

RESOLUTION NUMBER 32
Police Officer Carl Cunningham DSN 7138

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that Police Officer Carl Cunningham DSN 7138 has been honored as Officer of the Month in District Eight, Area Three of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday January 22, 2009 Officer Carl Cunningham and another officer responded to an assignment for an “Auto Accident involving a school bus” at Kingshighway and St. Louis Avenue. Upon arrival, they observed that a vehicle had rear-ended the school bus full of children and the vehicle was engulfed in flames; and

WHEREAS, the driver of the vehicle was arguing with bystanders and was armed with a knife. The officers ordered the subject to drop the knife; however, he refused and continued to advance on the officers. The officers deployed a TASER on the suspect; however, it had little effect and he continued to advance on the officers armed with the knife; and

WHEREAS, as the suspect continued to quickly advance on the officers waving the knife, Officer Cunningham drew his department issued weapon and fired one gunshot, striking the suspect and stopping his violent advancement and threats to surrounding bystanders; and

WHEREAS, due to Officer Cunningham’s quick and professional actions, not only was the subject taken into custody, but he stopped this violent subject from causing further injuries to the children on the bus and to other bystanders; and

WHEREAS, Officer Cunningham began the St. Louis Police Academy on January 9, 2006, and was assigned to the Eighth District upon graduation on September 4, 2006. He is also in the Army Reserve, and was on active deployment from January 16, 2007 until February 25, 2008. Officer Cunningham so distinguished himself during his time as an Eighth District Officer that he was transferred to the Anti-Crime Unit on April 6, 2009.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Police Officer Carl Cunningham and we wish him continued success, achievement and accomplishment 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 11th day of May, 2009 by:

Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward

Adopted this 11th day of May, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen