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---MEDIA ALERT---

Elementary Students Visit Recruits at St. Louis Police Academy *Visit Gives Students Opportunity to see Recruits in their Learning Environment*

On Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 10:00 a.m., the Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis (“the department”) will welcome 34 St. Louis Public School District students participating in the “Books and Badges” program, as they visit the St. Louis Police Academy. The visiting students all attend Dewey, Shenandoah, Woerner or Woodward Elementary Schools.

“Books & Badges” is an innovative tutoring program that provides a unique learning experience for the children and police recruits involved. When police recruits begin the St. Louis Police Academy, each recruit is partnered with an elementary student from the St. Louis Public School District. For one hour per week for the duration of the 28-week Police Academy, police recruits work with to help their students with reading and writing. The goal of “Books & Badges” is not only to improve the reading and language art skills of elementary school students, but also to promote and improve the image of police in the community by presenting police officers as positive role models.

Who: Metropolitan Police Department
What: Elementary School Students Visit St. Louis Police Academy
When: April 27, 2010 from 10:00a.m. to 11:00a.m.
Where: 315 South Tucker

Reporters and Photographers are welcome to attend.

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