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1919



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**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**

July 26  
August 30  
6 p.m.

**E-BOARD MEETING**

July 26  
August 30  
4 p.m.

**VETERAN'S MEETING**

July 12  
August 9  
11:30 a.m.

**POLICE WIVES MEETING**

July 12  
August 9  
7 p.m.

**MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER**

# UPDATE

As you have probably heard by now the legislative session ended and our bill returning control of the St. Louis Police Department to a governor appointed Police Board failed to pass. The narrative on this style of governance is and has always been skewed to make outsiders think it's a bad thing. Prior to the 2013 ballot initiative, the St. Louis Police Department was governed by a Police Board made up of St. Louis City residents. It was a civilian oversight board, which is what so many opponents of the Police Board structure have been pleading for since before the change to local politician control and they continue to call for it today. In the previous structure, the Police Board controlled and oversaw policy, discipline and the budget but left the day-to-day operations of the police department to the Chief of Police. That's how a police department should run. An untrained, inexperienced politician or political appointee with no police background should not be responsible for directing the operational decisions of a police department. Under the Police Board, the department ran smoothly, and the politics were kept out of the police department.

Despite our inability to overcome the Rex Sinquefield political machine, SLPOA was successful in passing numerous other pieces of important legislation that are outlined in the legislative update of this issue. Those items included stopping an overreach by city politicians with the creation of their new Civilian Oversight Board. The City ordinance, which passed earlier this year, would have overstepped the statutory authority granted by the State Legislature. This bill defines the limits of a review board to undo the overreaching authority of this new city ordinance. We were also able to get some legislation passed that added PTSD as a

compensable occupational disease under workers' compensation when diagnosed in first responders. SLPOA assisted the Pension lobbyists in passing a bill that would allow retirees' widows to remarry without being penalized by losing pension benefits. And, finally, we were able to bring an end to a residency requirement for all city employees!

I would like to point out the hard work by our lobbyists, SLPOA President Jay Schroeder and General Counsel Brian Millikan this session in Jefferson City.

We are extremely lucky to have Mark Bruns as our lobbyist in Jefferson City. He is well respected in the State Capital and he has worked tirelessly on behalf of our membership. Mark has an impeccable reputation and is a true champion for law enforcement. As a former legislator himself and a Jefferson City native, Mark has incredible insight at the Capital and has a large network of relationships that allows him to get things done. SLPOA is thankful for all his hard work and dedication to our organization this session and every year.

Our City Lobbyist, Jane Dueker, was also very helpful in pushing our legislative agenda in Jefferson City. Jane is an attorney and former chief of staff in the governor's office. She too has the political savvy needed to navigate the often-turbulent waters inside the Capital. Jane was instrumental in helping us clear the many legal hurdles we encountered during the session and even helped present our case to committees in the House and Senate.

SLPOA President Jay Schroeder spent many hours pushing for legislation on your behalf. Jay selflessly uses his personal time to make these frequent trips to Jefferson City. The city and the police department do not allow Jay to

do this type of work while on duty, so he is forced to use his DHs, vacation time and other personal days to work on your behalf. Jay has developed some strong relationships in Jefferson City and is a huge asset to our organization. Jay also leads the entire Missouri Fraternal Order of Police as the President of the State Lodge and is able to wield that influence on your behalf as well.

Finally, I would be remiss not to mention SLPOA General Counsel Brian Millikan and highlight the important role he played in this year's legislative effort. Brian is a consummate professional. SLPOA relies on him to make sure the bills we are advocating for do not cause any legal issues for our members. He was instrumental in drafting the wording for an amendment to one of the crime omnibus bills addressing the Civilian Oversight Board language. As a former St. Louis City Police Officer and longtime SLPOA legal counsel, Brian has proven time and again his loyalty and dedication to our organization.

The next legislative session will be here before we know it. Pre-filing of bills starts on December 1<sup>st</sup> so the discussions have already begun. I am confident with the team we have at SLPOA we will continue to have success in Jefferson City. There is also a groundswell of support coming out of the business community that may help tip the scale in our favor when it comes to our continued priority project to return control of the Police Department to a Governor appointed board. Stay tuned.



