

NEWS RELEASE

**March 3, 2016
For Immediate Release**

**Media Relations Office
573 335.6621 / F: 573 339.6362**

Sgt. Adam Glueck (x1208)

Increased Patrols Planned for Downtown Cape Girardeau

The City of Cape Girardeau and the Downtown Cape Girardeau Community Improvement District (DCGCID) have partnered to increase police presence in the DCGCID area, which will build relationships between the downtown merchants and their customers. Cape Girardeau police officers will provide a strengthened sense of safety and security to this area. Officers will primarily be on foot or bicycle with an emphasis on engaging with the community. The overall goal of this patrol is to limit criminal activity and maximize safety in the DCGCID area.

The contract has been approved, and police officers will start these extra patrols this weekend. These officers will be working overtime, and this agreement will not detract from regular staffing for the city. The city's cost for the added services will be reimbursed by the DCGCID.

