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**THE WALK-THROUGH HISTORY PROGRAM UNVEILS ITS 44TH
PLAQUE IN HONOR OF POLICE OFFICER MARION REIFF**



Pictured above in the first photo is Chief Tim Fagan, his command staff and officers from the police department that came out to pay their respects and to honor the department's first fallen Police Officer Marion Reiff that had died in the line of duty in December 1963. In the second photo is Council President Keith Schildroth, Mayor Tim Lowery and Chief Tim Fagan.

A good crowd of people came out in front of 619 rue St. Francois to see the unveiling of the 44th Walk Through History plaque in honor of Police Officer Marion Reiff. The plaque dedication took place before the start of the first Wednesday Night Out festivities "Proud to be an American" that was being held right down the street at the VFW Post 4105 located at 410 rue St. Francois at 6:00 p.m.

On December 28, 1963, Officer Marion Reiff suffered a fatal heart attack shortly after struggling with a suspect. Officer Reiff was off-duty in a local pet store when two employees informed him that a man was attempting to steal cash from the cash register.

Officer Reiff and one of the employees began to struggle with the man, who then fled on foot. Officer Reiff pursued the man a short distance before collapsing. The suspect was never identified or apprehended.

Officer Reiff had served with the Florissant Police Department for two years. He was survived by his wife and three children. He was United States Marine and served for 8 years prior to joining the police department.