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METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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2009 Overall Civilian & Overall Officers of the Year Announced

The Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis (“the department”) is pleased to announce that employees have selected department armed guard Karl Johnson as the 2009 Overall Civilian Employee of the Year and 5th District Police Officers Kyle Chandler and Joseph Haman as the 2009 Overall Police Officers of the Year. They will be among more than 30 employees honored at a department Awards Ceremony on July 14 at 7 p.m. at Harris-Stowe State University, 3026 Laclede Avenue.

Civilian Karl Johnson assists citizens at the front desk of police headquarters. He is also a talented artist in his spare time. He received this honor from his co-workers after volunteering to create police-themed coloring books for children who visit the department’s horses and also for those children who receive classroom visits from police officers discussing safety. Johnson spent countless hours of his own time creating professional-quality coloring books that feature vivid illustrations, diverse characters and an impressive attention to detail. Officers say the coloring books have created a fun way to teach children how to stay out of dangerous situations. For his commitment to enhancing the youngest citizens we serve, Karl Johnson is the 2009 Overall Civilian Employee of the Year.

5th District Police Officers Kyle Chandler and Joseph Haman are partners, who in 2009, made a total of 114 arrests, resulting in a total of 121 felony warrants being issued. The officers’ exemplary work was constantly recognized by their fellow officers who selected them 5th District Officers of the Month five of the 12 months in 2009. During one incident, the pair identified two carjacking suspects who robbed their victims at gunpoint. The suspects spotted officers and ran on foot but Officers Chandler and Haman caught them, arrested them and warrants were issued. In another incident the duo located and arrested suspects who put the lives of countless innocent bystanders at risk when the suspects drove down a street shooting at one another. For their commitment to protecting the citizens of St. Louis, Officer Kyle Chandler and Officer Joseph Haman are the 2009 Overall Officers of the Year.

“I am constantly amazed at the dedication of our officers and civilian employees,” said Chief Dan Isom. “Karl Johnson, Officer Chandler and Officer Haman could not be more deserving, and as the Chief of this department I could not be more proud.”

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