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## News Release

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### **Lt. Governor Kinder Orders Flags Flown at Half-staff in Memory of Fallen Firefighter Ryan Hummert**

**JEFFERSON CITY** – Lt. Governor Peter Kinder, serving as acting governor, today announced that all flags at state facilities in St. Louis County will be flown at half-staff on Friday to honor the memory of firefighter Ryan Hummert who was killed in the line of duty.

Hummert, 22 of Maplewood, was killed Monday while responding to the scene of a car fire. Hummert began his career with the City of Maplewood last year. He graduated from paramedic school in August 2007 and the St. Louis County Fire Academy in March 2008. Hummert was a 2004 graduate of Rockwood Summit High School.

“Today we mourn the loss of a true hero,” said Lt. Governor Peter Kinder. “A senseless act of violence claimed the life of this young man who had devoted himself to the courageous act of helping others. Ryan’s commitment to his community and his fellow firefighters will never be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers are with Ryan’s parents, Andy and Jackie and the entire town of Maplewood.”

Flags will remain at half-staff until dusk on the evening of services honoring Hummert.

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