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## LAWMAKER TO CITY OFFICIALS: "GET SERIOUS ABOUT ARRESTING CRIMINALS" OR LOSE LOCAL CONTROL OF P.D.

This may come as a shock, but not all elected officials have lost their minds.

Some of them expect the police to do, well... policework.

You know, take dangerous criminals off the street; get justice for victims; wrest lawless neighborhoods from the bloody grip of the out-of-control murderers terrorizing them.

So when our new Mayor panders to the demands of the handful of radical cop-haters driving her agenda and announces that she's de-funding the police, or the Circuit Attorney bungles yet another murder prosecution, the officeholders who have maintained their sanity say, "not so fast."

That's what happened in June when a group of state lawmakers held a press conference at the St. Louis Police Officers Association Hall.

State Representative (and SLPOA superfan) Nick Schroer called the news conference and was joined by fellow Republican State Reps Dottie Bailey, Sara Walsh and Richard West as well as a number of SLPOA members and officials.

The thrust of the media event was to urge Governor Parson to call a special session of the General Assembly to address the issue of police defunding in St. Louis and Kansas City. In his opening comments, Schroer remarked, "Our state's two largest cities are in crisis right now due to crime. A special session is the only way to address this issue...and ensure law enforcement officers have the tools needed to keep the community safe."

Schroer added that he was, "truly worried, that by taking resources away from our law enforcement officers, especially when they need it the most, violent crime will skyrocket."

Representative West, a retired police officer who started his law enforcement career as a dispatcher with SLMPD noted, "We need to start holding these criminals accountable for the decisions they are making that are putting our officers in the position to make the decisions that they have to make."

When press questions turned to the notion of



Of course Mayor Jones immediately rebuffed Schroer's call for a return to state control of the SLMPD and, bizarrely, dared him to brave the deadly streets of North St. Louis to see for himself how bad the crime problem is in St. Louis, as if that somehow disproves the need for state intervention in the problem. In a parochial retort, Jones basically told Schroer to "butt out" of the City's runaway crime problem, as if it only affects St. Louisans.

diverting police funds to pay for programs like *Cops & Clinicians*, the lawmakers passed the mic to SLPOA Business Manager (and former State Representative) Jeff Roorda. "It's a phony baloney, window-dressing program that just contributes to this faux conversation about police reform and reimagining police work. We're not reimagining it. We're deconstructing it," Roorda said. "This is a bill of goods that has been sold to the taxpayers of St. Louis. We're taking police officers off the streets to ride around with a social worker who does not respond to these sorts of (violent) calls. Instead, just as it has always been, two police officers respond to those calls because it is a person in crisis. They go there, they intervene, and the social worker doesn't show up until all of the policing and all of the intervention has taken place."

When asked what the solution was, Schroer was unwavering in his response. "To send a message to the City of St. Louis and the (circuit) attorney Kimberly Gardner, if the city does not get serious about arresting criminals and prosecuting those cases against them, I, myself, will push for the state to take back control of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department," Schroer said.

Music to our ears.

Schroer keenly observed, "With all these reports of out-of-control crime, it has become abundantly clear that it is difficult now to attract new businesses and new investments in our state."

As for the prospect of a special session to derail efforts to defund the police, Governor Parson hasn't acted on it nor has he ruled it out. His office did issue this statement though, "Governor Parson believes in law and order, which means there must be brave men and women in uniform willing to enforce the law and protect victims. It is imperative that communities support our law enforcement officers who risk their lives daily to keep Missourians safe. Any effort to defund the police is dangerous and irresponsible."



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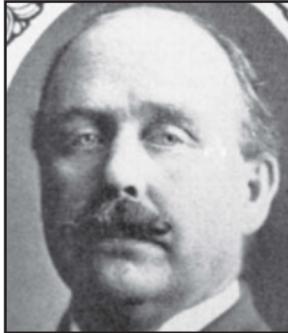
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July 28  
August 25  
7 p.m.

**E-BOARD MEETING**  
July 28  
August 25  
4:30 p.m.

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July 14  
August 11  
11:30 p.m.

**POLICE WIVES MEETING**  
July 14  
August 11  
7 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

# THE FLOYD EFFECT

After the death of Michael Brown in 2014, we heard a lot of talk about “the Ferguson Effect.”

The term was used broadly to describe the phenomenon of de-policing resulting from the pitched violence targeting cops and the hyper-scrutinization of law enforcement officers fueled by the false narrative that sprung from the streets of Ferguson and took hold across urban America.

Peace officers were made to feel like they had lost the support of the community and couldn't do anything right; all as the result of the deafening chants of misguided protestors, politicians, and press.

Rank-and-file cops developed a “foxhole mentality” as the upper command of departments abandoned them and left them feeling that officers on the street had only one another to rely on. Every man and woman in blue was left worrying that they were just one radio call or one traffic stop away from being the next Darren Wilson...hung-out to dry by their department, jobless, in financial ruin, likely facing criminal charges and doomed to endure the same sort of unrelenting death threats that Wilson did.

Those were bad times.

It seemed as though they couldn't get worse.

Murders and violent assaults of officers skyrocketed, particularly, ambush attacks. Enforcement was way down and crime was way up. Many folks in the profession took a retirement if they were eligible and a lot who weren't considered leaving policework.

But, nobody outside of law enforcement seemed to care that crime was spinning out of control and that thousands of kids who looked just like Michael Brown were dying in our blood-soaked streets, albeit, at the hands of each other instead of the police.

Cops adjusted to these circumstances and kept their heads down, waiting for the tempest to pass. Most decided to stay in the profession because so little was now expected from them that they could just sort of “phone things in” and nobody minded.

Everybody thought they could soon go back to what they signed-up for: protecting the most vulnerable in our community and removing the worst-of-the-worst from our streets.

Then, George Floyd died in police custody.

And, the post-Ferguson demands for police accountability were immediately answered. The arresting officer was charged with murder. He was promptly convicted and he received a harsh sentence.

The people who chanted “no justice, no peace” got exactly what they asked for.

Their pound of flesh. Their version of justice.

But, they didn't deliver the peace they promised.

Far from it.

The streets of nearly every American urban center erupted in riots, looting and a new level of unprecedented violence toward police.

