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---MEDIA ALERT---

St. Louis Police Athletic League holds Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
Boxing Gymnasium opens at Innovative Concept Academy

On Friday, August 24, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., the Metropolitan Police Department's ("the department") Police Athletic League (PAL) will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony for the grand opening of the PAL Boxing Gymnasium at Innovative Concept Academy (ICA), 1927 Cass Avenue. Department representatives, educators, local dignitaries and PAL members will be present at the ceremony.

The gymnasium at ICA is the second location in the city of St. Louis to host the PAL boxing program. Participants in the boxing program will learn basic and advanced boxing skills as well as improve their physical conditioning and mental discipline. Children may also participate in boxing matches and tournaments.

The Police Athletic League (PAL) is a volunteer based program which operates in cooperation with the Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis. PAL provides children in St. Louis with low-cost athletic, educational and cultural programs. Currently, there are more than 1500 area children ages 5-18 involved in PAL activities. There is no cost for children to participate in PAL activities. All equipment, uniforms, league fee, registration and insurance are paid by PAL.

Who: Metropolitan Police Department's Police Athletic League
What: Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Grand Opening of PAL Boxing Gymnasium
When: August 24, 2012 from 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.
Where: Innovative Concept Academy, 1927 Cass Avenue

Reporters and Photographers are welcome to attend.

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