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CONTRACT CORNER

# Agreement Reached



SLPOA is happy to announce that we have been able to negotiate and ratify yet another contract for our members. Civilian Personnel Division President Weylin Harris, along with SLPOA President Jay Schroeder and the members of the bargaining team, were able to successfully negotiate a Collective Bargaining Agreement for our civilian personnel.

The operations portion of the contract is more streamlined in comparison to their previous contracts. It includes language that is similar to other City contracts and contains wording that is in line with the Department's Special Orders, City's Administrative Regulations and Civil Service Rules. Although it has been shortened in terms of the length of the contract, there were very few concessions from the previous contract. Most of the items that were lost during negotiations had to do with the Association's rights and will not necessarily have an impact on membership. Although the wording in past contracts was certainly more detailed, the previous contracts always ultimately deferred to the City's Administrative Regulations, Special Orders and Civil Service Rules as does this contract.

The financial section of the contract was extremely difficult to navigate. Unlike the commissioned personnel, there are many different classifications within the Police Civilian Personnel Division, and they all fall within separate pay scales. Throughout negotiations, SLPOA was attempting to identify and address the classifications that were the most egregiously underpaid. We utilized the City's pay study from 2021 as a barometer and

attempted to get the city to rework the classifications to allow for an increase for the most underpaid positions while also trying to address a meaningful raise for all of our members. Although we were not able to come to an agreement on significantly raising pay for all of the classifications, we did make some modest financial gains for bargaining unit members.

When the City assumed control of the Police Department a decade ago, many of the prior job titles were reclassified to very general and broad classifications. Because of the way in which these jobs are now classified, we were not able to achieve a meaningful pay raise for our members in all of those positions without affecting pay throughout the entire city. We did, however, get the City to agree to review the classifications for future negotiations and we will have an opportunity to bring recommendations to the City during the next wage reopener. SLPOA has already begun to identify and compile information to help in presenting pay disparities of the Civilian Personnel Division employees and similar

public sector employees throughout the region.

The bulk of the compensation portion of the contract is similar to what most other City employees will receive: a 3% across the board raise. All Police Civilian Personnel employees will also receive an additional 1 ½% increase for receiving a successful or highly successful rating on their annual review. Although this year's raise is below what we had hoped for, we will have an opportunity to work for additional pay increases during the wage reopener in the next fiscal year.

The contract does represent some significant financial gains for dispatchers, a position that has seen a drastic loss of staffing and is massively underpaid. We hope these gains will help the City recruit and retain more quality people who are willing to take on this demanding and highly stressful position within the police department. These increases were achieved through a pay regulation from the Director of Personnel which allows for a retention incentive for dispatchers and will bring their salaries up significantly. Hopefully, these changes will allow our dispatchers' pay to be more competitive with other agencies in the area and allow SLMPD to retain our extremely experienced and qualified dispatchers.

In addition to the contract, SLPOA was able to pass a bill which adds "telecommunicator first responder" to the definition of "first responder" in various provisions of law. We were also able to pass a bill that ends the residency requirement. This is a huge win for SLPOA and all of our members. This is an issue that SLPOA has been trying to address for years so we are pleased to have finally accomplished it.



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**Election Declaration of Candidacy  
are due in the office  
from August 1 - August 7 (5pm)**

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Help me to protect the community and to always respond with compassion to those who are in need. I know that you see every action or move that I make during the day and how these actions interweave with the lives of other people. Help me to be a guard, shepherd and watchman for the people. Guide me as I try to fulfill my duty and make the world a better place.

AMEN



# SLPOA Endorses Kehoe and Bailey

The St. Louis Police Officers' Association has made two early endorsements for the 2024 Election cycle. SLPOA is proud to announce our endorsement of Mike Kehoe for Governor and Andrew Bailey for Attorney General.

