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**METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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**Metropolitan Officers to Receive Medal of Valor**

*2/3 of Officers Receiving the Award are SLMPD Officers*

Fourteen officers from the Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis ("the department") will be honored with the Crusade Against Crime's Medal of Valor at a ceremony to be held November 10, 2010 from 12-2 p.m. at the Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark located at 1 South Broadway.

The annual event honors police officers and citizens in the St. Louis metropolitan area for conspicuous acts of bravery. Police officers are honored for acts that exceed the normal demands of police service. The department's officers represent two-thirds of the 21 area officers receiving the honor.

Among the department's honorees are Sergeant John Applegate and Police Officer Robert Simons, who are being honored for their actions in apprehending a suspect wanted for felony charges. Officers were in the 4900 block of Leduc when they saw the suspect, identified themselves as police officers and ordered the suspect to stop. The suspect however, ran from the offices and began shooting at the officers. With one officer taking cover behind a tree and the other in a vehicle, the officers returned fire, striking the suspect and were able to take him into custody.

The department's 2009 Officer of the Year, Joseph Haman, will also be honored for his actions during a May 27, 2010 incident where he was shot multiple times during a car stop and Officer Isabella Lovadina will be honored for an October 2009 incident where she was shot while off-duty.

Other honorees include: Sgt. David Bonenberger and Police Officers Joshua Becherer, Jason Collins, Jeremy Cotton, Brian King, Ryan Linhorst, Chris Lovelady-Armstrong, Joseph McCloskey, Ronald Vaughan and Marc Wasem.

**WHO: 14 Metropolitan Police Department Officers**

**WHAT: Medal of Valor Luncheon and Awards Ceremony**

**WHERE: Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark, 1 South Broadway**

**WHEN: Wednesday, November 10, 2010 from 12 to 2 p.m.**

If you have questions about the Crusade Against Crime, the Medal of Valor or the awards ceremony, please contact Andy Quinones: 314-839-7601/[aquinones@florissantmo.com](mailto:aquinones@florissantmo.com).

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