

NEWS RELEASE



Southern Platte Fire Protection District
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August 11, 2017 (Kansas City, MO): The following outlines the memorial services for Battalion Chief Jonathon L. Messick:

- Visitation, Monday, August 14th: 05:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Kearney First Baptist Church. 303 South Grove, Kearney, MO
- Funeral Service, August 15th, 11:00 a.m. located at the Church.
- Burial, Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Kearney, MO

August 10, 2017 (Kansas City, MO): It is with a heavy heart and profound sadness that Southern Platte Fire Protection District shares the news of the death of Battalion Chief Jonathon Messick. Chief Messick died peacefully, surrounded by his family today, August 10, 2017, after complications from cancer.

Chief Messick was diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer in February and had kept his faith and full spirit throughout his fight. Words cannot express the emptiness this has created.

Chief Messick started with SPFPD as a volunteer firefighter August 1998, then becoming a paid employee in 2000. In January 2005, he was promoted to the rank of Fire Lieutenant and then to Fire Captain the following year. In June 2015, he was promoted to Battalion Chief and assigned to 'C' Shift. Being very active in International Association of Fire Fighters, Jon was elected by his peers to be the Executive Board member to Local 42 and served that position from 2006-2015. He was also active in the International Association of Fire Chiefs and served on the Company Officers Committee. During that time, he was instrumental in the creation of the Company Officer Section of the IAFC. He also was one of the first applicants in the U.S. to achieve Fire Officer Designation by the Center for Public Safety Excellence. He later was also Designated Chief Fire Officer.

Details of Battalion Chief Messick's memorial service will be shared as soon as possible. SPFPD expresses our deepest condolences and sympathy to the entire Messick family during this tough time.

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