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## Co-Workers Stunned, Saddened By Sudden Loss Of Friend And Mentor Jim Mana

The news of PO James Mana's death circulated quickly throughout the police department on March 9.

Mana, who had recently transferred into the Traffic Safety Division after serving eighteen years with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department was only 51-years old when he passed away suddenly of an apparent heart attack off duty.

Jim is survived by his three children Charlie, Kellyn and Nick as well as his parents Charles and Mary Mana.

His ex-wife Rose described him as "a great father" and said she and Jim remained close even after their separation. She said that for Jim, his kids "always came first."

Co-workers, who gathered at the Police Hall on Monday March 15 for Jim's repast luncheon described him as a great cop and a wonderful friend but agreed that nothing in his life was as important to him as his children. Long-time colleague Deborah Hauser called him a "dedicated father" to his three kids.

After a medical condition kept him from completing US Navy bootcamp, Jim worked as a nurse for about ten years prior to becoming a St. Louis police officer. But, his co-workers described his strong calling to become a cop as the perfect fit for Jim's personality and demeanor.

Close friend and former partner, Russ Christian, described Jim as a proud "South City guy" who knew people everywhere he went in the neighborhood. "He had a great sense of humor," Christian recalled. He was genuine; humble. He never let anything get him down. He was a



**December 21, 1969 - March 9, 2021**

great mentor who would do whatever he could to help young officers. Just a wealth of knowledge."

He will be missed by all who knew him.



Jim poses with co-workers in downtown St. Louis



Co-workers and friends of the Mana family gather at the Police Hall to remember Jim

Police Academy classmate Mike Dohr agreed. "He was always in a good mood, never seemed to have a bad day. We have plenty of bad days around here but you could never tell that with Jim," Dohr said.

Dohr and Christian both described Mana as a die-hard fan of the St. Louis Blues and the Notre Dame Fighting Irish. They agreed that Jim's leadership would be hard to replace in a department that is bleeding experience.

Mana was a decorated officer having received two Department Awards of Excellence in 2017 and 2020 as well as two Chief Letters of Commendation in 2008 and 2010. He was also awarded two Meritorious Service Citations, one in 2008 and a second in 2010, for extraordinary bravery in the line-of-duty "at imminent and personal danger" to his own life.

Jim started in the 7th District and went onto serve in the North Patrol Detective Bureau, the 2nd District, South Patrol Desk/Holdover, the 6th District, and finally the Traffic/Mounted Patrol Division.

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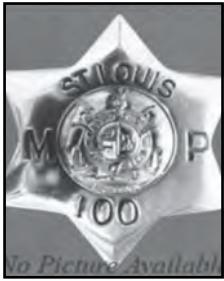


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1931



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1936



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1936



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1963



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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

March 31  
April 28  
7 p.m.

## E-BOARD MEETING

March 31  
April 28  
4:30 p.m.

## VETERAN'S MEETING

March 10  
April 14  
11:30 p.m.

## POLICE WIVES MEETING

March 10  
April 14  
7 p.m.

## MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

# WELCOME TO GOTHAM CITY?



**Jeff Roorda**  
SLPOA  
Business Manager

I'm not the first to pose this question.

I certainly won't be the last.

It is after all, a fair comparison; a fair question.

Has St. Louis become Gotham?

The similarities are striking. Unabated crime, sinister villains, public corruption scandals, madness in the streets.

We are constantly dealing with jokers.

The inmate uprisings at the St. Louis Justice Center are reminiscent of the prison riots at Gotham's Blackgate Penitentiary.

The maniacal acts of violence perpetrated against unsuspecting victims on the streets of St. Louis are the sort of madness you'd expect from Arkham escapees.

We even have a prosecutor who is so awful that she makes Harvey Dent seem, well... not half bad.

It feels like it's time to go up to the roof of police headquarters and turn on the Bat Signal.

And, just when I thought the stunning commonalities between St. Louis and Gotham were nearly exhausted, a friend of mine sent me the photo accompanying this article which was positively eerie.

The picture – which is authentic by the way – is from the campy 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox *Batman* TV series from the late '60s. It shows Commissioner Gordon (played by Alan Napier) and the Batman (played, or over-played, by Adam West) examining a giant Lucite map of Gotham used to track the Batmobile, notably, with GPS technology that had yet to be invented.

But, since Gotham is, after all, a fictional locale, where'd the map come from?

Holy clairvoyance, Batman!

It's St. Louis!!

Bam! Pow! Zap!

The recognizable cartographical depiction of our fair city is unmistakable.

In a remarkable act of prescience by the production staff of this long-ago TV series who predicted modern-day GPS technology among other breakthroughs, these producers seemingly saw St. Louis's rapid decline coming too when they chose to use St. Louis's likeness for a map of Gotham. In the sixty years that have passed since *Batman* ended its run on the small screen, St. Louis has continuously spiraled toward its present state of Gotham-like pandemonium.

Thankfully, our town, just like Gotham, has its heroes.

You.

You strap on your uniform and utility belt each day and pick-up the Bat Phone every single time it rings.

You're not just heroes. You're superheroes.

But, like the Dark Knight, you need support.

Batman didn't work alone.

Unlike most of you who are victims of a dangerous staffing crisis, Batman rode in a two-man car (with Robin).

And, in the form of James Gordon, Batman had a partner; an ally; a friend for a Police Commissioner.

You have an unsupportive adversary.

But most importantly, ultimately Batman had the admiration of the masses.

As every superhero should.



From the *Batman* TV Series,  
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By - and - large , the Gothamites, just like St. Louisans, were good, law-abiding citizens who wanted nothing more than a better place to live.

With a Mayoral election on the horizon that makes our town feel very much like the dreary *film noir* of a Tim Burton movie, we need our citizens to come to the rescue of the superheroes for a change.

