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Partnership
Between
The St. Louis Metropolitan
Police Department
&
The Juvenile Division of the
St. Louis Family Court

Dedicated to Juvenile Justice

### What is Nightwatch?

Nightwatch is a partnership between the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department and the Juvenile Division of the St. Louis City Family Court. Two (2) teams, comprised of a police officer and Deputy Juvenile Officer (DJO) make random home visits to verify that juveniles are at home in accordance with their court-imposed curfews. The Nightwatch program strives to reduce delinquency by increasing the accountability for juveniles under the Court's supervision.

As a parent, what is expected of me during the time my child is involved with Nightwatch?

#### PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

#### It is your responsibility:

- ◆ In accordance with the court order and the Parental Responsibility law to ensure your child is at home by the time ordered by the court and that your child remain at home throughout the night and cannot leave until 5:30 a.m. the following morning;
- ◆ To notify your child's Deputy Juvenile Officer whenever your child leaves home after curfew. If you suspect that your child will leave after the Night-

- watch crew departs, please inform the officers of your concern;
- ◆ To notify your child's Deputy Juvenile Officer by 2 p.m. that day of any circumstances or reasons why your child will not be home by the court ordered curfew time;
- ◆ To immediately notify your child's Deputy Juvenile Officer of any changes of address or phone number;
- ◆ To inform your child's Deputy Juvenile Officer at this time and in the future of any job/employment, school activity, court program, organized sport activity or church activity that would conflict with the court-ordered curfew, and;
- ◆ Per the court order to cooperate with the Deputy Juvenile Officer with any sanction deemed appropriate and necessary for any Nightwatch violation.

## As a child, what is expected of me during the time I am assigned with Nightwatch?

- ◆ You are expected to be in your home each evening by your curfew. You are to remain in your home throughout the night and not leave before 5:30 a.m. the following morning.\*
- NOTE: A police officer and Deputy Juvenile Officer (DJO) may stop by your home on more than one occasion, at different times each evening, to check on you.

## What will happen to me if I am not at home for my curfew check?

- You will be sanctioned for any Nightwatch violation. That sanction may include community service hours, additional office visits, written reports, home detention, attendance at a Neighborhood Accountability Board, GPS electronic monitoring, detainment at the Juvenile Detention Center, Probation Violation, apology letter, or any other sanction outlined by the Deputy Juvenile Officer or Judge.
- The Nightwatch Program will reward you if you demonstrate compliance in the program.

#### Nightwatch is a BARJ Program

BARJ stands for Balanced and Restorative Justice. The three components of a BARJ Program are juvenile accountability, competency development, and community safety. Restorative Justice activities are designed to help juveniles become productive members of the community in which they live.