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SLPOA Update

By Joe Steiger - SLPOA Business Manager

Most of you are aware of the horrific events in Ferguson resulting in a serious injury to Officer Travis Brown. The latest update on his condition is not encouraging but he continues to fight for his life, and we hope and pray that he makes a full recovery. The SLPOA Executive Board made an immediate contribution to his family to help with expenses and a Go Fund Me account has also been established. Please keep Officers Brown and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Labor Update

SLPOA has restarted wage negotiations with the City and the Police Department as outlined in our current agreement. The labor committee is working to increase salaries for Police Officers and Sergeants which will ultimately affect all ranks throughout the department. Negotiations are confidential and it would not be proper for us to discuss details away from the table. We do not want to jeopardize good faith or the confidentiality of the process. However, in the interest in keeping our membership informed, we do want to share some basic information about our committee's position.

I'm sure most of you are aware by now that the Department is looking to move to a modified work schedule to help address the staffing shortages. All the labor groups and other department representatives have been meeting with the Chief's office to discuss these plans. The intention is to add more officers on the street by moving to an eleven- or twelve-hour day or something similar. Most departments throughout the area are already in some variation of a ten-, eleven- or twelve-hour day. That being said, hours of work are a mandatory subject of bargaining and will only be settled and agreed to through the bargaining process.

This manpower shortage isn't exclusive to St. Louis City or to SLMPD. We are seeing the result of years of negative rhetoric against and about police officers and the policing profession which has led to mass early retirements and a disinterest in the policing profession as a whole. Despite the department's recent efforts, they are still struggling to recruit and retain officers, as are most departments throughout the area. The struggle to entice police officers is challenging but the best way to attract new officers and retain the ones you have is through competitive salaries. Let's put that in perspective.

The SLPOA recently received a pay comparison study conducted by the St. Louis Area Police Chiefs Association which demonstrated the low rankings of St. Louis City officers' pay. St. Louis City officers' pay ranked thirty-three out of thirty-five departments in starting salary for officers, thirty-one out of thirty-five in top salary and dead last in the number of years it takes to reach your top salary at a whopping thirty-year mark. That is fifteen years longer than our closest competitor, St. Louis County Police, at fifteen years. The average number of years for area officers to



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reach their top salary is just over nine years. The results showed City officers' starting pay is over \$10,000 less than the area average and our top pay is \$7,000 lower than the top average salary.

St. Louis City Police Sergeants weren't much better. Sergeants ranked twenty-nine in starting salary and twenty-nine in top salary. They were also dead last in the number of years it takes to reach the top salary at twenty-five years. St. Louis City Sergeants starting pay is more than \$9,000 lower than the area average and their top pay is nearly \$10,000 lower than the area average. The average number of years it takes for St. Louis area sergeants to reach their top pay is just under eight years. It takes SLMPD sergeants seventeen years longer to reach their top salary when compared to that average and twelve years longer than our closest competitor, Overland PD, who tops out after thirteen years.

The moral of this story is despite a genuine effort by the City and Police Leadership to increase salaries last year (8%, 10%, 12% respectively for officers and 9%, 11%, and 13% for sergeants) we are still lagging far behind our counterparts in the St. Louis area. Once our salaries went up, so did salaries for everyone else.

This data was shared with the Police Leadership, the Mayor's office and with the St. Louis City office of the Director of Personnel. The Police Department budget has already been passed by the Board or Alderman so any raises would have to come from within that budget. With our

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(Preamble of the Association’s Constitution and By-Laws)

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September 25
October 30
6 p.m.

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September 25
October 30
4 p.m.

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THANK YOU FOR VOTING IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION!

Thank you for answering the call to get out the vote! Your concerted action and encouragement of others to get out and vote was invaluable to the mission of SLPOA and the future of the entire state of Missouri. Your involvement shows that we can make a difference when we individually and collectively act. The elections on Tuesday now set the stage for the Nov. 5 general election and beyond.

PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

The 2024 Missouri primaries were some of the most hard-fought and unpredictable in recent history. These results will have a major impact on the political landscape in the state going forward. We don't want to downplay the importance of voting in the November general election as it will be equally important to get our endorsed candidates across the finish line. Because Missouri is such a Republican leaning state, Tuesday's primary election was a huge piece of the puzzle in setting the stage for who will be serving during the 2025 legislative session.

