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WE Need Buy-in

From the SLPOA Editorial Board

There have been many changes in the SLMPD since the governor appointed Board of Police Commissioners took over the Department. We hope you have felt supported by the appointed Commissioners. They are fighting for you and are truly sacrificing to serve in this capacity. Their businesses have been the victim of boycotts, protestors are purposefully rating their businesses low to impact their overall ratings, they are being pressured by politicians, and are being falsely accused of trying to bankrupt the city. The narrative being spewed by Mayor Spencer has not, yet, had the impact she desires. The appointed Commissioners are putting it all on the line to support us, and to do right by the department, as well as the citizens of St. Louis. Let's not forget that they are residents of the City of St. Louis and they care about this city. Despite all of the negativity directed at them, they've bought in. I think it is imperative to point out that the officers from this department need to buy in, too.



The Board of Police Commissioners

The current appointed Board of Police Commissioners has provided an unprecedented level of support for our officers. This support exceeds that which we have received from local politicians and even other boards of the past. Although pay is still lagging, we have been on the receiving end of another pay increase that has brought our salaries up to a more competitive range. They have restored benefits that were stripped from our younger officers, who were hired under local politician control of the department. We have successfully negotiated one of the strongest collective bargaining agreements in over a decade. And we have also made significant progress in reducing the rate of attrition from the department. It is now our opportunity to demonstrate that continued investment in officers is worth it.

We here at SLPOA are asking our officers to work hard and to go the extra mile. Take that accident report that might normally be a Code N, but you know the citizen reporting it would appreciate the extra effort. Make time to patrol your neighborhoods and engage with the community. Ensure your body camera is on when it should be. Encourage your family and friends to

visit the city, and refrain from speaking negatively to those people who decide to do so. Be friendly with a citizen or welcoming to a visitor to our city. Show compassion to a crime victim and reassure them of our commitment to solve crime and serve the community.

Crime is trending down but the perception that the city is unsafe remains. It is within our best interests to help change that narrative. As you have seen in the recent news, our budget is tied to the general revenue of the city. If that revenue goes up, so will our portion of it, as will the opportunities for increases in salaries and benefits. Hopefully that leads to more officers being hired to help shoulder the burden. Hopefully, that leads to more businesses choosing to invest in the city so it will grow and succeed. Hopefully, that leads to more visitors and residents to the city which will result in greater tax revenue for the city. Mayor Spencer has chosen to sow division between the Police Department and other city employees. Let's help be a part of the solution, not a part of the problem. If we do, we can help return the SLMPD to the premier agency in the area. The opportunity is there; but we need buy-in from officers.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

June 24
6 p.m.
July 29
6pm

E-BOARD MEETING

June 24
4 p.m.
July 29
6pm

VETERAN'S MEETING

June 10
11:30 a.m.
July 8
11:30 a.m.

FOP AUXILIARY MTG

June 16
7 p.m.
July 21
7 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Investment



**SLPOA President
Martin Garcia**

There is a balance in all parts of life...relationships, finances, emotions, psychology, and professional. This journey to balance can even be found in the small aspects of life...diet, attitude, driving, walking. Reaching and maintaining these balances is a constant struggle, for all of us, even if you are a well-respected retired sergeant like Fank Booker. The social contract we agree to by being members of a functioning society demands constant effort toward these balances.

In the last thirteen years, some of the best police work in the country has been done in this City, by Police Officers, who took their investment seriously. The consistency, dedication, loyalty, and sacrifice that our Department has shown the City, and the world, is absolutely incredible. The social contract between a City, who grants Police Officers the authority to do all the things necessary to keep its citizens safe, states that the City

Commissioners, despite the desire of the BOPC, despite the effort of the Chief of Police, despite the encouragement and support from the SLPOA, the struggle to reach professional balance has deepened.