Otherwise, it's "Welcome to Gotham City."

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Law & Order champion Alderman Jack Coatar, posing here with legislative chairman Dave Rudolph, stopped by the February 24 SLPOA General Membership meeting to thank our officers for their endorsement and support



A row of "Elect Vicky Grass" signs adorn the front of the Police Hall on Hampton encouraging support for pro-police candidate Vicky Grass

SLPOA APRIL 6, 2021 ENDORSEMENTS	
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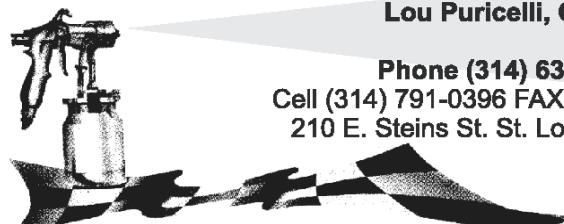
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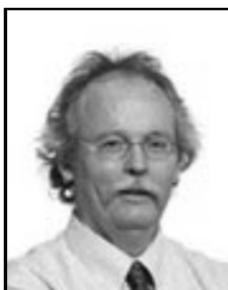
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The following officers resigned during the month of January

	DSN	ASSIGNED	EFFECTIVE	APPOINTED
PO Hiram E. Northcutt	11963	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dist.	01/31/21	02/04/19
PO Kyle M. Lyon	11659	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dist.	01/17/21	08/21/17
PO Shelby G. Dittmer	11379	5 <sup>th</sup> Dist.	01/17/21	12/14/15
PO Dylan B. Lowder	11729	5 <sup>th</sup> Dist.	01/05/21	01/08/18
PO Jeffery M. Hook	12060	6 <sup>th</sup> Dist.	01/23/21	07/22/19
POT Tyler Strom	12349	Trainee	01/23/21	01/04/21

The following officers retired during the month of January

	DSN	ASSIGNED	EFFECTIVE	APPOINTED
PO Gerald M Ehnes	06095	1 <sup>st</sup> Dist.	01/31/21	01/02/01
PO Robert J. Mumert	04161	Prop. Cust. Sect.	01/17/21	08/30/93
PO Everett C. Culberson	05624	Canine	01/17/21	05/11/98

The following officers were dropped from Rolls in month of January

PO Tyler S. Flynn 11719 CPD/HLD 01/27/21 01/08/18

The following officers were dismissed during the month of January

POT Vernell M. Betts 11715 Trainee 01/27/21 09/28/20

## Fade Outs

The following officers resigned during the month of February

	DSN	ASSIGNED	EFFECTIVE	APPOINTED
PO Christopher E. Scoville	11767	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dist.	02/19/21	03/19/18
POT Abigail P. Boulware	11804	Trainee	02/10/21	07/23/18

The following officers retired during the month of February

	DSN	ASSIGNED	EFFECTIVE	APPOINTED
SGT Mark A. Sorocko	03381	6 <sup>th</sup> Dist.	02/14/21	08/28/98
PO Joshua J Wenstrom	06091	Homicide	02/14/21	01/02/01

## Fade Outs

The following officers resigned during the month of March

	DSN	ASSIGNED	EFFECTIVE	APPOINTED
PO Jane Orr	11187	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dist.	03/05/21	02/10/14
POT Hannah E. Freshman	12033	Trainee	03/09/21	05/20/19

The following officers Died while Active Employee during the month of March

	DSN	ASSIGNED	EFFECTIVE	APPOINTED
PO James M. Mana	06468	Traffic/Mounted	03/09/21	07/29/02

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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

# Answering the Call

by Chaplain John Fava

**A**s many of you know, every year I go away and make a personal retreat. This is a week where I have more time to pray and reflect about the past year. It is also an opportunity to "recharge my batteries" and get ready for the coming year. Obviously, last January 2020, I had no idea that the pandemic was about to hit, and that I would be in lockdown for a year. Thus, because of the dangers of the coronavirus, I made it a point to say more prayers for you officers every day.

The theme of my retreat this year was "responding to God's call to serve others." I asked myself, "How do I go about doing this?" I prayed and thought about this question all week, and I hope that I adequately answered this for myself.

During my retreat I also asked God, "How can I assist police officers whose job is to respond to calls for service?" All of your calls, including car stops and pedestrian stops, have a sense of the unknown. What might happen here? What do I have to be prepared for? Do I face imminent danger? What will my response be? Is this call going to have a good or a bad outcome? Added to all of this is the possibility of contracting Covid-19. The chance of getting sick from this highly contagious disease is constantly there. In spite of all that, you continue to do your job and answer your calls.

I am no scripture scholar by any means, but God heard my plea during my retreat and pointed me in the right direction. I found several passages in the bible where the people answered God's call.

**1 Samuel 3: 1-10** In this passage God calls a young man by the name of Samuel, and he responds by saying, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."

**Psalm 40: 8-9** "So I said, 'Here I am; your commands for me are written in the scroll. To do your will is my delight; my God, your law is in my heart.'

**Jeremiah 1: 7-8** "To whomever I send you, you shall go; whatever I command you, you shall speak. Have no fear before them, because I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord."

**Jeremiah 15: 20-21** "Though they fight against you, they shall not prevail, For I am with you, to deliver and rescue you, says the Lord. I will free you from the hand of the wicked, and rescue you from the grasp of the violent."

**Matthew 4: 18-22 and Luke 5: 1-11** These two passages tell the story of Jesus calling the Apostles to be his followers and their response to his call.

**Luke 5: 8** Peter says, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man."

**Luke 5:10** Jesus responds, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."

All of these passages speak directly to you officers. You may not realize it, but you LIVE these passages every day as soon as you put on your uniform.