In the general election this November, only 2 out of the 17 State Senate seats and less than 5 out of 163 total House districts will likely be competitive. Below is a recap of some of the more notable races.

STATEWIDE RESULTS:

Lt Gov Mike Kehoe Wins the Republican Primary for Governor!

FOP/SLPOA endorsed gubernatorial candidate, Lt. Governor Mike Kehoe, won with 39.41% of the vote, defeating two strong challengers Sen. Bill Eigel (32.55%) and Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft (23.24%). Kehoe now faces Democrat Rep. Crystal Quade from Springfield in the November general election. We have poured more resources and effort into Mike Kehoe than any other endorsed candidate in the history of the FOP and we are certain that he will win in November.

Lieutenant Governor:

David Wassinger won the Republican primary for Lt. Governor.

Wassinger (31.28%) narrowly defeated Senator Lincoln Hough (30.25%) with Senator Holly Rehder (21.66%) coming in third. Hough will return to the Senate to finish out his last 2 years. Rehder was term limited and will not return after this loss. We know little about political newcomer Wassinger. He was raised in Hannibal, Missouri, attended the University of Missouri, and received a JD from Vanderbilt University. He resides in St. Louis with his wife and two sons. He will face Democrat Rep. Richard Brown from Kansas City in November.

Attorney General:

Incumbent Andrew Bailey held off the challenge from well-funded Will Scharf (63.01% - 36.98%). In November we expect Bailey is likely to be elected to a full term as the Attorney General. Bailey was appointed by the Governor to be the Attorney General when US Senator Eric Schmitt vacated the seat position after winning his current office.

Andrew Bailey has been a staunch supporter of law enforcement from day one and without him, it is a real likelihood that we would still have Kim Gardner in office. Bailey will face Democrat Elad Gross and Libertarian Ryan L. Munro in November.

State Treasurer Race:

Vivek Malek defeated two current members of the General Assembly, Rep Cody Smith from Joplin and Senator Andrew Koenig from west St. Louis County. Neither legislator will continue in their current roles as legislators after their term expires in December. Malek, like AG Bailey, was appointed by the Governor when current State Auditor Scott Fitzpatrick won that office in 2022. Malek will face Democrat Mark Osmack and Libertarian John A. Hartwig Jr. in November.

Secretary of State Race:

Sen. Denny Hoskins won this race with a low 24.5% of the vote. The field was so large and so competitive in this race with all 8 candidates considered viable, that an even split of voters allowed the winner to secure the Republican nomination with an unprecedented low vote percentage. Denny's challengers in the race were Shane Schoeller, Rep. Adam Schwadron, Jamie Corley, Speaker Dean Plocher, Sen. Mary Elizabeth Coleman, Valentina Gomez, and Mike Carter.

One of his challengers, Sen Mary Elizabeth Coleman, returns to the Senate where she will finish out the remainder of her term (2 more years) and is eligible to run for an additional 4-year term. Barbara Pfifer won the Democrat primary and will face Hoskins in November.

MISSOURI SENATE RESULTS:

There were several incumbent Senators who secured the primary nod with no serious primary competition. As expected, Senators Doug Beck (D - St. Louis County), Steven Roberts (D - St. Louis City), and Jason Bean (R- Bootheel) all won their primary election.

Several incumbents faced stiff primary competition. Senators Barbara Washington (D-KC), Angela Mosely (D-North St. Louis Co.), Mike Moon (R-Lawrence Co) and Rick Brattin (R-Cass Co) all survived strong opposition in the primary and all will most likely win their general election in November.

