

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Mayor Miller

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Pantalone

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the Line of Duty death of Toronto Fire Services' Acting Captain David Gray, who courageously battled cancer and died on March 9, 2010.

David joined the former North York Fire Department on January 12, 1987, and at the time of his Line of Duty death was in the North Command Fire Station 142. David had excellent skills at the emergency scene and was an outstanding driver and fire pump operator. His dedication to serve the public was seen through his complex work as a rescue specialist with the Heavy Urban Search and Rescue team from 2004 until his Line of Duty death. Throughout his career David was known as a very caring person, as demonstrated on December 20, 1990, when he was recognized for an off-duty rescue of an individual who had fallen onto the subway tracks. The individual rescued stated, "he is one of your finest fire fighters and he is a true hero".

David knew the risks of fire fighting, but faced the obstacles, the challenges, the difficult situations, and dealt with them so he could offer hope and make our community a safer place to live and work.

Line of Duty deaths are a reminder of the dangers and sacrifices that fire fighters face everyday, giving their lives protecting and ensuring the safety of the communities they serve. The significance of their contributions cannot be minimized, and while they will be dearly missed, their legacy lives on in the spirit of those who continue to serve.

David's life was full of love for his family and he will be deeply missed by his wife, Carolyn, and his two children, Michael and Cameron. David's love and memories will live on in the hearts of his family, his friends and his colleagues.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to David's family.

March 31, 2010