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METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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SLMPD Teams with Big Brothers Big Sisters and Target Stores in 4th Annual Cops 4 Kids: Patrolling for Presents

The Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis, with Big Brother Big Sisters (BBBS) and Target Department Stores present the 4th Annual Cops 4 Kids: Patrolling for Presents.

The event will take place on December 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Target Department Store located at 4255 Hampton Avenue. A shopping spree for children, pizza party and visit from St. Louis Cardinal's Mascot, Fred Bird, will be among the highlights of the event.

More than 30 police officers will be teamed up with St. Louis City children who are "Littles" with the BBBS. The officers will act as mentors to the children as they shop for holiday gifts for their family and themselves. The children were selected for this event based on greatest need during the upcoming holiday season. Funds for the event will be provided by the Target Corporation as well as private donations.

The event will also serve as a recruitment event for BBBS in an effort to recruit police officers as permanent *Big Brothers* or *Big Sisters*.

There will be sound opportunities. The officers and children participating in the event will also be available for interviews.

**Who: Metropolitan Police Department, Big Brothers Big Sisters,
Target Corporation**

What: Cops 4 Kids: Patrolling for Presents

When: Saturday, December 14 at 9:00 a.m.

**Where: Target Department Store
4255 Hampton Ave.**

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