

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 224**  
**Detective Sergeant Mark A. Sorocko**

**WHEREAS**, Detective Sergeant Mark A. Sorocko was nominated for the 5th District Leadership Award due to his dedication and commitment to excellence. Detective Sergeant Sorocko joined the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Dept., in 1989 with his first assignment being the Mobile Reserve Unit where he learned the tactical fundamentals of becoming an effective Police Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, he has held various assignments to include Vice-Narcotics and Crime Against Persons and various district assignments to include the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Districts. It was his start in the Mobile Reserve Unit that taught him the best practices in high risk car stops and in removing dangerous weapons and gang members from the community streets. He has served the 5th District in at least 3 different capacities; as a Patrolman and as Detective Sergeant, and often targeting trouble spots in the district during his stints in Mobile Reserve and Crime Against Persons; and

**WHEREAS**, Detective Sergeant Sorocko does an exemplary job of managing the 5th District Bureau Detectives, and providing direction and guidance when needed, which has resulted in several notable cases being solved due to his team's involvement i.e. assaults, murders, (street and bank) robberies and burglaries. He welcomes the challenge of assisting Detectives overcome their individual struggles and become valued members of the department; and

**WHEREAS**, although his talents are many, utmost in his repertoire are his strong investigative skills and his relentless nature in lending assistance to neighboring districts/units when needed. Under his leadership, several high profile cases were solved: Investigation into the (improper) disposal of a human corpse led to a Murder 2nd Degree charge being issued against a drug dealer for his role in the death of a College Hill Neighborhood resident. In another case, in 2009, District Officers were fired upon by fleeing robbery suspects, arresting one suspect at that time. In an unrelated investigation in 2013, his Detectives unearthed the identities of two remaining suspects who were taken into custody and charged accordingly. These are a few reasons why he is deserving of the 5th District Leadership Award for 2013.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Detective Sergeant Mark A. Sorocko for making the city of St. Louis a better place to live and work and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 7th day of February, 2014 by:

**Honorable Freeman Bosley, Sr., Alderman 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward**  
Honorable Dionne Flowers, Alderwoman 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward  
Honorable Tammika Hubbard, Alderwoman 5<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Honorable Antonio D. French, Alderman 21<sup>st</sup> Ward

Adopted this 7th day of February, 2014 as attested by:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen