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Opening of New Police Headquarters at 1915 Olive to Be Celebrated with March, Ribbon-Cutting and Public Viewing

St. Louis, Mo. – On Saturday, July 19, 2014, the Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis will celebrate a new beginning with the opening of its new Police Headquarters, located at 1915 Olive, with a historic march, Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony and a public viewing of the building.

The march will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the current Police Headquarters, 1200 Clark, and will travel west on Clark, north on 14th, west on Olive and disband at new Police Headquarters. The Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony will begin at 1915 Olive at 11:00 a.m. Chief Sam Dotson, Mayor Francis Slay, Richard Gray, Director of Public Safety, Douglas Albrecht, President of the St. Louis Police Foundation and State Senator Jamilah Nasheed will address attendees at the ceremony. Mike Bush of KSDK News Channel 5 will serve as Master of Ceremonies. After the ceremony, the public is invited to tour the building until 1:00 p.m.

"The move from our current Police Headquarters at 1200 Clark to our New Police Headquarters at 1915 Olive is a big deal, not only to our employees, but to the community we serve," said Chief Sam Dotson. "We hope that the citizens of St. Louis will join us in celebrating this new chapter in our history."

In January 2011, the Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis and the Board of Police Commissioners purchased a building from Wells Fargo Advisors to replace the department's aging headquarters building located at 1200 Clark. 1915 Olive was purchased for \$2.7 million, an estimated \$5 million less than the building's market value. The building was purchased using Asset Forfeiture funds—monies the court ordered be seized as proceeds of criminal activity. In September 2011, the St. Louis Police Foundation presented the Metropolitan Police Department with a \$3 million donation needed for building renovations.

The building is a 9-story structure built in 1990. The 143,024 square foot property includes a total of 350 parking spaces, with 284 of the spaces in an indoor parking structure and 66 additional spaces on two adjacent secured parking lots. The building formerly housed the offices of A.G. Edwards.

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