This is what happens when the newest generation of American adults is busy looking for a cause instead of looking for a job. They are a coffee-sipping mob of know-nothing, emotionally stunted, withering daisies who've never made a social connection outside of social media and can only be consoled by their game console. A self-indulgent generation so bereft of real-world experience

and so bent on political-correctness that if you asked them what word starts with “F” and ends with a “U-C-K” they'd likely say “FOODTRUCK.”

The Google generation doesn't want the truth, they want the answer they're looking for. My generation - and the generations before - went out into the world seeking answers to the confounding existential questions that tormented us and we had to sort through what we found and try to make sense of it all. This generation goes out into the worldwide web, not with questions, but with preconceptions in search of affirmation. That's what a Google search is. There is no bias that can't be easily satisfied when you seek a desired answer by typing a self-confirming search term into an accommodating browser.

The “everybody-gets-a-trophy” generation has never been wrong. At least not according to their Google search results.

Everything they know about George Floyd or Michael Brown or policing or the world, came from a like-minded website that relied completely on one-sided statistics, anecdotal data, pure opinion, or wishful thinking.

And there's just no competing with that.

It doesn't matter how much information myself and other police advocates put out there or how convincing the facts are, they won't find them. Ever.

That's not what they're looking for.

This generation is looking for indignation; for something to be outraged or offended by.

And they've found it in you. Because you represent what they hate most: Authority.

And so, the valiant profession of policing suffers all the more.

De-funding, political prosecutions, character assassinations, dismal recruiting, a mass exodus of experienced well-trained law enforcement professionals has left us with no one to answer 911 calls and nobody to respond to them when they are answered.

The staffing crisis is so personally dangerous to each-and-every one of you that the entirety of our membership either has an application in to the retirement system or another employer.

And, still, nobody seems to care.

This, I suppose, is the Floyd Effect.

Antipathy turns to apathy turns to atrophy.

So do this for me.

Just survive.

Until the people who can do something about this mess they've made start caring again, just please...I beg you, do whatever you have to do to survive. Find another job if that's what you want. Find a place to hide in this Department if you decide to stay. Don't do anything that puts you in danger to serve this community until this community decides they've had enough.

Enough of the lies.

Enough of the violence.

Enough of the hate.

Enough of the Floyd Effect.



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Election Declaration of Candidacy are due in the office from August 2- August 6.

The hall will be open 8:30am to 5:00pm, August 2-6 for candidates file their declarations.

## POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION:

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**CONTRACT CORNER****SORRY, INCOMPETENCE IS NOT GRIEVABLE**

By Jeff Roorda

Our Police Chief is a bumbling, incompetent mess.

The handful of loyalists in his very small inner-circle have no business wearing a badge, much less, being in charge of any important decisions.

The upper command of this agency recognizes the utter incompetence of "Team Hayden" so most of our colonels, majors and captains are engaged in a sort of "silent mutiny" where they ignore the nonsense coming out of the 7th floor and just try to make things work in their own little corner of the department, shunning the rare and clumsy attempts at command-and-control emanating from whichever ambitious pretender-to-the-throne has seized upon Hayden's physical and intellectual absence that particular day.

Likewise, the vast majority of our sergeants and lieutenants are good people just trying to survive and to protect the men and women who work for them as this police force plunges further and further into chaos.

But, chaos breeds confusion. Nobody is sure who's in charge or what is expected of them.

That's frustrating.

It is the certain consequence of having a police chief who has boasted since he got the job that he is just "coasting" to retirement.

Meanwhile, bodies pile up in America's deadliest city and cops lives are in constant jeopardy.

Unfortunately, there is no "dipshit clause" in the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

If there were, I'd be filing twenty grievances a day against this Chief and the scoundrels in his immediate orbit.

A grievance, though, is strictly defined as an allegation of a union contract violation so, the fact that Team Hayden is wholly incompetent is very frustrating and is a lamentable disservice to the people of St. Louis but, it is not a grievable offense.

The union handles the incompetence of this administration in other ways.

We constantly pepper the media with stories about the epic fails that exemplify the Hayden administration. Just because you don't see one of us on camera, it doesn't mean the union didn't plant the story. In virtually every instance wear damning information about SLMPD is leaked to the press, it

got to them through us.

We are also in regular contact with elected officials. The Board of Aldermen is fed-up with Hayden's impotence in fighting crime and we've partnered up with them to address it and to demand answers. Likewise, state elected officials are very interested in how crime in St. Louis affects all Missourians and what sort of legislative fixes might be available to address it.

And then, of course, there are also the courts. We recently successfully sued Hayden et al to force them to follow their own rules when it comes to sergeant promotional testing. Likewise, we are in the process of preparing to sue the City over the bad faith bargaining that Hayden's minions and other members of city government engaged in during our most recent contract talks.

We plan to do a lot more litigating while we wait for the courts to decide whether or not our collective bargaining agreements remain in effect as a result of the City's unlawful conduct. In the meantime, we will continue to process grievances and to demand that the City comply with the law and their contractual obligations.

But, not for incompetence. That's not grievable.

Lucky for Hayden.

**UNION TO HAYDEN:  
RELEASE THE  
HAMMETT VIDEO**

On June 8, a smattering of protestors trespassed on the SLPOA's property and defaced it with vile hate-speech to celebrate the life of would-be-cop-killer, Isaiah Hammett.

Four years after a search warrant turned shoot-out, Hammett's family and the radical fringe elements at the so-called Coalition Against Police Crime & Repression - aka CAPCAR, aka One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest - rehashed the tired trope about SWAT executing an unarmed Hammett during a no-knock search warrant.



Chief John Hayden has the video from the SWAT body cams. He can put an end to all these lies and the violence it encourages against the police.

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the  
video,  
John!!**

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# PRS ELECTION

The three-year terms of office of Active Trustee Wallace K. (Kent) Leopold and Retiree Trustee Michael A. Frederick will expire on September 30, 2021. A unexpired one-year term for retiree trustee is also open due to the removal of Trustee Gary Wiegert from office for misconduct.

