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***THE STAR BETWEEN THE RIVERS: A HISTORY OF THE ST. CHARLES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT*
DEBUTS AT BOOK RELEASE EVENT NOV. 7 AT SIX NORTH CAFÉ WENTZVILLE**

Starting Nov. 9, books will be available to purchase at County Police and Finance Departments, Heritage Museum

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO - Not your average history book, *The Star Between the Rivers: A History of the St. Charles County Sheriff's Department, 1805-2015* chronicles the journey of the department, from the appointment of the first sheriff following the Louisiana Purchase to the creation of a separate county police department after voters approved a charter change, in a coffee-table format with pictures on nearly every page.

"In 210 years the department grew with the community, handling legal and political issues and pressures while successfully managing rapid growth in law enforcement technology and criminal sophistication. Sheriffs, deputies, and department staff experienced triumphs and tragedies – with an unwavering commitment to keep the people of St. Charles County safe."

- *Excerpt from The Star Between The Rivers: A History Of The St. Charles County Sheriff's Department, 1805-2015 back cover*

The book was a committee effort suggested in 2014 by St. Charles County Police Officer Dave Fournell after he saw a similar book published by a sheriff's department in another state. St. Charles County Executive Steve Ehlmann, retired St. Charles County Journal photographer Roy Sykes, retired St. Charles County Sheriff Tom Neer, St. Charles County Police Chief David Todd, St. Charles County Police Captains David Kaiser and Jim Hudson, retired St. Charles County Sheriff's Department detective Marsha Corley, St. Charles County Director of Administration Joann Leykam, and St. Charles County Public Affairs Coordinator Colene McEntee served on the committee to bring the book to life.

"Whether you are a law enforcement professional, a history buff, or simply a proud current or past resident of St. Charles County, you will enjoy the stories and the multitude of pictures in this book," said Tom Neer, who wrote the foreword. "It is exciting to finally have this history documented and in a format to share with the community served by our county sheriff and police departments."

The community is invited to a celebration of the book at a public release party on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 10 a.m. until noon at Six North Café, 10 Cliff View Drive, Wentzville, MO 63385. Attendees will be able to meet members of the committee and purchase the book for \$20. Only cash or checks (payable to St. Charles County) will be accepted at the event.

Starting Monday, Nov. 9, citizens can purchase books for \$20 at the following locations. Cash, check (payable to St. Charles County) and credit card will be accepted (please note: There is an additional \$1.25 processing fee added per book for credit card transactions):

- St. Charles County Finance Department
201 N. 2nd St., Suite 541
St. Charles, MO 63301
Available to purchase Monday-Friday 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., excluding holidays.

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- St. Charles County Police Department – Records Division Window
101 Sheriff Dierker Court
O'Fallon, MO 63366
Available to purchase Monday-Friday 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., excluding holidays.
- St. Charles County Heritage Museum
1630 Heritage Landing
St. Peters, MO 63303
Available to purchase Wednesday-Saturday 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., and Sunday 12 p.m. until 5 p.m., excluding holidays.

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