So, what do we do? You, as a membership of the SLPOA, are in a historic position. You have returned control of your department to a group of citizens appointed by the Governor. You have, in place, a strong, capable, and knowledgeable Executive Board. You have hired a top-tier SLPOA Business Manager, who is highly sought after by the private and public sector. The Governor, the BOPC, the Chief of Police, the Police Foundation, among others are battling to invest in us. Is it time to invest in ourselves and each other, yet? My hope is the answer is, "yes."

"Invest in ourselves"...what does that even mean? I do not have a blanket answer. Think about yourself and do the things, especially the small things, that will pay you back. Examples could be taking an extra training course, ironing your uniform, working out, turning on your BWC.

"Invest in each other." I do not have a template for that any more than a magic wand. Possibilities could be encouraging your partner to not cut corners, buying pizza for your squad, having a conversation with your subordinate before punishing, coming to the SLPOA meeting.

A byproduct of focusing on the investments we can make in ourselves and each other is the "noise," the distractions, the uncontrolled become quieter. They consume less of us. In return, staying true to ourselves, each other, our oath, and the badge become routinely easier; thereby, allowing some balance to emerge. In the unrelenting quest for balance, the return on those two investments far outgain the principle. Make these MORE than words on a piece of paper or a screen.

And that's what's up

must invest in its Police Officers.

The City's politicians, not its citizens, chose to divest in their Police Officers. That is, also, a fact. One of the subtle consequences of that divestment is the balances each of us strive for have been thrown drastically out of whack. Despite the reassurances from the Board Of Police



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Brother John Receives Recognition

Brother John received a plaque in appreciation for his service at the March Police Veteran's Meeting.

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I wonder how we got here

By Joe Steiger

Recently some Prudential members of the Board of Alderman have been complaining about being named in the lawsuit filed by the Board of Police Commissioners against the city in response to the city's own suit. This should not come as a surprise since aldermen directly influence the budget and how the money is allocated. At least the city will indemnify the alderman, and they will not be held personally liable. Too bad we can't say the same thing about any number of police officers who were left to fend for themselves during the years of local politician control. When officers were sued for actions that occurred while in performance of their duty, the city refused to represent them or indemnify them. Where was the outrage from these same Alderman then? This unfair treatment of your own employees is yet another example of why the move to a Governor-appointed Board of Police Commissioners was necessary. Perhaps we need a refresher on how we got here.

The city spent years defunding the police. They did it through repeated elimination of positions from the manning table. Although a recent reduction was supported to fund police raises, the city also used a portion of this savings from the police budget to provide salary increases for firefighters essentially defunding the police budget and giving it to the fire department. They defunded the police by reallocating money from the Police budget and using it for various other programs under the guise of reimagining policing. They did it by selling a tax hike to citizens to fund officer salaries, then using a generous portion of that money for their special projects and social justice programs under the ruse of public safety. They did it quite literally by defunding the police through eliminating money from the SLPMD budget to the tune of over four million dollars in an annual overtime budget. They did it by structuring a budget to facilitate the return of tens of millions of dollars each year through their funky math budget balancing act. In addition, they also failed to maintain police facilities, repair crumbling infrastructure, and pay essential bills on time, hindering the department's ability to operate efficiently. Through these and many other failures, the city diverted funds and neglected its responsibility to properly support the police department.

So, what did we learn from this failed experiment of local politician control? That we need more police officers, not fewer. That we need more resources for officers, not fewer. That we need consistent, reliable, and responsible oversight of SLMPD finances and operations. What this Police Board is attempting to do is **RE-FUND the Police**. The city spent the better part of a decade decimating this department. Their years of funky math accounting and cuts imposed on the backs of the working men and women of this department created this problem. And now they are outraged that the state legislature stepped in to address it and restore order?

