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SLMPD Launches Community Engagement Bike Unit to Better Engage Citizens

St. Louis, Mo. – Today, the Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis, announced the formation of the Community Engagement Bike Unit, a unit currently comprised of two officers who are dedicated solely to community policing. The new unit falls under the command of the department's Community Engagement and Organizational Development Division (CEODD), which was launched in April 2015 to facilitate positive community relations.

The primary responsibilities of the two officers assigned to the Community Engagement Bike Unit will be to engage the community, build relationships and promote a positive image of our department to the citizens of St. Louis. Bike patrols allow visibility and community engagement due to their ease of access, creating more opportunities for officers to facilitate face-to-face conversations with residents. The officers will ride in all 79 neighborhoods of the City of St. Louis, as well as attend community events.

Reporters and photographers are invited to meet the officers of the Community Engagement Bike Unit. Sound will be provided by the Unit Commander, Lt. Janice Bockstruck.

**Who: SLMPD Community Engagement
& Organizational Development Division**
What: Introduction of Community Engagement Bike Unit
When: Thursday, July 30 at 2:30 p.m.
Where: Fairground Park, Natural Bridge Entrance @ Vandeventer

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