



St. Louis County Police Department INFORMATION DIGEST

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IN MEMORIAM

On Friday, October 31, 2008, a member of our law enforcement family, University City Sergeant Michael King, was brutally killed while in the performance of his duties. We would like to commend all the individuals who assisted University City in their time of need as well as all those who attended or assisted with the funeral. On Wednesday, November 5, 2008, St. Louis City Firefighter Leonard Riggins was also brutally killed while in the performance of his duties in north St. Louis County. Please keep the families and friends of Sergeant King and Firefighter Riggins in your thoughts and prayers as they begin the healing process.

Colonel Patrick A. Twardowski Colonel Jerry Lee

WELL DONE

On Saturday, October 25, 2008, Officer **Michael Castellano**, Police Canine Unit, and his canine "Tank" responded to the area of Seven Hills and Northport Hills to assist Officer **John Williams**, North County Precinct, with locating two suspects who had just fled from a stolen vehicle. The recovered stolen automobile was taken the previous day and was now resting against a tree that it rolled into after the occupants bailed out. The officers tracked the suspects and found one hiding in a common ground area nearby. They continued their search and eventually found the second suspect. Both suspects were 16 year old juveniles and even though they did not admit stealing the car, they advised that they were not injured when the vehicle struck the tree.

Also on Saturday, October 25, 2008, Officers **Scott Gerard** and **John Krebs**, North County Precinct, responded to a robbery and assault near the intersection of Rolling Hills and Sandalwood. The victim stated that one of the suspects had a screwdriver in one hand and punched him in the face with the other hand. The suspects took his money and fled on foot. The victim gave a description of two suspects, their

clothing and direction of travel. Officers Gerard and Krebs stopped the suspects walking a few blocks away. The officers detained the juvenile suspects until the victim responded and positively identified them. The screwdriver used was recovered but according to the suspects, the money was given to an acquaintance of theirs who had just left the scene.



On Sunday, October 26, 2008, Officer **Justin Adams**, North County Precinct, responded to a strong arm robbery where the victim stated that a group of seven young men took his wallet and cell phone. Officer Adams saw a group walking nearby and detained them until the victim was transported to the scene and identified the suspects. All suspects were placed under arrest for robbery. Record checks listed most of them as gang members who had outstanding warrants from St. Louis County and other jurisdictions.

On Tuesday, October 28, 2008, Officer **Steven Zapolski**, Affton Southwest Precinct, responded to an assault where a 17 year old suspect flourished a knife at his mother before climbing out a window and fleeing on foot. Officer Zapolski began searching the area and found the suspect nearby. He was taken into custody and the knife was recovered. The suspect explained that he was framed because he wouldn't let his mother into his room.

On Saturday, November 1, 2008, Officer **Ryan Gardiner**, South County Precinct, was at the South County mall when he observed a female shoplifting items from a shoe store. Although the suspect did not see the officer, he saw her putting shoes from the rack into a large shopping bag. The suspect walked past the cashier and began to exit the store at which time Officer Gardiner approached her. The very large pregnant woman started to run but tired very quickly. After making a scene inside the mall, she calmed down and said she stole the shoes to match the shirts her sister stole for her earlier in the day. The shirts were also in the shopping bag.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

On Thursday, October 16, 2008, several members of our Department were recognized at an awards ceremony hosted by the United States Attorney's Office. Receiving awards for their actions and involvement in federal cases were Sergeants **Tom Murley, Tim Cunningham, Ed Vitt, Adam Kavanaugh** and **Juan Cox**; Detectives **John Newsham, Patrick Wilds, Ed Burke, Jerome Paskiewicz, Gary Sodoma, Matthew Brilllos, Francis Gomez, Michael McCartney, Craig Molden** and **John Wilsman**, Division of Criminal Investigation.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

On Thursday, October 16, 2008, Officer **Matthew Anderson**, North County Precinct, received a CIT Officer Award of Excellence at the Fifth Annual CIT Appreciation Banquet.

On Monday, October 20, 2008, Lieutenant **Troy Doyle**, South County Precinct, was awarded a plaque by the Hathaway Manor South subdivision for his dedication and commitment to the area.

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to Police Officers **Laura Clements**, South County Precinct, and **Robert Keithley**, Central County Precinct, for recently receiving the Department's Award of Excellence for their outstanding performance of duty.

FAMILY HOLIDAY PROJECT



The 2008 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 have been distributed throughout the Department. After you have selected a family to adopt, please call Human Services at 615-4452 and let them know which family you had in mind.

GUNS 'N HOSES



The 21st Annual Guns 'N Hoses boxing match is Wednesday, November 26, 2008 (Thanksgiving Eve), at the Scottrade Center located at 1401 Clark Avenue. Tickets are \$30, \$25 and \$20.

Contact Lieutenant **Chuck Molla** at cmolla@stlouisco.com or call 713-6031 to order tickets. Proceeds go to the St. Louis Backstoppers and so far the event has raised over \$2 million.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Warner's Warmup Coat Drive. The winter coats will be distributed to homeless shelters, outreach centers and schools throughout the metro area.



FROM THE CHAPLAINS

Forgiveness is not an emotion – it's a decision.

EMPLOYEE REMINDER



Employees are reminded to notify the Benefits Office at 615-8111 within 30 days of a family or employment status change, such as the birth of a child or marriage, to coordinate insurance coverage details. If you have any questions, please call Personnel Services at 615-4273.