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## EAST ST. LOUIS POLICE OFFICERS LAYOFFS REVERSED



Nineteen East St. Louis have returned to their positions after a union vote reversed their layoffs. It wasn't all roses, however. The police officers will return with a 20 percent pay cut, coming in the form of unpaid furlough days throughout the year. The union came to a vote on Thursday, resulting in a 23-14 vote in favor of reinstating the officers. While the officers have their jobs for now, they may have to worry next year, as St. Louis faces a budget shortfall that is likely to result in future layoffs. The nineteen police officers represented 30 percent of the city's police force. The firefighters union representing 11 previously laid-off firefighters may end up making a similar deal to reinstate their positions.

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