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METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Metropolitan Police Urge All-Star Fans To Arrive Early

The Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis (“the Department”), urges all fans planning to attend tonight’s All-Star Game to arrive early. There are a variety of issues that may cause delays in getting downtown or getting inside of Busch Stadium.

- There will be some street closures, (contact the Streets Department if you have questions about those closures—they are also listed on our website, www.slmpd.org.)
- A portion of I-64 will be closing in both directions near the stadium around 5pm. (Contact MODot if you have questions about that closure or see the press release on their website, or our website, www.slmpd.org.)
- There will be thousands of drivers on the roads and pedestrians in the area.
- There will be extra security processes at Busch Stadium, including every fan being individually screened before entering the gates. All bags will also be searched. Fans should anticipate long lines. (For questions about security at the game and what you can/cannot bring inside, contact the St. Louis Cardinals.)

With all of this in mind, the gates to the stadium will open at 3:15pm, nearly 4 hours prior to the start of the 7:00pm pre-game ceremonies. The Department urges all fans to allow themselves plenty of time to get to the Downtown area and plenty of time to get inside the gates at Busch Stadium.

Fans may wish to consider taking Metrolink. Metro has additional trains running to accommodate game crowds. Those choosing to drive are encouraged to “park smart”—park in well-lit, populated areas; lock vehicle doors; roll windows up; conceal valuables by placing them in compartments or in the vehicle’s trunk.

Event-goers are also advised to remain aware of their surroundings and if choosing to consume alcohol, are urged to drink responsibly. Criminals often target those who appear to be most vulnerable, including those who might be intoxicated.

There will be a heavy law enforcement presence in all areas hosting All-Star events. We strongly encourage anyone who sees criminal or suspicious activity to alert a nearby officer or call 911.

The Department urges all those in attendance to have a safe and enjoyable event.

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