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**ST. LOUIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL LEAGUE SELECTS CITY OF FLORISSANT TO RECEIVE
AWARD AT 3RD ANNUAL "MUNI" AWARDS SHOW**

Mayor Thomas P. Schneider is pleased to announce the Florissant Police Department was selected to receive an award for the innovation and implementation of the Park Police Program at the St. Louis County Municipal League 3rd Annual "MUNI" Awards Show. The awards show was held on Thursday, May 29th from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Forest Hills Country Club.

Under the category of Public Safety, Police Chief Timothy Lowery submitted his nomination of the newly created Park Police Program to the voting committee members with the St. Louis County Municipal League to be considered. Mayor Schneider was subsequently contacted by the Executive Director of the St. Louis Municipal League Tim Fischesser with the good news.

The Florissant Police Department's Park Police Program was initiated in May 2013 and is a program that utilizes two police officers to patrol the 20 parks that cover more 400 acres in the city of Florissant. Additionally they provide police service to our recreation centers. Both of these police officers are retired police officers with extensive law enforcement experience.

The Park Police officers are a very visible part of the department. They perform foot patrols during summer sports leagues in the parks and during various events in the recreation centers during the cold weather months.

With the two Park Police providing police service to parks and recreation areas; uniform patrol officers have more time to provide police service to residents and businesses. The Park Police program also saves Florissant money due to more efficient management of personnel resources. Response time to calls for service in the parks has also been greatly decreased with these readily available and experienced officers.

The Park Police Program has also been a great success with the residents. Positive direct interaction between these officers and the public has created a positive impact on citizen/police relations. The high degree of visibility of a uniform police officer's presence has resulted in residents having a feeling of greater personal security. This program has resulted in nothing but positives for the Florissant Police Department and the City of Florissant.

Congratulations to the Police Department on a well deserved award for the development and installation of the Park Police Program.

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