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Elementary Students Visit Recruits at St. Louis Police Academy *Visit Gives Students Opportunity to see Recruits in their Learning Environment*

On Thursday, March 3, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., the Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis (“the department”) will welcome more than 300 St. Louis Public School District students participating in the “Books and Badges” program, as they visit the St. Louis Police Academy. The visiting students all attend Dewey, Shaw, Shenandoah, Sigel or Woodward Elementary Schools.

“Books & Badges” is an innovative tutoring program that provides a unique learning experience for the children and police recruits involved. When police recruits begin the St. Louis Police Academy, they work with elementary students from the St. Louis Public School District. For one hour per week for the duration of the 28-week Police Academy, police recruits work with to help students with reading and writing. The goal of “Books & Badges” is not only to improve the reading and language art skills of elementary school students, but also to promote and improve the image of police in the community by presenting police officers as positive role models.

Who: Metropolitan Police Department

What: Elementary School Students Visit St. Louis Police Academy

When: Thursday, March 3, 2011 from 10:00a.m. to 12:00p.m.

Where: 315 South Tucker

Reporters and Photographers are welcome to attend.