

SAINT PAUL – The cities of Saint Paul and Maplewood came together today in honor of fallen Maplewood Police Sergeant Joseph Bergeron. Saint Paul Mayor Chris Coleman and Maplewood Mayor Will Rossbach were joined by both communities as they dedicated a memorial to the officer who was killed in the line of duty on May 1, 2010.

“This memorial will stand as a reminder of the sacrifice our police officers and their families make every day. Our community is forever indebted to them for their service,” Mayor Chris Coleman said.

Located on the Bruce Vento Trail where Sergeant Bergeron was killed, the memorial is a large ton rock inscribed with the words, “Sergeant Joseph Bergeron, Maplewood Police Department, gave the ultimate sacrifice on May 1, 2010. With heartfelt gratitude, the community reclaims this earth as sacred ground to honor a peaceful warrior.” The City has also renamed the section of the trail next to the memorial as the Joe Bergeron Pass.

“Every organization has its ‘rocks,’ the people who the others look to for insight, guidance and stability as they pursue the everyday processes that are work and life. Sergeant Joseph Bergeron filled this role in Maplewood. I can’t think of a more appropriate memorial than the massive stone that will forever remind us of him,” Maplewood Mayor Will Rossbach said.

Also in attendance were Sergeant Bergeron’s family, a representative for Senator Amy Klobuchar and Saint Paul Police officer Dave Longbehn. Longbehn was attacked by Sgt. Bergeron’s murderer, suffering a broken nose and other head injuries before shooting and killing the assailant.