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### CAPTAIN TODD APPOINTED CHIEF OF NEW ST. CHARLES COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

**ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO** – Subject to confirmation by the St. Charles County Council at its Dec. 15 meeting, County Executive Steve Ehlmann has appointed David L. Todd, Captain of the St. Charles County Sheriff's Department Bureau of Special Enforcement, as the first Chief of the new St. Charles County Police Department. Upon approval, Captain Todd would assume the position effective Jan. 1, 2015.

"I know Captain Todd will provide outstanding leadership in this new position," said Ehlmann. "Not only does he have significant experience and education, he is a respected law enforcement professional who shows enthusiasm for and commitment to his work."

Captain Todd has served in law enforcement for 37 years. During his 35 years with the St. Charles County Sheriff's Department, he has served in or supervised every bureau, beginning as a deputy sheriff in 1978, then achieving the rank of sergeant in 1981, lieutenant in 1997, and captain in 1998. As captain, he served as commander over the Bureau of Field Operations from 1998-2002, supervising 80 personnel in patrol, criminal investigations, narcotics, crime lab, communications and crime scene investigations. From 2003-2004, Captain Todd served as commander over the Bureau of Administrative Services, preparing and overseeing the Department's then \$10 million budget and overseeing 45 Sheriff's Department personnel in the records, civil process, and court services divisions. In 2004, Captain Todd became the commander over the Bureau of Special Enforcement where he supervises 90 personnel in nine divisions, including emergency management, court services, the fugitive unit, community education and training, and SWAT.

Captain Todd received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Lindenwood University in 2004 and his Masters of Science from Lindenwood University in 2008. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and both the School of Staff and Command and the School of Executive Staff and Command programs at Northwestern University. Captain Todd also served in the United States Marine Corps from 1972-1976. His community work includes serving as coordinator of the Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony in St. Charles, Missouri, board member of the U.S. Coast Guard Area Maritime Security Committee, law enforcement co-chair for the St. Louis Area Regional Response System (STARRS) Law Enforcement Committee, and as a volunteer for the U.S.O. Captain Todd and his wife live and raised their children in St. Charles County.

"I am honored to have the trust of the County Executive in this appointment, and I look forward to working with him, the County Council, police officers and staff, and the community in maintaining St. Charles County's reputation as an excellent and safe place to live," said Captain Todd. "I appreciate the work and advances Sheriff Neer made with the Sheriff's Department during his administration, and I am excited to build upon that progress in the new Police Department."

In Nov. 2012, St. Charles County voters approved a Charter amendment to establish a County Police Department responsible for direct law enforcement duties, with the Sheriff's Department having responsibility over court services and security, prisoner transport, civil process and bailiffs. In Nov. 2014, Scott A. Lewis was elected as Sheriff, and will also assume the position effective Jan. 1, 2015.

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