**1 Samuel 3: 1-10:** After the dispatcher calls you, you acknowledge the call. (You do not call the dispatcher "Lord," but you do listen to his/her words and respond with "Clear.")

**Psalm 40:** You give your car number to the dispatcher, you get your assignment on your computer screen, and you go to your call.

**Jeremiah 1: 7-8:** You go where the dispatcher sends you, and you know that God will keep you

out of harm's way.

**Jeremiah 15: 20-21:** God will assist you and protect you, and, if necessary, an "Officer in Need of Aid" call will bring in other officers to help you.

**Matthew 4: 18-22 and Luke 5: 1-11:** When you decided to be police officers, you answered God's call to serve. You serve and protect the citizens of St. Louis.

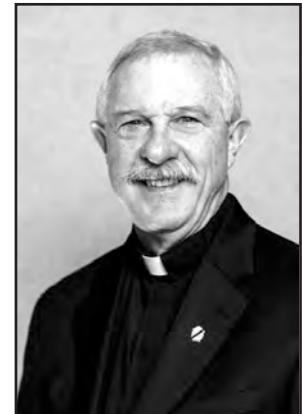
**Luke 5: 8:** We are all sinners, and we are ashamed of our sins. We do not want to look God in the eye.

**Luke 5:10:** Jesus says, "I have your back. Do your job. Lock people up. Be good police officers. I will take care of you."

You officers are always stressing to each other: "Call me if you need me. I got your back." How consoling it is to know that God is always there for you, and God has your back.

I would like to suggest that as you are getting ready to go to work or as you are driving to the station, please say a short prayer. "Dear Lord, be with me today as I answer your call to serve. Protect my fellow officers and me as we patrol the streets of St. Louis. Amen."

Please know that all of you are in my daily prayers. I also pray for an end to the pandemic and the pain and suffering that it brings. May God continue to bless you and your families.



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## SGT Thomas Kenneth "Tom" Casey

Birth September 6, 1934

Death January 30, 2021 (aged 86)

SLMPD-2021-9

Sergeant Thomas K. Casey, DSN 2893, started his career as a civilian clerk/typist at the 1st district station on 02/05/1958. Officer Casey subsequently received his commission on 04/28/1958 entered the police academy. Upon completion of the academy Officer Casey served in the following districts and specialized divisions through out his career. They were the 7th, 3rd, Bureau of Investigation, and the Robbery-Burglary Division. On 12/13/1970 Officer Casey was promoted to the command rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Casey remained in the Robbery-Burglary Division for a short period of time before he was transferred to the 3rd district as a Line Platoon Supervisor. Sergeant Casey eventually went back to the Bureau of Investigation in the Bomb and Arson Section on 11/09/1973 and remained there until his retirement. During his career he was the recipient of 4 Department Award of Excellence citations on 03/01/1968, 07/01/1970, 10/03/1979, and 07/20/1982. Sergeant Casey also received 6 Chief's Letters of Commendation on 02/01/1963, 12/01/1963, 12/01/1964, 04/25/1975, 03/12/1976, and 01/28/1977. Sergeant Casey was awarded the departments highest honor when he was the recipient of the Meritorious Service Citation on 12/03/1964 for his actions of distinctive gallantry and achievement. All of these preceding awards for for police work above and beyond the call of duty. Sergeant Casey retired on 05/01/1983 having served 25.23 years of faithful and dedicated service to the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department. It should be noted that Sergeant Casey's step-son is Captain Scott Melies, DSN 1991, Commander of the West



County Precinct of the Saint Louis County Police Department, and his grandson is Sergeant Ryan Barone, DSN 8837, of the South Patrol Division, who is currently assigned to the "C" platoon of the 2nd district.

Sergeant Casey was a veteran of the United States Army and achieved the rank of Specialist 4th Class.

Thomas K. Casey was a 25-year veteran of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. He worked as a detective in the Burglary and Robbery sections and was promoted to Sergeant while in the Robbery-Burglary Division. Tom was involved in several high-profile cases and was honored with numerous department awards including Meritorious Service Citation for Valor and 10 Chiefs Letters of Commendation for performance in the Line of Duty.

He is survived by seven children, fifteen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Tom was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Shirley Casey (nee Crader). After her death, he shared his life experiences and exuberant personality with the new friends he made while living at Delmar Gardens Retirement Community.

## SGT Gus H. Kobilis

Birth December 6, 1941

Death February 4, 2021 (aged 79)

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# GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

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were the 4th, Police Academy, 4th, Bureau of Administration, Field Inspection & Evaluation, Bureau of Fields Operations, 4th, Drug Enforcement Agency (D.E.A.), and the 4th. On 09/21/1987 he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and finished his career in the 5th district. Sergeant Koliis retired on 03/19/1990 having served 19.5 years of faithful and dedicated service to the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department. In retirement Sergeant Koliis became the Chief of Police for the State of Missouri Capital Police in Jefferson City Missouri.

Of note, Sergeant Koliis was predeceased by his son Trooper Robert J. Koliis, badge number 353, of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, who was killed in the "Line of Duty" on 09/21/1988.

## Anne McCaw Clifford

Birth 6 Dec 1946  
Death 18 Feb 2021 (aged 74)

SLMPD-2021-11

Detective Anne M. Clifford, DSN 0694, started her career as a Turnkey on 12/08/1975. Upon completion of her training her 1st and only assignment was in the Prisoner Processing Division. Turnkey Clifford entered the police academy on 01/19/1976 to receive additional training as a fully commissioned officer. After the academy she served in the following districts and specialized divisions throughout her career. They were the Mobile Reserve Section, 9th, Auto Theft Unit, Intelligence Division, 4th, Sex Crimes/Child Abuse Section, 1st, Sex Crimes/Child Abuse Section, 2nd, and finally the Sex Crimes/Child Abuse Section. During her career she was awarded 2 Department Awards of Excellence on 02/27/1980, and 06/12/1981 for exceptional performance above the call of duty. Detective Clifford retired on 01/24/2006 having served 30.13. years of faithful and dedicated service to the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department.

