

Pictures Speak when Victims Cannot

On Tuesday, October 18 at 3:30pm at 3654 S. Grand Blvd., International Institute officials will present 250 copies of "Pictures Speak Louder than Words (PSLW)" to representatives of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department.

The books are a flash card communication tool for use by police and newly arrived immigrants and refugees who are crime and accident victims. The complimentary copies are meant for patrol cars in the Third, First, and Fifth Police Districts where the bulk of the city's newest foreign-born arrivals reside. PSLW can be used to provide critical initial information until an interpreter arrives or another form of communication is identified.

Many students of the International Institute's afternoon English classes will be on hand for the announcement. The PSLW will be integrated into the Institute's Enhanced Orientation program which is routinely provided to newly arrived refugees.

The book is an updated version of PSLW, first produced by the Institute and SLMPD in 1997. The newest version will serve as a communication tool expanded to 23 languages, including Spanish, Bosnian, Arabic, Swahili, Somali, and Vietnamese. Printing costs have been underwritten by Commerce Bancshares Foundation.

Additional copies of the book will be available for purchase by county/municipal police departments as well as by departments around the US. Inquiries should be made to Christina Juelfs at juelfsc@iistl.org or by calling (314) 773-9090 ext. 121.

About the International Institute:

The International Institute of St. Louis offers comprehensive adjustment services for refugees and immigrants in our community. In turn, these newcomers expand the richness of St. Louis' diversity and help revitalize our economy. The Institute produces the annual [Festival of Nations](#), which showcases multicultural performances, demonstrations, and food. Offered free to the general public, the festival draws more than 140,000 visitors together while raising money and awareness for people-in-need.

