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President of the Board of Police Commissioners to Step Down

Term Expired January 31st, New Board Member Has Not Been Announced

Col. Chris Goodson, President of the Board of Police Commissioners, announced today that he will step down, ending his service as a commissioner, effective February 28th, 2009.

“Civic duty is vital to the success of any city and I’m honored to have served St. Louis,” said Col. Goodson. “These past four years have been rewarding, and challenging. I am humbled at the opportunity and grateful for the sacrifices that the men and women of the Metropolitan Police Department make each day, protecting the citizens of our community.”

Col. Goodson has been serving on an expired term since January 31, 2009. During today’s meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners, Col. Goodson said he was stepping down to ensure that decisions on important issues such as the Department’s current budget proposal, will be made solely by Board members serving active terms.

Col. Goodson is a principal at Gilded Age, a real estate development company, and the president and owner of the Goodson Company, a provider of promotional products. He is also the president and owner of Goodco, a real estate development and management company.

In accordance with state statutes, the Board of Police Commissioners is comprised of five individuals. Four commissioners are appointed by the Governor and serve four year terms each. The mayor of the city of St. Louis serves as an ex-officio member. Col. Goodson was appointed to the Board of Police Commissioners by former Governor Matt Blunt on February 10th, 2005. Governor Jay Nixon has not yet announced the next commissioner.

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