During the regular monthly meeting held on June 23, 2021, the Board approved the following dates for both elections:

Filing Dates:

- Starting - 8:00 A.M. - August 9, 2021
- Closing - 4:00 P.M. - August 13, 2021
- Ballots to be mailed - September 3, 2021

Results to be announced after 4:00 P.M.  
September 17, 2021

Elected Trustee to take Office - October 1, 2021

All Active and Retiree members will be notified and vote via U.S. mail. The System's auditor, Sikich LLP (formerly known as Hochschild Bloom & Company), will handle the trustee election process.

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## Dennis Alan Dailey

Birth 26 Feb 1944  
 Death 29 May 2021 (aged 77)

SLMPD-2021-34



Officer Dennis A. Dailey, DSN 1219, was commissioned on 11/21/1977. Upon completion of the academy Officer Dailey served in the following district's and specialized division's through out his career. They were the 2nd, Training Division, Public Affairs Division, 3rd, 1st, Sex Crimes/Child Abuse Section, and finally the Board of Police Commissioners. Officer Dailey retired on 05/16/2005 having served 27.48 years of dedicated and faithful service to the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department.

The following is from his personal website in regards to his musical career. Dennis has over 35 years experience as a musician playing Electric Bass, Drums and Guitar. Throughout his career, he has worked continuously both in St. Louis and on the road. He has toured internationally with well-known performers and recording artists in the USA, Europe, and the Caribbean Islands. During his years on the road, he participated in two USO tours. He has performed on more than 30 recordings which included sessions for King Records, Fraternity Records, RCA Studios, Chicago, Chess Records, Chicago and Muscle Shoals Sound Studio's in Sheffield, Alabama. He is also an award winning video producer and editor with a degree in Multi-Media Communications.

Dailey, Dennis Alan, passed away on May 29, 2021. Beloved husband of Sandra Dailey (nee Womack); loving father of Jessica Kinnaman, Shannon (Terry) Martin, Chrissy (Jim) Moore, Erin (Paul) Fendler, and Denny (Jennifer) Dailey; cherished grandfather of 12; great-grandfather of one; dear brother of John (Nelray) Dailey; our dear step-father, brother-in-law, uncle, cousin and friend.

Memorials to Backstoppers appreciated.

## Ellis Carroll Brown II

Birth 19 Apr 1942  
 Death 29 May 2021 (aged 79)

SLMPD-2021-35



Former Officer Ellis C. Brown II, DSN 7310, received his commission on 04/07/1969 and entered the police academy. After graduation his 1st uniformed assignment was in the 4th district on 07/28/1969. Officer Brown remained in this district until he was transferred to the 3rd district on 08/06/1973. Officer Brown remained in the 3rd district until he resigned his commission on 06/06/1975 to seek gainful employment in the private sector. Officer Brown served 6.16 years of faithful and dedicated service to the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. It should be noted that his son former Saint Louis Police Officer Ellis C. Brown III, DSN 8815, became a 2nd generation law enforcement officer in the family to serve with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, as did his nephew Sergeant Michael R. Brackett, DSN 5314, who recently retired. Both of these individuals also served with distinction.

Officer Brown was a veteran of the United States Army and served from 01/10/1964 to 01/07/1966. He achieved the rank of Specialist 4th Class, which is an E-4.

Beloved husband of Mrs. Penny (nee Peeler) Brown; dearest father of Ellis C. (Kasa) Brown III, Therese (John) Wright and Amy Brown; dear grandfather of Desiree, John Wright, Alainna Brown and Isaac McCarty; brother of Mike (Faye) Brown, Nora (Tony) Licari and the late Therese and Patricia Brown; our dear brother-in-law, uncle, cousin and friend of many. Ellis was an animal lover and loved to travel.

Officer Brown was predeceased by his parents Mr. & Mrs. Ellis C. and Ethyl N. (nee Good) Brown; and by his 2 sisters Mrs. Patricia M. (nee Brown) Brackett, and Therese M. Brown.

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## Thomas James Ronan Jr.

Birth 16 Sep 1944  
Death 30 May 2021 (aged 76)

SLMPD-2021-36



Officer Thomas J. Ronan, DSN 7575, received his commission on 12/15/1969. Upon completion of the academy Officer Ronan was assigned to the following district's and specialized division's. They were the 7th, 4th, 8th, 4th, 6th, Crimes Against Person's, 6th, Telephone Reporting Unit, Academy, 6th, Communication's Division, and finally the 6th district. During his career he was awarded 2 Chief Letters of Commendation on 01/01/1974, and 02/18/1983. Both of these awards were for police work above and beyond the call of duty. Officer Ronan retired on 01/20/1995, having served 25.1 years of faithful and dedicated service to the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department.

Reserve Section, 5th, Bureau of Investigation-5th District, and finally the 5th District Bureau. During his career Detective Bonney was the recipient of 2 Chief Letters of Commendation on 12/09/1972, and 09/23/1983. Both of these awards were for police work above and beyond the call of duty. Detective Bonney retired on 11/21/1988 having served 20.31 years of faithful and dedicated service to the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department. It should be noted that his brother Richard "Rick" Bonney, DSN 167, also went into the field of law enforcement and retired from the Ladue Police Department. Both served with distinction to their respective police departments.

He was survived by his wife of 35 years, Joanne F. Bonney (Vien), Washington; daughters, Tracy (Rob) Boatright, Leslie, Carrie Bonney, Dayton, Oregon, Anna (Rob) Baldesi, St. Louis, and Krista (Dave) Van De Wiele, St. Clair; son, Nicholas (Tiffany) Kuhn, O'Fallon; one brother, Richard (Patty) Bonney, Chesterfield; one sister, Barbara Bonney, Troy; grandchildren, Alex, Tyler, Michael, Abby, Maddy, Kaitlynn and Nicholas Jr.; great-grandchildren, Allana, Asher, Gabriel and Lawrence; and several nieces and nephews.

Dearest son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Thomas F. and Marie D. (nee Fitchell) Bonney.

Contributions can be made to Back Stoppers of Missouri or Monroe County Cancer Supporters at Paris National Bank, in care of Annette, 118 N. Main, Paris, MO 65275.

The family has chosen direct cremation. A memorial service will be announced at a later date and time.