There were several open Senate seats with hotly contested primary races that will likely determine the next Senators for those Districts. The winners of those districts were:

- Mike Henderson defeated Rep. Cyndi Buchheit-Courtway in the 3rd
- Patty Lewis defeated Pat Contreras in the 7th
- Joe Nikola ousted Aaron McMullen in the 11th
- David Gregory beat out Jim Bowlin and Mark Harter in the 15th
- Kurtis Gregory took out Doug Richey in the 21st
- Adam Schnelting won the 4-way primary in the 23rd over Phil Christofanelli, Rich Chrismer and Dan O'Connell

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- Jamie Burger defeated Chris Dinkins and Jacob Turner in the 27th
- Brad Hudson prevailed over Travis Smith in the 33rd

MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES RESULTS:

All House seats were up for election. There are 163 total state house districts in Missouri. There were only a few notable primary surprise upsets of incumbent legislators. Below are some of the highlights worth mentioning in the House primary races:

- Going into the primary, Republicans held a 114-49 advantage in the state house. The primary election set up the general election landscape where the Republican party is still heavily favored to maintain control of the House.
- In the primary election, 5 Republican incumbents were defeated:
 - **District 33:** Incumbent Chris Sander (R) was defeated by challenger Carolyn Caton (R)
 - **District 64:** Incumbent Tony Lovasco (R) was defeated by challenger Deanna Self (R)
 - **District 109:** Incumbent Kyle Marquart (R) was defeated (in a rematch) by challenger John Simmons (R) who was unseated two years ago by Marquart
 - **District 111:** Incumbent Gary Bonacker (R) was defeated by challenger Cecelie Williams (R)
 - **District 123:** Incumbent Lisa Thomas (R) was defeated by challenger Jeff Verneti (R)

- The urban areas have a few close races we will be watching in the November general election. Many factors could influence voter turnout, including ballot measures that could yield high Democrat turn out and a presidential race that could yield high Republican turn out making some seats ripe for possible party flips.

CONGRESSIONAL RESULTS:

US Senate:

Senate Josh Hawley is up for his first reelection to his seat. He ran unopposed in the Republican Primary. Lucas Kuncie is the Democrat nominee. He defeated State Senator Karla May.

US House of Representatives:

Of the eight House seats in Missouri, there were two closely watched races. In Congressional District 1, Incumbent Rep. Cori Bush (D), lost (45.6%) to primary challenger Wesley Bell (51.1%).

In Congressional District 3, former state Senator Bob Onder (47.37%) defeated former state Senator Kurt Schaefer (37.22%). This seat was vacated by Sen. Blaine Luetkemeyer (R) who decided to retire. Schaefer was backed by Luetkemeyer and Onder was endorsed by Trump.

In the remaining six congressional seats, incumbents won their party's nomination: CD-2 Rep. Ann Wagner (R), CD-4 Mark Alford (R), CD-5 Rep. Emmanuel Cleaver III (D), CD-6 Rep. Sam Graves (R), CD-7 Rep. Eric Burlison (R), and CD-8 Rep. Jason Smith ®.

RESULTS OF BALLOT INITIATIVES:

The primary saw two statewide ballot initiatives on the ballot, with one passing and one failing. Following a court ruling that previous ballot language regarding funding of the Kansas City Police was misleading, the measure was put on the ballot again and narrowly passed with a vote of 51% to 49%.

Constitutional Amendment 4 will allow the General Assembly to require that any city with a police department overseen by a state board of police commissioners allocate at least 25% of its budget to police funding. This was an all-important win for members of Lodge 99 and could eventually impact Lodge 68, should St. Louis return to a state board of police commissioners.

Finally, Constitutional Amendment 1 would have exempted childcare establishments from property taxes. This measure failed with 55% voting no and 45% voting yes.

Thank you again for making a difference in our endorsed races and remember to vote in the General Election in November. SLPOA will share additional information about our endorsements as election day nears.

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SLPOA ELECTION

The following members submitted a declaration of candidacy for the open positions on the SLPOA Executive Board as follows:

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Division 2 Representative:	Mike Cohen
Division 4 Representative:	Tim Bockskopf
Division 6 Representative:	Karl Laschober
Division 8 Representative:	Trevor Russell
Division 10 Representative:	Alphonso Hogan

Since none of the races are contested, the new board members will be confirmed by the current Executive Board and assume their new office at the Executive Board Meeting held on September 25, 2024.

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Have Attack Ads Gone Too Far?

Police Chief Chris DiGiuseppi, President of the Missouri Police Chiefs' Association and founding member of the Law Enforcement Legislative Coalition joins efforts with Officer Jay Schroeder, President of the Missouri State Chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police and Joe Steiger, Business Manager of the St. Louis Police Officers' Association, to call out an attack ad which has "crossed the line."

