



St. Louis County Police Department INFORMATION DIGEST

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WELL DONE

On Thursday, June 12, 2008, Officer **Eric Algren**, South County Precinct, observed a disturbance at a busy intersection involving several subjects in the roadway. One of the participants ran up to Officer Algren and stated that he had been stabbed by a person from another car. Officer Algren called for an ambulance and observed the suspect's car drive away from the scene. Officer Algren followed the car and stopped it several blocks away. Officer **Michael Maxwell** responded and assisted with the stop. The intoxicated front passenger of the vehicle would not comply with the officer's commands, became combative and was tased. Witnesses to the stabbing, including the other passengers traveling with the arrested suspect, advised that it was a road rage incident that became violent due to the suspect being intoxicated.

On Friday, June 20, 2008, at approximately 2:30 AM, Officer **Scott Ruder**, Central County Precinct, was on patrol when he saw two subjects breaking into a car. The subjects saw the officer and ran. Officer Ruder caught one of the suspects and the other got into a vehicle and drove away. As the other officer arrived, it was discovered that seven other vehicles had also been broken into. The suspect in custody provided the name of his cousin who escaped in a stolen vehicle that they obtained earlier in the night.

Also on Friday, June 20, 2008, at approximately 10:00 PM, Officers **Mathias Backer** and **Christopher Gilyon**, Affton Southwest Precinct, responded to an attempt burglary in progress at a residence. After the officers arrived, the witnesses provided the descriptions of two subjects and a vehicle. The officers found the vehicle parked in a nearby motel parking lot. The suspects saw the police and fled from their room on foot. A Metro Air Support unit, piloted by Officer **Dan Cunningham**, tracked their flight from the air and directed the officers to the suspects' locations where they were taken into custody.

On Monday, July 7, 2008, Officers **Connie Sharp**, **William Belcher**, **Milomir Jurcevic**, **Edward Magee** and **Zachary Sigler**, South County Precinct, responded to an assignment for a flourishing of a handgun. The victim stated that the armed suspect was driving a green Neon vehicle. Officer Sharp saw the vehicle and pulled it over but the driver quickly drove away as she approached the vehicle on foot. Minutes later a call came out that the vehicle drove off the roadway and struck a house. The officers responded and found three occupants of the car hiding nearby. The weapon, a 40 caliber handgun, was recovered from the vehicle.

RECOVERING SICK/INJURED

Police Officer Anthony Harding, Tactical Operations Unit, is currently back in the United States recovering from an injury sustained in Iraq when the vehicle he was traveling in struck an Improvised Explosive Device (IED). Officer Harding suffered a hip and shoulder injury that was not life threatening. Cards and letters can be sent to Anthony Harding, 440 Roberts Avenue, PMB882, Pensacola, Florida, 32511.

COMMENDATIONS

Commendations were presented by Chief Lee at the July 16, 2008 Police Board meeting to Officers **Mark Vollmar**, Central County Precinct, and **Jacob Maechling**, North County Precinct. Officer Vollmar was recognized for being instrumental in saving the life of an unresponsive woman who was not breathing and Officer Maechling was recognized for being instrumental in saving the life of a disgruntled person who was attempting to commit suicide.



AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to Police Officers **Shanna Tiongson**, Highway Safety Unit and **Scott Ruder** and **Edward Crenshaw**, Central County Precinct, for recently receiving the Department's Award of Excellence for their outstanding performance of duty.

WELCOME ABOARD



Welcome!

On Thursday, July 3, 2008, **Lisa M. Garcia**, **Steven J. Quint** and **Julia N. Cain** started as police recruits at the St. Louis County and Municipal Police Academy.

On Sunday, July 6, 2008, **Amel Topcagic** started as a security officer in the Bureau of Security Services.

On Monday, July 14, 2008, **Ketura O. Wash** started as a public safety dispatcher in the Bureau of Communications.

GOLF VOLUNTEERS

The BMW Championships are scheduled to run from Thursday, September 4, 2008 through Sunday, September 7, 2008. **Volunteers** are needed to work the tournament. Any commissioned police officer who is willing to volunteer their time in civilian attire to shadow 15 or 20 of the players should contact Lieutenant **John Tiernan** at jtiernan@stlouisco.com before Friday, July 25, 2008.

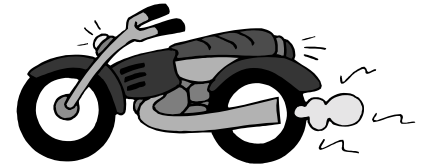


FROM THE CHAPLAINS

No one ever attains success by simply doing what is required of him.

BENEFIT RIDE FOR KINWORTHY FAMILY

All motorcycle enthusiasts and friends – please join us for a motorcycle ride



on Sunday, August 31, 2008, as we help raise funds for the family of Sergeant Mike Kinworthy. Riders will meet at Gateway Harley located at 3600 Lemay Ferry Road, St. Louis, Missouri, 63125 (just north of Lindbergh Boulevard) at 11:30 AM. Ride will commence promptly at noon and last approximately 90 minutes. The route will be determined at a later date. At the conclusion of the ride, riders and friends will meet at Show Me's, located at 3500 Lemay Ferry Road, where food and refreshments can be purchased and a good time can be had by all!

Entrance fee for the ride is \$25.00. The tax-deductible donation check should be made payable to the St. Louis County Police Welfare Association. At the conclusion of this event, the Welfare Association will deposit all entrance fees into the Kinworthy Family fund. If you need further information or would like additional details, please call **Jim Kohnen**, retiree, at 314-843-3234.