Local city politicians often argue that the Board of Police Commissioners is not accountable to city taxpayers and only city taxpayers should have a say in these decisions because they fund them. That argument conveniently leaves out one important fact. Visitors and people who live in the county but work in St. Louis City pay taxes here too. Residents from surrounding counties who work in the city pay into the earnings tax which generates hundreds of millions of dollars each year for the city. Shouldn't those citizens also have a voice? Lawmakers like Representative Brad Christ and Senator Nick Schroer represent countless citizens who help fund the city's earnings tax. They represent city police officers who live in their legislative districts. These lawmakers are acting not only in the best interests of their constituents, but also in the best interests of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department and the city in general. SLMPD is a regional department, and these state legislators understand both that reality and St. Louis' broader impact on the rest of the state. They also understand the importance of a properly funded and well-staffed police department.

Making this issue personal is not going to solve the problem. Too often, city politicians react emotionally and rush to social media to post rants blaming state legislators, the SLPOA, or the Governor. Sending antagonistic emails to city employees that pit SLMPD against the rest of the city workforce does not help. Spreading false claims that the Police Department is going to bankrupt the city is equally unproductive. Refusing to acknowledge what has happened over the past decade only adds to these problems. City politicians should take a good, hard look in the mirror and recognize their role in how we got here.

Legislators from outside of the city acted because it was necessary. Returning the SLMPD to a Governor appointed Board of Police Commissioners was the first step. When we **Re-Fund the Police**, people will feel safe again. Downtown can be vibrant again. People will be encouraged to visit St. Louis and spend their hard-earned dollars. Businesses will reinvest in the city. People will choose to reside here. All of this adds to the city's tax revenue and will lead to a better, more prosperous and thriving St. Louis for all. But none of this is possible without public safety. This reinvestment in policing must come first. That time is now. The rest will follow.



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July 4, 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Update

The budget struggle between the Board of Police Commissioners and the city continues but the Board is not wavering. They are determined to see this through. As you probably know by now, the Board filed a suit of their own against the city to address some of the underlying issues with the budget process and to help expedite the proceedings. It will likely be some time before we have a resolution but rest assured that the Board has your best interests in mind and they are doing everything within their power to follow the law and provide the best department for the officers and the citizens you serve.

During the week of May 11th, President Martin Garcia and I traveled to Jefferson City to testify on two other lawsuits filed over control of SLMPD back when the law was originally passed in 2025. These are separate from the two pending lawsuits filed by the Board and Mayor Spencer. The proceedings occurred over two days and appeared to go as expected. Final arguments were due to the judge on June 1st, and we anticipate a ruling shortly after that.

Regardless of how these lawsuits turn out, we expect an appeal to the Missouri Supreme Court to follow. Since these suits were filed, we have anticipated they would ultimately be decided by the Missouri Supreme Court, regardless of what happens at the circuit level. Any portion of the lawsuit that pertains to the Missouri Constitution will go directly to the Supreme Court. Other portions may proceed to the Appellate Court first. Accordingly, we must remain patient as these lawsuits proceed through the judicial process. We feel confident that the final results will be in our favor and the Court will ultimately provide the clarity needed to move forward.

Legislative Session Ends

The legislative session has ended in Jefferson City. We were able to help get some much needed changes to the juvenile code through the legislature along with a few other bills but much of our legislative agenda stalled including the necessary fixes to Chapter 84. For a full review, please be sure to read the update from our Missouri lobbyists in this issue of the Gendarme.

Hiring Blitz

I want to take a minute to commend Chief Tracy, Human Resources Director

Sara Koziacki and everyone who contributed to the success of the hiring blitz. I understand the department was able to secure over one hundred applicants who are moving on to the next stages of the process. If we can get a big chunk of those people over the finish line that will have a huge impact on our numbers. Obviously, it will take time for them to really count toward manpower as they will spend six months in the academy and another three months in field training, but either way help is coming. That's more people than we've been able to attract in a long time so it's certainly a good sign. Moving away from the city's antiquated and bureaucratic system has allowed this to happen. Well done by all of those involved.



