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NEWS RELEASE

METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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June 30, 2011

Hundreds of Metropolitan Police Department Officers Detailed to Downtown Area to Ensure Fair St. Louis Safety

The Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis, (“the Department”) will have a contingent of several hundred officers detailed to the Downtown area to ensure the safety of the tens of thousands of people who will be attending Fair St. Louis during the three-day event July 2, 3 and 4.

Officers will patrol both in uniform and in undercover capacities, in marked and unmarked vehicles as well as on foot, scooters and bicycles. There will be a significant police presence on and around the Arch grounds during the three-day event. We strongly encourage anyone who sees criminal or suspicious activity to alert a nearby officer or call 911.

Those driving to the Fair St. Louis festivities who choose to park on parking lots and in parking garages are urged to choose parking facilities that have attendants on-duty. Fair-goers are also reminded to “park smart”—that is to secure any valuables in the vehicle’s trunk prior to reaching the festivities, to park in well lit areas, and to secure their vehicles windows and doors. While these measures are no guarantee, they can certainly reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim of vehicle-related crime.

Traffic delays are expected due to both street closures and the volume of people attending the scheduled events. Fair-goers traveling to the downtown area are encouraged to leave earlier to allow for extra time to arrive at their destinations. A listing of street closures is attached.

For a complete listing of items that are permitted/prohibited on the Arch grounds as well as a schedule of Fair St. Louis events, please visit www.celebratestlouis.org.

The Department urges those in attendance to have a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend.

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FAIR ST LOUIS - STREET CLOSURES

Thursday, June 30, 9:00 AM thru Tuesday, July 5, 6:00 AM

Northbound Memorial Drive from exit off I-70 from Poplar St. Bridge and exit off I-55/70 on to northbound Memorial Drive to Washington Ave, including ramps onto Westbound I-70

- Poplar from Memorial to Leonor K. Sullivan

Friday, July 1, 6:00 PM thru Tuesday, July 5, 6:00 AM

- Southbound Memorial Drive from Washington Ave. to Spruce, including ramp onto eastbound I-70, over the Poplar Street Bridge
- Spruce and Walnut from Broadway to northbound Memorial Drive
- Market, Chestnut, and Pine from 4th Street to northbound Memorial Drive
- All streets east of 3rd Street between Chouteau Ave. and Poplar St. will be limited access only. Access for business owners located in this area and the riverfront (Gateway Riverboat Cruises and other riverfront employees, etc.) will be by FSL pass or business ID badge between the hours of 9:00 AM and 8:00 PM This area will be open from midnight to 9:00AM each day.

INTERSTATE CLOSURES

Northbound I-44/55 at Memorial beginning after morning rush hour on Friday July 1, 2011 and continuing until 7:00 A.M. on Tuesday July 5, 2011.

Eastbound I-70 at Memorial beginning after morning rush hour on Friday July 1, 2011 and continuing until 7:00 A.M. on Monday July 5, 2011.

Westbound I-64 at Memorial from the Poplar Street Bridge beginning after morning rush hour on Friday, July 1, 2011 and continuing until 7:00 A.M on Tuesday, July 5, 2011.

Parade Route – Saturday, July 2, 2011

At 10:00 a.m., the parade will begin:

Start on 4th Street at Washington Avenue

Proceed Southbound on 4th Street to Market Street

Proceed Westbound on Market Street to 20th Street

Ends at 20th Street at Market Street

Parade – Interstate Closures

The following Interstates will be closed:

Westbound Interstate 64/40 at 2100 Market Street from 9:30 A.M. until 1:30 P.M.

Eastbound Interstate 64/40 at 20th & Chestnut from 9:30 A.M. until 1:30 P.M.

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