## Bruce Thomas Bonney

Birth 14 Oct 1946  
Death 3 Jun 2021 (aged 74)

SLMPD-2021-37



Detective Bruce T. Bonney, DSN 7011, received his commission on 07/29/1968. Upon completion of the academy he served in the following district's and specialized division's through out his career. They were the 7th, 4th, Mobile

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## Elmer Esrock

Birth 21 Aug 1918  
 Death 4 Jun 2021 (aged 102)

SLMPD-2021-38

Former Officer Elmer Esrock, DSN 4466, received his commission to the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department on 03/17/1941. During his training at the police academy he qualified as an expert marksman with his pistol. Upon completion of the academy he served at Police Headquarters, located at 1200 Clark Avenue, followed by an assignment in the 6th district. Officer Esrock resigned his commission on 02/07/1942 and joined the United States Army to serve during World War II. Officer Esrock served a total of 1 year, 10 months, and 21 days of faithful and dedicated service to the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department.



restaurant in St. Louis, Park-N-Eat, whose opening ribbon was cut by the singer and activist Lena Horne. In 1952, Elmer and his brother-in-law, Ralph Grosberg, began Big Men Shops, and with other entrepreneurs created a new industry that served the fashion needs of big and tall men. Big Men Shops was a fixture in the St. Louis marketplace, with the flagship store at 705 Washington and stores in Clayton and in shopping centers in Missouri and Illinois. In 1989, Casual Male acquired Big Men Shops and other stores and is now DXL Big + Tall.

Elmer and Zella danced through life for 65 years. They were passionate about their family and friends, tennis, international travel and celebrating life.

There will be a small zoom funeral open to family and friends. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Equal Justice Initiative--122 Commerce St., Montgomery, AL 36104.

Cremation services to be held in Beverly Hills California, with committal services to be held at a later date and time at New Mount Sinai Cemetery and Mausoleum.

Beverly Hills, California. Elmer Esrock, 102, died peacefully June 4, 2021 at Sunrise Senior Living.

Beloved husband of Zella Esrock. Father to Ellen (McCormick Brubaker) Esrock, Bernard (Jill) Esrock and Allen (Ellen Ginsburg) Esrock. Grandfather to Nathaniel Esrock McClennen, Lauren, Susan, Emma and Abby Esrock. Brother to Eddie Esrock and the late Norton, Yale and Robert Esrock. Loving uncle, cousin and friend to many.

Elmer was born August 21, 1918 in St. Louis, Missouri to Yetta and Ben Esrock. He proudly joined the St. Louis Police Department in 1941, where he became an expert marksman, leaving the department to serve in the United States Army Air Forces during World War II, where he trained as a radio operator on B52s and taught radio to others. In 1950, Elmer and his wife, Zella, along with business partners, opened the first integrated

## Robert Dean "Bob" Lange Sr.

Birth 10 Aug 1946  
 Death 5 Jun 2021 (aged 74)

SLMPD-2021-39

Former Police Officer Robert D. Lange, DSN 7434, received his commission on 08/11/1969. On 12/01/1969 he went to the 7th district for his 1st uniformed assignment. Officer Lange remained in this district until he resigned his commission on 12/06/1972 to seek gainful employment in the private sector. Officer Lange served a total of 3 years, 3 months, and 25 days of faithful and dedicated service to the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department.



Funeral Services for Robert Dean "Bob" Lange, Sr. of Elsberry, MO will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at Carter-Ricks Funeral Home

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in Elsberry. Rev. Kris Hagemeyer, pastor of the Elsberry First Christian Church, will officiate.

Mr. Lange, 74, passed away Saturday evening, June 5, 2021 at Lincoln County Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Troy, MO. Born August 10, 1946 in St. Louis, MO, he was the son of Dean and Patricia Howard Lange. He was a graduate of Hazelwood High School and attended one year at Northeast Missouri State University, now Truman State University in Kirksville, MO. Bob was united in marriage on May 15, 2010 in Florissant, MO to Carol A. Sander. He was employed for a number of years as a truck driver for Flanagan-White local delivery company, retiring in 2020. He was a former police officer for the City of St. Louis. Raised in the Catholic faith, Bob was a former member of the Knights of Columbus.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Dean and Patricia Lange; one sister, Judy Shaughnessy in 2014; his son, Bobby Lange, Jr. in October, 2020; and one granddaughter, Lindsey Lange in 2015.

Survivors include his beloved wife of eleven years, Carol Lange of Elsberry; his daughter Susan R. "Suzie" Rizzie of St. Charles, MO; two step-sons: Michael Wofford of St. Louis, and Terry Wofford and his companion, Hanna Chiodini, of Florissant; one step-daughter, Kelly Wofford and her companion, Dave Brown, of Elsberry; seven grandchildren: Zachary Rizzie, Trevor English, Devon Lange, Corey Gunn, Alexis Wofford, Kage Wofford and Syllas Wofford; and one great-grandchild, Jordan Lange. Bob also leaves one brother-in-law, Jack Shaughnessy of Maryland Heights, MO; several nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

## CPT John Paul Carnaghi

Birth 31 Jan 1936  
Death 18 Jun 2021 (aged 85)

SLMPD-2021-40

Captain John P. Carnaghi, DSN 2852, received his commission on 02/03/1958. Upon completion of the



academy he served in the following districts and specialized division's through out his career. They were the 7th, Traffic/Control Section, and the 2nd district. On 12/20/1964 he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and transferred to the 3rd district, followed by assignments in the Traffic Accident Analysis Section, Radar Enforcement Section, and the Traffic Safety Section. Sergeant Carnaghi was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on 08/13/1974, and sent to the 9th district as a Watch Commander. He went on to serve in the Traffic Safety Division, and the Bureau of Field Operations. Lieutenant Carnaghi was promoted to Captain on 08/08/1979, and subsequently commanded the 2nd district, the Bureau of Service's, Bureau of Support Operation's, and finally served in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Police. Captain Carnaghi retired on 06/01/1987, having completed 29.32 years of faithful and dedicated service to the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department. Captain Carnaghi was a veteran of the United States Navy, and achieved the rank of Petty Officer 3rd Class, which is an E-4. Of note, his son John M. Carnaghi, DSN 2563, followed in the footsteps of his father and serves as a Lieutenant of Police for the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department as well.

