



South City Santa

Recently, SLPOA was recontacted by Cedric Redmon, a former Aldermanic candidate and friend of the SLPOA. During his candidacy for 7th Ward Alderman, Mr. Redmon advocated for moving away from the "defund the police" initiative and promoted community engagement between law enforcement and residents. Throughout his campaign, he emphasized the importance of including SLPOA in events aimed at strengthening relationships between city police and the community. His commitment focused on restoring trust and confidence within neighborhoods and ensuring that children feel comfortable around police officers rather than apprehensive. Despite not winning the election, Mr. Redmon has continued to honor these commitments.

Mr. Redmon has organized a community event with the help of SSM Health, the Tiffany Park Neighborhood and SLPOA. It will be held on Thursday, December 18, 2025, in Tiffany Park to benefit children in the Tiffany neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods. The South City Santa event will be a collaboration between the Police and the community and will be filled with food, games and gifts for the children.

without drawing from our general funds. Finally, we intended to strengthen our connection with the community through outreach events. Our relationship with the community has been affected over the past decade in response to widespread negative media coverage and rhetoric by some city politicians regarding law enforcement. Our aim is to highlight the positive contributions made by our officers and to present both our department and organization in a favorable manner. This approach not only strengthens our relationship with the community, but also seeks to inspire young individuals to consider pursuing careers as city police officers in the future.

We are asking for members to donate new, unwrapped toys in the \$5 to \$10 range for children up to age 10. If any member has new or gently used larger items they would like to donate, we would be happy to pick up those items to be used for a drawing and raffle during the event.

SLPOA is also looking for volunteers to help with the event. We have been given approval from Chief Tracy to participate in the event in uniform. Additional information will be provided soon. Over the next few weeks, donation boxes will be

The annual Golf Tournament started by SLPOA several years ago was founded with three primary objectives. First, it aims to provide additional support to officers and their families when facing hardship beyond what is available through Backstoppers, the Police Foundation, and similar charities. This includes assistance for officers who have been injured or require financial assistance due to circumstances outside of their normal duties that affect their ability to work overtime or secondary jobs. Second, the tournament enables us to contribute to various charitable organizations

placed in area stations. Your support for this important cause is greatly appreciated.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

October 29
6 p.m.

E-BOARD MEETING

October 29
4 p.m.

VETERAN’S MEETING

October 8
11:30 a.m.

FOP AUXILIARY MTG

October 21
7 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

PATIENCE



SLPOA President
Martin Garcia

“Patience turns purpose into power.” A quote from ChatGPT that I think is apropos for the men and women of this police department to keep in mind, especially at this time. Urban policing is difficult enough, without the added stress of uncertainty. The SLPOA Executive Board, and I appreciate the patience exhibited by the membership over the last six months, but less is not more in this particular case.

The Board Of Police Commissioners has been working diligently on the transition. For details, refer to the meeting minutes, which are posted to their website. The SLPOA has been and will continue to be patient with them as they make their way through history. There has been at least one Commissioner at the last two general membership meetings—historic.

Our purpose, as the elected leadership, remains to obtain a collective bargaining agreement reflective of the specialized work we do. Our purpose remains

to represent the membership in internal departmental investigations, and workplace grievances.

OUR, referring to us as police officers, purpose is to serve the community by protecting the rights of individuals.

Being patient with the public, with each other, with subordinates, and with the BOPC unquestionably turns OUR purpose into a legitimate power. The power developed from patience, excluding the accompanying individual integral improvement, can be seen all around this police department, specifically at random roll calls or our general membership meetings, or on bulletin boards announcing meetings. That is correct...the Board Of Police Commissioners.

Assuming ChatGPT is correct, the best part is that there is **zero** cost, outside of a tincy bit of self-control.

So, on behalf of the Executive Board of the SLPOA, I humbly ask for more patience.

