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METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Metropolitan Police Department to Stage Mock Crime Scene
Crime Scene Testing for Evidence Technician Unit Officers

The Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis (the department) will stage a mock crime scene on department premises, on Monday, June 25 at 9 a.m. The mock crime scene is designed to test competency skills of officers who are interested in becoming part of the department's Evidence Technician Unit (ETU).

The new ETU Officer that will examine the mock crime scene has already completed an extensive training program. However, he will not be officially approved to join ETU until he has successfully completed competency testing in the areas of DNA, Drug Chemistry, Firearms, Latent Prints, Photography and evidence packaging procedures.

The new training component is part of the department's ongoing efforts to have the ETU discipline accredited as part of the overall lab re-accreditation, which is due later this year. The lab completed its on-site audit June 11-15 with hopes of officially gaining accreditation in December 2012. There are fewer than 50 labs in the entire country that have their crime scene component accredited. It is the goal of the department to have its lab recognized as one of the leading forensic laboratories in the country.

Who: Metropolitan Police Department
What: Mock Crime Scene
When: June 25, 2012 at 9 a.m.
Where: Metropolitan Police Department, 1200 Clark

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