"Our organizations recently learned of a false and incredibly disturbing Advertisement paid for by the Defend Missouri Political Action Committee in the Republican Attorney General race. The Advertisement exploits the murder of a police officer. This Ad and the statements it contain have the potential to jeopardize the prosecution of the Defendant in that case," says Steiger.

"The Ad claims that Attorney General Bailey does not support Law Enforcement and was somehow responsible for the release of this Defendant who committed the murder. THIS IS ABSOLUTELY NOT TRUE. Attorney General Bailey wasn't even with the prosecutor's office at the time when a judge granted this Defendant's bond over the state's objection. In addition to jeopardizing the prosecution, the Ad demonstrates a complete and utter disregard for the family of this murdered police officer. They have been through enough pain and trauma over the past year and shouldn't be subjected to images of their loved one's murder in the media for political gain. We need to stand up for the family of this police officer by ensuring that they can receive the justice they deserve for the murder of their loved one. These actions place politics over the murder of a police officer and that's WRONG, UNACCEPTABLE AND INEXCUSABLE," says Chief DiGiuseppi.

Officer Schroeder said on behalf of himself and over 8,000 FOP members Statewide, "We want to set the record straight and let the people of Missouri know that your Police Chiefs, Police Leaders and Police Officers stand by and support Attorney General Bailey's prosecution of the Defendant in the murder of our police officer. The fact that this PAC had to use a Sheriff who was suspended by his Agency due to an investigation by Attorney General Bailey's office to make this statement, is telling. Attorney General Bailey has supported Law Enforcement and continues to do so, contrary to this heinous Ad. Let us not forget, without the actions of Attorney General Andrew Bailey, Kim Gardner is likely still the Prosecuting Attorney in St. Louis."

We believe as Police Chiefs, Police Leaders and Police Officers that we MUST set the record straight and again call for the removal of this harmful Ad.

One of the Founders of the Police Wives Association Lola Gutzler Passes

Lola Gutzler, age 84 passed away in peace holding her husband's hand of 56 years, Robert (Bob) Gutzler Sr., on August 17, 2024, at Barnes Jewish Hospital Parkview Center in St. Louis, Missouri.



Lola was very caring and giving and embraced the life of being a St. Louis Police officer's wife for 38 years as Bob retired in 2004 from the force. She worked, picketed and championed with other police officer wives to establish the St. Louis Police Wives Association which helped lead to the formation of the St. Louis Police Officer Association. Lola developed many friends along the way within the department including the best man in their wedding; Officer Nick Fitzenreider and Detective Sgt. Elmer Kavanaugh.

First shift, second shift or third shift, it didn't matter to Lola as she welcomed the life of a police officer's wife. She would iron Bob's shirts while he shined his shoes. She would coach her son's little league baseball team while Bob worked secondary after secondary job to support his family.

She loved the Retired Police Officer Bar-be-cue at Cliff Cave Park; she loved the Police Association dances, and she loved to bring food and sweets to the Fourth District Detective Bureau.

Lola was also very passionate about her family, friends and neighbors. She loved to garden, fish, camp, deer hunt, play cards, cook and attend hundreds of her kids and grandkids sporting events and lived life to its fullest.

She is survived by her husband Robert (Bob) Gutzler Sr., sons Tommy (Donna) Merritt, Robert (Misha) Gutzler Jr., grandchildren Zachary (Amanda) Merritt, Abigail Merritt, Brandon Gutzler, Christopher (Madelynn) Gutzler, Jamisha (Andrew) Alexander, great granddaughter Arianna Merritt, great grandson Kolten Welch, brother Troy Deckard and nephew Troy Deckard Jr.

Her final resting place is in Oregon County, Missouri where she will be near her parents and just a few miles from her family's farm.

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staffing levels at an all-time low, there is money available in the budget to make significant pay raises for our members. We are working diligently with the City's negotiating team to get this done. We are optimistic we can have something settled by the end of the first quarter and we are pushing to have it in place by October of this year.