“Patience is the art of concealing your impatience.”—Unknown

And that's what's up



Wednesday, November 26th



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3rd Annual SLPOA Golf Tournament Presented by QuikTrip

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We sincerely appreciate the support of all our sponsors and participants, whose contributions make this event possible. In particular, we would like to acknowledge Quiktrip, a longstanding sponsor and supporter. As the title sponsor, Quiktrip provides substantial financial assistance to our tournament, significantly reducing the out-of-pocket expenses required to organize an event of this size. Please remember that when you are choosing to support a convenience store or when you are able to take a break while on patrol and consider Quiktrip when you can. Please support them and all of the businesses and organizations that support the men and women of this organization.

After back-to-back championships by Team Cohen and Burle, this year's tournament saw a new winner. After a score card playoff, the team led by SLPOA's own, Tim Bockskopf, won this year's tournament with a score of 59. To the surprise of everyone, including me, B Flight was won after a score card playoff by my wife, Kris Steiger, and her team including Greg Heppler and Scott Drester. The C Flight was won by John Walsh and members of the Emerald Society.

The Men's Longest Drive was won by Nick Martorano while the women's longest drive was won by Lindsey Anderson. The two Closest to the Pins were won by Brandon Huskey and Tim Bockskopf. Three skins were won by Mike Cohen's Team with a birdie on hole #7, an Albatross on #14 by Clint Bertke and an Eagle on Hole #16 from the Team led by Scott Peniston.

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**Retired Police Officer
Steven W. Tucker
DSN: 00067**

Birth: 11/17/1954
Death: 07/31/2025

Date of Employment: 10/10/1977
Date of Retirement: 01/14/2013

Assignment code at time of retirement:
309

Surviving Spouse: Diane E. Powers

**Retired Police Officer
Robert C. Indelicato
DSN: 02163**

Birth: 06/19/1955
Death: 08/04/2025

Date of Employment: 07/25/1983
Date of Retirement: 09/04/2006

Assignment code at time of retirement:
370



**Retired Police Officer
Edward M. Delaney
DSN: 06282**

Birth: 09/18/1947
Death: 09/05/2025

Date of Employment: 09/09/1968
Date of Retirement: 01/12/2004

Assignment code at time of retirement:
307



**Retired Police Officer
Robert J. Tindall
DSN: 04598**

Birth: 12/19/1938
Death: 09/23/2025

Date of Employment: 12/31/1962
Date of Retirement: 05/07/1990

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District

Surviving Spouse: Patricia Tindall



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Retired Police Officer Michael C. Calcaterra DSN: 07950

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Death: 10/05/2025

Date of Employment: 09/08/1970
Date of Retirement: 05/06/2006

Assignment code at time of retirement: 302

Surviving Spouse: Victoria Calcaterra

Funeral arrangements are pending.



Retired Sergeant Marvin L. Temple DSN: 07604

Birth: 12/09/1946
Death: 10/02/2025

Date of Employment: 02/16/1970
Date of Retirement: 03/04/1991

Assignment code at time of retirement: Sixth District

Funeral arrangements are pending.



Retired Police Officer Wendell R. Hess DSN: 05870

Birth: 01/16/1943
Death: 10/07/2025

Date of Employment: 12/06/1965
Date of Retirement: 07/06/1987

Assignment code at time of retirement: Traffic

Surviving Spouse: Verna Hess

Funeral arrangements are pending.



Retired Sergeant William J. Conreux DSN: 3425

Birth: 06/27/1935
Death: 07/18/2025

Date of Employment: 02/09/1959
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PO Alexander C. Hein	457	7/27/25
PO Edward M. Clark	421	8/24/25
PO Richard M. Schicker	322	9/07/25
PO Nicholas M. Dibble	302	9/07/25
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Longtime SLPOA Member Ed Clark Retiring

It is with mixed emotions that we formally announce the retirement of longtime SLPOA member Ed Clark. While we congratulate Ed as he embarks on this new phase of his life, his departure marks a significant loss for both this organization and the Police Department. Ed's service on the Executive Board was extensive, including roles as Recording Secretary, Vice President, and President. Over his decade-long commitment to the organization, and more than two years as President, Ed demonstrated exemplary leadership. Notably, under his direction, SLPOA secured the first contract for Sergeants and included police trainees (recruits) in a collective bargaining agreement for the first time.

