



# News Release

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## **Jackson Parish Firefighter Dies in the Line of Duty**

**Weston LA-** The Louisiana State Fire Marshal's Office reports that a volunteer firefighter with the Jackson Parish Ward Four Fire Protection District lost his life as he responded to an emergency medical call; he was involved in fatal vehicle crash.

Ward Four Fire Chief Curtis Roller advised that his department was responding on September 3, 2011 at 3:20pm, to provide care at a medical emergency scene. Firefighter Christopher Peterson (22 years of age) was operating the departments brush truck and responded to the call for help. He was traveling on Siloam Church Road, where he lost control of the vehicle and was involved in a single vehicle crash. Firefighters from his department responded and had to extricate him from the fire apparatus. He was transported to Jackson Parish Hospital where he was later pronounced dead from injuries sustained from the vehicle accident.

Chief Roller stated, "Firefighter Peterson was a good community man, always helping others. He was certified in many fire service skills, I rate him in my top 5 of responders and if he was available he responded to emergency calls and saved lives. I was so proud of him last year; he is on our completion team, they won second place in the State. He will be missed by us and I will always remember his contributions to this department he is an example to us all."

Fire Marshal Browning states, "It is a sad day in our state, this firefighter has put his life in front of another person and has made the ultimate sacrifice. Christopher is the third Louisiana Firefighter to lose his life in the line of duty this year. We thank him for his service and want his family to know that we will never forget his dedication and contributions to his community."

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Funeral arrangement are as follows, Tuesday September 6, wake 5pm – 8pm at the Jackson Parish Community Center in Jonesboro. Wednesday September 7, a funeral service at 2pm at the Jackson Parish Community Center. A full fire service honors funeral will be conducted by the Louisiana Fire Service, including a fire apparatus procession to the burial site at the Antioch Community Church in Brewtons, Louisiana.

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