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**NEWS RELEASE**

**METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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**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 4, 6 and 7.

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 that 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 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. Those attending the fair are encouraged to leave early to allow for extra time to arrive at their destinations. A list 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 <http://fairsaintlouis.org>

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

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## **FAIR ST LOUIS - STREET CLOSURES**

**Tuesday, July 3 at 6 a.m. to Sunday, July 8 at 12 p.m.**

- Leonor K. Sullivan from Washington to Poplar

**Wednesday, July 4 at 9 a.m. to Sunday, July 8 at 9 a.m.**

- Spruce and Walnut from Broadway to northbound Memorial Drive
- Market, Chestnut and Pine from 4<sup>th</sup> Street to northbound Memorial Drive

## **INTERSTATE CLOSURES**

Northbound I-44/55 at Memorial beginning at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, July 3 and continuing until 9 a.m. on Sunday, July 8.

Southbound I-55 from the Poplar Street Bridge to Memorial beginning at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, July 3 and continuing until 9 a.m. on Sunday, July 8.

Eastbound I-70 at Memorial beginning at 4 a.m. on Wednesday, July 4 and continuing until 9 a.m. on Sunday, July 8.

Westbound I-70 at Memorial beginning at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, July 3 and continuing until 9 a.m. on Sunday, July 8.

The Marion exit ramp to Northbound I-55 will close at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, July 3 and remain close until 9 a.m. on Sunday, July 8.

## **Parade Route – Saturday, July 6, 2012**

At 10 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 20<sup>th</sup> & Chestnut from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

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