Of note: Detective Janet McKern, DSN 3762, of the Criminal Investigative Division (C.I.D.), SLMPD, is a spokeswoman for Anne's family and states



that it was Anne's wishes to have a direct cremation with Inurnment that will be held at Crest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery, located in Claremont City, Richland County, Illinois.

The family of Detective Anne Clifton, DSN 0694, SLMPD, Deceased, is hosting a gathering on April 3rd from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Saint Louis Police Association Hall. Food and some refreshments will be provided.

## Jerome Alphonse "Jerry" Mebruer

Birth January 31, 1932  
Death February 24, 2021 (aged 89)

SLMPD-2021-12

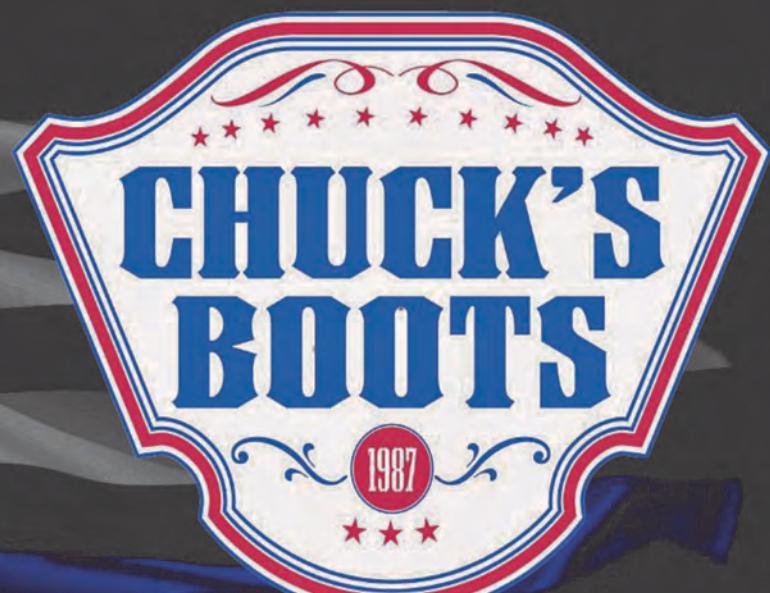
Officer Jerome A. "Jerry" Mebruer, DSN 1450, was commissioned as a police officer on 06/11/1956. Officer Mebruer served in the following districts and specialized divisions through out his career. They were the Bureau of Investigation, 1st, Central District, 4th, 3rd, and finally the Intelligence Division. During his career he was awarded 2 letters of Exceptional Performance of Duty on 01/01/1973, and 11/01/1973. Officer Mebruer was also the recipient of 1 Chief's Letter on 12/01/1964. All of the preceding awards were for police work above the call of duty. Officer Mebruer retired on 08/27/1988 with 32.21 years of faithful and dedicated service to the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department. Officer Mebruer was a veteran of the Korean War in the United States Army. He served from 05/01/1952 to 04/01/1954. He achieved the rank of Corporal.



Mebruer, Jerome A. "Jerry", Baptized into the Hope of Christ's Resurrection Wednesday, February 24, 2021. Beloved husband of the late Lorraine E. Mebruer (nee Stockmann); dear father of Christopher (Deborah) Mebruer, Rose (Patrick) Duncan, Kathleen (Joseph) Benson, Robert Mebruer, Kevin Mebruer, Victoria (Roberto) Bommarito, Cheryl (Craig) Sanders and the late Sharon Lynn Mebruer; dear grandfather of Brian (Maria), Erin (Stephen), Matthew (Katy), Meghan, Ben, Caitlyn (Tim), Brett, Sophia, Antonio, Savanah and Olivia; dear great-grandfather of Brianna, Kyndra, Josephine and Lorelai; dear brother of Evelyn Miler, Melvin and Kenneth

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(Mary) Mebruer; dear companion of Rita O'Brien; our dear brother-in-law, uncle, great-uncle, cousin and friend.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to Backstoppers, or Wounded Warriors appreciated.

### James Michael "Jim" Mana

Birth December 21, 1969  
Death March 9, 2021 (aged 51)

SLMPD-2021-13

Officer James M. "Jim" Mana, DSN 6468, started his career as a civilian recruit in training on 07/29/2002. Officer Mana received his commission and graduated from the police academy on 01/30/2003. Officer Mana served in the following districts and divisions through out his career. They were the 7th, North Patrol Detective Bureau (district's 6th, 7th, and 8th), 7th, 2nd, South Patrol Division (Area 1 Desk/Holdover), 2nd, 6th, and finally the Traffic/Mounted Patrol Division (Traffic Safety Division). During his career he was the recipient of 2 Department Awards of Excellence on 07/14/2017, and on 12/07/2020. 2 Chief Letters of Commendation on 01/31/2008, and on 02/25/2010. These 4 preceding awards were for police work above the call of duty. He was additionally awarded 2 Meritorious Service Citations on 04/23/2008, and on 07/14/2010 for extraordinary bravery intelligently performed in the line of duty at imminent and personal danger to life, and the police department's highest honor by who distinguishing himself by conspicuous bravery or heroism above and beyond the normal demands of police service. To be awarded the Medal of Valor, an officer would have performed an act displaying extreme courage while consciously facing imminent peril. Officer Mana served a total of 18.11 years of faithful and dedicated service to the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department.

Officer James M. Mana, fortified with the Sacraments of Holy Mother Church. On Tuesday, March 9, 2021.



