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## Congratulations Graduates

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 (Preamble of the Association's Constitution and By-Laws)

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. 2012 is certainly going to present some challenges. The dues for the Greater St. Louis Labor Council have gone up and this translates to a nickel increase per paycheck per member. Article Two, Section 2, of the By-Laws, dictate that any assessments must be submitted to the active membership for approval. In an effort to be more fiscally responsible we are going to conduct this process via the SLPOA website. This will



President  
Dave Bonenberger

save the cost of a mail balloting however it will require members to register on the website. Many unions conduct the majority of their voting online and we would like to use this resource more. There is a lot of information out there concerning changes to our pension system. It is true that due to the economy our system is not nearly as sound as it was when the economy was in a time of gain. The Police

Retirement System (PRS) has been in existence since 1957 and their have been many benefits added along the way. Never has there been a negative change for new members. Yes, I understand that someone must bear the burden if the system needs to be changed. As a matter of law the system cannot be changed to the detriment of current members thereby only allowing taking benefits away from those that are not yet in the system. I simply have a difficult time with this. Those that came before us certainly had to deal with downturns in the economy but they never took any benefits away. The city is the sponsor of the PRS and has always been. If

the city would ever go bankrupt, then the PRS would be in trouble and we would not get what is coming to us. It is no secret that the city appears to have a serious problem with fiscal management. They did find a solution to their fiscal liability to the PRS. They take their obligation off the top of the Police Department Budget. This means that if the budget for the department is \$160 million and the city is obligated to pay \$20 million to the PRS, the actual budget for the department becomes \$140 million. Since the city has found a way to meet their fiscal obligation to the PRS, it doesn't look like much of a problem. As we are all aware we pay 7% of our salary into our pension. This is 7% of our salary that we are putting in an account that we cannot touch until we retire when we are vested. We get that entire amount back just as if we had put it into a savings account. The difference is that we don't collect the interest that was earned on our contribution, that interest went into the PRS to help sustain it. Don't forget that we will not be eligible for Social Security benefits since we don't pay into that system. **Our pension is all that we will have upon retirement.** The propaganda spewed out there doesn't quite put it in those terms. I would like to bring your attention to the Employee Retirement System (ERS). This is the city pension system that all the non-Police and non-Fire department employees belong to. The ERS consists of roughly 4500 active members where the PRS has roughly 1300. ERS participants contribute **ZERO** to their plan. The city is the sole fiscal contributor and subsequently has the highest Actuarial Accrued Liabilities and the highest Actuarial Unfunded Liability of the three pension systems. We must also remember that the city must pay into Social Security for these 4500+ employees. The bottom line is that if the city declares bankruptcy, we will not get what was coming to us in our pensions no matter if we make changes to our system now or weather the economic storm. There has been no indication that the city is anywhere close to declaring bankruptcy.



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# MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

## The Honeymooners

"One of these days, Alice..." We all remember Ralph Kramden's hypertensive rants as his wife, best friend or the world in general, conspired against his best-laid plans. I have to admit, some days I know just how old Ralph felt.



**Jeff Roorda**  
Business Manager

When we got our first union contract in May, I labeled a single folder, "grievances." I thought, some would say naively but I'd rather call it cockeyed optimism, that the need to file grievances would be minimal and most disputes would be settled long before a grievance would be required. Seven months later, that one grievance folder has turned into a pile of folders roughly as thick as two Yellow Page books (I'm talking about the old Yellow Pages, before everyone had a cell phone!).

But, after all, we are still honeymooners. The department and the union are like two newlyweds trying to figure each

other out. It doesn't help that from the department administration's perspective, it was a shotgun wedding. While the Police Board and the Mayor welcomed collective bargaining, Chief Isom and his bridesmaids had to be drug down the aisle kicking and screaming. Since the wedding, there's been more rock throwing than rice throwing.

Heck, all newlyweds have their spats, right? Albeit, instead of pantyhose hanging on the shower rod, we're fighting over take-home cars, seniority rights and DNA sampling. On all of those issues, we tried to resolve the disputes pre-grievance but, sometimes, honeymooners have to fight these things out. And, sometimes, you can win a fight and still end-up sleeping on the couch. "Pow! Right in the kisser."

After ten grievances, three of which are going to

arbitration, some people told me I was crazy to continue to try to resolve disputes by going to the department first in an attempt to reach an acceptable resolution. But, last week, something remarkable happened. Some would even call it a breakthrough.

