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Newport Beach Firefighter Dies Due to Non-Traumatic Brain Hemorrhage

Thursday, June 19, 2008

Newport Beach, CA - Schedule of memorial events to honor Firefighter Kevin Pryor:

Funeral Mass:

A funeral mass for Kevin Pryor is planned for Tuesday, June 24, 2008 at noon, at St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church, located at 5801 N. Kanan Road, Westlake Village, CA 91362. Flowers are welcome for the memorial service. The memorial service is open to all who would like to honor Kevin Pryor.

Directly following the funeral mass, a grave side service will be held at Pierce Brothers Valley Oaks-Griffin Memorial Park, located at 5600 Lindero Canyon Road, Westlake Village, CA 91362. A reception back at St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church will immediately follow grave side services.

For more information and updates regarding the service please visit: www.nbfa.org or call Matt Brisbois at 949-644-3381 or 949-795-2633.

Background: The Newport Beach Fire Department is saddened to announce the loss of one of its own. Firefighter Kevin Pryor passed away Tuesday, June 17 due to a sudden non-traumatic brain hemorrhage. He was thirty-one years old. Kevin Pryor began his career with the Newport Beach Fire Department in 2005 and served as a dedicated Firefighter for the Department. Prior to coming to Newport Beach, Kevin had served as a firefighter with California Fire in Riverside County and the Pismo Beach Fire Department.

Kevin Pryor had returned on Sunday night from being a member of the strike team at the Humboldt Fire in Northern California. A friend found him at his home on Monday afternoon and called 9-1-1. He was rushed to Western Medical Center at 12:15pm Monday. Overnight he was placed on life support and pronounced dead at 7:00am on Tuesday, June 17. Surrounded by family, friends, and fellow firefighters were by his side when he was pronounced dead at Western Medical Center. Kevin's family is honoring his wishes by participating in an organ procurement program.

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Kevin began his firefighting career in 1999 with Pismo Beach Fire Department. In 1999 he was named Rookie Firefighter of the Year and then in 2002 Firefighter of the Year by the Pismo Beach Fire Department. He worked as a firefighter in Pismo Beach until 2003 and then went to California Fire in Riverside County. At California Fire he was named Valedictorian of his 2003 Firefighter Academy class. On June 25, 2005, Kevin Pryor began his career with Newport Beach. He excelled as a member of our department and assisted as an instructor with our Community Emergency Response Team.

Kevin was known for his great sense of humor and hilarious impressions of fellow co-workers and celebrities. He was intelligent and a history buff. He also loved the outdoors and had recently climbed Mount Whitney for the second time this year.

Kevin Pryor was a resident of Irvine and is survived by his mother Margaret, father Mark and brother Eric.

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