



# St. Louis County Police Department INFORMATION DIGEST

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## POLICE BOARD ELECTIONS

On Friday, May 8, 2009, the Police Board held an election of officers at the public Police Board meeting. The Police Board unanimously voted Colonel Gregory G. Sansone as the new Chairman; Colonel Floyd C. Warmann as the Vice-Chairman and Reverend Jimmy L. Brown as the Secretary to the Board. Colonels John N. Saracino and Raymond T. Wagner, Jr. comprise the remainder of the Board as members.

## FROM THE CHIEF AND BOARD CHAIRMAN

On behalf of the entire Department, we would like to thank everyone who volunteered and participated in the Annual Memorial Golf Tournament. The tournament is always the largest fundraiser our Welfare Association has, and the monies raised benefit the families of those officers who lost their lives in the line of duty as well as individuals who need financial assistance throughout the year. We also wish to thank the countless individuals who assisted with our 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Memorial Breakfast and Ceremony on May 8<sup>th</sup>. We were very fortunate to have Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder as our guest speaker at both events which were very well attended. We encourage everyone to remember and pray for the families of Detective **Wayne McClelland** (1975); Officer **James Reifschneider** (1977); Officer **Robert Jordan** (1981); Officer **Kenneth Koch** (1984); Detective **Lawrence McCormack** (1989); Officer **Joann Liscombe** (1991); Detective **Willie Neal, Jr.** (1997), Officer **Thomas Smith, Jr.** (1997) and Sergeant **Richard Weinhold** (2000). They were an important part of our family, and they will never be forgotten.

Colonel Gregory Sansone

Colonel Jerry Lee

## WELL DONE

On Thursday, May 7, 2009, Officer **John Spicer**, South County Precinct, responded to a fight involving a knife between three 16 year old girls. At the time of Officer Spicer's arrival, only one subject was still on the scene. The girl stated that she was fighting two other girls in front of her home when one of them went to a vehicle and obtained a knife. The argument was based on an ex-boyfriend. According to the subject, the girl with the knife returned to the fight and cut her several times on the arm. As the victim tried to get away, the suspect continued to cut her back and arms with the knife. The victim then advised the suspect threw the knife at her house before driving away with the other assailant. As an ambulance responded to treat the victim, Officer Spicer seized the knife and talked to witnesses that concurred with the victim's story. The victim provided the names and school photographs of the suspects. Officer Spicer was able to find one of the suspects at work and took her into custody. The other suspect was not at her home, but he was able to contact her by phone and convinced her to surrender with her parents.

On Saturday, May 9, 2009, Officer **Jared Ruhland**, South County Precinct, responded to a robbery that had just occurred on a church's property. The victim stated she was near the concession stand when a suspect grabbed her purse from her and started running. The suspect joined three other young men, and they all ran off the property into a neighborhood. Officers **Russell Bono**, **Goran Katic**, **Robert Wadsack** and **Marcus Bidlack** responded to assist. The officers began combing the neighborhood and found witnesses that saw the suspects running through yards and climbing fences. The search led the officers to a house where all four suspects were located. Three of the suspects advised they were not part of the theft and were just running with their friend. The fourth suspect denied the theft but later admitted he stole the purse and showed the officer where he hid it. The purse and all its contents were returned to the victim. All four suspects were taken into custody.

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

During the week of Monday, April 27, 2009 to Friday, May 1, 2009, our Department's canine teams participated in the North American Police Work Dog Certification held within the City of Eureka at Six Flags. During this week long certification process, the Department's canine teams are tested by Master Trainers from the North American Police Work Dog Association. Congratulations to all the Department's canine teams that participated. All canine teams not only passed these tests, but the Master Trainers complimented the St. Louis County Police Department's canine teams reference their skills and the Department's support for their training and usage. Good Job!!!!

## RETIREMENTS



On Friday, May 1, 2009, Detective **Gary Kroeger**, Intelligence Unit, retired after 36 years of service and Police Officer **Philip Andrew**, Central County Precinct, retired after 31 years of service.

## WELCOME ABOARD

On Monday, May 4, 2009, **Kelly D. Eaton** started as a security officer in the Bureau of Security Services.

## SERVICE BARS

The following individuals have reached a milestone in their careers and were presented service bars reflecting their years of service: 30 years - **Ronald Keilholz, Bruce Ewing, Kathryn Belmar, Norman Mizell, Thomas Jackson and Mark Houston**; 25 years - **Anthony Coleman, Peter Doyle and Stephen Swanson**; 15 years - **Quinn Turner, John Colombini, Bradford Wendling, Raymond Rizzuti, Michael Wright, Matthew Brilllos, Keith Main and Keith Wildhaber**; 10 years - **John Whitmore, Gregory Jansen, Toni Mullins, Daniel Smythe, Cedric Webb, Robert Fumagalli, Larry Pinkston, Michael Torizzo, Janice Mueller and Karl Streckfuss**; 5 years - **Willie May, Jason Johnson, Joseph Stobie and Jill Reitzner**.

## NIGHT AT THE RACES

A Night at the Mouse Races is being hosted by the St. Louis Area Women's Police Soccer Team on Friday, May 29, 2009. The races begin at 7:00 PM at the Laborers Local 110 Hall located at 11000 Lin Valle Drive, St. Louis, Missouri, 63129. Tickets are \$20 each and include drinks, pizza and snacks. This event was a huge success last year and very well attended. For information or tickets, please contact Sergeant **Tracy Panus** at 615-4282 or [tpanus@stlouisco.com](mailto:tpanus@stlouisco.com) or any member of the St. Louis Area Women's Police Soccer Team. Come on out and cheer your favorite mice on.

## 2009 TORCH RUN

The 2009 Law Enforcement Torch Run honoring law enforcement's commitment to Missouri Special Olympics will be held on May 27-28. The local leg of the run will be held on the morning of May 27 and will be approximately three miles total, broken into two stretches.

May 28 will be the Missouri final leg of the Torch Run in Springfield, Missouri, where we will run with personnel from police departments across the State. Personnel who participate in the final leg run will also participate in various portions of the opening ceremonies for the Special Olympic State Summer Games that evening. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Sergeant **Mark Koeller**, MetroLink Unit.