The union had learned that the PPO's that started in September of 2010 still hadn't been promoted to PO three months after their anniversary date. This was stunning news because, as you know, PPO's have significantly diminished employment protections under the collective bargaining agreement and department policies. We went to the department and expressed our deep concern about this situation and threatened grievance if it wasn't resolved with haste. Wadya know, the department started rounding-up the missing paperwork on the September PPO's and sent out an email dictating that the ARTS forms for the January PPO's had to be submitted before their anniversary date.

Could we be turning the

corner in this marriage?

Perhaps so. The department also seems to be trying to reach an amicable resolution on DNA Sample Collections from officers, inviting the union to provide input on what a department policy regulating the practice would look like.

This is a lot better than clubbing each other over the heads with frying pans and rolling pins. It is what the union had hoped the marriage would look like all along. Maybe it's what the department had hoped for too but, sometimes you just don't know when you're hogging the blankets.

The union is firmly committed to matrimonial harmony. As long as the department is trying, we'll try too. But, your never gonna hear us say "yes dear." We will fight for what's right and we're hopeful that the department will strive for the same thing. Otherwise, it's "Bang; Zoom! Straight to the moon!"



## Guns N Hoses Check Presented to BackStoppers

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### Perspective

By William Boyd Kiphart II

This month we take a brief break from the usual discussion for a little perspective as was the case this time last year. As we travel through the holidays, wrap this year up and look optimistically toward the New Year I wanted to take moment to remind each of us how fortunate and blessed we truly are.



In a time when there are 14 million people unemployed in this country, we have not just a job but a career and lifestyle. Regardless of how you may compare it, we have health and life insurance, this in a time when, according to some sources, as many as 50 million American do not have health insurance.

While our working conditions are not quite those of an executive at Boeing, I doubt most of us would be happy trapped in an office eight hours a day. As I often say, the Sergeant's Office at North Patrol is the greatest place I have ever worked. As I say that I reflect on those assignments that I have had that have been less than desirable. My point here is a lesson that should be obvious but which was taught to me not too many years ago.

This job, more than many others, is simply about relationships. If you enjoy coming to work or see the fun, excitement and satisfaction in coming into this job each day, I would guess this is about the relationship you have with those you work for and with. If that is not the case, this is a great environment to seek a change. That is one of the great things about a big city police department; there are a myriad of assignments and districts you can move to find a change. The bottom line here is be happy, or find a way and place to be happy.

Ultimately, you are solely responsible for yourself and your happiness. Do not make the mistake of overinvesting in those things you cannot control, and there are things we cannot control in this environment. That being said, nothing should stop you from trying to change those things that you see as wrong or inefficient. Just do so in a professional and productive manner and take pride in your accomplishments.

If you cannot find a way to be happy here, save yourself and find another vocation. Most of us have seen our fair share of those who could not find a way to be happy here and tried to "just ride it out". More times than not, that ends very badly.

I understand we all have our own opinion of the what seems to adversely affect us on a daily basis; the latest special order or directive that makes more work for us, the latest transfer that takes another body from our squad or the administrative "soup of the day" that pushes someone else's responsibility into our lap when we need to be taking down a bad guy on the street. Just understand that while this is just some of the minutia that we often cannot control, none of that excrement really "means" anything. While it may be a bit difficult, let it roll off your back and walk away. I am not advocating you shirk responsibility, just understand it as part of our world and do not dwell on it.

Focus on the real mission here. Get the bad guy, make the best case you can, write the best report you can and move on down the road. Take care of our citizens and each other and be proud of every day you voluntarily walk this path.

My wish for this holiday season and the coming New Year is that each of you has a chance to see this job as I do. This job has given me the chance to take evil, some criminals and just some bullies out of circulation. It has put a good roof over my families head, it feeds and clothes them and it protects them. It has given me friends, brothers and sisters that in some cases, are closer to my family and I than some of our blood relatives.

This "place" has given me structure, cause and motivation to challenge myself to always further my physical and mental

conditioning. It has challenged me to further my education, training and abilities. This "place" provides insurance, retirement and benefits for my family that will be there for them long after I am gone.

I am honored to walk with you each day. I have more pride for the officers I work with than I could ever express. I have seen more quality police work in this last year than I could ever count.

Never forget who you are. You are less than 1% of the population. You walk the streets that others fear and seek to confront the bad guy that others run from. And while doing that, you make a fair living and provide for your family.

