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# Clay County Sheriff Begins Service on POST Commission

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JEFFERSON CITY— Sen. Luann Ridgeway, Smithville, announced today that Clay County Sheriff Paul Vescovo III has successfully completed the new-member orientation for his position on the Missouri's Peace Officer Standards Training (POST) Commission.

In March, Gov. Matt Blunt asked Senator Ridgeway to sponsor Vescovo's appointment before the Senate Appointments Committee. Vescovo, who is from Smithville, had his appointment successfully confirmed by the Missouri Senate and will now serve on the POST Commission until October of 2007. As a part of the Department of Public Safety, the POST commission was established in 1988 to promulgate rules and regulations for the administration of licensing peace officers, reserve peace officers, basic training instructors, curriculum and training centers.

"I am extremely honored to be appointed to this commission," Vescovo said. "I am looking forward to putting my nearly 24 years of experience in law enforcement to use for the state of Missouri."

Vescovo has attended the FBI's Law Enforcement Officers Training school and is a past-president and current member of the Missouri Peace Officer Association's executive committee.

"Sheriff Vescovo is a very deserving Missouri citizen, and I appreciate his time and efforts to serve the state on this commission," Ridgeway said. "I'm proud that the governor has looked to Clay County to fill such important positions in Missouri."

Both the director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and the director of the Department of Public Safety, appointed by Gov. Blunt this past year, are also from Clay County.

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**An electronic copy (“jpeg” format) of this photo of Sen. Luann Ridgeway (R) and Sheriff Paul Vescovo III (L) can be obtained by calling Senate Communications at (573) 751-3824.**