



VALLEY PARK POLICE

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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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WELCOME TO VALLEY PARK

Please welcome Officer McCarthy to the Valley Park Detail. Officer McCarthy has been with the St Louis County Police Department for 16 years. He comes to us from our Central County Precinct. Give him a wave if you see him out on patrol.



On April 27th, law enforcement agencies across the country participated in the DEA National Drug Take Back. The event provides a safe, convenient, and responsible means for disposing of prescription drugs while also educating the public about the potential for abuse of medications. Last year 4,497 law enforcement agencies participated in the April campaign. A total weight of 332 tons of medications were collected, increasing the total all time weight collected to 8,650 tons since the program's inception in 2010.

During this year's April event, the West County Precinct and Valley Park Detail collected a total of 77 pounds of medications.

If you have expired or unneeded/unnecessary medications in your home, we encourage you to remove them to help prevent opioid addiction and medication misuse. You don't have to wait for a Drug Take Back event to take place to dispose of your medications. You can dispose your medications (NO liquids, sharps/needles, or aerosols) anytime at the following location:

ST LOUIS COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
WEST COUNTY PRECINCT
232 Vance Rd.
Valley Park, MO 63088



Please be aware that scammers will sometimes use the names of our officers to scare citizens into sending them payments. We recently learned that a scammer used the name "Lt. Colonel Tim Cunningham" with the "Sheriff's Office" and stated to a citizen that he had missed a court date and demanded payment.

DO NOT fall for this scam. The St. Louis County Police Department is not a sheriff's office. Also, we do not call citizens demanding payment of any kind.



EMERGENCY?

CALL 911

NON-EMERGENCIES: 636-529-8210





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POLICE DEPARTMENT HISTORY

The department's first organizational chart (1955) included three divisions that reported to the Superintendent: Operations Division, Criminal Investigation Division, and Staff Services and Inspection Division. The Operations Division provided the uniformed patrol force. The Criminal Investigations Division conducted criminal investigations and followed up on information supplied by patrol officers. The Staff Services and Inspection Division's duties involved supply, purchase, evidence control, budgeting, personnel matters, general administration, planning and research, and special investigations. In addition, the division was responsible for vice control and investigations (liquor, gambling, narcotics, and prostitution). By 1956, the responsibility of employee training was also placed under the Staff Services and Inspection Division.

At the end of the first year of operation the Department of Police was authorized 113 employees, 95 policemen and 18 civilians. The following schedule represents the 1955-56 salaries:

Title/Rank	Salary per Annum
Superintendent (Colonel)	\$10,000
Deputy Superintendent (Major)	\$6,600-7,258
Lieutenant	\$5,500-5,928
Sergeant	\$4,780-5,268
Policeman/Policewoman	\$4,200-4,608
Senior Radio Dispatcher	\$3,720
Radio Dispatcher	\$3,600
Telephone Complaint Clerk	\$3,000
Secretary/Clerk-Steno	\$3,600

Two weeks of paid vacation were provided for each employee and after 10 years of satisfactory service, an additional week was granted. Policemen were allowed 24 consecutive hours off duty of each seven calendar days (a six-day work week). Uniforms were gray with a black tie and a gray pith helmet with blue triangular shaped lapel pins. The shoulder patch/logo was an inverted blue triangle.

