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AUGUST 15 ROAD DESIGNATION CEREMONY CREATES PERMANENT MEMORIAL FOR FALLEN ST. PETERSBURG OFFICERS

ST. PETERSBURG, FL (August 14, 2011) - Florida State Senator Jack Latvala (R-Clearwater) and State Representative Jim Frishe (R-St. Petersburg) will unveil one of two permanent memorials to three St. Petersburg police officers who lost their lives in the line of duty earlier this year with road designation ceremonies today at 9 a.m. The ceremonies to dedicate "Sgt. Thomas J. Baitinger, Officer Jeffrey A. Yaslowitz and Officer David S. Crawford Memorial Highway" will be held at the All Children's Hospital Education and Conference Center, 701 Fourth St. S.

The memorial highway designation covers the portion of State Road 687 (Fourth St. N.) between I-275 and I-175. One memorial marker will be placed in front of 470 Third St. S., in St. Petersburg, while a second will be located where Fourth St. N. connects with I-275 and the Howard Frankland Bridge.

Parking for the 9 a.m. ceremony will be available in the lot directly behind the Education and Conference Center, accessible from either Seventh or Eighth Ave. S. Metered parking is also available on Seventh and Eighth Aves. S. and on Fifth St. S.

Mayor Bill Foster, members of the St. Petersburg Police Department and family members of the fallen officers are expected to attend the unveiling.

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