This holiday season and for the New Year, know you are blessed. From my family and I to you and yours, very simply; **be happy.**



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# They Will Be Missed

## PO Donald Hischke

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Retired Police Officer Donald Hischke, who passed away on December 19, 2011. PO Hischke was a long time member of the Canine Division, retiring on March 19, 1989. A visitation and service was held on December 23, 2011, at the Collier Funeral Home in St Ann, MO. Internment was immediately followed at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.



## PO John Silvernail

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Retired Police Officer John Silvernail. PO Silvernail retired in 1991, and was last assigned to District 4 after 23 years of service. Silvernail also served with the Washington University Campus Police for 11 years. A Visitation was held on Thursday December 29, 2011 at the JB Smith Funeral Home in Maplewood (MO), with an Interment immediately following at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. A Repast was held at Hope Vineyard Church.



## PO William Kenkel

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Retired Police Officer William Kenkel. PO Kenkel retired in 1973, and was last assigned to as a patrol officer after 28 years of service. PO Kenkel also served as a Sergeant in the United States Army. A Memorial Mass was held on Saturday January 6, 2012.



## Members will be Asked to Vote on Nickel Increase

The St. Louis Police Officers Association joined the St. Louis Labor Council in 2010 in order to develop alliances with area labor unions on issues important to our members. As a result, the Labor Council and its member unions who represent tens of thousands of workers in the St. Louis area, have been instrumental in advancing our legislative priorities.

Effective January 1, 2012, the Labor Council will administer its first increase in dues in ten years. The increase is a small one, five cents per member per pay period, but is badly needed to fund the operations of the council.

In compliance with the SLPOA bylaws, members must vote on adopting an increased assessment no matter how small the increase. The Executive Board decided to conduct the voting on the SLPOA website. Please watch for emails from the website announcing the dates of the voting. If you have not yet registered on the website, simply go to [www.slpoa.org](http://www.slpoa.org) and click on "click here to sign-up" in the login box. Its just that easy!

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# FRAUD PREVENTION TASKFORCE

By Jack Huelsmann, Coordinator



*Retired SLPOA member and 36-year St. Louis Police Department*

*veteran Jack Huelsmann is the Coordinator of Circuit Attorney Jennifer M. Joyce's Fraud Prevention Taskforce. Jack is available to provide advice on fraud and scam-related questions. He is also available to conduct informational seminars on a wide range of fraud prevention topics to any group living in, working in, or providing services to residents of the City of St. Louis. Jack can be reached at telephone number 314- 612-1412 or via email at huelsmannj@stlouiscao.org to schedule your seminar and answer your fraud-related inquiries.*

before the April deadline. When she did not receive her refund check by July, she called the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), only to be told they had already paid her refund from her March e-filed return. An obvious error had occurred and after several more calls and a visit to the IRS'

knowing who, when, or how someone had stolen it. The "why" was clear: defrauding the United States of money – your money.

This citizen is not alone. Last May, the Wall Street Journal reported that, "Since 2008 the IRS has identified about 470,000 incidents of identity theft affecting

typically make the IRS suspicious, so most of the intercepted refunds are \$9,000 to \$9,500." Pre-paid debit cards were a common payment method.<sup>2</sup>

The fraud works several ways, with e-filing being the common denominator. E-filing negates the need to send W-2's as proof of wages and taxes withheld. One typical method involves stealing a living or dead person's identity, including their social security number (SSN), and e-filing a return involving a small refund, usually under \$3,000. The refund check or debit card is mailed to a bogus address and then the fraudster quickly cashes it. Some of the Tampa refunds were actually mailed to the correct taxpayer's address but the check was still intercepted after delivery. Some Tampa letter carriers were robbed of refunds. A second method involves employment fraud. Someone, usually an illegal immigrant, steals a SSN but uses the name of someone else to gain employment, resulting in unexpected income for the real SSN holder. Another example involves inmates in federal and state prisons stealing identities or submitting their real names with incorrect income data. They then file phony returns. This convict-perpetrated fraud is a growing problem.

According to the Tampa Bay Online newspaper, "One problem for the IRS is that employers aren't required to send W-2 information directly to the agency. Instead, the information is required to be sent to the Social Security Administration by March 31, after most people [who are] due refunds already have their returns. Then, the Social Security [Administration] can take months to relay the W-2 data to the IRS."<sup>3</sup> **So, the fraudster's goal is to file their phony return before** (Continued on Page 18)



## Income Tax Return Fraud

The title should remind you it is tax season. W-2's are arriving so it's time to prepare your federal, state and local income tax returns. But imagine you're this St. Louis resident! One of the first Fraud Hotline calls I received last August was from a lady who related the following account. The caller filed her federal return by mail just

downtown office, she was finally told someone had stolen her identity and e-filed a return in her name. The IRS opened an investigation and issued her a refund check. Citing privacy laws, the IRS did not tell the victim any additional information. She then had to take further time-consuming and painstaking steps to recover her identity; not

more than 390,000 taxpayers."<sup>1</sup> The article also said there were 52,000 cases in 2008, rising to 245,000 in 2010.

