



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR/FIRE CHIEF

To Whom it May Concern:

On November 11, 2021, active-duty JFRD Engineer Michael Freeland passed away. Around midnight Engineer Freeland responded to a scene involving a patient extrication. Freeland was attempting to disentangle the patient from a heavily damaged truck that was impaled by a power pole. During the prolonged extrication, Freeland collapsed at the scene. After exhaustive life-saving efforts by on-scene crew members and the staff at U.F. Health Jacksonville, Engineer Freeland was subsequently declared deceased.

Due to Freeland's death occurring while on-duty and while working at the scene, his passing is considered line-of-duty. As such, he will receive all honors and benefits associated with the sacrifice he made serving JFRD and this community.

Thanks, and if you should have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me directly.

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