The one constant roadblock to pay increases is the parity issue with the St. Louis Fire Department. We are forced to bargain for well-deserved increases in wages for our members but unjustly must simultaneously carry the burden of bargaining for another group (the fire department) which is connected to any raise we receive through a parity provision in the City Charter. I truly believe the City and the Department see the obvious pay disparity between our officers and officers throughout the area and they want to find a way to close the gap. However, the fire department parity provision continues to be an anchor to any negotiations. That being said, Firefighter parity is their issue, not ours, and they have to find a way to solve it if they want to keep from losing more numbers from the police department. Stay tuned for further updates as we move through the wage negotiation process.

Governor Bill Signing

SLPOA leadership joined the St. Louis County Police Officers' Association and other area FOP Lodges on Thursday, August 22nd for the Governor's signing of the omnibus crime bill which passed through the state legislature this past session. The bill contains many pro law enforcement provisions, most importantly Valentine's Law, which establishes mandatory jail time and expanded penalties for fleeing from police. It was named in honor of St. Louis County Detective Antonio Valentine who was killed in the line of duty. Detective Valentine was involved in a vehicle crash with a fleeing suspect while responding to assist fellow detectives.

Another provision included within the omnibus bill limits the authority of civilian review boards by reestablishing the authority of civilian boards as they were intended by state statute: to review and recommend. The Board of Alderman recently overstepped their authority establishing the new Civilian Oversight Board with broad authority over police. Then it was populated with anti-police activists who cannot possibly be fair and

objective. This legislation thankfully puts an end to the authority of this board.

SLPOA Elections:

Petitions for candidacy for the open positions on the executive board were open from August 1st through August 7th per our By-Law and as announced on the SLPOA Website. All the even number divisions were available along with a one-year term in Division One due to the transfer of the current Division One Representative. In addition, the At-Large positions of Vice President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer were also open. Candidates were filed for all the open positions, aside from the Division One representative, but none of the races were contested. In cases such as this, the current Executive Board will certify the election at the September Executive Board meeting and the new members will be seated. Thank you to all the officers and sergeants who volunteered to serve on the board.

Golf Tournament:

The second annual SLPOA Golf Tournament presented by QuikTrip is fast approaching. We are still in need of Hole Sponsors and raffle prizes and there are a few spots left for golf teams. This year's tournament is being held at Stone Wolf Golf Club in Fairview Heights, Illinois. Please contact me for more information if you are interested in playing or supporting our organization through a hole sponsorship or donated raffle prize.

Thanks to the generous donation from our partners at QuikTrip, we were able to move this year's tournament to a much nicer course. Last year was our first tournament so we chose a more affordable golf course that was designed to honor military veterans and first responders. Unfortunately, the long hot summer took a toll on the greens, and it was in need of a lot of repairs which didn't make for the best golfing experience. That course has since closed but now with one year of experience under our belt and with the backing from our friends at QuikTrip, we are looking forward to a bigger and better experience for our participants and hope to continue building on this tournament for years to come.

All proceeds for the tournament help SLPOA with our community outreach, member relief and charitable donations. Please help us keep this event going strong. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you at the tournament in September.



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Ferguson Officer Injured

The ten-year anniversary of Ferguson was marked with civil unrest resulting in a Ferguson Police Officer sustaining serious life-threatening injuries. As of this writing, Officer Travis Brown is still fighting for his life as his family, friends, coworkers and fellow officers from around the community rally around him, praying for his recovery. All of this could have and should have been avoided. This continued hostility and negative rhetoric toward law enforcement has severely altered the life of another member of our police family. The SLPOA Executive Board promptly donated to his family to help with immediate costs and a Go Fund me account has been established to support his family further. To donate please visit the Go Fund Me website and search for Support Ferguson Officer Travis Brown.

Another disheartening discovery from the violent protests was one of the people who was at the heart of all this unrest was a current member of the Civilian Oversight Board in the City of St. Louis. He was arrested and charged with felony Property Damage 1st Degree. His actions prompted a joint letter to Mayor Jones from SLPOA President, Jay Schroeder, Ethical Society of Police President, Donnell Walters, and St. Louis Police Leadership Organization President, Mickey Owens, calling for his immediate removal. SLPOA has since learned that the Mayor is unable to remove a member from the Civilian Oversight Board. Per Ordinance 71749, only the Civilian Oversight Board members can initiate such a removal, but this is only a request to the Board of Aldermen to take action and remove a member. Yet another reason why this haphazard system is flawed. SLPOA is aware that Alderman Tom Oldenburg, Bret Narayan and Laura Keys have been in contact with the Civilian Oversight Chairman demanding his removal. We appreciate their support!

