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## METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### **St. Louis Police Foundation Raises Funds for Area Police at Fall Sports Kickoff Luncheon**

*Foundation Celebrates 10<sup>th</sup> Year of Supporting Law Enforcement*

**St. Louis, Mo.** – The St. Louis Police Foundation raised \$230,000 for area police at today’s 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Sports Kickoff Luncheon at the America's Center. The event featured Emmy award-winning sports broadcaster Joe Buck and Hall of Famers Dan Dierdorf of the National Football League and Ozzie Smith of Major League Baseball. Acting Police Commissioner Lawrence M. O’Toole of the Metropolitan Police Department, Police Chief Jon Belmar of the St. Louis County Police Department and many of their finest officers in uniform were on hand. More than 800 people attended this year’s event comprised of area business representatives along with local and state dignitaries, including Governor Eric Greitens and St. Louis Mayor Lyda Krewson. All proceeds from the luncheon go to the Police Foundation to support equipment, technology and training needs of both police departments.

The St. Louis Police Foundation partners with citizens, businesses and other charitable organizations to provide support to both the Metropolitan Police Department and the St. Louis County Police Department through the donation of monetary aid, services and goods. The mission of the Foundation is to ensure the highest level of police service to the St. Louis community.

Since its formation in 2007, the Foundation has raised more than \$11 million to support the police departments with new technology, equipment and training programs.

**Questions about the Police Foundation or the Luncheon can be referred to Foundation Board Member Lurna Godwin at 314-210-8115.**

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