Joe Steiger
SLPOA Business Manager

Social Media

SLPOA has updated our website and the SLPOA Mobil App is now operational. Please log in to the website at www.slpoa.org and scroll down to the bottom where you can access and download the App for either Apple or Android platforms. Our Facebook page is also back in full swing with some updated content and a new partnership with our friends over at the Brighter Side of Blue Podcast. Please take a few moments to check it out!

4th Annual SLPOA Golf Tournament

Lastly, we would like to announce a save the date for the 4th Annual SLPOA Golf Tournament. Our golf tournament helps SLPOA raise money for donations, community outreach and to provide relief for members in need. It has been a tremendous success over the first few years, and we would really appreciate your participation so we can continue to support these great causes. Mark your calendars for Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 9am, at the Stonewolf Golf Club in Fairview Heights, Illinois. It's a beautiful course and an all-around great event. Additional details will follow and a link will be shared through the SLPOA App and Website when registration opens.

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Asked to enter your email address and password to open a party invite? That's a scam

By BCP Staff

check with the host to make sure it's real.

To help protect yourself from phishing texts and emails:

- Keep security software updated. Set your computer software to update automatically so it will deal with any new security threats. Update your phone's software regularly, too.
- Use two-factor authentication. Taking extra steps to verify who you are makes it harder for scammers to log into your accounts if they get your username and password.

Act quickly. If you think a scammer has your email account information, change your password to create a new, strong passphrase right away. Then, go to IdentityTheft.gov for specific steps to take based on other information you may have lost.

Forward phishing emails to the Anti-Phishing Working Group at reportphishing@apwg.org and texts to SPAM (7726). Then, report the phishing attempt to the FTC at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

Scammers send unexpected messages that look like they're from well-known invitation platforms like Evite or Paperless Post. Some messages list someone you know as the host and make you enter your email username and password to see event details. Some messages tell you to enter a phone number and share a special code to RSVP. That's not how real invitations work. This is just a scammer trying to steal (or reset) your account information. If they get in, they might take over your email account and send the same scam to your contacts.



It's graduation and summer party season. The FTC is getting reports about unexpected "You're invited" texts and emails that are actually phishing scams. These fake invitations ask for your email login credentials or a special pass code to open them, but don't do it. Learn how these phishing scams work and how to protect yourself if you get one.

If you get an unexpected invitation like this, resist the urge to click. Instead,

