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**METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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**Officers to Deliver Meals to Area Seniors**

*More than 500 individuals will benefit from "Summer Cool Down"*

Police Officers from the Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis ("the department") will help deliver fans to area senior citizens in an effort to beat the heat during the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Cool Down. The event, which also includes a luncheon and a meal-delivery service to seniors who are unable to attend, takes place Wednesday, July 11 at 10 a.m. at the Five Star Senior Center located at 2832 Arsenal.

More than 150 senior citizens are expected to attend the luncheon which will include games and other activities. In addition to the seniors who attend, police officers will deliver 350 meals to homebound seniors. To assist those who do not have air conditioning or who are choosing not to use air conditioning due to financial constraints, box fans will be given to senior citizens in need at the luncheon and during the meal delivery service.

The Five Star Senior Center provides Meals on Wheels service to 350 individuals on a daily basis. As a result of budget restraints, they have been forced to reduce their service by one meal per month. Organizers of the Summer Cool Down offered to extend their luncheon to these individuals and fill the gap for July.

The event is sponsored by Aramark Uniform Service and Walgreens.

**WHO: Metropolitan Police Department**

**WHAT: 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Cool Down**

**WHERE: Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal**

**WHEN: Wednesday, July 11 at 10 a.m., lunch served at 11:30 a.m.**

**Reporters and photographers are welcome to attend. Sound will be available with Sgt. John McLaughlin and with other event organizers. Seniors may choose to speak with media as well.**

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