After Lt. Mark Scott of the Tampa Florida Police Department was a victim of this type of fraud last year, he decided to take action. He joined "Operation Rainmaker," a taskforce made up of the Tampa police, Secret Service, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Dept., and the U.S. Attorney's Office. Last summer, they arrested 49 people in a \$130 million scam operation. The taskforce intercepted \$100 million in illegal refunds and seized another \$5 million in cash, jewelry, cars, and other items. At the time, the suspects were teaching classes to groups of 50-100 people on how to cheat the system. They held tax filing parties at local hotels. In all, the taskforce stopped 10,000 fraudulent returns. The investigation showed that refunds under \$10,000 "[don't]

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## VETERAN'S CORNER



I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season—be it Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanza, New Year's Day or any other holiday you may have observed. Now it's time to get on with the New Year, 2012. I hope everyone has had a great start to the New Year and that 2012 will be the best year yet for all SLPVA members, their families, all members of the SLMPD and their families, and all readers of the Gendarme. The SLPVA members collected over 800 bars of soap for the needy.

Our February Meeting will be February 8th, the second Wednesday of the month, 11:30 AM at the SLPOA Hall.

Frank Stubits, SLPVA Vice President, and Ed Vaclavik, SLPVA Treasurer, have put together the 2012 letter to the members. The letter lists all our meeting dates for 2012, and the location of the regular monthly meetings, the SLPOA Hall, and the locations of our May and September Cook Outs, Willmore Park.

SLPVA dues are \$15 per

## Agenda and Monthly Meeting

By George Ratermann, SLPVA President

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year and are due in January. For retirees the easiest and simplest way to pay the dues is by payroll deduction. The payroll deduction form can be downloaded with the SLPVA application from our website, [WWW.SLPVA.COM](http://WWW.SLPVA.COM) or pick one up at a monthly meeting, or send an e-mail to [dues@slpva.com](mailto:dues@slpva.com) requesting the dues deduction form and I'll send it to you by return e-mail.

Those who don't pay by pension deduction can pay their dues at any SLPVA meeting or by mailing their dues to the treasurer, Ed Vaclavik. His address is on the top of the online SLPVA application form on our website.

We had 130 merry members and guests at our December 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas meeting and lunch. Dan Riley with the help of his family members and his usual volunteers laid out a delicious Christmas lunch. The banquet included baked ham with pineapple and honey, pork loin, vegetables, pasta, rolls, and of course, several desserts.

Everyone had a great meal and a great time. At the end of our meeting we awarded 13

attendance prizes including several pieces of original art work contributed by Jim Glasscock, a portable CD player brought to us by Herman Ubben who received it from an anonymous donor, and the rest received \$10 cash.

The minutes of the December meeting were compiled by SLPVA Secretary Chris Zarbo and are copied below.

### Minutes from the December 14, 2011 Meeting

The 398<sup>th</sup> meeting of the St. Louis Police Veterans Association was called order by President George Ratermann at 11:35 AM. President Ratermann led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Chris Zarbo read the opening prayer.

All officers were present except one trustee.

Mr. Ratermann stated there were no new applications for membership received.

Mr. Ratermann announced that those members who have the Humana Dental and Vision Insurance, there would be no increase for next year. Also that, Bill Leahy, Jim Richards and Al Wagner were with us today. Anyone who would like to purchase one of their books should see them after the meeting.

Prior to the reading of the November minutes of motion was made and seconded to waive the reading and accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Mr. Vaclavik gave the Treasures Report. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasures Report. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Mr. Ratermann said we had received communications from Debbie Shields who said the rates on dental and vision were not going to change. The IRS said the rates on the mileage would stay the same.

Mr. Ratermann said we had two members, Andy Whitmore and Mike Vignati who have died and Bob Jacobs, Dennis Pollihan and Bill Landrum who are ill.

Mr. Ratermann advised that Arnold Miller has the 40 and 8 Calendar for 2012 for sale for ten dollars.

No Old Business.