Mike Kehoe is the current Lt. Governor for the State of Missouri. He has been a constant supporter of SLPOA and the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department since his election to the Missouri Senate in 2010. During his time in the Senate and in his current position as Lt. Governor, he has been instrumental in getting some very important legislation passed for SLPOA including the Law Enforcement Officer Bill of Rights. Lt. Governor Kehoe was born and raised in North St. Louis and has a genuine concern for what is best for St. Louis and SLPOA.

Andrew Bailey is currently serving as Attorney General for the State of Missouri. Attorney General Bailey was sworn into his current position in 2023 after a vacancy was created in that office with the departure of Eric Schmidt to the U.S. Senate. Attorney General Bailey has been working diligently on behalf of law and order ever since and played an integral part in Kim Gardner stepping down from office. Attorney General Bailey is a decorated combat military veteran, a staunch supporter of Law Enforcement and a friend to SLPOA.



SLPOA is proud to announce our endorsements of these outstanding men and we encourage all of our members and readers to support them in their elections.



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Sgt. Christy Allen	305	05/28/23
Lt. Kelly G. Middleton	350	05/13/23
PO Michael D. Mathews	301	06/04/23
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# SLPVA Spring Cook Out 2023



# GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

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## SGT Greg Newhouse

DOB: 05/02/1969  
Date of Death: 05/06/2023

Date of Employment: 02/03/1992

Surviving Spouse: Catherine Newhouse  
(former SLMPD Dispatcher)

Son-in-law of Retired Lieutenant Colonel  
Raymond Lauer

Brother-in-law of Active Lieutenant Paul  
Lauer, Retired Lieutenant Michael Lauer, and former Police Planner  
Matthew Lauer

Uncle of Cadet Kyle Lauer

Assignment code at time of retirement: 303

It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of Sergeant Greg Newhouse, DSN 3895, assigned to District 3 after a brave battle with cancer. Sergeant Newhouse joined the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department on 10/7/1991. Sergeant Newhouse was the husband of former Police Dispatcher, Catherine Newhouse; son-in-law of retired Lieutenant Colonel Raymond Lauer; brother-in-law of Lieutenant Paul Lauer, DSN 3770/463, retired Lieutenant Michael Lauer and former Police Planner Matthew Lauer; as well as the uncle of Cadet Kyle Lauer, DSN 12431.

Visitation  
Date: Wednesday, 5/10/23  
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## Officer Theodore (Ted) Wyman Sr., SLMPD Retired

SLPVA Member

DOB 15 January 1944  
Retired 17 March 2008  
Died: 11 May 2023

Asleep in Jesus, Thursday, May 11, 2023. Beloved husband of the late Janet Sue Wyman (nee Austin); dear father of Nancy (Gary Lee) Carrel, Jonathan (Cindy) Wyman and the late Theodore Alan (Paula deceased) Wyman Jr.; dear brother of Florence Huber; our dear grandfather, great-grandfather and friend of many.

Services: Visitation at KUTIS AFFTON CHAPEL, 10151 Gravois, Sunday, May 21, 3-9 p.m. then taken to Salem Lutheran Church, 8343 Gravois Rd. 63123, on Monday, May 22, for visitation 9:00 a.m. until funeral service at 10:00 a.m. Interment JB National Cemetery. Mr. Wyman was a longtime St. Louis City Police Officer. Donations to the Alzheimer's Association, appreciated.



## Retired P.O. Melvin E. Clark

Date of Birth: 01/08/1951  
Date of Death: 04/11/2023

Date of Employment: 03/05/1973  
Date of Retirement: 07/26/1996

Assignment: District 8

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# GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

We stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us

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## Retired Police Officer William R. Funkhouser

Date of Birth: 08/11/1937  
Date of Death: 05/16/2023

Date of Employment: 02/27/1961  
dsn 4064

Assignment Code: Traffic Safety/Mounted Patrol

Funeral arrangements are pending.