Beloved son of Charles and Mary; brother of Julie and Philip Mana and brother-in-law of Christine Mana; beloved father of Charlie, Kellyn and Nick; former husband of Rose Passanisi Mana; dear uncle of Alex and Oliver Mana; our dear nephew and cousin; loving companion of Melissa Fitzgerald.

He will be greatly missed by family, friends and co-workers.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to Backstoppers would be appreciated.

### James "Jim" Remshardt

Birth June 13, 1929  
Death March 11, 2021 (aged 91)

SLMPD-2021-14

Officer James Remshardt, DSN 2641, was commissioned as a police officer on 08/19/1957. Upon the completion of the academy Officer Remshardt served in the following districts and specialized divisions through out his career. They were the 9th, 7th, 3rd, Special Operations Section, Mobile Reserve Section, Traffic Safety Section, and finally the Traffic Safety Division.

Officer Remshardt retired on 08/21/1987 and served a total of 30.00 years of faithful and dedicated service to the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department.



It should be noted that Officer Remshardt is the grandfather of Sergeant Adam Duke, DSN 8845, of the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department.

Remshardt, James, passed away on March 11. 2021.

Beloved husband of Lois Remshardt (nee Cummings); loving father of Beverly (the late David) Duke and Janet (Joe survives) Klitzing; cherished grandfather of Mandi (Matt) Schweigert, Adam (Ann) Duke, Anna and Abby Klitzing and great-grandfather of Mia and Ava Schweigert and Parker and Sloan Duke; dear brother of Sharon Allen. Dearest son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Tony and Mary (nee Kausch) Remshardt.

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# SLPOA Makes Its Rounds With 2020 Legislative Awards

COVID restrictions, the weather and legislative retirements made it challenging, but we finally made it around to present our Legislative Awards for 2020, which were sponsored by the SLPOA Memorial Fund.

The four awards went to the following well-deserving supporters who demonstrated their strong support for law enforcement and our membership once again in 2020:

**SENATOR DAVE SCHATZ  
(R-SULLIVAN)**

**SENATOR GINA WALSH  
(D-SPANISH LAKE)**

**REPRESENTATIVE RON HICKS  
(R-DARDENNE PRAIRIE)**

**REPRESENTATIVE BOB BURNS  
(D-AFFTON)**



Congratulations and a big "thank you" to all four of these great friends and devoted public servants.

Two of the awards were presented to returning lawmakers (Sen. Schatz and Rep. Hicks) by president Jay Schroeder and legal committee chairman Martin Garcia in the Capitol offices of the legislators and, the other two were presented back home in St. Louis by business manager Jeff Roorda to outgoing lawmakers who recently retired due to term-limits. Roorda served in the House of Representatives with the two retiring members (Sen. Walsh and Rep. Burns) during his time in the General Assembly. Jay Schroeder was also on hand for the presentation to Rep. Burns and SLPOA lobbyist Jane Dueker joined in for the festivities when Sen. Walsh was honored.



## Lt. Boyher Honored For Leadership, Heroism

Lt. Scott Boyher, Commander of the District 4 Bike Unit, was honored by the St. Louis Police Officers Association at the February 24 general membership meeting.

Boyher was presented with a plaque and a gift certificate to his favorite restaurant by Division 4 Rep Tim Bockskopf and Association President Jay Schroeder (pictured along with Boyher), who are both assigned to the Bike Unit.

The plaque lauds Boyher's lifesaving leadership and heroism during the George Floyd Riots in downtown St. Louis on June 1, 2020 and read as follows:

*For exemplary leadership while serving as the commander of the Bike Response Team "BRT", Lieutenant Scott Boyher, DSN 3944, distinguished himself during the Civil Unrest and Rioting that occurred in the City of St. Louis on 6/2/2020. In the absence of many senior St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department Command Staff, Lieutenant Boyher took the initiative to direct and command units of BRT and Civil Disobedience Teams "CDT" in the area of Tucker and Washington Avenues despite being personally exposed to live gunfire. His quick and decisive decision making likely led to the preservation of BRT and CDT Officers' lives. The St. Louis Police Officers' Association thanks you for your dedicated stewardship of our officers on that most trying of nights.*



Thank you Lt. Boyher for your professionalism and dedication!



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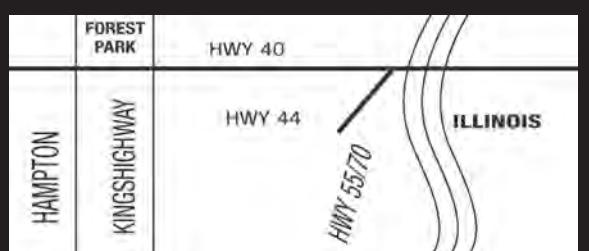
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# City Health Insurance Premiums Increase But Stay Low For Most Police Employees, Retirees

On March 10, the City Health Insurance Committee voted unanimously to accept Anthem's bid for the 2021/2022 plan renewal.

The good news - if there is any - is that Anthem had originally bid 9.9% in premium increases. With some negotiations and some minor plan redesign, Mercer, the City's insurance administrator, was able to get the final premium increase down to 7.7%.

As has been the case in the past, the City is eating half of the premium increase and passing the remainder onto participating employees.

Although we don't have a vote on the Health Insurance Committee, our business manager is allowed to attend and he pointed out to the committee that the increase in premiums is largely due to what treating COVID has done to health care costs and he noted that in Missouri, first responders like cops were covered by Work Comp, not employee health insurance, when it came to COVID related health care so first responders shouldn't have to shoulder the burden equally. The committee was unmoved by that argument.

