

COMMISSIONER'S CORRESPONDENCE – Honoring the legacy of David Lee, marking Black History Month and preparing for Mardi Gras:

At the end of January, the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department added a plaque honoring Officer David Lee on our fallen officer wall at Police Headquarters.

The SLMPD family continues to mourn the tragic line-of-duty loss of Officer Lee last September, and we remain committed to honoring his memory and carrying on his legacy of service to our residents.

Officer Lee and each of our City's fallen police officers will continue to be honored as part of nationwide remembrance and memorial programs in May, and we will also honor Officer Lee in September when we mark the one-year anniversary of his death.

During this month of February, we are observing Black History Month and have participated in events and programs throughout the City to mark this important month. We also pay tribute to Black leaders in our own organization who have paved the way for others. These leaders – whether current members or retirees – have brought about progress in our department and in our neighborhoods, and we appreciate them answering the call to serve our community.

Finally, we look forward to our City's annual celebrations of Mardi Gras this month, culminating with the Mayor's Mardi Gras Ball on February 28 and the parade and celebrations on March 1.

Our police officers will be working hard throughout the month and during each of these events to help ensure everyone's safety!