No New Business

Mr. Pona advised we have 130 members and guests in attendance.

Mr. Ratermann stated Mr. Glascock generously donated some drawings and Herman Ubben provided a CD player from an anonymous donor which would be included in today's 13 attendance prizes to be given out.

After the drawing for the attendance prizes a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion passed on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 AM.

**President:** George A. Ratermann  
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## MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The PRS Trustees on the Legislative Committee have met with representatives of the various labor organizations to discuss legislation for the 2012 session. We're now waiting for the actuary's report, which should be out before this article is published.

Once we get an idea of where we stand with the fiscal note on any potential legislation, we will meet again and discuss the matter. It is my hope that all the organizations can come to some agreement on how to proceed. We will then host a number of informational sessions to explain where we are, what we hope to achieve and how we hope to get there. The goal, remember, is to better ensure the

sustainability of our defined benefit plan for those who are retired, those who are currently active members, and for future hires. Working together, I believe we can do this. I ask for your support and patience.

As an aside, the market value report closing out October show's a \$5.1M increase from the previous month. We ended October, 2011 with \$604.6M in assets. Many of the managers showed a positive return, with the greatest losses coming from our international equities.

Respectfully,  
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# Santa Visits SLPOA Hall



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On December 11<sup>th</sup> the St. Louis Police Wives Association hosted it's annual Afternoon with Santa at the Association Hall. This is a free event for St. Louis city and surrounding areas officers' families. As usual it was a huge success with a great turnout. The kids were able to sit and talk to Santa and get a complimentary photo taken with the big guy. There were also several different stations set up for the kids to visit such as a craft station, story time, face painting and many more.



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December 28, 2011

Mr. Jerry Clinton  
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Thank you again for your on-going support of these families. We wish to thank everyone involved in Budweiser Guns N Hoses for their continued great dedication to our mission.

Sincerely,

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# Sergeants and Above Recommended for a Raise in FY 2013

## SLPOA Credited for Making the Raise Possible

At the December meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners, Police Department Budget Director, David Daniels, recommended to the Board that the pay matrix for all commissioned employees, including those at the rank of Sergeant, be fully funded for fiscal year 2013, which begins July 1, 2012. Mr. Daniels pointed out to the Board that under the provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the SLPOA, employees at the rank of Police Officer are set to have the matrix fully funded for FY 2013 and he suggested that in the interest of fairness, other ranks should also see the increase.

The matrix has not been funded since FY 2010 so officers will see a two year or three year increase on their paychecks starting July 1 of next year. Officers who already had their anniversary date in 2012 will see the three year increase and officers who haven't will see an initial two year increase and then an additional increase at the time of the anniversary date.

The union had pushed hard in meetings with the Mayors Office to have the full funding of

the matrix apply to all ranks even though the contract only required the increase for PO's and PPO's. Mayor Slay, in his capacity as ex officio member of the Board, spoke in support of the across-the-board funding of the matrix at the December Board meeting.

The SLPOA has submitted a request to the Board to represent the Sergeants as their union bargaining agent. Approximately 60% of the Sergeants have signed authorization cards seeking the SLPOA's representation. SLPOA Business Manager Jeff Roorda commented on the proposed raise for Sergeants after the Board meeting, "We are confident that the wishes of the vast majority of Sergeants will be honored by the Police Board and that we will be representing them in a union contract in the very near future. We're not going to let Sergeants and above suffer in the meantime. We worked hard with the Mayors Office to push for full funding of the matrix for all ranks and that is the kind of hard work and record of successful negotiations that the Sergeants can expect from the SLPOA when we are selected as their

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**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

# Image Bearing in Law Enforcement

By Sgt. Clarence E. Hines

"So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them and said to them, be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth, subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea, birds of the air and over every living thing that moves on the earth" (Genesis 1:27-28).

I recently had a chance to conduct an integrated team project involving the study and presentation of Law Enforcement as it relates to Gods good will for his creation and Gods created order. I wanted to share this with the police community with hopes that you will see our great vocation in new and exciting ways. It is my desire that in reading this, you will find eternal meaning and significance in the call to service, justice and mercy.

In accordance with the creation account, man is to fill the earth, subdue it and have dominion over it with the clear purpose of God's command to work and keep the garden. As image-bearers, man is to rule and govern as God would rule and govern on the earth. This language of dominion implies working and keeping (which includes protecting), and is to mirror the Creator and radiate his holy and righteous character among all creatures.