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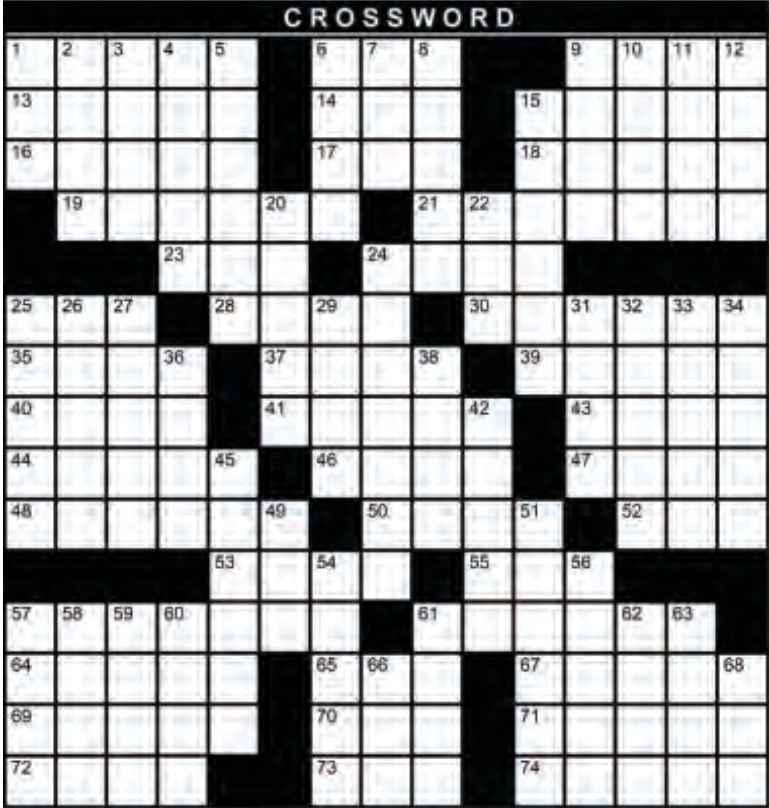
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9. Maisie Williams on "Game of Thrones"
13. Poisonous plant
14. UN labor grp.
15. George Orwell to Eric Arthur Blair
16. Movie genre
17. Shark part
18. Ax mark
19. *First Native American to win Olympic Gold
21. *The Great One of hockey
23. Be indisposed
24. Disfigure
25. Du Bois' initials
28. Hoodwink
30. Baking soda
35. Bypass
37. "Breaking Bad" product
39. Spelunker
40. Orchestra member
41. Charles Dickens' " ____ House"
43. Family room staple
44. Like United States Capitol
46. "Cogito ____ sum"
47. Tongue- ____
48. Stockholm dwellers
50. *Tiger Woods has won this award the most times
52. On the wagon
53. Silage
55. Almond-induced state?
57. *Jordan or Phelps
61. *Female player with most Open Era Grand Slams
64. Infant's woe
65. Seafood selection
67. Practical
69. Stopped sleeping
70. Pigeon sound
71. *Most decorated gymnast
72. Red, or excessively bureaucratic, one
73. End of a fuse?
74. Balance sheet entry

DOWN

1. Drug in "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas"
2. John Mellencamp's " ____ So Good"
3. Nanny in East Asia
4. Polynesian island country
5. Tick or mite
6. Abundant
7. *Boxer a.k.a. The People's Champion
8. Kingdom in South Pacific
9. Loads (2 words)
10. Nabisco cracker
11. Noisy talk
12. Like Zombie's skin color
15. Low on hemoglobin
20. Perfectly vertical
22. Adam's body part
24. Measured, like electricity on utility bill
25. *Tied for most PGA Tour wins
26. Curve like a bow
27. Biotic community
29. *O Rei of soccer
31. Throw a line
32. Steer clear of
33. Send to a specialist, e.g.
34. *NFL's 7-time Super Bowl champion
36. Got ready to drive
38. Old witches, usually
42. Small steep-sided hill, in Africa
45. Vandalize
49. Johnny Nash's "I Can ____ See Clearly Now"
51. West African people
54. Choose by vote
56. Abominable snowmen
57. Med. sch. requirement
58. *Hall of Famer Bob Feller's home state
59. Hoofbeat sound
60. Nature walk
61. Narrow aperture
62. Zilches
63. Away from wind
66. Many, many moons
68. Approx.

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SLPOA 2026 END OF SESSION REPORT

From Mark Bruns, SLPOA Lobbyist

The Missouri General Assembly concluded the 2026 legislative session on Friday, May 15 at 6:00 pm as required by the constitution. This session followed a cycle that produced a larger volume of legislation and comparatively fewer disruptions than recent years. While prior sessions were often defined by prolonged filibusters, internal party divisions, and late-session gridlock, the 2026 session generally reflected a return to a more traditional legislative process.

Lawmakers focused on issues including state budgeting, tax policy, public safety initiatives, healthcare reforms, workforce development, and economic competitiveness. The General Assembly approved approximately \$50.7 billion in appropriations and capital improvements spending while passing 100 total measures, including 83 policy bills and resolutions, which is a notable increase from previous sessions and indicative of a Senate that was well functioning for the most part.

While lawmakers advanced many high-profile priority bills, a number of significant issues, including property tax relief and video lottery terminal legislation failed to reach final passage.

