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**METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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**Seventh District to Hold Child Safety Day Saturday**

A visit from Rampage – the new St. Louis Rams Mascot, free food and drinks, demonstrations from the Police Helicopter, Bomb and Arson Robot and Canine Unit will highlight a Child Safety Day sponsored by the Metropolitan Police Department's Seventh District and the 7<sup>th</sup> District Community Partnership. The event will be held Saturday, October 9, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Pageant in the Delmar Loop.

Children will have the opportunity to learn about safety issues including internet awareness, cyber bullying and stranger danger among other things. Each child will also receive a fingerprint and identification kit which can prove to be a valuable tool for police if a child is ever reported missing. Flu shots will also be provided free of charge through the Barnes-Jewish Hospital Foundation.

Other activities will include a Safe House demonstration by the St. Louis Fire Department, bike helmet giveaways and a grand prize drawing where one lucky child will receive a bicycle donated by Big Shark Bicycle Company.

The Seventh District encompasses all or parts of the following neighborhoods: Academy, Central West End, DeBaliviere Place, Hamilton Heights, Kingsway West, Skinker-DeBaliviere, Visitation Park and West End. Child Safety Day is one of several police-initiated community outreach efforts this year in the Seventh District.

**WHO: Seventh District Police Officers and Community Partnership**

**WHAT: Child Safety Day**

**WHERE: The Pageant, 6161 Delmar Boulevard**

**WHEN: Saturday, October 9, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Reporters and photographers are welcome. There will be sound opportunities available.**

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