The Creator gives clear instruction to man; "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." (Genesis 2:17). This is the rule of life to enjoy what God has made and to

enjoy His love and benevolent care forever. This is a gracious law, given



Sergeant Clarence Hines

by God for the life and flourishing of humanity. As Creator, God is also the law-giver and perfect judge of obedience to that law.

Law Enforcement is a reflection (image-bearing reality) of God's arm of justice. Man's love for God and for one another in the order of creation is expressed through justice. Justice (rendering to each his/her due) is a way of exercising love for our neighbor. It can be said, then, that as part of God's plan of justice, Law Enforcement Officers are called to be God's agents of justice.

In a world that has rebelled against God, he has ordained civil

magistrates under him for his glory and for the public good. The governing authorities under God (in this case Law Enforcement) are given the authority to restrain evil and promote civil righteousness (Rom 13:1-7). The state is to provide protective justice with the goal of domestic tranquility and peace. However, because of the fall of man and his natural tendency towards unrighteousness, instead of respecting those whom God has placed in authority under him, and viewing them as necessary for civil good, the people fear them. Even more so, there is an attitude of disdain and hostility toward those whom God has ordained (and thus against God himself). This encourages overly harsh action by the civil authority against the people and the slippery slope continues. The authority structure established at creation is now a battle - a battle against the authority structures (God & man, man & man). As it relates to image bearing, Law Enforcement Officers are often called upon as first responders in the protection of society and initiators of discipline and punishment for the perpetrators of crimes against humanity.

The call to be an image bearer of God in law enforcement also requires us to not only do justice well, but to also be agents of mercy. In the context of policing a community, a large part of what we do on a daily basis involves responding to offer assistance to people who are victims of crimes. Image bearing in this context means we are to show compassion to victims. It means being willing to look past a victim's own negligence or circumstances and offer a measure of help and hope. Those in our community, who have been mistreated, no matter poor or rich, deserve our very best. They deserve to know that we not only care for them but that we will pursue justice for them. As we meet them in the midst of their trauma, my prayer is that we will always remember the awesomeness of our responsibility to be God's image bearers. God chooses and desires to work through the men and women behind the badge for his redemptive purposes. When we do justice and mercy well, we are showing others the face of God.

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PO Dennis Hurst	8372	01/30/2011
PO Ryan Powles	7183	01/30/2011
PO Gerald Young	2215	02/27/2011
PO Mary Zarbo	2210	03/13/2011
Sgt Alan Ray	3775	03/18/2011
PO Regina Jordan	3692	03/30/2011
PO Dan Newcomb	8002	04/04/2011
Sgt Robert Jordan	3167	04/10/2011
Sgt Richard Trevor	1421	04/10/2011
PO Sandra Watson	3688	05/23/2011
Sgt Harvey Burnett	8267	06/05/2011
Sgt Michael Hurt	1728	06/05/2011
PO David Kretschman	2201	06/05/2011
PO Daryle Nesbitt	2682	06/05/2011
PO Chris Pappas	0855	06/05/2011
Sgt Gary Sittum	1358	06/05/2011
PO Andre Watson	1348	06/05/2011
Sgt Damon Cross	3160	06/19/2011
PO Louis Hill	3406	07/17/2011
PO David Wilson	2688	07/20/2011
PO Erwin Kleinecke	1475	07/23/2011
Sgt Antonio Triplett	3610	07/27/2011
Sgt James Dandridge	3569	08/28/2011
PO Thomas Gerrein	3966	09/11/2011
Sgt Kelly McGinnis	3380	09/11/2011
PO Steven Roy	8747	09/11/2011
PO Robert O'Kelly	2842	09/25/2011
PO Robert Farrow	2946	10/04/2011
PO Kevin McCandless	2916	10/09/2011
Sgt Darryl Walker	3189	10/23/2011
Lt Col Antoinette Filla	0032	12/31/2011

## The following officers resigned in 2011

	DSN	Effective
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PO Kevin Manning	6566	01/23/2011
Sgt Sanela Konjevic	5950	02/24/2011
PO Michael Francis	6629	02/27/2011
PO William Weier	8242	03/13/2011
PO Michael Dempsey	6188	03/23/2011
PO Christopher Muench	6927	04/05/2011
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Year In Review

By Rick Metz

When I began to think back on the year, I initially thought the last 365 days seemed just like any other year. But, as I started really jotting down my thoughts, skimming through old Gendarme issues, and "surfing the internet", I was surprised as to just how many events had occurred; locally, nationally, and internationally. Below is a sampling of some of the events which occurred in 2011. Most are significant, some not so much.