Carnaghi, John Paul Baptized in the Hope of Christ's Resurrection Friday, June 18, 2021. Beloved husband of Mary "Jackie" (nee Neier) Carnaghi for 65 years; dearest father of Diane (Joseph) Monteleone, John M. (Kristiana) Carnaghi and Cheryl "Cheri" (Richard) Cavage; dear Papa of Joseph (Amanda), Nicole (Clayton), Caitlin (Scott), Jessica, Johnny, Tristan and Austin; dearest great-grandfather of Joseph, Luca, Greyson, Brooks, Wells, Quinn and Mason; dear uncle, cousin and friend.

Dearest son of the late Mr. & Mrs. John A. and Caroline "Lena" (nee Valli) Carnaghi.

Private interment.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the Alzheimer's Association or the American Cancer Society appreciated.

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## BILL ADDRESSING POLICE STRESS MANAGEMENT SIGNED BY GOV PARSON PUTS SEAL OF APPROVAL ON SEN KARLA MAY'S SB 57



Law enforcement leaders from around the state join Sen. Karla May on June 29 as the Governor signs SB 57 into law.

Governor Mike Parson greets SLPOA president Jay Schroeder at SB 57 signing ceremony



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## Milton Arnold Fisler-Hoffman

Birth 30 Apr 1943  
Death 18 Jun 2021 (aged 78)

SLMPD-2021-41

Officer Milton A. Fisler-Hoffman, DSN 5535, received his commission on 03/15/1965. Upon completion of the academy Officer Hoffman served in the 9th, and the Correspondence Investigated Division (C.I.D.).

Officer Hoffman retired on 04/03/1985, having served 20.05 years of faithful and dedicated service to the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department.

Officer Hoffman was a veteran of the United States Marines Corps Reserve, and achieved the rank of Sergeant, which is an E-5.

Officer Hoffman is survived by his wife Jane Fisler-Hoffman.

Officer Hoffman was predeceased by his parents Mr. & Mrs. Milton A. and Jessie (nee Sargent) Hoffman; and by a brother Mr. Dennis Hoffman.



Sergeant Michael D. Landa, DSN 7792, received his commission on 06/22/1970. Upon completion of the academy he served in the following districts and specialized divisions. They were the 1st, Mobile Reserve Section, 3rd, Traffic Safety Division, Police Academy-Instructor, Personnel Division, Police Academy-Instructor, 3rd, Training Section, and finally the Academy as an Instructor. He was promoted to the command rank of Sergeant on 08/16/1995 and was sent to the 5th as his 1st uniformed assignment as a Line-Platoon Supervisor, followed by assignment's in the 3rd, and finally the 9th district. Sergeant Landa retired on 04/08/2005, and served a total of 34.08 years of faithful and dedicated service to the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department. Of note, Sergeant Landa was the 2nd person in his family to serve as he followed in the footsteps of his brother Officer Stephen F. Landa, DSN 7364, SLMPD, retired.

Sergeant Landa was a veteran of the United States Army and served from 08/17/1970 to 02/22/1972. He achieved the rank of Specialist 4th Class which is an E-4.

Dear father of Richele Landa, Michele (Andrew) Ramirez, Michael Landa and Christopher Landa. Dear grandfather of Penny, Cole and Blake.

Dear brother of Steve Landa, Howard (Janice) Landa, Sue (Mark) Farr, Vicky (Ed) Derby, Victor (Sharon) Landa and Nancy (Mike) Koyn.

Dear son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Frank S. and Bernice B. (nee Kowal) Landa.

## SGT Michael David Landa

Birth 5 Jul 1949  
Death 25 Jun 2021 (aged 71)

SLMPD-2021-42.



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## LT Nicholas William "Fitz" Fitzenreider

Birth 14 Jul 1939  
Death 2 Jul 2021 (aged 81)

SLMPD-2021-43

Lieutenant Nicholas W. "Nick" Fitzenreider, DSN 4063, received his commission on 02/27/1961. Lieutenant Fitzenreider served in the following district's and specialized division's through out his career. They were the 7th, 3rd, Dummy Assignment, and the 3rd. He was promoted to the command rank of Sergeant and was transferred to the 7th district as a Line Platoon Supervisor followed by other assignments in the Mobile Reserve Section, Tactical Anti-Crime Team (T.A.C.T.), 2nd, and the Bureau of Investigation-2nd District. Sergeant Fitzenreider was promoted once again to the rank of Lieutenant of Police and remained in the Bureau of Investigation-2nd District. Lieutenant Fitzenreider was subsequently transferred to the 4th, and then to the 3rd District as a Watch Commander. During his career Lieutenant Fitzenreider was the recipient of 2 Chief Letters of Commendation on 10/01/1969, and 05/01/1970. Both of these awards were for police work above and beyond the call of duty. Lieutenant Fitzenreider retired on 03/05/1988, having served 27.02 years of faithful and dedicated service to the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department.

Lieutenant Fitzenreider was a veteran of the United States Army and achieved the rank of Specialist 3rd Class which is an E-4.

Lieutenant Fitzenreider was predeceased by his parents Mr. & Mrs. Charles F. and Ada (nee Roman) Fitzenreider.

Nicholas W. "Fitz" Fitzenreider, 81, died on Friday, July 2nd, 2021. Born in St. Louis, MO, on July 14, 1939, he was the son of the late Charles Fitzenreider, Sr. and Ada Fitzenreider.

Fitz graduated from Cleveland High School in South St. Louis and later received an associate degree. He served in the US Army and achieved the rank of Specialist 3rd Class E-4.

"Fitz" was commissioned on the St. Louis Police force on February 27, 1961 and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on March 5, 1988 after receiving many commendations.

Fitz then moved to Las Vegas and started with security at the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority in 1988 and then spent over 30 years as Vice President of Security/Operations for the Las Vegas Stars, 51s, and Aviators professional baseball team.

He is survived by his sister-in-law, Mary Fitzenreider, a couple of cousins and many close friends and adopted family who knew him as "Papa Fitz". In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Charles Fitzenreider, Jr.

Fitz was a man's man in every way. He was a big man, afraid of nothing and no one and if necessary, he always told anyone exactly what he thought of them or how they performed their work—usually in Fitz' own inimitable way. In fact, the truth is that Fitz oftentimes saved his most unflattering names for those employees of his for whom he cared the most.

