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**Portion of Interstate Renamed to Honor Fallen Officer**  
*Department to Hold Dedication Ceremony*

A portion of Interstate 44 from Kingshighway to the City limits will be dedicated to the memory of Police Officer Michael J. Barwick and the Metropolitan Police Department will hold a dedication ceremony in his honor on Thursday, October 18, 2007, beginning at 10:30 a.m., at the Central Patrol Division.

Officer Michael J. Barwick was killed on August 29, 2002 when his patrol vehicle was involved in an accident during a pursuit of a stolen vehicle. Officer Barwick was 27 years old at the time of his death and had been a member of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police force for just two years. His partner was seriously injured in the crash but survived and returned to police work.

At the request of the Barwick family the stretch of interstate was officially passed under House Bill 56. The Missouri Highway Department is expected to have the eastbound memorial sign up this week; it will be located at the city limits.

**Who: Metropolitan Police Department**  
**What: Barwick Interstate Dedication**  
**When: Thursday, October 18, 2007, 10:30 a.m.**  
**Where: Central Patrol Division, 919 North Jefferson**