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New Police Board Commissioner Sworn In
Board Elects New Officers

Todd H. Epsten was sworn in as the newest member of the Metropolitan Police Department's Board of Police Commissioners prior to the open board meeting held today, Wednesday, February 27, 2008.

Colonel Epsten, 48, is the Chief Executive Officer of Major Brands, Inc., Missouri's largest wine and spirits distributor. He is the third generation of his family to lead the company, which was started by his grandfather in St. Joseph, Missouri in 1934. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science from American University in Washington D.C.

Active in the community, Colonel Epsten is the Chairman of Forest Park Forever, Vice Chairman of the Regional Business Council and Chairman Emeritus of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri. He also serves as a Trustee for the Saint Louis Science Center, Greater St. Louis Community Foundation and the Saint Louis Art Museum. Also, Colonel Epsten has formerly served as a St. Louis Airport Commissioner and as a member of the board at the Central Reform Congregation and the Jewish Federation.

Colonel Epsten is the recipient of numerous awards including the St. Louis Mayor's Spirit Award, which is given to businesses that make major expansions or improvements in the City of St. Louis as well as the St. Louis Business Journal's "Reinvest in St. Louis Award" for his contributions to making St. Louis a better place to live.

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Colonel Epsten was appointed to the Board by Missouri Governor Matt Blunt. He replaces Colonel JoAnn F. Morrow whose term expired on January 31, 2008. Colonel Epsten was sworn in by Circuit Court Judge Jimmie M. Edwards.

Colonel Epsten and his wife, Susan McCollum along with their two sons, Michael and Brian reside in the City of St. Louis.

The Board also elected new officers. Colonel Chris Goodson remains as President of the Board and Colonel Julius K. Hunter was elected Vice- President of the Board. Colonel Vincent J. Bommarito will remain as Treasurer and Colonel Todd H. Epsten will assume the duties of Purchasing Member.