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Third District Awards Luncheon to Benefit BackStoppers
Third District Police Partnership to Sponsor the Event

Officers from the Metropolitan Police Department's Third District will be honored during an Officer of the Year luncheon sponsored by the Third District Police Partnership (3D). The event will be held on February 27, 2009 from noon until 1 p.m. at the Millennium Hotel, 200 S. 4th Street. An open networking session begins at 11:30 a.m.

The luncheon, which previously served as a fundraiser for 3D, will donate a portion of the proceeds to BackStoppers to support the families of police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty.

"We wanted to make a statement about our support for our officers and our respect for the risks they take every day when they put on their uniforms," said 3D Board President Lee Sanguinette. "A portion of the admission will pay for lunch and the facility and the remainder will go to BackStoppers."

Third District resident and KTRS-AM radio personality McGraw Milhaven will serve as the event's emcee and Chief Ron Battelle, Executive Director of the BackStoppers, will deliver the keynote address.

"We're hoping for a large turnout. This is a chance for individuals and businesses to show their support for our officers," said Third District Captain Stephen Hobbs. "Knowing the community stands behind you means more than you can imagine. It's a source of pride and a confidence builder for everyone who wears the badge."

Tickets for the event are $25 with private tables still available. They can be purchased from Third District Officers or from Public Affairs Officer Joseph Calabro who can be reached at (314) 444-0169.

Who: **Third District Officers and Third District Police Partnership**
What: **Officer of the Year Luncheon to benefit BackStoppers**

When: **Friday, February 27, 2009, from noon to 1 p.m.**

Where: **Millennium Hotel, 200 S. 4th Street**

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