Ed spent countless hours working on our issues, including numerous trips to Jefferson City to advocate on behalf of our membership and to build lasting relationships with legislators. These relationships helped lay the groundwork for things like the Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights and the return to a governor appointed Board of Police Commissioners. Ed was a mentor to many, and his influence is still seen on the Executive Board to this day.



St. Louis Police Chief Robert Tracy (left) honors Ed Clark (right)

In addition to his voluntary work on the Executive Board for the SLPOA, Ed was a highly accomplished investigator, tremendous interviewer and exemplary detective. Ed employed a distinctive and effective interview technique that skillfully balanced humor with seriousness, frequently leading to productive outcomes in investigations. Officers who worked alongside Ed had the opportunity to observe his method and benefit from his experience firsthand. His playful antics and his aptitude for jokes and pranks with coworkers are legendary and will be sorely missed. Ed commands significant respect both within the department and among members of the SLPOA Executive Board.

Ed leaves behind 32 years of experience and invaluable institutional knowledge. His presence will be missed by colleagues, peers, and many others who have benefitted from his expertise and distinctive interviewing approach. In retirement, Ed will be able to devote more time to his supportive wife, Laura; his sons, Jared and Adam; his daughter-in-law, Maggie; and his grandchildren, Savannah, Ezra, Caroline, and Thomas. We extend our sincere appreciation for his commitment to the community and to this organization and wish him continued success in his future.



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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

2025 Special Session Legislative Update

Members of the General Assembly finished their work in Jefferson City after convening a special session called by Governor Mike Kehoe to consider two issues: mid-decade congressional redistricting and changes to Missouri's initiative petition process. The House of Representatives acted quickly, convening on September 3rd, holding public hearings the following day, and advancing both measures during floor debate. The Senate Committee on Local Government, Elections & Pensions approved both bills, setting up full Senate action. The Senate also moved decisively to advance both measures.

By a vote of 21-11, senators first adopted a "previous question" motion to end debate and then approved House Bill 1 (congressional redistricting) by the same margin. Right after, the Senate turned to House Joint Resolution 3 (initiative petition reform), invoking the previous question by a 19-13 vote and then approving the resolution 21-11. The bills are defined as follows:

House Bill 1 – Congressional Redistricting ("Missouri First Map")

House Vote: 90-65

Senate Vote: 21-11

- Redraws Missouri's congressional districts mid-decade.
- Alters the 5th District (Kansas City) by pairing parts of the city with surrounding rural counties, creating a Republican-leaning seat.
- Shifts portions of Kansas City into the districts represented by Mark Alford and Sam Graves.
- Places all of St. Charles County into the 3rd District.
- Adds parts of Jefferson County and all of Gasconade, Crawford, and Washington counties into the 2nd District.
- Lacks an emergency clause, meaning that once signed by the Governor there will be a 90-day window in which opponents may attempt a referendum.

House Joint Resolution 3 – Initiative Petition Reform

House Vote: 89-64

Senate Vote: 21-11

- Requires that a constitutional amendment proposed by initiative petition must secure:
 - A majority vote statewide; and
 - A majority vote in each of Missouri's eight congressional districts.
- Prohibits foreign contributions to initiative petition campaigns (mirroring existing federal law).

- As a constitutional amendment, HJR 3 does not go to the Governor but will appear on the 2026 statewide ballot for voter consideration.

Veto Session Activity

In addition to the special session, House members convened for the annual veto session. Several override attempts in the House were made but all fell short of the constitutionally required two-thirds majority:

- **HB 3 (Core funding increases for community colleges):** Failed 47–97
- **HB 4 (Funding for urban, small urban, and rural transportation systems):** Failed 48–98
- **HB 8 (Sober living program in St. Louis City):** Failed 53–93
- **HB 10 (Independence Fire Department funding):** Failed 46–97
- **HB 11 (Jackson County Community Services League):** Failed 47–99

Campaign Fundraising

As is customary during September's veto session week, lawmakers also took advantage of their time in Jefferson City to host campaign fundraising events. Over the course of the week, dozens of fundraisers were held — ranging from breakfasts and luncheons to evening receptions — underscoring the longstanding tradition of pairing veto session with robust political fundraising activity. President Martin Garcia, Business Manager Joe Steiger and State FOP President Jay Schroeder accompanied Lobbyist Mark Bruns over several days in Jefferson City attending multiple fundraisers and speaking with Legislators to advance our agenda for next session.

