

PROMOTIONS

On Friday, August 28, 2009, Detective **Juan Gomez**, DCI, was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and on Saturday, August 29, 2009, Police Officer **Dale Johnson** was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Recently, Police Officers **Colin Foppe**, Metro Air Support Unit, **Derrick Fort**, MetroLink Unit, **Joe Goforth**, **Darko Omeragic**, **Christopher Most** and **Tim Harrison**, South County Precinct, each received an Award of Excellence for their outstanding performance of duty.

BOWLING FUNDRAISER

“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.



PRIORITY ONE CABLE SHOW

The Department’s current “Priority One” cable show features Chief Fitch being interviewed by Randy Gardner concerning multiple topics and programs regarding the St. Louis County Police Department. The show is aired on News 20 but is not available to everyone if you do not have Charter Cable. If you would like to see the show you can watch a simulcast from their website at <http://news20tv.com/> every time the show is airing on television. Just go to this website and click on the News 20 logo to watch live programming. The show airs daily at 9:30 AM, 2:30 PM, 6:00 PM, 8:30 PM and 10:30 PM.

GOLF TOURNAMENT



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 starts at 12:00 PM. Cost is \$120 per golfer, lots of prizes, box lunch, catered dinner and certificate for a free round of gold at Quail Creek and more. Volunteers also needed that day if you are not a golfer. Call Kevin at 443-6223 if interested.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS EVENT

On Friday, October 2nd, the St. Louis Area Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics will be hosting an event giving you the chance for a once-in-a-lifetime thrill of rappelling off the 19 story (400 foot) Lumiere Casino Hotel. The only requirements to participate in this event are to raise \$1,000 for Special Olympics, be at least 18 years old and weigh less than 300 pounds.

To register to go Over the Edge or to donate money and support one of the other participants go to www.somo.org/edgestl. The rappel itself is run by all certified personnel. If you want more information about this event or if you have any problems navigating the website all Sergeant **Mark Koeller**, MetroLink Unit, at 314-486-4755.

SAINT MICHAEL’S DAY DASH



The 2nd Annual Saint Michael’s Day Dash 5K run/walk will be held Sunday, September 27, 2009, in downtown Kirkwood, Missouri at Station Plaza located at Madison and Kirkwood Road. The run is in memory of Maplewood Firefighter Ryan Hummert and University City Police Sergeant Mike King. Proceeds from the event will benefit BackStoppers. The race starts at 8:00 AM. Registration is \$20. Register via the website www.kirkwood5k.com. Race day registration will be available for \$25.