



MN Fire Service Funeral Notification

Office of the Fire Chief
Butch Inks

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Fire Chief Butch Inks and the Saint Paul Fire Department along with the family and friends of Fire Captain Chris Parsons will be paying their final respects and laying Captain Parsons to rest.

Captain Parsons joined the department in 2000 and was promoted to Captain in 2007. Besides being a dedicated member of the Saint Paul Fire Department, he has also served as a Chair Officer for IAFF Local 21, President of the Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters, and a board member of the MN Fire Service Foundation. Through his many years of service, Chris had an impact on many residents and visitors to the city of Saint Paul, along with his impactful work on legislation at the state capitol benefiting firefighters and first responders. Captain Parsons sustained a major medical event following shift, his passing will be recognized as Minnesota Type I Line of Duty Death. Chris is incredibly well known and respected, a good friend to many and will be missed by all.

Service arrangements were made by Chris's daughters and family in coordination with Washburn and McReavy Funeral Home. The fire department will participate in the Active Member MN Type I Line of Duty Death (LODD) service for Fire Captain Chris Parsons.

Visitation: *Wednesday, June 21, 2023* from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Nicollet Island Pavilion, 40 Power St, Minneapolis, MN 55401

Memorial: *Wednesday, June 21, 2023* from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Nicollet Island Pavilion, 40 Power St, Minneapolis, MN 55401

At the conclusion of the memorial service, uniformed members will form the Sea of Blue to show honors to Captain Parsons. A procession will follow Captain Parsons to his final resting place at Lakewood Cemetery, 3600 Hennepin Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55408.

** The family have requested that only designated personnel and close friends be at the grave site.*

Uniform:

- Chief Officers will wear their Service Dress Uniform
- Firefighters, FEO's, and Captains will wear Service Dress Uniform or Class A

The mourning period has been defined as **Thursday, June 15, 2023** through **Wednesday, June 21, 2023** upon the conclusion of the funeral services. Black mourning bands have been approved and may be worn over badges until that time.

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