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**METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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**76 St. Louis Police Officers, Civilian Employees & Federal Agents to be Honored at Awards Ceremony**

The Metropolitan Police Department will recognize 76 individuals for their outstanding efforts at an Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, June 30, 2009, at Harris-Stowe State University, 3026 Laclede Avenue at 7 p.m.

Eight officers will be awarded the Meritorious Service Citation, given to officers who distinguish themselves with outstanding performance in the face of personal danger. Among these honorees are Detective Sergeant Scott Boyher and Police Officer Craig Robertson. On March 8, 2009, Detective Sergeant Boyher and Police Officer Robertson were working department approved secondary on Laclede's Landing. The officers heard gunfire and saw a man shooting at a vehicle under the I-70 overpass. The officers chased the suspect and ordered him to drop his weapon, but the suspect refused, eventually firing his weapon at the officers, who were not injured. Officer Robertson, in fear of his life and the lives of others, fired at the suspect, who continued to run. The officers eventually caught the suspect—who was uninjured—and took him into custody. Nine felony warrants and one misdemeanor warrant were issued against the suspect.

Fifty-four officers and federal agents who work in special assignments alongside officers, will be awarded the Chief's Letter of Commendation, given to those who display exceptional perseverance, especially as it relates to an arrest. The Department will also honor the Officers of the Year for each of the nine police districts, as selected by their peers. One of those honorees will be named the 2008 Officer of the Year. Four civilian employees will be honored as Civilian Employees of the Year, with one of them also being selected as Overall Civilian Employee of the Year for 2008.

Please join us in honoring the dedicated service of these employees. Their unwavering commitment helps to keep all of St. Louis safe.

**Who: St. Louis Police Officers and Civilian Employees**  
**What: Department Awards Ceremony**  
**When: Tuesday, June 30, 2009 at 7 p.m.**  
**Where: Harris-Stowe State University Auditorium, 3026 Laclede Ave.**

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