The year began with an unusual series of tornadoes and natural disasters that lasted into the summer, including the New Year's Eve Tornado (2010) which caused significant damage in Sunset Hills and the Good Friday Tornado which hit Maryland

unrest.

The World Population reached 7 billion, and the US Census Bureau released the numbers from the 2010 Census Report. The population in the City of St Louis dropped by 8%, a loss of nearly 30,000 residents; compared to the last census in the year 2000. The City's population peaked in the year 1950 at 856,796 residents.

There was no shortage of deaths in 2011. Tragically, the SLMPD lost two Police Officers: Daryl Hall, who was shot and killed when he confronted an armed suspect while off-duty, and PO Tony Ewing who died rapidly of an aggressive stomach cancer. US Marshals Service Deputy John Perry was shot and killed while executing an arrest

(83) AKA Dr. Death, the man who has changed telephones, computers, and music forever, Apple CEO Steve Jobs (56), wrestler Randy Savage (58) AKA Macho Man, Boxing Legend Joe Frazier (67), NFL Bubba Smith (66) AKA Police Academy's "High Tower", Actor Peter Falk (83) AKA "Columbo", and Actress Elizabeth Taylor (79). Many notable "leaders" such as Saudi Arabian Sultan bin Abdul-Aziz Al Saud (81), North Korean Kim Jong Il (69), Libyan Colonel Moammar Gadhafi (59), and the crème de la crème Osama bin Laden (54) the Al-Qaeda terrorist leader and mastermind of the 911 attack.



Police Officer Daryl Hall, posthumously



Joplin Tornado

Heights, Berkley, and tore through Lambert International Airport. The "regular tornado season" was anything but regular. It was the deadliest tornado season in the last 50 years, devastating the southeastern United States including Joplin, MO (the deadliest single tornado in US history, killing more than 150 people). The summer of 2011 was the 4<sup>th</sup> hottest in St Louis history. A 9.0 earthquake off the coast of Japan triggered a massive tsunami and nuclear meltdown (\$235 billion in damage, 18k dead, 3k missing, 300k displaced).

The overall American economy did not improve either, and spawned the "Occupy Wall Street" movement. The US lost its AAA Credit Rating that it has held since 1941. In fact, the world economy has also begun to seriously deteriorate. Countries in Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Middle East are in massive civil

warrant, while USMS Deputy Teddy Abegg, and SLMPD Detective Jeff Helbling were shot and injured in the same incident. A total of 6 Missouri Law Enforcement Officers were killed, and 164 were lost nationwide. 467 US Military Servicemen and Women were killed in Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation New Dawn, while 42 Journalists / War Correspondents were also killed, including Tim Hethering, director of the 2010 documentary "Restrepo" which chronicled a US deployment in Afghanistan. We also said goodbye to WWII Correspondent / 60 Minutes Commentator Andy Rooney (92), the last surviving American WWI Veteran, Frank Buckles (110), Dr Jack Kevorkian

Also occurring ten years after the attack on September 11<sup>th</sup>, the 9-11 Memorial in New York opened, and the US pulled all troops out of Iraq. The St Louis Cardinals were the comeback kids beating the Texas Rangers and winning the World Series. Millions were glued to their TVs and computers as they watched Royal Prince William and Kate Middleton exchange their vows. Americans

also watched as the Space Shuttle Atlantis took its final mission into space. St Louisians watched in disbelief as a one

year old Affton, MO toddler Tyler Dasher was reported missing by his mother, only to be found dead hours later; killed and dumped near River Des Peres by his own mother. Mayor Slay, backed by billionaire Rex Sinquefeld, took perhaps the most serious attempt at "local control" that the SLMPD has seen, and it's not over yet. The St Louis Police Officers Association achieved a true milestone when a Collective Bargaining Agreement was signed with the City of St Louis. Most of us do not sincerely appreciate what that means, but to attempt to put it into perspective, one of the main reasons the SLPOA was formed was to obtain a CBA.

Oh behalf of the Gendarme Committee, I wish you and your families a safe, healthy, and happy new year in 2012.



St. Louis Cardinals Win the World Series

## City Academy Offers One Full-year Scholarship To Qualified Student From A St. Louis First Responder Family

Recently, Senator Jane Cunningham chaired an education hearing at City Academy. While there, it was discussed to offer a free one year full ride scholarship opportunity for the child of a first responder to city academy. City Academy, a private, independent elementary school in North St. Louis, will provide one full-tuition scholarship to a qualified student from a St. Louis First Responder Family for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Applications are currently being accepted, with a deadline of January 31, 2012. Children age 4 through the sixth grade are welcome to apply.

