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## Late Newport Beach Firefighter Kevin Pryor Saves Seven Lives As An Organ Donor

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Newport Beach, CA – In an ultimate act of compassion, the late Newport Beach Firefighter Kevin Pryor donated his vital organs to save the lives of seven people desperately in need of life-saving organ transplants.

Following his tragic death on June 17th from a non-traumatic brain hemorrhage after returning from the Northern California fires, Kevin Pryor's family consented to the donation of his organs. Family members were approached at Western Medical Center Santa Ana by the donation professionals at Onelegacy, the non-profit organ and tissue recovery agency which collaborates with all hospitals in the greater seven-county Los Angeles area. Onelegacy acts as a bridge between hospitals and transplant centers, supports families facing the loss of a loved one, and stewards the organ recovery and allocation process.

Kevin Pryor's gift of life contributed to the ongoing and increasing need for donated organs in California and throughout the nation. Approximately 20,000 individuals currently await organ transplants in California, with three out of four in need of a donated kidney. Kevin Pryor's gift of life is all the more remarkable for its rarity, as fewer than one in 100 deaths occurs under circumstances that allow for organ donation to occur.

Those wishing to make the commitment to donate may sign up with the state-authorized Donate Life California Organ & Tissue Donor Registry when renewing their driver's license or ID card through the DMV, or online at [www.donateLIFeCalifornia.org](http://www.donateLIFeCalifornia.org) or its Spanish-language counterpart, [www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org](http://www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org).

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