



St. Louis County Police Department INFORMATION DIGEST

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WELL DONE



On Friday, September 4, 2009, Officer **Joseph Percich**, North County Precinct, received information that a bank robbery had just occurred nearby in the City of Florissant. Other north county officers responded to the area as well as Officers **Dan Cunningham** and **Ryan Schieler**, Metro Air Support Unit. Working together with the helicopter crew, Officer Percich was able to identify and locate the vehicle used in the robbery. Officer Percich stopped the vehicle on Interstate 70 and took the suspect into custody. The money was recovered and the suspect admitted to the robbery.

On Monday, September 7, 2009, Officer **John Grobelny**, West County Precinct, responded to an anonymous complaint of solicitors in Clarkson Valley. Officer Grobelny observed a van nearby and confronted the three occupants. They provided the name of the company and stated that they were soliciting funds for children's hospitals. Officer Grobelny researched the company name they provided and recognized it as a fictitious company that has illegally taken money from unsuspecting donors. All three subjects were arrested.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

On Thursday, October 8, 2009, the American Society of Industrial Security (ASIS) organization honored Police Officer **Colin Foppe**, Metro Air Support Unit, with an award at their annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Ceremony. Officer Foppe was recognized for his role in an air rescue of a distraught individual who attempted suicide.

On Wednesday, October 14, 2009, Lieutenant Colonel **Kenneth Cox**, Commanding Officer, Division of Patrol, was honored by the Lemay Chamber of Commerce at their annual awards dinner. Lieutenant Colonel Cox was presented the Above and Beyond Award for his contributions to the citizens and businesses of the Lemay area while Captain of the South County Precinct.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CITATIONS

Colonel Gregory Sansone presented Distinguished Service Citations to Police Officers **Tony Amaro**, **Nicholas Nazzoli** and **Stephanie Percich**, South County Precinct, in recognition of their rescue of three residents from their home that was completely ablaze.

PROMOTION



On Thursday, October 1, 2009, Forensic Scientist I **Sarah Ryno**, Police Crime Laboratory, was promoted to Forensic Scientist II.

COMMENDATIONS

Commendations were presented by Chief Fitch at the October 14, 2009 Police Board meeting to Officers **Tony Amaro** and **Timothy Harrison**, South County Precinct; Officer **Gregory Burke**, Central County Precinct and Captain **Marion Monteleone**, South County Precinct.

RETIREMENT



On Friday, October 16, 2009, **Howard Eaton**, Intelligence Unit, retired after 24 years of service.

WELCOME ABOARD

On Friday, October 19, 2009, **Ryan M. Richter** and **Vincent S. Travaglini** started as police recruits at the St. Louis County and Municipal Police Academy.

On Monday, October 19, 2009, **Richard L. Hoxworth** started as a public safety dispatcher in the Bureau of Communications.

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Recently, Police Officers **John Schweitzer**, Central County Precinct, **Nicholas Rebholz**, **Steven Park** and **Brian Boedicker**, Affton Southwest Precinct, each received an Award of Excellence for their outstanding performance of duty.

DEDICATION CEREMONY

On Sunday, November 1, 2009, the explosives range located next to the firing range at Highway 44 and Beaumont Antire Road will be dedicated and named after Sergeant Michael McFarland. Sergeant **Michael McFarland**, Arson and Explosives Unit, passed away on Tuesday, June 2, 2009, after a courageous battle with cancer. As the supervisor of the Arson and Explosives Unit, Sergeant McFarland was instrumental in enhancing equipment and training and in making the St. Louis County Bomb Team a leader in the State of Missouri. The dedication is scheduled for 2:00 PM and everyone is welcome to attend. The dedication is intended to be a surprise for the family who is unaware of the dedication at this time.

GUNS 'N HOSES



Tickets are on sale for the 23rd annual Guns 'n Hoses event on Wednesday, November 25, 2009. Tickets are \$10, \$20, \$25 and \$30. Call 713-6031 to order tickets. This is scheduled to be a 17-bout event featuring police officers against firefighters. Proceeds go to Backstoppers.

FAMILY HOLIDAY PROJECT

The 2009 Adopt-A-Family Holiday Project has begun. As always, properly labeled new items are needed as well as food and financial assistance. A list of families and their needs has been distributed throughout the Department. Anyone or any workgroup wanting to participate can do so by going to the CountyNet homepage and clicking on the Adopt-A-Family link under the "What's New" section. The site will display those families in need and the procedure to assist them.

WELFARE ASSOCIATION NEWS

The terms of all four members of the Welfare Association will expire in 2010. Nominations for the election of new board members for three-year terms of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer will be accepted next January. We encourage Department employees to consider running for these positions and get involved with a worthwhile organization. New board members will take office on March 1, 2010, allowing them to observe and participate in one of the most important and busiest times of the year for the Welfare Association. The Memorial Golf Tournament, Washington DC Police Week trip and the Memorial Breakfast all occur in April and May. If you have any questions feel free to contact me at 615-5380.

Sergeant **Kevin Cavanaugh**, President

HOPELINE PROJECT

Our Department is participating in a phone drive called "Hopeline" that will provide phones to victims of domestic violence. The collection of old cell phones and parts will be of great assistance to the project. There is a collection box at each precinct and at the front entrance to headquarters.

PROPOSITION E911 REMINDER

Proposition E-911 will be on the November 3rd ballot. Voters will decide whether or not to approve a one-tenth of one cent sales tax to improve county-wide emergency communications by replacing outdated radio systems and improve the emergency siren system coverage. It will also provide dispatchers with the ability to know the location of cell phone users in an emergency. Federal requirements mandate that all public safety entities improve and modernize their emergency communications by the end of 2012. The counties surrounding us are already well on their way to meeting this requirement.

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No items submitted this issue.