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METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**65 St. Louis Police Officers, Civilian Employee to be Honored
at Awards Ceremony**

The Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis ("the department") will recognize the outstanding work of 65 department employees at an Awards Ceremony on Thursday, February 25, 2010, at Harris-Stowe State University, 3026 Laclede Ave., beginning at 7 p.m.

Two detectives will be awarded the Distinguished Service Citation given to officers who perform an act of bravery in the face of personal danger and sixty-two officers and one civilian employee will be awarded the Chief's Letter of Commendation, which recognizes exceptional performance on the job.

Among those receiving Chief's Letters are three officers who were the first to respond to a three-car accident in the Seventh District. Several passengers were trapped inside one of the cars when it caught on fire. The responding officers acted quickly, freeing the passengers from the car.

Five officers are also being honored for an incident where a suspect's bullet struck a gas line, rupturing it. The officers recognized the dangers of the situation and moved quickly, evacuating an 8-family apartment complex. Moments after evacuating the complex and clearing the area, a lower-level apartment exploded and the entire complex burst into flames.

The public is welcome to join us in honoring these individuals for their dedicated service. Their commitment to their jobs helps make St. Louis a better place for those who live, work and visit the city.

Who: St. Louis Police Officers and Civilian Employees

What: Department Awards Ceremony

When: Thursday, February 25, 2010 at 7 p.m.

Where: Main Auditorium, Harris-Stowe State University located at 3026 Laclede Ave.

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