The following bills are those which passed during the 2026 legislative session that may have an impact on the SLPOA and now await action by the Governor.

Budget Items

We were successful with our requests of the Governor's office as well as the House Budget chair and Senate Appropriations chair to once again have \$5 million in the state budget for our college tuition recruitment and retention fund and additionally, \$500,000 in the budget for the Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights legal reimbursement fund.

Juvenile Crime

SB888 and HB2637– Similar bills containing several provisions relating to crimes committed by juveniles and truth in sentencing for adult offenders. Allows the prosecuting attorney or circuit attorney, in addition to the court or juvenile officer, to petition the court for certification as an adult for certain serious crimes committed by a juvenile. Also requires juvenile officers to share juvenile criminal history data with MULES and REJIS in order to create a database to be accessible by law enforcement agencies. Also contains language dealing with new felony time-served guidelines for adult offenders. HB2637 contains updates to sentencing for sexual offenses, modifications to jail time credit, eliminates the notarization requirement when taking a person into custody for a mental health evaluation, and new regulations on the use of unmanned aircraft and the authorization of law enforcement to intercept and disable unmanned aircraft.

Missouri Rangers

SB905 – Creates the Missouri Rangers training and certification program. Requires the POST Commission to establish guidelines for "Rangers" to prevent and respond to emergencies or acts of violence in school settings. Rangers shall be employed by school districts and shall have the authority to carry a firearm and shall have arrest powers. Identical language is also contained in SB1421, which is a multi- subject

public safety bill.

Constitutional Sheriffs

SJR87 – This resolution will be placed on the ballot, and if approved by voters, will amend the constitution to specify that a county sheriff shall be elected every four years, shall enforce the laws of the state, and shall be the chief law enforcement officer in his or her county. The sheriff may be removed by a quo warranto petition brought by the Attorney General. The City of St. Louis and St. Louis County are both exempted from the resolution.

Retirement

SB1572 – Contains multiple provisions relating to public employee retirement, including language that prohibits the use of public retirement funds to support or oppose any candidate for public office or any ballot measure. Language was included to allow for the retirement system and employees of the system to educate and inform members and the public about potential impacts to the system of any ballot measure. Additionally, there is language in the bill clarifying that the three elected members of the St. Louis PRS shall be actively commissioned officers of the SLMPD. There is no change to the status of retired members of the PRS.

The following bills of interest which may have had an impact on the SLPOA **DID NOT PASS**:

Spending Flexibility for Board of Police Commissioners

We attempted to reach a consensus to give the Board of Police Commissioners the ability to move money from one budget line item to another without seeking approval by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. Representative Brad Christ was successful in adding that provision, along with the ability to pay overtime to lieutenant's in SB1421. However, after nearly 6 hours of negotiations in the Senate to keep the language in the bill, an agreement could not be reached and our language was removed.

First Responder Collective Bargaining

HB1644 - We were successful in adding police officers to a bill which established a 30-day timeline for municipalities to begin bargaining in good faith with a first responder bargaining unit. The legislation also contained provisions outlining a mediation process if an agreement could not be reached in 180 days, and finally an arbitration process if an agreement is not reached with a mediator in 90 days. The measure passed the Senate 23-8 and was then returned to the House for consideration of changes made in the Senate. We were optimistic of a positive vote on the House floor, but the bill was held up in the Fiscal Review Committee by Representative Jim Murphy, the chair of the committee and never advanced to the floor for a vote.