Literally, thousands of young men and women became better employees and better people because of Fitz. Because, even though he certainly could be gruff, he always appreciated and complimented hard work and a job well done. So, these generations of young men and women learned the value and importance of doing your best, working hard and taking pride in your job.

Those who knew Fitz well also knew that behind that hard exterior was a big and loving heart. He dedicated his life to watching over and looking out for his neighbors and friends. He was active in every community in which he lived and freely gave out his personal phone number to the elderly and sick in his community. People knew that if they needed help in a hurry, Fitz was always the man to call.

## Detective Ronald William "Ron" Sheppard

Birth 10 Feb 1950  
Death 4 Jul 2021 (aged 71)

SLMPD-2021-44

Detective Ronald W. Sheppard, DSN 0162, received his commission on 12/26/1973. Upon completion of



the police academy he served in the following district and specialized division's through out his career. They were the 2nd District, followed by Bureau of Investigation-2nd District Bureau, 2nd District Detective Bureau, Area I Detective's, and finally the Fraud Section. During his career he was the recipient of the "Officer of the Month" 4 times on 09/01/1987, 02/01/1989, 03/01/1997, and 06/01/1998. All of the preceding awards were for police work above and beyond the call of duty. Detective Sheppard retired on 01/12/2004 and served a total of 30.05 years of faithful and dedicated service to the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department.

Detective Sheppard is survived by his mother Mrs. Dorothy F. (nee Skubish) Sheppard; and his son Mr. Michael Sheppard. Detective Sheppard was predeceased by his father Mr. Alonzo W. Sheppard.

Ronald William Sheppard, age 71, of Reeds Spring, Missouri, passed away on July 4, 2021. He entered this life on February 10, 1950, the son of Alonzo and Dorothy (Skubish) Sheppard in Granite City, Illinois.

He is survived by his son, Michael (Whitney) Sheppard of Jackson, Missouri; and grandson, Webster Sheppard of Jackson, Missouri; and his mother, Dorothy Sheppard of House Springs, Missouri.

Detective Ronald W. Sheppard received his commission on 12/26/1973. Upon completion of the police academy, he served various divisions throughout his career. During his career he was the recipient of the "Officer of the Month" for performing above and beyond the call of duty, four times on 09/01/1987, 02/01/1989, 03/01/1997, and 06/01/1998. Detective Sheppard retired on 01/12/2004 and served a total of 30.05 years of faithful and dedicated service to the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department.

Ron was an active member and sponsor in Alcoholics Anonymous, serving the Ozarks Region helping those in recovery. He dedicated much of his time helping those conquer alcoholism. Through studying, reading, listening, and providing feedback, he was able to help many find the road to recovery. He was an avid fisherman, who spent many hours on Table Rock Lake, chasing bass and burning gas. A dedicated reader, he enjoyed studying Missouri Civil War history and the great history of our state. He frequented writings of Mark Twain, Benjamin Rush, Shelby Foote, and other great American authors. He was a wonderful father and grandfather. Giving of himself whenever possible to help those closest to him, he provided a great example to those around him. He will be greatly missed by those who loved him.

A private memorial ceremony will be held at a later date. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Cremations of the Ozarks.

## Alvin George Spies

Birth 21 Aug 1945  
Death 10 Jul 2021 (aged 75)

SLMPD-2021-45

Former Officer Alvin G. Spies, DSN 6791, was commissioned on 11/20/1967, and entered the police academy. Upon completion of the academy Officer Spies served in the following district's and specialized division's throughout his career. They were the 4th, 6th, 4th, Canine Section, and finally the Mobile Reserved Section. Officer Spies tendered his resignation on 10/29/1976 to seek gainful employment with the BNSF (Burlington Northern Santa-Fe Railway) as a uniformed police officer serving in their Canine Division. Officer Spies served a total 8.94 years of faithful and dedicated service to the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department. Officer Spies was a veteran of the United States Army and achieved the rank of Sergeant which is an E-5.

Spies, Alvin G. 75, of St. Louis was Baptized into the Hope of Christ's Resurrection on Saturday, July 10, 2021.

Beloved husband of the late Mrs. Joan Spies of 50 years; dearest father of Anjanette (Jesse) DeLeon and Amanda Spies; papa of Jessica, Maya DeLeon and Morgan Spies; our dear brother, brother-in-law, uncle, cousin and friend of many.

Mr. Spies was predeceased by his parents Mr. & Mrs. Aloysius G. and Rosemary A. (nee Schmueeling) Spies.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Liver Foundation.



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## Sheila F. Layton

Birth 22 Jun 1947  
Death 13 Jun 2021 (aged 73)

SLMPD-2021-CIV.-4

Miss Shelia F. Layton, DSN 7174, started her civilian career on 12/02/1968 working in the Records Section, followed by other assignments in the Word Processing Unit, Telephone Reporting Section, Quality Control Division, Telephone Reporting Unit, Human Resources Division, and finally the Telephone Reporting Unit. Miss Layton retired on 04/01/2008, having served 39.33 years of faithful and dedicated service to the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department.



Dearest sister Officer Phillip P. Layton, DSN 6779, SLMPD, retired, and twin sister of the late Miss Shirley F. Layton, DSN 7284, SLMPD, civilian, retired

Sheila F. Layton, entered into rest, Sunday, June 13, 2021. Loving sister of Phillip (Mary), Kenneth (Miriam), Peggy (Jim) Tucker and the late Johnny (Ann), and twin sister Shirley F. Layton. Our dear aunt, great-aunt, cousin and friend to many.

Dearest daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. John F. and Maire E. (nee Farrar) Layton, and brother Johnnie L. Layton.

## Bobby Dean Jones

Birth 11 May 1961  
Death 23 Jun 2021 (aged 60)

SLMPD-2021-CIV.-5

Mr. Bobby D. Jones, DSN 1375, started his civilian career with the Saint Louis Police Department in the "Fleet Services Division" on 09/05/1978. Mr. Jones was originally hired as a "Motor Service Attendant" and quickly moved up the career ladder with the following changes in his job assignments. They were a promotion to Motor Service Attendant II, Lubrications Specialist, Auto Mechanic Trainee, Auto Mechanic II, Automotive Technician, and finally a Fleet Maintenance Technician II. Of note, very few civilians get recognized by being awarded a Chief Letter of Commendation. Mr. Jones was the recipient of this award on 04/22/1983. This award was presented for help implementing a 24 hour around the clock preventive maintenance schedule, updating and proگرامing computerize maintenance records of fleet vehicles, and other cost effective measures. Mr. Jones retired on 03/02/2019, and served a total of 40.49 years of faithful and dedicated service to the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department.