## Retired Sergeant George Gordon

DOB: 01/13/1938  
Date of Death: 04/28/2023

Date of Employment: 09/18/1961  
Date of Retirement: 04/07/1982

Sgt. Gordon was an Elder Member of the SLPVA

Assignment code at time of retirement: 5<sup>th</sup>

Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.



## Officer Floyd (Tim) Yancy SLPMD Retired

DOB 1/26/1941  
Died: 5/17/2023

Retired 11/30/1987

Elder Member SLPVA  
Spouse: Kathryn

Funeral Arrangements Incomplete at this time.



## Thomas "Tom" C. Grojean

Thomas C. Grojean, 76, passed away peacefully in the privacy of his home on Friday, May 12th, 2023. Beloved husband of Janet Grojean (nee Fields); Cherished father of Kevin Grojean and Ericka Grojean; Adored grandfather of Jaden Thomas Grojean and Emerson Grace Grojean.

Tom was predeceased by his loving parents, Claude Grojean and Bertha (Bummy) Grojean (nee Walther), and dearest brothers, Timothy Grojean and Daniel Grojean.

A true St. Louis City Son and consummate family man, Tom was born in 1947 and resided in South St. Louis City throughout his youth and early adulthood. He was a St. Louis City police officer, a veteran of the United States Air Force and the Missouri National Guard, sharing workplaces and a lifetime bond with his brother, Dan. He had the honor of serving as President of the Hampton Village Athletic Club during his children's formative years. In 1993, Tom and Janet purchased their current home in Defiance, MO, and spent the last 30 years sharing their time with family and friends alike, traveling and cultivating a family legacy that continues to grow.

Those that knew him well can attest to his unwavering loyalty and love to family and friends alike. Tom wanted little and gave everything. He had a highly developed sense of humor and incredible "street smarts". He developed lifelong friendships with those he worked with and the many shared friends and family of his wife, children, grandchildren. Tom loved classic American cars and Motown music, he enjoyed a good John Grisham novel and the 1980 motion picture, The Blues Brothers. His perfect Saturday morning was a trip to the junkyard with his brother and their like-minded friends. Tom was truly respected and revered by those that had the pleasure of knowing him. He will be profoundly missed.

Memorial Gathering:  
Saturday, June 3, 2023 from 11:00am to 2:00pm

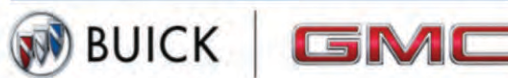


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Presentation of Military Funeral Honors:  
Saturday, June 3, 2023 at 1:30pm

## Retired SGT Clarence Contestable

Birth: 11/10/1934  
Death: 5/27/2023

SLPVA Elder Member

Date of Employment: 08/26/1963

Date of Retirement: 09/07/2002

Assignment code at time of retirement:  
Investigations

St Louis County

Spouse: Betty

Visitation: Friday June 2, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Kutis South County Chapel - 5255 Lemay Ferry Rd St Louis MO 63129

Funeral immediately following visitation at 12 Noon  
Reception following funeral where friends are invited to share stories with family

Burial: Sunset Memorial Park 3:00 p.m.

## Retired P.O. Floyd T. Yancey

Birth: 10/26/1941  
Death: 05/09/2023

Date of Employment: 09/13/1965

Date of Retirement: 11/30/1987

Assignment code at time of retirement:



Investigations  
Surviving Spouse: Kathryn Yancey

Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

## Dona Carroll wife of Retired Sergeant Jim Carroll

The following is from John Johnson:  
Dona Carroll, wife of retired Sergeant Jim Carroll passed away Sunday. We owe Dona and Jim a debt of gratitude for playing a crucial role in ending the residency requirement for City Officers. They were at the forefront of this battle over twenty years ago simply trying to do what was right for their daughter Jessica. On a personal note I've known Dona and Jim for well over forty years. We were neighbors in the City, co-workers in the City, and Jim and I worked at Mallinckrodt together. My sincere condolences to Jim, his son Joe, and daughters Jessica, Laura, and Lisa. Dona is with the Lord and may she rest in peace.  
Arrangements below

Services; Funeral from Kutis South County Chapel (5255 Lemay Ferry) on Saturday 6/3 9:15AM for 10AM mass at St. Francis of Assisi. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Friday 4-8PM. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Jude's Childrens hospital, Backstoppers or Tunnels to Towers appreciated.

