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## METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### **Department Invites Citizens to Community Blitz at Boys & Girls Club** *Event Will Feature Operation Polar Cops, Sam Safety and Various Department Units*

**St. Louis, Mo.** – The Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis, will host a Community Blitz at Herbert Hoover Boys & Girls Club, 2901 N. Grand, on Monday, August 28, 2017. The event will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and all residents of the City of St. Louis are invited to attend.

The Community Blitz will feature Operation Polar Cops ice cream truck, Sam Safety and various department units such as Mounted Patrol, Canine and the Regional Bomb and Arson Unit. A face painter and balloon artist will also be featured and refreshments will be served while supplies last.

“The department is excited to host a fun event to bring the community together and give our officers a chance to meet and interact with the citizens we serve,” said Acting Police Commissioner Lt. Col. Lawrence M. O’Toole. “It is more important than ever to find new, creative opportunities to build better relationships within our community.”

“We are excited to work in partnership with the St Louis Metropolitan Police Department to build and strengthen relationships between the community and law enforcement,” said Dr. Flint W. Fowler, President of Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis. “It is important for our children to understand the rights and responsibilities as citizens, as well as the important and dangerous work police officers do every day to make our city safe. It is just as important that officers establish bonds of trust with all citizens, including young people who may have had challenging encounters with authority. The Community Blitz is a step in the right direction for all parties.”

The department’s mission is to build, strengthen and sustain trusting relationships and partnerships within the 79 diverse neighborhoods that comprise the City of St. Louis.

**Who: Metropolitan Police Department**  
**What: Community Blitz**  
**When: Monday, August 28, 2017, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**  
**Where: Herbert Hoover Boys & Girls Club, 2901 N. Grand**

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