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**METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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**St. Louis Police Foundation to Host 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Sports  
Kickoff Luncheon**

*Foundation to make major announcement regarding role in relocation of Police Headquarters*

The St. Louis Police Foundation (“the Foundation”) will host its Fifth Annual Fall Sports Kickoff Luncheon on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at the America’s Center. The event will feature Chief Dan Isom of the Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis (“the department”), Emmy award-winning sports broadcaster Joe Buck, and Hall of Famers Dan Dierdorf of the National Football League and Ozzie Smith of Major League Baseball. In addition, Doug Albrecht, President of the Foundation, will make a major announcement regarding the Foundation’s role in the planned move of Police Department Headquarters. More than 1000 people are expected to attend the event, with proceeds from ticket sales going to the Foundation, to ultimately support the department.

The Foundation partners with citizens, businesses and other charitable organizations to provide support to the department through monetary aid, services and goods. Since its formation in 2007, the Foundation has raised more than \$2 million to support the department with new technology, equipment and training programs including bullet-resistant vests, the department’s first in-car cameras and dress uniforms for officers to wear when attending funerals and ceremonial events.

The event begins at 11 a.m. with a Police Expo, featuring some of the technology officers use to help protect the public, including an armored vehicle and a robot used by the Bomb & Arson and Hostage Response Units. Officers assigned to the department’s Canine Unit will also have their canine partners on-hand for special demonstrations.

**WHO: St. Louis Police Foundation**  
**WHAT: Fifth Annual Fall Sports Kickoff Luncheon**  
**WHERE: America’s Center**  
**WHEN: Tuesday, September 6, 2011**  
**Police Expo at 11 a.m., lunch at noon**

**Media welcome to attend, no ticket required. There will be a media table at the luncheon for your convenience. If you have questions about the Foundation or the luncheon, contact the Executive Director of the Foundation, Michelle Bagwell at 314-825-3455.**

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