



## OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR/FIRE CHIEF

To whom it may concern:

On June 14, 2021, active duty JFRD Captain Thomas M. Barber passed away. Per State of Florida Statute 112.18 *“Any condition or impairment of health of any Florida state, municipal, county, port authority, special tax district, or fire control district firefighter or any law enforcement officer or correctional officer as defined in s. 943.10(1), (2), or (3) caused by tuberculosis, heart disease, or hypertension resulting in total or partial disability or death shall be presumed to have been accidental and to have been suffered in the line of duty unless the contrary can be shown by competent evidence.”*

Per the Office of the Medical Examiner, Captain Thomas M. Barber’s cause of death is listed as *“chronic heart disease with cardiomegaly, left ventricular hypertrophy, and cardiac artery disease.”* The determination of heart disease by the medical examiner meets the criteria set forth in F.S. 112.18 to classify his death as suffered in the line of duty.

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

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