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New Member of Board of Police Commissioners Sworn-In

Colonel Bettye Battle-Turner was publicly sworn in as the newest member of the Metropolitan Police Department's Board of Police Commissioners at the open board meeting today, Wednesday, April 15, 2009. Colonel Battle-Turner was nominated to the Board of Police Commissioners by Governor Jay Nixon on February 25, 2009 and confirmed by the Missouri Senate on March 26, 2009. She replaces Chris Goodson. Her term expires February 25, 2013.

Colonel Battle-Turner, 62, was born and raised in St. Louis and is currently an attorney in private practice. She previously served as a St. Louis city municipal judge and was the first judge for the city's Truancy Court, which she was instrumental in developing. She's also served as an Appeals Hearing Officer for the St. Louis Civil Service Commission, as a Hearing Commissioner in city condemnation cases and as a Guardian-ad-Litem, representing abused and neglected children. Colonel Battle-Turner holds a Juris Doctorate from Saint Louis University, a Master of Arts in Business Management from Lindenwood University and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Saint Louis University.

Prior to becoming an attorney, Colonel Battle-Turner worked for the Human Development Corporation, a non-profit organization that assists those in need of resources to assist with gaining employment and securing housing. Colonel Battle-Turner has been actively engaged in the community for many years, including working with the Girl Scouts, the House of Deliverance Girls Club and on the St. Louis Public Schools Task Force on Conduct and Discipline. She is a member of the Missouri Bar Association, the American Bar Association and the Mound City Bar Association. She is also a member of the American Business Women Association and the National Coalition of 100 Black Women.

Colonel Battle-Turner has received numerous awards for her civic service, including the Outstanding Young Woman in America, the St. Louis Public Schools Community Service Award, the 100 Black Women Community Service Award and the George Washington Carver Distinguished Service Award. She is married to a retired Metropolitan Police Department Lieutenant and they have two adult children. Colonel Battle-Turner resides in North St. Louis.

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