

Telegraph Road Bridge To Be Named Detective Antonio Valentine Memorial Bridge

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ST. LOUIS COUNTY - December 1, 2023, was the second anniversary of Detective Antonio A. Valentine's line of duty death. In honor of Detective Valentine's sacrifice, the Telegraph Road bridge over the Meramec River will be named the "Detective Antonio Valentine Memorial Bridge".

A dedication ceremony will be held at the White Flag Church located at 7531 Telegraph Road in St. Louis, Missouri 63129, at 9 a.m. on Thursday, December 7, 2023. On December 1, 2021, St. Louis County Police Detective Antonio Valentine was fatally injured in a motor vehicle crash that occurred in North St. Louis County. Detective Valentine was assigned to the Bureau of Drug Enforcement.

Detective Valentine is survived by his four children, who ranged in age from 10 to 22 at the time of his death. He was 42 years of age. Detective Valentine joined the Department in June of 2007 and served in the Central County Precinct, the Bureau of Transit Police, the North County Precinct, the Special Operations Unit, the Auto Crime Unit, and the Bureau of Drug Enforcement. Detective Valentine served active duty in the United States Army from July 1999 to February 2000.

He then served in the United States Army National Guard as a Sergeant from February 2000 to January 2011. Detective Valentine continued his service in the United States Air Force Reserve until he retired in 2021. During Detective Valentine's military service, he deployed in active combat to Iraq and Kyrgyzstan.