Second Amendment Preservation Act

Hb3070 – This bill would reestablish the Second Amendment Preservation Act, which had passed several years ago but was struck down by the Eight Circuit Court of Appeals because it violates the supremacy clause of the U.S. constitution. There were subtle changes to

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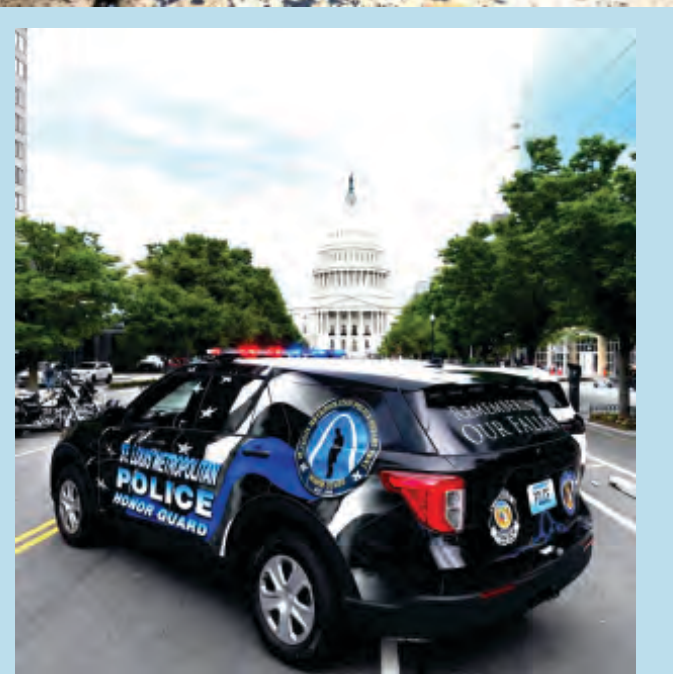
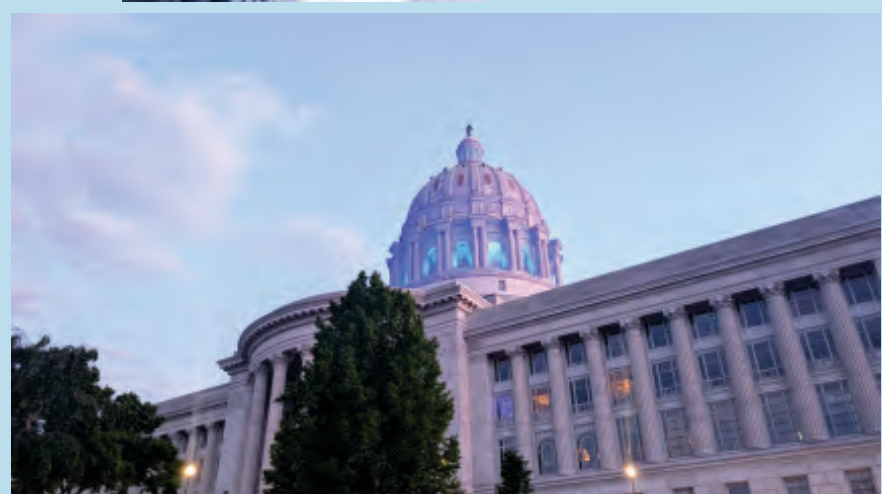
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Date of Employment: 05/04/1964
Date of Retirement: 09/21/1985

Assignment code at time of retirement:
Detective Bureau

Surviving Spouse: Charlotte Durall



Retired Lieutenant Kenneth M. Bradshaw DSN: 00230

Birth: 03/19/1955
Death: 08/20/2025

Date of Employment: 09/08/1976
Date of Retirement: 05/11/2009

Assignment code at time of retirement: 670



Retired Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Pollihan DSN: 08336

Birth: 02/17/1950
Death: 03/12/2026

Date of Employment: 06/26/1972
Date of Retirement: 01/05/2009

Assignment code at time of retirement: 700
Surviving Spouse: Kathryn Rosteck



Retired Police Officer Anthony J. Dylewski DSN: 05662

Birth: 03/01/1942
Death: 02/27/2026

Date of Employment: 06/21/1065
Date of Retirement: 09/29/1986

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**Retired Police Officer
Silas E. Ellis
DSN: 03064**

