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## **METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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### **Metropolitan Police Department and United Way of Greater St. Louis Partner to Honor 9/11 Victims**

*Newly Formed Police Department Choir Set To Perform*

The Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis, (“the department”) has partnered with the United Way of Greater St. Louis for ***Remembering Our Heroes: A Musical Tribute***, featuring the newly formed Metropolitan Police Department Choir. The concert, held in remembrance of the September 11, 2001 terrorists’ attacks, will take place on Saturday, September 11 at 6 p.m. at Kiener Plaza in downtown St. Louis.

Police Chief Dan Isom, Mayor Francis Slay and Congressman Russ Carnahan will address attendees at the event. Members of the Board of Police Commissioners and the Senior Command Staff of the department will also be present.

The tribute concert aims to honor the memory of those killed in the attacks and will also pay tribute to the first responders who risk their lives daily to protect and serve the citizens of the city and nation.

The department’s choir is one of only a few of its’ kind in the country. Through research, the department’s historian identified police department choirs in Maryland, Texas and Arizona. The department’s choir is comprised of 19 commissioned and civilian employees. Also included in the choir are five citizens who volunteered as well as a volunteer choir director. In addition to the department’s choir, the St. Louis County Police Department’s Bagpipers will perform. There will also be a special candlelight ceremony. The event is free of charge.

The tribute concert is one component of a week of activities held September 6-15, 2010 in the St. Louis region, as part of the 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance. For more information about the activities of the week, contact the United Way of Greater St. Louis.

**Reporters and photographers are welcome to attend. Sound will be available with members of the choir and with other event organizers.**

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