## 2021/22 Preliminary Bi-weekly Rates Police Division—Actives

	Est. Enrollment	Med Rate	Rx Rate	2021-22 Bi-Weekly Rates			EE Contribution Increase %	EE Contribution Increase \$
				Total Rate	Employer Total ER	Employee Total EE		
Actives Buy Up								
Employee Only	621	\$249.20	\$63.00	\$312.20	\$272.10	\$40.10	7.8%	\$2.90
Employee + Spouse	33	\$498.40	\$126.10	\$624.50	\$304.10	\$320.40	7.7%	\$22.90
Employee + Child(ren)	224	\$436.10	\$110.40	\$546.40	\$296.10	\$250.30	7.7%	\$17.90
Employee + Family	85	\$685.30	\$173.40	\$858.70	\$328.10	\$530.60	7.7%	\$37.90
Base								
Employee Only	382	\$213.50	\$56.80	\$270.30	\$270.30	\$0.00	N/A	\$0.00
Employee + Spouse	15	\$427.00	\$113.60	\$540.60	\$300.40	\$240.20	7.7%	\$17.20
Employee + Child(ren)	94	\$373.70	\$99.40	\$473.00	\$292.90	\$180.10	7.7%	\$12.80
Employee + Family	40	\$587.20	\$156.20	\$743.40	\$323.00	\$420.40	7.7%	\$30.10
HDHP								
Employee Only	3	\$197.20	\$43.50	\$240.80	\$240.80	\$0.00	N/A	\$0.00
Employee + Spouse	0	\$394.50	\$87.00	\$481.50	\$266.80	\$214.70	7.7%	\$15.30
Employee + Child(ren)	0	\$345.10	\$76.20	\$421.30	\$260.30	\$161.00	7.7%	\$11.50
Employee + Family	0	\$542.40	\$119.70	\$662.10	\$286.40	\$375.70	7.7%	\$26.80
Line of Duty								
Buy Up								
Employee Only (Spouse or Chid)	2	\$249.20	\$63.00	\$312.20	\$272.10	\$40.10	N/A	\$2.90
Employee + Spouse	0	\$498.40	\$126.10	\$624.50	\$304.10	\$320.40	N/A	\$22.90
Employee + Child(ren) (Families)	5	\$436.10	\$110.40	\$546.40	\$296.10	\$250.30	N/A	\$17.90
Employee + Family	0	\$685.30	\$173.40	\$858.70	\$328.10	\$530.60	N/A	\$37.90
Grand Medical Total								
PEPM								
Monthly	6,198	\$716.89	\$262.43	\$979.32	\$762.90	\$216.40		
Annual		\$4,443.290	\$1,626.534	\$6,069.824	\$4,728.442	\$1,341,269		
Total Change over Current		\$53,319.486	\$19,518.402	\$72,837.888	\$56,741.306	\$16,095,232	7.7%	7.7%
		8.1%	6.5%	7.7%	7.7%	7.7%		

All rates exclude Pharmacy Rebate Credits

Line of Duty participant contributions are paid by Backstoppers

## 2021/22 Preliminary Monthly Rates Police Division – Retirees

	Est. Enrollment	Med Rate	Rx Rate	2021-22 Monthly Rates			Retiree Contribution Increase %	Retiree Contribution Increase \$
				Total Rate	Employer Total ER	Employee Total EE		
Retirees (Pre 65 & Post 65 - not Medicare Elig) - Monthly								
Buy Up								
Employee Only	268	\$1,147.58	\$290.30	\$1,437.88	\$1,243.12	\$194.46	7.7%	\$13.87
Employee + Spouse	8	\$2,171.58	\$549.40	\$2,721.08	\$1,243.12	\$1,478.40	7.7%	\$105.90
Employee + Child(ren)	1	\$1,960.21	\$480.80	\$2,381.01	\$1,243.12	\$1,136.60	7.7%	\$81.18
Employee + Family	0	\$2,988.98	\$799.50	\$3,741.48	\$1,243.12	\$2,495.70	7.7%	\$178.47
Base								
Employee Only	338	\$882.02	\$261.10	\$1,243.12	\$1,243.12	\$0.00	N/A	\$0.00
Employee + Spouse	5	\$1,858.32	\$494.10	\$2,352.42	\$1,243.12	\$1,108.40	7.7%	\$79.22
Employee + Child(ren)	1	\$1,626.02	\$432.50	\$2,068.52	\$1,243.12	\$814.80	7.7%	\$68.17
Employee + Family	0	\$2,555.15	\$679.50	\$3,234.65	\$1,243.12	\$1,989.60	7.7%	\$142.13
HDHP								
Employee Only	0	\$607.09	\$200.20	\$1,107.29	\$1,107.29	\$0.00	N/A	\$0.00
Employee + Spouse	0	\$1,716.53	\$378.80	\$2,095.33	\$1,107.29	\$986.70	7.7%	\$70.46
Employee + Child(ren)	0	\$1,501.96	\$331.50	\$1,833.46	\$1,107.29	\$725.20	7.7%	\$51.81
Employee + Family	0	\$2,380.19	\$620.80	\$2,880.99	\$1,107.29	\$1,771.40	7.7%	\$126.50
Retirees (Post 65)								
Buy Up								
Spouse (no rel)	11	\$1,147.58	\$290.30	\$1,437.88	\$0.00	\$1,437.88	7.8%	\$104.00
Child (no rel)	0	\$1,147.58	\$290.30	\$1,437.88	\$0.00	\$1,437.88	7.8%	\$104.00
Base								
Spouse (no rel)	3	\$882.02	\$261.10	\$1,243.12	\$0.00	\$1,243.12	7.8%	\$89.77
Child (no rel)	0	\$882.02	\$261.10	\$1,243.12	\$0.00	\$1,243.12	7.8%	\$89.77
HDHP								
Spouse (no rel)	0	\$807.09	\$167.40	\$1,074.69	\$0.00	\$1,074.69	7.9%	\$78.64
Child (no rel)	0	\$807.09	\$167.40	\$1,074.69	\$0.00	\$1,074.69	7.9%	\$78.64
Grand Medical Total								
PEPM								
Monthly	6,198	\$716.89	\$262.43	\$979.32	\$762.90	\$216.40		
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		8.1%	6.5%	7.7%	7.7%	7.7%		

We are attaching a graphic that shows the premium increases for active police employees at each level of coverage as well as a graphic showing retiree premiums.