Fortunately for law enforcement officers in the City of St. Louis, SLPOA saw the flaws with the ordinance enabling and empowering the COB and acted to restrict their authority through state statute in Jefferson City last year. Through our efforts, we were able to get language in statute that limits the overreach granted though ordinance and restores the authority of the COB to where it was intended by statute; to review and recommend. No more ability to conduct witch hunts on officers, subjecting them to unsubstantiated subpoenas and wasting the time of our already overworked police department by members of the community who continue to promulgate a false narrative about the events in Ferguson ten years ago.



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Honorable Mayor Tishaura Jones
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Sent via email

August 12, 2024

Mayor Jones,

As you already know, protests near the Ferguson Police Department turned violent this past weekend. Ferguson Police Officer Travis Brown was seriously injured when he was charged and knocked to the ground by a violent protestor. Officer Brown was required to undergo surgery on his brain, and he is still in critical condition. Additional officers sustained minor injuries while dealing with the violent protestors who decided to damage property, resist arrest and assault police officers.

It has come to our attention that one of the bad actors involved in the violent protest was Keith Rose, an active member of the Civilian Oversight Board. Mr. Rose was arrested and charged with a felony for Property Damage 1st Degree. Mr. Rose should be immediately removed from his position on the Civilian Oversight Board. We believe the actions of Mr. Rose demonstrate that he cannot uphold his duties to be fair and objective as required by the City's own Civilian Oversight Board member requirements. He has demonstrated a bias towards police officers and a disdain for the profession. Allowing him to continue in this role is an insult to the hard-working men and women of the St. Louis Police Department.

The leadership of the St. Louis Police Officers' Association, the Ethical Society of Police and the St. Louis Police Leadership Organization implore you to stand with your officers and remove Keith Rose from his post on the Civilian Oversight Board immediately.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jay Schroeder
President
St. Louis Police Officers'
Association

Donnie Walters
President
Ethical Society of Police

Mickey Owens
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Organization

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Retired Police Officer
James D. Ramsey
DSN: 3089

Birth: 03/27/1931
Death: 05/27/2024

Date of Employment: 06/30/1958
Date of Retirement: 07/29/1991

Assignment code at time of retirement: 595

Surviving Spouse: Loretta D. Ramsey

The Funeral arrangements are pending.



Retired Sergeant Leondus A. Bates
DSN: 7677

Birth: 02/01/1944
Death: 07/05/2024

Date of Employment: 05/12/1980
Date of Retirement: 05/17/2000

Assignment code at time of retirement: 308

Surviving Spouse: Dorothy L. Bates

The Funeral arrangements are pending.



Retired Sergeant Dennis W. King
DSN: 5100

Birth: 04/22/1941
Death: 06/30/2024

Date of Employment: 04/13/1964
Date of Retirement: 12/19/1988

Assignment code at time of retirement: Prisoner Processing

Surviving Spouse: Katherine King

The Funeral arrangements are pending.



Retired Police Officer
Mark A. Busken
DSN: 3561

Birth: 03/12/1960
Death: 07/08/2024

Date of Employment: 01/08/1990
Date of Retirement: 04/02/2007 (Service-Connected Accidental Disability)

Assignment code at time of retirement: 302

Surviving Spouse: Gina Busken

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Retired Police Officer
James D. Wilferd
DSN: 4266

Birth: 11/13/1937
Death: 07/20/2024

Date of Employment: 10/30/1961
Date of Retirement: 05/16/1994

Assignment code at time of retirement: 570-Mounted Division

Father of Detective David Wilferd (Cyber Crimes Section) and Civilian Todd Wilferd (Buildings Division)

Surviving Spouse: Marcella Wilferd




Louis, Missouri, surrounded by his family at the age of 74 years. He was born in St. Louis, Missouri on February 28, 1950 to Richard and Delores (Nee Noll) Allen, who preceded him in death.

