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SVFD RELEASES STATEMENT REGARDING FIREFIGHTER WHO WENT INTO CARDIAC ARREST SHORTLY AFTER FINISHING HIS SHIFT

Spokane Valley Fire Department (SVFD) is sad to share the news of one of their veteran Firefighters suffering a cardiac event on July 21st shortly after going off shift. Firefighter Patterson joined the SVFD on April 1, 2009, where he has served as an exemplary Firefighter ever since. His character and work ethic came forward while off-duty in 2014 when Firefighter Patterson was recognized with the SVFD Lifesaving Medal for actions taken off-duty. During a run, Firefighter Patterson saw a young child in distress in the Spokane River and without hesitation, he jumped in and rescued her, saving her life.

Firefighter Patterson believed in keeping himself fit for duty and would often head out for a run after completing his regular shift. This day was no different and after his shift at Station 6 where he was working as an out of class Engineer, he drove to Station 2 and went out for his regular run routine.

As has been released from the family earlier, "towards the end of his run, Dan noticed he was not feeling well and called his wife to let her know he was headed back to station 2."

Dan made it back to the entry of Station 2 where he collapsed after having gone into cardiac arrest. Crew members on A-Shift located Dan at the front door of Station 2 and immediately began resuscitative efforts where they were able to regain a pulse. Firefighter Patterson was then transported to Sacred Heart Medical Center for further care.

Firefighter Patterson has been at Sacred Heart Medical Center since July 21 on life support where family, friends, and members of the Spokane Valley Fire Department have stood by his side hoping for a recovery from this tragic and unexpected event.

Yesterday, Firefighter Patterson's neurological exams showed that he will not recover. However, this will not be the end of Firefighter Patterson's service. Firefighter Patterson is an organ donor, and the family will be honoring his wishes to give to others once again.

Firefighter Patterson will be honored with the Line of Duty Death Funeral Protocol. His work ethic, his care for his family and others, and his passion for making sure the people in his life knew he loved them will remain with us all. I ask that you all hug each other more and tell the people everyday in your life that they are important to you. Dan would have wanted that from all of us.

Sincerely,
SVFD Fire Chief, Frank Soto Jr.

About Spokane Valley Fire Department

The Spokane Valley Fire Department (SVFD) serves a population of 136,000+ over 75-square miles, including the cities of Spokane Valley, Liberty Lake, and Millwood, as well as surrounding unincorporated areas. In 2021, our cross-trained Firefighter/EMTs and Firefighter/Paramedics responded to more than 22,400 emergency calls.

Established in 1940, SVFD is committed to pursuing excellence and is distinguished as an accredited agency by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI), and by SVFD's Class 2 fire insurance rating from the Washington Survey and Rating Bureau

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