Take note that out of 1,487 active plan participants in the police division, 1,008 members (or 67.8%) experience monthly premium increases of less than \$3.00. The only people who really get hammered with a monthly increase of \$30 or more are the 125 police employees who have full family coverage, the largest increase being \$37.90 monthly for full family on the "high" plan, which is hundreds of dollars less than the increases people are seeing in premiums on the Marketplace.

Although the cost of premiums for the City is increasing by 7.7%, the premium increase represents less than 1/10 of 1% of wages on average for most members.

This is the last year of Anthem's contract with the City so next year, health insurance will be bid out through the RFP process which should help to keep increases lower in 2022 as a result of the competition for the city's business.

Please contact your Division Rep if you have any questions about employer provided healthcare.

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We also spend a great deal of time fighting for regulations and laws that help our members, and against ones that don't. The adoption of Civil Service Rules, Department of Personnel Regulations, City Ordinances, State Law, and Acts of Congress all impact your bargaining rights significantly and we are active at every level of government in monitoring and opining on policies that affect you.

Likewise, the make-up of the judiciary is vitally important to the livelihoods of our members so we expend a great deal of political capital making sure the judges at every level of Missouri courts are fair-minded and pro-employee, pro-union and pro-police.

That's because, we often use the courts, rather than the collective bargaining process, to get what we want from the employer.

It is the employer that puts us in the position to have to seek judicial remedies on management disputes. We would prefer that every topic related to your working conditions and benefits be included in our union contracts but sometimes the employer refuses to agree to negotiating

certain topics.

One of those topics is promotions.

That's why we were forced to sue when the City wasn't following its own rules on sergeant promotions.

And, the courts said we were right.

The judge in the case first issued a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) and then a preliminary injunction in response to our suit over the City's violations of its own rules on promotions.

On March 8, the City and the Police Department said "uncle" and announced that they were scheduling a sergeants promotional test for May 26, 2021, using the money that our lobbyist successfully pushed for in this year's City budget (see statement from the Chief of Police accompanying this article).

In collective bargaining, there is more than one way to skin a cat. For our 500 plus members who

have been unfairly prevented from testing for promotion, that cat was skinned by the union on the steps of the Courthouse.

For anyone who thinks this union will ever stop fighting for its members, this unprecedented victory on promotions is just one more example that we never say "uncle."

*All:*

*I am happy to announce that the City of Saint Louis, Department of Personnel, has now announced the 2021 Police Officer to Sergeant promotional exam. In order to apply, please visit the City of Saint Louis website and click on the "Work for the City" tab. The job posting can be found under the "Promotions Only" section and a link to this posting is posted below. Additionally, the reading list for the written component of the exam has been posted on the Department intranet, under the "Job Posting" link in the "Commissioned" tab.*

*Anyone who wants to be considered for the position must complete the application. When applying, you will first be asked to create a profile. Once your profile is created, please ensure you submit the application. Upon successful submission, you will receive a confirmation email stating that your application was received. If you have questions or you do not receive a confirmation email, please contact the Department of Personnel, Personnel Services Section, at (314)622-4308. All applications must be received by March 26, 2021.*

*The written component of this exam is scheduled for May 26, 2021. After your application is received by the Department of Personnel and the position is closed, you will receive a letter informing you of the time and location of the exam. Further information concerning the oral assessment will be provided at a later date. Having just received the reading list, we are in the process of preparing compact disks which will contain the pertinent testing information. Once those are available, a message will be disseminated.*

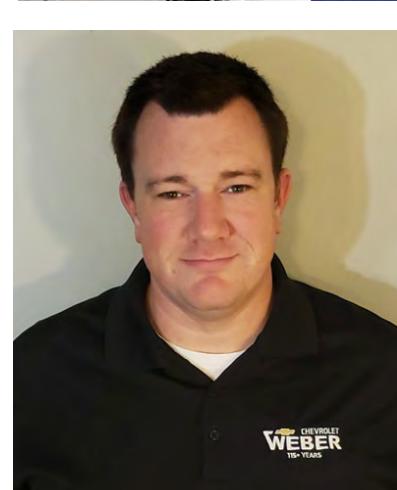
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**"CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH"****Laura M. Kinkead...First Female Police Officer in St. Louis**

By John Sarkis

January 19, 1916 - 105 years ago today, Laura M. Kinkead became the first female police officer in the City of St Louis. Miss Kinkead, then 45 years old, resided at 4536 Morgan, & when hired, was given the rank of probationary officer, with a salary of \$65 a month.

Not walking a beat, she was assigned to the Parole Bureau, reporting the conduct of women paroled by Judges in the Criminal & City Court. It was reported that she had already performed these duties voluntarily for several months, but Monday, January 24th, was her first paid day on the job.

Given no uniform, badge, or gun; it was announced that if this experiment were successful, two or three more women would be hired. Three additional women were hired on May 12th. Miss Nellie Quick, 4163a Laclede; Mrs. Mary Gibson, 3716 Marcus; & Mrs. Margaret A. Healy, 6018 Etzel were assigned to patrol Union Station, department stores, & dance halls. Like Miss Kinkead, they were not given a uniform, badge, or gun; & were not allowed to make

arrests.

Laura Kinkead would serve on the police force until 1920. As a graduate of the University of Chicago, she had previously taught two years at the Kobe College for Girls in Japan. After leaving the police force, she would become the Director of the Girl's Protective Association, & when they merged with the "Big Sisters" organization in



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1927, she became their Director.