Birth: 10/24/1959
Death: 04/24/2026

Date of Employment: 10/10/1988
Date of Retirement: 01/27/2014

Assignment code at time of retirement:
955

Surviving Spouse: LaRhonda A. Ellis



**Retired Police Officer
Edward A. Kelemen
DSN: 04993**

Birth: 06/03/1941
Death: 04/30/2026

Date of Employment: 01/20/1964
Date of Retirement: 09/02/1987

Assignment code at time of retirement:
First



**Retired Police Officer
Carl M. Givens
DSN: 07985**

Birth: 07/18/1948
Death: 02/18/2026

Date of Employment: 10/05/1970
Date of Retirement: 01/01/1987

Assignment code at time of
retirement: Sixth District

Surviving Spouse: Terralon Givens



**Retired Police Officer
Constance L. Myles
DSN: 00584**

Birth: 06/04/1944
Death: 04/29/2026

Date of Employment: 03/31/1975
Date of Retirement: 09/18/2006

Assignment code at time of retirement:
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**Retired Police Officer
Mark C. O'Brien**
DSN: 01546

Birth: 02/02/1956
Death: 02/20/2026

Date of Employment: 07/13/2006
Date of Retirement: 07/13/2017

Assignment code at time of retirement:
500



**Retired Police Officer
Robert S. Wencewicz**
DSN: 05200

Birth: 04/10/1939
Death: 05/04/2026

Date of Employment: 06/15/1964
Date of Retirement: 06/27/1994

Assignment code at time of retirement:
Command Post 200

Surviving Spouse: Laverne Wencewicz



**Retired Police Officer William P.
Towner**
DSN: 05272

Birth: 02/20/1941
Death: 04/27/2026

Date of Employment: 07/27/1964
Date of Retirement: 11/14/1988

Assignment code at time of retirement:
Sixth

Surviving Spouse: Patricia R. Towner



**Retired Police Officer
Norvell E. Zieger**
DSN: 03153

Birth: 11/02/1934
Death: 03/02/2026

Date of Employment: 08/25/1958
Date of Retirement: 01/02/1990

Assignment code at time of retirement:
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this year's version of the bill in attempt to meet the constitutional guidelines, but the measure would still have prohibited any local or state law enforcement officer from enforcing federal gun laws as well as subjecting a law enforcement agency to a \$50,000 fine for violating the act. The measure was defeated in the House General Laws Committee earlier in the year and a similar companion bill never gained traction in the Senate.

Looking Ahead

Although the 2026 legislative session concluded with fewer conflicts than in recent years, many unresolved issues are expected to return in 2027. Topics likely to receive continued attention include property tax reform, Video Lottery Terminal regulations and gaming proposals, healthcare costs and Medicaid policy, and Artificial Intelligence regulation

Legislators have now returned to their home districts and will begin preparing policy priorities and legislative agendas for the 2027 session. Meanwhile, Governor Mike Kehoe and his staff will begin the process of reviewing legislation approved during the session, making decisions on bills awaiting action and considering any potential vetoes involving both policy and budget matters.

Finally, this is an election year. All of the seats in the Missouri House of Representatives are up for election and half of the Senate seats. We will see a large turnover in both the House and Senate due to term limits. We will keep you updated throughout the summary and fall as to how both the results of the Primary Elections in August and November General Election will impact the 2027 legislative session. Also, worth noting, both leadership in the House and Senate will change next year as the Speaker of the House is termed out and both the President Pro Tem and Majority Floor Leader in the Senate are termed out as well.

Key Dates of Interest

- June 30 – Deadline for Governor to sign or veto budget items
- July 14 – Deadline for Governor to sign or veto policy legislation
- August 28 – Effective date of legislation
- September 16 – Veto Session



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P.O. Richard Booker, Jr.	312	04/30/2026	Service

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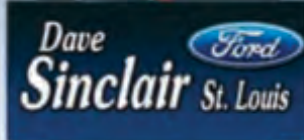
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