Entered into rest Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at his Festus residence. Born May 11, 1961, in St Louis, Missouri, to the late Bobby Carl Jones and Betty Lou (Cheatham) Jones of Dexter, Missouri.

Bobby had worked over 40 years as a Fleet Service Technician for St Louis Metropolitan Police Department, and was a member of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Festus.

He enjoyed grilling, camping, floating, fishing, family parties, music and his loyal companion, Hope, his dog; but most of all he enjoyed being with his

children and grandchildren.

Survived by his loving family which includes his mother: Betty (Cheatham) Jones; daughters: Cindel Marie (Jerry) Smith of Festus, Stephanie Paige Nicole (Lemmy) Merseal of Columbus, Georgia, Michelle Katherine (Dylan Vincent) Jones of Festus, Hannah Lillian (Joey Westhoelter) Jones of Festus, Jessica Ann Poe of St Louis and Ashley Marie (Eric) Roach of St Louis; sons: Bradley Slade of Bonne Terre, Marcus Slade of Clarksville, TN and Dustin Warren of Clayton; brothers: Donnie Jones of St Louis County, Gary (Ellen) Jones of Hillsboro and Anthony Rango of Hillsboro; sisters: Sharon (Bob) Jones-Meredith of Cedar Hill and Tanya (Carl) Jones-Campbell of Festus; and 10 grandchildren: Shyanne, Nolan, Brayden, Noah, Madilynn, Hudson, Emmy, Tyler, Sadie and Charlie. In addition to his father, Bobby Carl Jones he is preceded in death by his wife, Tammy (Wells) Jones and brother, Michael Jones.

Pastor Greg McCord will officiated the service.

## Charles Frederick "Charlie" Esenberg

Birth 2 Jul 1934  
Death 19 Jul 2021 (aged 87)

SLMPD-2021-Civ.-6

Civilian Communication Support Lead Technician Mr. Charles F. "Charlie" Esenberg, DSN 8646, started his career with the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department as a "Radio Technician" on 05/07/1973. Through the years he received various job reclassifications and promotions in the Radio Repair Division. His other duties were all in the electronic field serving as a Television Technician, Comport Technician II, and finally as a supervisor in the "Comport Section" as a Communication's Support Lead. Mr. Esenberg retired on 08/01/1996, having served a total of 23.24 years of faithful and dedicated service to the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department. Of note, prior to his appointment with the Radio Repair Section of the department Mr. Esenberg worked for many years with A & E Electronics' Corporation in their electronic repair division working on televisions, and 2 way-radio equipment.

Mr. Esenberg was a veteran of the United States Army as served from 02/01/1957 to 02/01/1959. Mr. Esenberg achieved the rank of Private 1st Class.

Charles is survived by his two daughters Deborah Wirtel (Gregory) and Cynthia Steiner (Kenneth). Two grandchildren Kathrine and Nikoli Wirtel. Charles was active at Salem Lutheran Church in Affton serving as an Elder and Usher.

Services at Salem Lutheran Church on Thursday, July 22, 2021 from 9:00 am until services at 11:00 am.

Charles F. Esenberg, asleep in Jesus July 19, 2021.

Charles was married to Barbara (nee Calvert) Esenberg, who proceeded him in death on November 16, 2019; and also by his parents Mr. & Mrs. Carl L. and Margaret I. (nee Hess) Esenberg.

He was buried at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.



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Governor Mike Parson signs SB26 enacting the LEOBR as SLPOA and FOP officials look on



Lt. Governor Mike Kehoe greets SLPOA and FOP officials at the SB26 bill signing ceremony.

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**HIGHWAY NAMING BILL HONORS THREE WHO SERVED SLMPD**



PO Gary Knight (SLMPD-Ret) looks on as Governor Mike Parson signs SB 520 into law on July 14, 2021. The Bill designates 3 different sections of the state highway system to honor former SLMPD Officers Captain David Dorn and Officer Michael Langsdorf as well as long-time SLMPD Police Surgeon James "Doc" Cooper. Knight was the moving force in seeking legislation memorializing Cooper.



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# THE NERVE!

By Jeff Roorda



Just days after betraying the police officers who work for them by endorsing Mayor Tishaura Jones' plan to defund the police and cut 98 commissioned positions, Chief John Hayden and Public Safety Director Dan Isom have the gall to show their faces at the annual Police Medal of Valor ceremony.

It is incomprehensible that they would put St. Louis police officers in direct mortal danger by further exacerbating the staffing crisis one day and then show up the next to pretend they care about the well-being of officers who heroically put their lives on the line in the service of this city.

Shame on you both.

## "SWEETHEARTS ON PARADE"

MEMBERS ON NATIONAL POLICE WIVES ASSOC. MARCH WITH REP SCHROER AT 4TH OF JULY PARADE



Mega-supporter Rep. Nick Schroer poses with NPWA before the Independence Day Parade in O'Fallon

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**Police Officer Tamarris Bohannon,  
Arlando Bailey, Kevin Dang,  
Nicholas Kissel, Jon Amesquita and  
Sergeant Raymond Jackson**  
*St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department*



On August 29th, 2020 Police Officer Tamarris Bohannon and his probationary officer received a call for a shooting and that the gunman responsible had forced his way into a residence. Officer Bohannon got out of his vehicle to investigate further when the gunman opened fire from a second story window, striking Officer Bohannon in the head. Sergeant Ray Jackson and Police Officers Jon Amesquita, Kevin Dang and Nicholas Kissell arrived and observed Officer Bohannon lying on the ground. Knowing they must extract Officer Bohannon from the scene in order to get medical attention, Officer Dang drove his vehicle between the shooter and Officer Bohannon. Officer Amesquita, Officer Dang and Officer Kissell pulled Officer Bohannon into a vehicle while Sergeant Jackson provided cover. Sergeant Jackson and the three officers transported Officer Bohannon to a local hospital. During this time Police Officer Arlando Bailey responded and ran to a place of cover. Officer Bailey could hear other officers attempting to speak to the gunman. As he began to move to a new point of cover the suspect began firing gunshots, striking Officer Bailey in the left thigh. The gunman was later apprehended by assisting units. Officer Arlando Bailey was treated at a local hospital, but sadly Officer Tamarris Bohannon later passed away.