In later life, she would head the social welfare department for the May Company, which later became Famous-Barr. There, she was instrumental in getting the employees a lunch room,

insurance, sick benefits, & health services.

On July 29, 1949, Laura Kinkead died in St Louis of broncho-pneumonia, following a paralytic stroke. She is buried at Bellefontaine Cemetery.

The only photo of her that I was able to find online shows her in 1913, with two girls from the college in Kobe, Japan.

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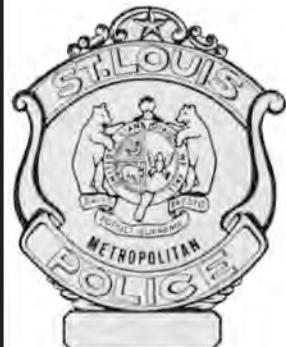
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January 8, 2021

Dear Fellow Members:

As many of you are aware, Trustee Gary Wiegert has used social media to make accusations that fraud is being perpetrated by The Police Retirement System of St. Louis.

Trustee Wiegert was asked by his fellow Trustees to disclose the exact nature of this fraud and who is committing it. Unfortunately, Trustee Wiegert has not come forward with any information, thus preventing an investigation of his claims.

The Police Retirement System of St. Louis is audited annually, and that report is posted on the PRS website or can be read at the Pension office. No fraudulent or criminal activity have been uncovered.

Each Trustee takes an oath as described in Section 86.220 RSMo which states in part...*the trustee will diligently and honestly administer the affairs of the said board, and will not knowingly violate or willingly permit to be violated any of the provisions of the law applicable to the retirement system.* A Trustee who withholds information regarding a crime or makes false accusation of a crime may violate their fiduciary duty to their fellow pension system members.

The Board of Trustees takes this accusation seriously and stands ready to fully investigate any credible allegation. The Trustees encourage anyone with pertinent information to contact the Executive Director at (314) 241-0800.

Respectfully submitted,

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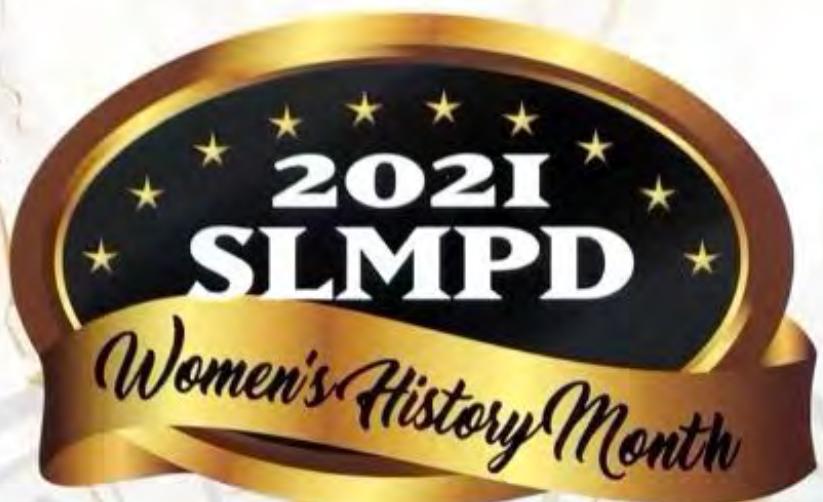


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**April 6th**  
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**Endorsements**  
**on Page 4**



**From the**  
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## Joint Statement Regarding National Police Week 2021

To Assure Opportunity for In-person Attendance,  
National Police Week Events Postponed to October  
Planned events include honoring fallen officers from 2019 and 2020

*Washington, D.C., (March 10, 2021) — Host organizations of National Police Week, which includes the National Law Enforcement Memorial and Museum, the Fraternal Order of Police and Auxiliary (FOP), and Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.), have made the difficult, but necessary, decision due to the ongoing pandemic to postpone in-person events of National Police Week to October 13-17, 2021, in Washington, D.C. The rescheduling of the originally planned events to be held May 11-16, 2021, is due to the inability to secure necessary permits in time for in-person gatherings due to the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions.*

The National Police Weekend will offer the same honor, remembrance, and peer support as the extended National Police Week, while allowing law enforcement, survivors, and citizens to gather and pay homage to those who gave their lives in the line of duty.

The planned schedule of events includes:

- Thursday, October 14 - NLEOMF Candlelight Vigil
- Friday, October 15 - C.O.P.S. National Police Survivors' Conference
- Saturday, October 16 - FOP 40th Annual National Peace Officers Memorial Service

The three host organizations remain committed to their missions and to honoring the fallen law enforcement heroes from 2019 and 2020, while making sure their survivors are supported. In addition to the in-person events in October, each organization will host virtual events on originally scheduled dates in May 2021. More information on these events is forthcoming.

# # #

### About National Police Week (NPW)

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726 designating May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week. While the actual dates change from year to year, National Police Week is always the calendar week, beginning on Sunday, which includes May 15. Main events are hosted for law enforcement, survivors, and the supporting public by three organizations: National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, Fraternal Order of Police and Auxiliary, and Concerns of Police Survivors.

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Police Survivors

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Chief Executive Officer  
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## MARCH 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 City Primary Election	3 CPD MTG 7PM	4	5 PAYDAY	6
7	8	9 Emerald Society 7pm	10 VETERANS MTG 11:30 AM POLICE WIVES 7 PM	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 PAYDAY	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG 7 PM E-BOARD MTG 4:30PM			

## APRIL 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Emerald Society Mouse Race <b>Good Friday</b> PAYDAY	3
4  Easter	5	6 City Election	7 CPD MTG 7PM	8	9	10
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25	26	27	28 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG 7 PM E-BOARD MTG 4:30 PM	29	30 Missouri Police Candle Light Vigil PAYDAY	

## MAY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Missouri Police Memorial Ceremony
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