Russell is survived by his wife of 41 years, Debra, and two children Tim (Erica) Allen of Imperial, and Megan (Tim) Harbison of Ironton, Missouri. He is also survived by three grandchildren who were the absolute light and joys of his life, Emerson Harbison, and Everett and Eli Allen.

Russ was a pillar of his community, a family man, and a true servant to the people. He served in the United States Army and was proud of his service to his country. He wore many hats, and served on more boards and committees than his family could even keep track of. He retired from the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department in 1993, after more than 20 years of dedicated service, and moved to Ironton to raise his children. He was a patrolman for the City of Ironton and was later promoted to Chief of Police. You always knew it was Russ when you passed his patrol car, by his aviator sunglasses, and his large cigar in his right hand. He was offered the job as Iron County's Juvenile Officer, and eventually became Chief Juvenile Officer of the 42nd Circuit. He decided to retire in June of 2016, one week after his first grandchild was born. He also served as Ironton's Fire Chief, an Iron County Sheriff's Deputy, Ironton's Emergency Management Director, and was currently serving on Ironton's Board of Alderman.

To know Russ, was to love him. He was known valley wide for his lack of patience and for not holding back his opinion. His knack for making up words when he was mad, will live on in the hearts of many social workers forever. He had a wicked sense of humor, that was a blessing with a family like his. His wife and children liked to test his patience daily, and usually at his expense. Sometimes they would let him eat a piece of chicken that the dog stole off the counter, and they had to wrestle to get it back. Once, they set his cell phone ring tone to play "Big Girls Don't Cry" and waited until he got to a meeting to call him (Where he adamantly denied over and over that it was not his phone ringing). At Christmas, he called his wife in a panic that there were carolers on the street, and he

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didn't know what to do. Debbie told him that they do that because they want you to give them toilet paper and paper towels. Since Russ didn't know if that was true, he rushed over to his mother-in-law's house next door to take refuge from the Christmas music. If you ever needed a joke, he had one. If you ever needed new ways to verbally express your frustrations, he could teach you that too. And if you ever needed someone to help you in a time of uncertainty or fear, he would never walk away.

Russ leaves behind a family that adored him. Regardless of if he was known as the crankiest man west of the Mississippi, he was the backbone of his tribe. With Russ's passing, his family worries about who will boss the Cardinals dug out from the couch each game, and who will stomp to the front window to stare disapprovingly at every loud vehicle blaring loud music that drove by.

While his family can no longer speed past him while he has a car pulled over on the side of the road, just to watch him shake his head, they know that heaven is officially a safer place. While his family mourns his earthly passing, they know that he has gone 'On Duty' for the first time on the streets of gold. Without a doubt in their minds, he ordered his first box of Boston crème filled donuts, poured his third pot of coffee for the day, and turned-on Maury Povich on tv (even though he would never admit it was his favorite show).

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to an organization Russ held near and dear to his heart, the BackStoppers. You can donate thru their website The Backstoppers.org or the funeral home will have forms available for your convenience.

Retired Lieutenant
Anton R. Wagner
DSN: 6395

Birth: 11/01/1944
Death: 08/01/2024

Date of Employment: 01/30/1967
Date of Retirement: 09/01/1999



Assignment code at time of retirement: 1st District
Surviving Spouse: Aimee Quevreaux Wagner
No funeral or memorial services will be held.

Police Officer Milton L. Thomas
DSN: 7914
SLPVA Member

Birth: 11/29/1945
Death: 08/09/2024

Date of Employment: 08/10/1970
Date of Retirement: 08/11/1990

Assignment code at time of retirement: 3rd District
Surviving Spouse: Connie Thomas

The Funeral arrangements are pending:

Retired Police Officer
Edgar F. Stegall
DSN: 2497

Birth: 03/18/1961
Death: 08/10/2024

Date of Employment: 06/02/1986
Date of Retirement: 07/10/2016

Assignment code at time of retirement: 312 District
Surviving Spouse: Carolyn Stegall

The Funeral arrangements are pending:



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Sergeant Joe W. Johnson
DSN: 3718

Birth: 04/26/1935
Death: 08/10/2024

Date of Employment: 12/14/1959
Date of Retirement: 04/08/1989

Assignment code at time of retirement:
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Burial at Jefferson Barracks Cemetery

Joe and his wife Charlotte died within two days of each other.

