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METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Highway to be Named for Fallen Officer David Haynes
Second District Officer died in an on-duty vehicle accident in 2010

A dedication ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 5 to commemorate a portion of Interstate 44 being named in honor of fallen officer David Haynes. Representatives from the department as well as local and state elected officials will be on-hand as I-44 from Vandeventer to Mississippi is renamed "David Haynes Memorial Highway." The bill to honor the officer was passed by the Missouri House and Senate during the most recent regular legislative session. The ceremony will take place at the Electrician's Hall located at 5950 Elizabeth Avenue.

On March 24, 2010, Police Officer Haynes died as a result of injuries sustained during an on-duty vehicle accident. He was 27 years old. Just before 10 a.m. that day, police received a call for a burglary in progress where a victim returned home to find a suspect inside. Officers were able to locate the suspect's car but later lost sight of it. Officer Haynes was in the area and located the car. He followed the fleeing car. As Officer Haynes went through the intersection at Oleatha and Kingshighway, his patrol car was struck by another vehicle. Officer Haynes was rushed to an area hospital where he was pronounced dead. The burglary suspect was later located, arrested and charged.

Officer Haynes joined the department in June of 2008 as a Civilian Recruit in Training and was commissioned as a police officer on January 8, 2009. Officer Haynes showed great promise in his short career, earning two Chief's Letters of Commendation. Prior to joining the department, Officer Haynes served his country as a United States Marine and saw combat action in Iraq and Afghanistan. He is survived by his wife, brother and mother.

Who: Metropolitan Police Department and Local/State Officials
What: David Haynes Highway Dedication Ceremony
When: Wednesday, October 5 at 10 a.m.
Where: Electrician's Hall located at 5950 Elizabeth Avenue

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