## Retired Sergeant William L. Anderson

Birth: 12/13/1936  
Death: 06/18/2023

Date of Employment: 12/14/1959  
Date of Retirement: 06/19/1989

Assignment code at time of retirement: 301

Surviving Spouse: Dolores Anderson

Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.



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# Remember and Honor

By Chaplain John Fava

During the month of May we remember and honor police officers who have died in the line of duty. On May 3 we honored the officers from the SLMPD at the Memorial Breakfast. At the Memorial Service in Jefferson City on May 6, we honored the officers from the State of Missouri. The National Memorial Service in Washington, D.C. on May 15 honored those officers from the entire United States of America.

Each of these locations has a monument with the names of true heroes. There is no doubt that these officers have made a difference in peoples' lives throughout St. Louis, Missouri, and the U.S.A. The mission of these officers was to stand guard because of honor, duty, and respect. Their dedication to their badge and to their fellow officers was limitless. It was an honor for them to protect and to serve, and they did it eagerly and without hesitation. And then one day they were called upon to answer a call that ultimately would be their last, and they responded with courage and dedication. These heroes put the lives of other people above their own, and they did it willingly. Knowing what the consequences could bring, they accepted

the task immediately, and they gave their lives for the preservation of others.

Even though these officers have left us behind, they will always be with us in mind, heart, and spirit. Even though you did not know many of them by name, their memory lives on, because the badge you wear unites you with them. Your badge is the

glue that binds you officers and forms a bond that only you know. Your badge is the unifying element that gives you pride for the job that you have to do and helps you to take on the challenges that you face every day when you put on your uniform.

When you look at the various monuments and recall the names of the officers that you actually knew, your hearts are filled with sadness, but you will cherish the time that you spent together. You are appreciative of the officers who served their department with pride and honor. They like you were/are very proud

of the police badge that was on their/your uniform.

You officers have chosen a profession that most people cannot do. You took an oath to do this job of police officer, not because you had to, but because you WANTED to. It takes a very special person to wear the blue, and most people have no idea what you do when you go to work. You made a commitment to protect and serve, and you work hard to provide the safety that citizens expect.

Over the years we have lost too many officers who had so much to give. We acknowledge the work that they did and give them the respect that they are due. Everybody hurts when we lose a loved one, but we just hurt in a different way when a colleague dies in the line of duty. We do, however, still go on. And even though we all miss them greatly, we must remember that they are still near to us in the memories that we hold in our hearts. We are thinking of these officers, and appreciating their work that was done so well and done with pride.

As always, please be assured of my prayers for you, your families and loved ones. May God bless all of you, and may God give eternal rest and peace to the officers who have died in the line of duty.



SLMPD members that attended



Missouri Law Enforcement Memorial on the grounds of the capitol



SLMPD Honor Guard & Chief Robert Tracy



SLMPD Officer Eva Millar-Galvan sang the National Anthem



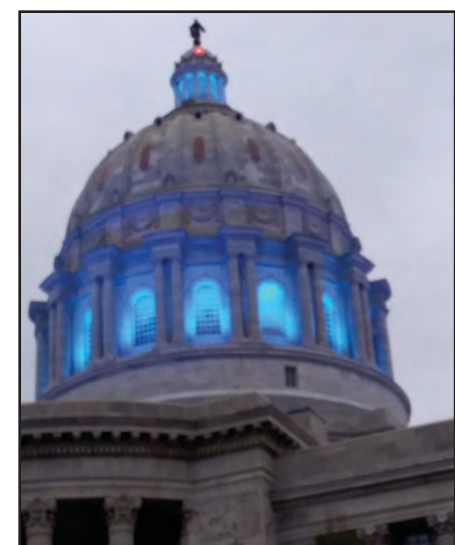
SLMPD Chaplain Brother John Fava gave the invocation



Each plaque has name of an officer who has died in the line of duty.