"We are going to reserve one, full-tuition scholarship for the most

qualified applicant coming from a first responder family, but we would like to encourage many to apply," says Ginger Imster, Development Director.

City Academy is the only private, independent elementary school in St. Louis providing scholarship assistance to 100% of its students. The school's mission is to provide an exceptional and affordable education for promising children whose opportunities are limited due to economic and geographic factors. City Academy's culture of integrity, citizenship and academic rigor propels students for success in secondary schools, college and beyond.

The school currently serves 140 students. Families must go

through an extensive process to be considered for admission. The school has more than five applicants for every opening. All families pay tuition, must volunteer a minimum of 20 hours per year and attend parent education programming throughout the year.

Since 2005, more than 80 of City Academy's 96 graduates have been accepted to academically rigorous secondary schools, including several top private independent schools.

For more information about City Academy, visit [www.cityacademyschool.org](http://www.cityacademyschool.org).

To apply, contact Nikki Doughty, Director of Admissions at 314-382-0085.

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### their victim files the legitimate return. They get the fraudulent return and refund processed first before it is discovered!

How extensive is the problem? The IRS will not give specific numbers, but a September 2011 report prepared by the IRS's auditors, the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA), notes that for the 2011 tax filing season, the "IRS had identified 775,723 tax returns with \$4.6 billion claimed in fraudulent refunds and prevented the issuance of \$4.4 billion (96 percent) of those fraudulent refunds. The IRS also selected 199,854 tax returns filed by prisoners for fraud screening, a 256 percent increase compared to last year." The report says 130.2 million individual returns were filed as of April 30, 2011, with 98.2 million due refunds totaling \$277.1 billion. 105 million (80%) of those returns were e-

filed.<sup>4</sup> The word "fraudulent" is widely interpreted in this report to mean all types of fraud, not just cases involving identity theft.

Does this mean that the Tampa example is just the tip of the iceberg? Suffice it to say, the problem is widespread — involving billions of our tax dollars. U.S. Senator Bill Nelson (Florida) has held hearings to learn more about the problem and "plans to introduce legislation that would plug some of the holes in the system that criminals are exploiting, make it easier for law enforcement to investigate, and increase penalties against those who commit fraud."<sup>5</sup>

How can you avoid being the victim of this fraud? Your identity can be stolen in countless ways. You can take all the recommended steps, as mentioned in earlier articles, and still be victimized. One way, as mentioned above, is to file first to

get your return into the system before a criminal. This method is subject to chance. What about those taxpayers who owe more taxes and wait? They might have to cross their fingers and hope not to be the next victim. You can track your federal return by logging onto the IRS's website, [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), and type "Where's my return" into the search bar. This will afford you some knowledge that no one else filed a return in your name.

### Tip of the Month

With the start of the New Year, it is time to obtain and review your credit report. Federal law permits us one free credit report every 12 months from each of the three credit reporting agencies: Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. If you did not get your credit report last year, now is the right time. Many people get all three reports at the same time allowing for a ready comparison

of the information, but you have to wait 12 months for another free report. I recommend you spread the three reports out over the year, getting one every four months. This will allow you to see any changes or new information that may appear. The three agencies created a joint website for this purpose. Log on to [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) and follow the menu options. You can also request the credit report(s) by telephone by calling 877-322-8228. You will have to provide your social security number. There is a fee for getting your credit score.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6 PAYDAY	7
8	9	10	11 POLICE WIVES MTG 7PM VETERAN'S MTG 11AM	12	13	14
15	16 DR. M.L. KING PARADE	17	18	19	20 PAYDAY	21 HUNTING FOR HEROES POKER SHOOT-OUT BENEFIT
22	23	24	25 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	26	27	28
29	30	31				

FEBRUARY 2012						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 PAYDAY	4 SOMO POLAR BEAR PLUNGE
5	6	7	8 POLICE WIVES MTG 7PM VETERAN'S MTG 11AM	9	10	11 BARWICK/NEWTON TEXAS HOLD-EM TOURNAMENT AND VALENTINE'S DANCE
12	13	14 VALENTINE'S DAY	15	16	17 PAYDAY	18 MARDI GRAS
19	20	21 FAT TUESDAY	22	23	24	25
26 BARKUS DAY PARADE	27	28	29 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING			

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