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**METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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**Metropolitan Police Department Lends A Helping Hand To Joplin, Mo**

*60 St. Louis Police Officers will caravan to area to offer assistance*

60 police officers from the Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis (“the department”) will deploy to Joplin, Missouri on Wednesday, June 1, 2011. The officers will be assisting Joplin citizens and law enforcement authorities after a devastating tornado ripped through that community on May 22, 2011. Officers will report to roll call at 11 a.m. at the Support Operations Division, 4213 Gibson, Saint Louis, Missouri. After a briefing, officers will caravan as a unit to Joplin.

The deployment to Joplin will remain in effect for at least seven days, possibly longer if additional assistance is requested. Officers from the department will assume duties on June 1, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. and will work around the clock until departure on June 8, 2011. The officers will assist with various duties, including traffic control, perimeter checkpoint staffing for both traffic and security, squad patrols through the impact site, volunteer management and any other tasks they may require law enforcement assistance.

The department offered assistance to Joplin in the immediate aftermath of the tornado and has remained on standby since that time. Joplin authorities contacted the department on Monday, May 30 requesting the department’s deployment. This is a very difficult time for both the citizens and law enforcement authorities in Joplin and our department, in the vein of our core value of service, is honored to assist those affected.

**WHO: Metropolitan Police Department**  
**WHAT: Roll Call/Deployment to Joplin, Missouri**  
**WHEN: Wednesday, June 1 at 11 a.m.**  
**WHERE: Division of Support Operations, 4213 Gibson, St. Louis, Mo**

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