



# A Message from SLMPD Commander Captain Thomas E. Zipf, Jr.

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Greetings friends and neighbors,

It's been an extremely busy first few months during my time as Captain of the Second District. I've been making my way around the district attending many of the neighborhood and business association meetings, but for those whom I have yet to meet, I'd like to introduce myself and give you a little background information. I'm Captain Tom Zipf, Jr. I was born and raised in south Saint Louis City where I attended grammar school at Saint Gabriel the Archangel. I am the third generation in my family to serve on the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department, following my grandfather, father, and uncle into this noble calling. Some of you knew my father, the late Captain Tom Zipf, Sr., who was both my best friend and a trusted mentor who taught me a great deal about leadership and sound decision making. I have many family members and friends who live and work in the Second District, and I have deep ties to the community. When I'm not at work, you can usually find me with my wife and two sons at one of their baseball, football, or soccer games or practices.

I've had the honor and privilege of serving as a police officer for the past 25 years working in a number of various roles, holding positions in all three area stations and Headquarters. I was both an Anti-Crime and District Five Detective as well as a Detective Sergeant in the Sex Crimes/Family Violence Section. I hold a bachelor's degree in English and a Master of Business Administration degree, both from the University of Missouri-Saint Louis. I am also a graduate of Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command (class 484) in Evanston, Illinois. Education and training have always been of paramount importance to me, and I consider learning to be a lifelong endeavor.

I also want to share with you my entire Second District team of officers is working tirelessly to apprehend the suspects who we believe are responsible for many of the recent burglaries, robberies, and theft from motor vehicle incidents. I know this is rightfully and understandably a grave concern in the community from my conversations with many of you and it is a top priority of mine. I have assembled a team of dedicated detectives and officers working overtime during the night and early morning hours to combat this problem and bring those responsible for these crimes to justice. The Second District team is also working closely on these cases with the other five districts, the Intelligence Division, and numerous specialized units. Detectives have made good progress on many of these cases and some of the suspects have been identified. I'm confident we will identify and apprehend several others who have been committing the above-mentioned crimes in the Second District.

I look forward to collaboratively working with all of you to ensure the Second District continues to be a great place to live, work, visit, and raise our families. Please feel free to pass this email along to all your neighbors and the members of your associations.

Until we meet again,

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