Johnson, Joe Wayne was born on April 26, 1935 in Arbyrd, MO to Joe Johnson and Beulah (nee Allen) Johnson and passed away on Sat. Aug. 10, 2024 in Savannah, TN.. Charlotte Ann Johnson was born on June 16, 1938 in Jonesboro, Arkansas to Charlie Lee Pritchett and Fannie Belva (nee Holt) Pritchett and passed away on Thur. Aug. 8, 2024 in Savannah, TN. Joe and Charlotte are survived by their children Lavanda Charlene Orrock of Rocky Mount, MO, Delinda Louise Rosner of Warrenton, MO and Regena Ann Bullington of Savannah, TN; their grandchildren, Jennifer Renee Strickland, Natalie Danielle Hill, Franklin Eugene Gable, Michael Paul Gable and Matthew Gregory Bullington; great-grandchildren Eryka, Meladee, Alexxander, Braydy, Hayden, Ashlynn, Lynnden, Weslee, Madelyn, Emma and Jesslynn; great-great-grandchildren Luke, Willow and Elena. our dear aunt, uncle, cousin and friend.



Retired Lieutenant
Adolphus Hardy, Jr.
DSN: 00213

Birth: 12/24/1952
Death: 08/11/2024

Date of Employment: 02/04/1974
Date of Retirement: 02/12/2001

Assignment code at time of retirement: 307

Surviving Spouse: None



Retired Police Officer
Michael A. Krupp
DSN: 00820

Birth: 10/29/1953
Death: 08/17/2024

Date of Employment: 09/27/1976
Date of Retirement: 01/05/2009

Assignment code at time of retirement: 303



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Police - “The Badge”

The author of the following article is unknown.

Yes . . . let's all join in the hatred of all police officers for the sins of a few. Let's defund one of the most important public institutions in our country's history. Let's have all badges removed and allow people to tend to their own safety and security.

But before you do so, let me tell you about the badge and the thousands of good men and women it represents.

The Badge

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This badge rescued a child who was drowning in a pond and performed CPR on her.

This badge fist fought a wife beater who left his spouse in a coma.

This badge ran into a burning building and saved the occupants.

This badge waded through flood waters to rescue the elderly people trapped on the roof of a building.

This badge intentionally crashed into the wrong way driver on a highway to protect innocent motorists.

This badge helped find a lost child so his mother would stop crying hysterically.

This badge picked up an injured dog off a road, put it in the police car, and rushed the injured dog to the vet.

This badge escorted an elderly woman across the street because she could not see well and was afraid to cross by herself.

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This badge took time to speak with a lonely, retired military veteran.

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This badge has been shot for simply existing.

This badge has been soaked in blood and tears.

This badge has been covered by a mourning band to honor those police officers who have sacrificed everything in service to others.

Police officers often say, “You may hate me because I wear the badge, but I wear it with pride. Despite your hate and your anger, I will await the next call for help and come running without hesitation. Just like the thousands of other dedicated police officers across this great nation, I wear 'the badge;' and I am glad to do so.”

The Badge ~ Unknown Author

Many of you officers can identify with some of the incidents listed above. Thank you for serving and protecting the citizens of St. Louis. May God bless you and be with you always. You are in my prayers every day.




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Let me be close to thee.*

*Please give me understanding with
both the young and old.
Let me listen with attention until
their story's told.*

*Let me never make a judgment in a
rash or callous way,
but let me hold my patience let each
man have his say.*

*Lord if some dark and dreary night,
I must give my life,
Lord, with your everlasting love
protect my children and my wife.*

(Author Unknown)



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18	19	20 FOP AUXILIARY MEETING 7PM	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 E-BOARD MTG 4:00 PM GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG 6 PM	29	30 PAYDAY	31

SEPTEMBER 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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15	16	17 FOP AUXILIARY MEETING 7PM	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 E-BOARD MTG 4:00PM GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG 6PM	26 SLPOA Golf Tournament	27 PAYDAY	28
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