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**METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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**St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department to Sponsor Workplace and School Violence Prevention and Response Training at Ameren Headquarters**

Chief D. Samuel Dotson and the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department (SLMPD) will be offering two seminars on Friday, February 15, which will offer insight to St. Louis business and school communities on the prevention of Workplace and School Violence. The free seminars are being hosted at Ameren Corporation Headquarters, 1901 Chouteau Ave., St. Louis, MO, 63103.

- 8 a.m.-noon session – explore prevention tactics, policy implementation, addressing threats in the workplace, and law enforcement response to an active shooter event.
- 1 p.m.-5 p.m. session – explore violence in an academic environment to include the best practices on policy implementation, a collaborative approach to threats by school administrators, parents and staff, as well as victim and police response during a violent incident.

Richard J. Mark, president and CEO, Ameren Illinois, is a member of the St. Louis Police Foundation. “As a major employer in the St. Louis region, the safety of our communities is paramount,” Mark said. “We are proud to partner with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department to improve the quality of life in our communities.”

There have been numerous tragic high profile incidents which have received significant national attention such as Columbine High School where 12 students and a teacher were killed; or the more recent Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting where 20 students and six adults were killed. St. Louis has not been immune to such workplace and school violence. In 2010, a disgruntled employee of ABB Power killed three people and injured five others at their St. Louis facility. Just last month, an angry student

entered the Stevens Institute for Business and Arts in downtown St. Louis and shot and wounded a school administrator. These incidents can happen anytime, anywhere, and each and every school and business should be prepared.

These sessions will be presented by JLS Consulting LLC, which is staffed by current and retired SLMPD commanders and officers who have extensive experience in response to school and workplace violence and prevention measures. SLMPD consults with JLS Consulting regarding advanced security measures for school and business entities.

Space is limited and prior registration is required. The morning training session is limited to business owners and their employees; and the afternoon session is limited to school administrators and their employees. Verification of employment will be mandatory and valid photo identification will be required prior to admittance.

To register you must e-mail [registration@slmpd.org](mailto:registration@slmpd.org) and include your place of employment, your supervisor's name, and their contact telephone number. Additionally, please specify which session you are requesting to attend. You will be e-mailed a confirmation of attendance. The final day of registration is February 13.