The use of the previous question in the Missouri Senate - which up until now had been a seldom used tactic to cut off debate — has angered Senate Democrats. That anger will no doubt carry over to the next legislative session which begins in January and will likely mean that we will see little to no movement on legislative issue as Democrats will use floor time to vent their frustrations.

Dates of Interest

December 1 – First day to pre-file legislation for the 2026 session

January 7, 2026 – First day of the 2026 legislative session

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Thank you



By Chaplain John Fava

It is with contrasting emotions that I write this article. Happy and glad that I was a chaplain for the SLMPD, but sad as I announce my retirement as a chaplain.

I started doing ride-alongs with the Denver Police Department in 1979, but there were no openings in the Chaplains Unit at that time. However, I was allowed to do ride-alongs with the officers, and I did so whenever I could. In 1988 a new chief was appointed to the department, and he reorganized the Chaplains Unit. I was contacted and asked if I wanted to join the unit, and I immediately said, "Yes."

My time with the Denver Police ended in January 2002 when I was transferred to St. Louis. I told myself that I needed to join the SLMPD Chaplains Unit because of the wonderful experience I had as a Denver Police Chaplain. In March 2003, I became an SLMPD Chaplain.

Over the years, on my ride-alongs and working details with you officers, I have seen and experienced many things: some tragic, some horrific, some unbelievable, some heart-warming, and some hilariously funny. In the various calls that you have responded to, I have seen people with hurtful, painful, troublesome, or complicated problems; and I watched and listened as you used your training, handled the call, and took the proper action. I have gotten to know many of you officers, developed wonderful friendships, and shared a few beers with you. As I listened to some of your war stories, I laughed so hard that it hurt.

You officers trusted me and confided in me with some of your private concerns. You "let off steam" when no one else would listen to some issues that you had. I met

some of you when you were in the Police Academy or "probes" on the streets with your FTO. I have seen you advance in rank all the way up to Chief of Police.

I prayed for you and with you at roll calls, police ceremonies, and in my own personal, private prayer. I baptized your children, officiated at your weddings and funerals, and gave my condolences at visitations for deceased officers or family members. I will always cherish the years that I spent with you officers.

After 44 years: 22 years with the Denver PD and 22 years with the SLMPD, it is time for me to



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"hang up my body armor" and complete my service as a police chaplain. For me, being a police chaplain was my way of thanking you officers for all that you have done serving and protecting my family members, the priests and brothers of the Jesuit community where I reside, and for me.

I am not moving away, and I will still be doing my day job of driving the many retired priests and brothers that I live with to the doctor, dentist, store, airport, etc. I plan to continue attending the Police Veterans Association monthly meetings and luncheons where I offer a prayer at the beginning of the event. So, I hope to see many of you there in the future.

Thank you again for giving me the opportunity and privilege to serve as your chaplain. For the rest of my life, I will fondly remember the times that I was with you. Please know that I have been praying every day for you officers (both active and retired), for your families, and for your loved ones; and I will continue to do so.

May God bless you.

Brother John a.k.a. Bro Jo - "Making relief"



Chaplain's uniform in 2004



Invocation at Police Academy



Invocation at Central Patrol awards ceremony



Invocation at the Police Foundation Fall Luncheon



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 VETERANS MTG 11:30	9	10 PAYDAY	11
12	13 	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 FOP AUXILIARY MEETING 7PM	22	23	24 PAYDAY	25
26	27	28	29 E-BOARD MTG 4PM GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG 6PM	30	31 	

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