**Police Officers Kyle Bowen  
and Kevin Malone**  
*St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department*

On October 11th, 2019, Police Officers Kyle Bowen and Kevin Malone observed a vacant building engulfed in flames and collapsing. The fire had spread to an occupied residence. A victim told the officers her adult daughter, who was bedridden and could not move under her own power, was still inside the burning residence. Officers Bowen and Malone rushed into the burning building to rescue the woman. The fire had engulfed the staircase leading to the second floor and was spreading toward the first floor. Officers Bowen and Malone fought through the heavy smoke and intense heat and located the woman lying in a hospital bed. Officers Bowen and Malone used the bed's mattress to lift and carry her to safety. As a result of the extreme heat in the burning building the officers' sustained injuries to their faces and arms.



**Police Officer Joshua Morrison**  
*St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department*



On December 12th, 2019, Police Officer Joshua Morrison responded to a call for a business robbery at a local restaurant. Officer Morrison searched the area and observed a subject, who matched the description of the robber, running from the scene. The subject stopped running and attempted to hide behind a garage. Officer Morrison stopped his vehicle, and the subject drew a handgun, pointed it at Officer Morrison, and demanded the Officer remain in his vehicle. Unwilling to allow the gunman to escape, Officer Morrison exited his vehicle and engaged the suspect, who was still pointing his handgun at the officer. Officer Morrison fired four gunshots striking the gunman. Officer Morrison was able to take the gunman into custody without further incident.

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**Police Officer Bryan Barton**  
*St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department*



On April 11th, 2019, Officer Bryan Barton and his partner stopped a suspicious vehicle for a traffic violation, but the passenger, who was armed with a handgun, fled from the vehicle on foot. The officers followed the gunman in their patrol vehicle. The gunman fled into a rear yard and Officer Barton followed him on foot into the yard. As the gunman attempted to jump a fence to another yard Officer Barton pulled him off the fence and ordered him to get on the ground. Continuing to try to flee, the gunman ordered Officer Barton to get off of him as he pointed a handgun at the officer from over his shoulder. Officer Barton struggled to disarm the gunman and eventually caused the subject to come face to face with him. The subject disobeyed orders to drop the gun and both continued to struggle over possession of the gun. Feeling overpowered as the subject was attempting to aim the firearm at his chest, Officer Barton used his left hand to push the subject's firearm away from him, his right hand to retrieve his own firearm and discharge it at the subject, stopping the threat.



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# 2020 MEDAL OF VALOR RECIPIENTS



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## Police Officer Cameron Jackson and Matthew Shaw

St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department



On July 11th, 2019, Police Officers Cameron Jackson and Matthew Shaw attempted to stop a vehicle for traffic violations, but it fled. The Aviation Unit located the vehicle parked. The officers quickly responded and observed a man walking away from the vehicle and appeared to be holding something concealed at his waistband. The officers attempted to stop the man, who then removed a firearm from

his waistband and began to run. The officers pursued the gunman on foot. Suddenly, the gunman turned and fired at the officers. The officers, in defense of their lives, returned fire striking the gunman. The suspect fled again, but was apprehended by the officers. The officers quickly rendered aide to the gunman, who survived his injuries.



## Police Officer Christopher Jamison and Edin Kurtovic

St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department



On September 5th, 2019, Police Officer Christopher Jamison and Police Officer Edin Kurtovic stopped a suspicious man who was found in possession of two types of illegal drugs. As they attempted to arrest the man, he refused to be handcuffed and placed his hand inside his pants pocket. Officer Kurtovic felt a handgun inside the same pocket and Officer Kurtovic struggled with man to keep him from removing the handgun. Officer

Jamison discharged his Taser, however, it had no effect on the man. Despite his efforts, the man began to remove the handgun from his pocket. Officer Jamison, in defense of Officer Kurtovic and his life, fired one gunshot, striking the man. Emergency medical aid was given to the injured gunman, but he later passed away as a result of his injuries.



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1	2	3	4 CPD MTG 7PM	5	6 PAYDAY	7
8	9	10	11 VETERANS MTG 11:30 AM POLICE WIVES 7 PM	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 PAYDAY	21
22	23	24	25 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG 7 PM E-BOARD MTG 4:30 PM	26	27	28
29	30	31				

## SEPTEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 E-BOARD ELECTION BALLOTS MAILED-OUT CPD MTG 7PM	2	3	4
5	6 LABOR DAY	7	8 VETERANS MTG 11:30 AM POLICE WIVES 7 PM	9	10 PAYDAY	11 Patriot Day
12	13	14	15 E-BOARD BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THIS DATE Emerald Society 7pm	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Fall	23	24 PAYDAY	25
26	27	28	29 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG 7 PM E-BOARD MTG 4:30 PM	30		

### SLPOA Calls For Accommodations On Promotional Assessment Dates Go Unanswered

Members,

A number of you have asked if there is any way to get the City to offer alternative dates for the Assessment Center portion of the Sergeant's promotional process set for the week of July 12th.

At our direction, our attorney in the promotional lawsuit raised this issue with the City's lawyers and suggested it was unfair to be so rigid on the testing dates given the short-notice that preceded the scheduling the dates. The City's lawyers advised that it was beyond their authority to reach agreements on testing date accommodations and that such matters were strictly under the purview of the City's Department of Personnel (DOP), who would not budge on the matter.

We asked our attorney if this is something that we could raise in front of the judge in the lawsuit and he advised that it was beyond the relief the judge could order in a case such as this.

Promotions aren't regulated by our Collective Bargaining Agreements (they are considered by the courts to not be a mandatory subject of bargaining) so the DOP will not allow us to appeal this on behalf of our members since it falls outside the union contracts.

If you have an unavoidable conflict with the assessment center testing dates and wish to appeal to the DOP on your own, you should contact the Personnel Services & Examinations Office of the DOP, see contact info below:

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