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**MEDIA ALERT**

## **METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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### **Police Work to Strengthen Relationships on “National Night Out Against Crime”**

Chief Dan Isom and hundreds of officers from the Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis, will participate in the 27<sup>th</sup> annual “National Night Out Against Crime” on Tuesday, August 3, 2010.

National Night Out Against Crime is an effort to unite neighbors while sending a message to criminals about the strength of neighborhoods. It encourages neighborhoods to partner with police in their efforts to prevent and solve crimes. This year nearly 200 city blocks will take that message to the streets by holding block parties, contests and neighborhood clean-ups.

Chief Isom and police officers throughout the department will be visiting various block parties to get to know the people who call those blocks home and thank them for their help in the fight against crime. At 8 p.m. Chief Isom will be joined by Mayor Slay at a block party at St. Louis Avenue and Belt where one boys bicycle and one girls bicycle will be raffled off to children in the neighborhood. The bicycles are being donated by Target.

National Night Out Against Crime is sponsored nationally by the National Association of Town Watch and locally by the Neighborhood Stabilization Team which is a branch of the Department of Public Safety. Last year’s effort saw more than 36 million people from all 50 states participate.

**WHO: Metropolitan Police Department**

**WHAT: National Night Out Against Crime**

**WHERE: Various Locations in the City - Chief Isom and Mayor Slay will visit Belt & St. Louis Avenue at 8 p.m.**

**WHEN: Tuesday, August 3, 2010**

**Reporters and photographers are welcome to attend.**

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