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Capitol lit with blue lights



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# 2023 Legislative Session Comes to an End with No Change to Police Control

The 2023 legislative session came to a close at 6:00 pm on Friday, May 12, and will likely be remembered as being filled with missed opportunities. Many bills that were close to passing became casualties of dysfunction in the Senate during the final week of session including our bill to return the police department to a governor appointed civilian police board. While the St. Louis Mayor took a victory lap over the failure of our bill, the reality is she had very little to do with the bill not passing. Republican Legislators were influenced by millionaire political super donor Rex Sinquefield, not a progressive St. Louis Democrat.

As most of you likely know, Rex Sinquefield is the reason we are in this position with local politician control of the police department after he funded the initiative petition that led to the change ten years ago. Now, some of the same Republican Legislators who love to tout their support for the Police when it benefits them, turned their back on us in favor of fattening their PAC accounts.

A number of legislators stood strong on our behalf despite this pressure and worked tirelessly for SLPOA issues: Senators Schroer and Luetkemeyer, House Speaker Dean Plocher, Representatives Brad Christ and Lane Roberts, to name a few.

While House members spent the final hours of session passing numerous pieces of legislation, the Senate became a place of drawn-out theatrics that plagued the passage of many bills. Each senator has substantial power to hold the floor for an extended period of time, but the final week saw this practice taken to the extreme as a handful of senators used this power to hold the entire body hostage in order to pass their own policy objectives. The result was another year where very few policy-related bills found their way to Governor Mike Parson's desk. Of the over 2,000 bills that were filed this session, only 41 policy bills await the Governor's signature.

Several Republican priority bills fell victim to the delay tactics, including initiative petition reform, which was a priority of the Speaker of the House, legislation to limit the ownership of Missouri farmland by foreign investors, and a provision to legalize sports betting in Missouri. We are certain each of these topics will be revisited next session.

The Governor has until June 30 to determine if he will sign or veto budget related bills and must decide the fate of policy bills by July 14. Bills that are signed into law will become effective on August 28, unless the bill has an emergency clause or specific date of implementation. Listed below are brief descriptions of bills of interest to our members

that passed and the legislators responsible for their passage.

**SB 189** developed into one of our priority bills as session progressed. What began as a bill to increase penalties for assault of a law enforcement animal, developed into a lengthy omnibus public safety bill. Thanks to Senator Tony Luetkemeyer and Representative Lane Roberts, we were able to add several important provisions to this legislation. Contained in the bill is language to limit the authority of civilian oversight boards, a provision to add PTSD as a compensable injury for first responders under workers' compensation, the elimination of residency requirements for St. Louis police officers, and language to remove the salary caps for members of the Kansas City Police Department.

**SB186** is also a bill that became a priority for us as it transitioned from a bill dealing with theft from an ATM into another omnibus public safety bill. Provisions of interest to our members include adding dispatchers to the definition of a first responder, our PTSD language, removing St. Louis residency requirements, removing salary caps for KCPD officers, and new language dealing with POST disciplinary procedures. Thanks to Senator Justin Brown, Representative Jeff Myers and Representative Alex Riley for their assistance with this legislation.

**SB24** creates the First Responder Mental Health Initiative Act. While several sections of the bill deal primarily with mental health for firefighters, we were successful in adding our PTSD language to this bill. Senator Lincoln Hough, Representative Ron Copeland and Representative Adam Schwadron were key to the success of this bill.

**SB20 and SB75** both deal with retirement systems and both contain language which allows surviving spouses of deceased members of the Police Retirement System of St. Louis to remarry and still receive spousal benefits.

Despite our main legislative priority being derailed by a millionaire political super donor, SLPOA was still able to accomplish quite a few important pieces of legislation this year, as detailed above. This doesn't happen without the hard work of our lobbyists, attorneys and SLPOA President Jay Schoeder. Returning to a governor appointed police board consisting of city residents will remain a legislative priority next session.





# GENDARME

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