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Fallen Firefighter Posthumously Promoted *Captain Joshua Laird Promoted to the Rank of Battalion Chief*

FREDERICK, Md. (Aug. 13, 2021) – Effective July 31, 2021, Captain Joshua Laird, Station 25, Green Valley Fire Department, is posthumously promoted to the rank of Battalion Chief.

Laird, age 46 and a 21-year veteran of the Frederick County Division of Fire and Rescue Services (FCDFRS), died on Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2021, while responding to a 2nd alarm house fire on the 9500 block of Ball Road, Ijamsville, Maryland.

“On behalf of the Frederick County Executive and Frederick County Division of Fire and Rescue Services, it is our honor to be able to bestow the rank of Battalion Chief to Josh,” said Fire Chief Tom Coe. “Joshua epitomized the definition of a qualified leader and team player and this promotion is well-deserved.”

Battalion Chief Laird is survived by his wife and two daughters.

For those wishing to help the family and donate meals, go to https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/d153nz?fbclid=IwAR1uN9hib_NJ86a2PPfltjBp1bAgc_CpfnDBtXUqcxl9y6CliBcC1IF1MEI

To donate funds, go to https://www.gofundme.com/f/donations-for-the-lairdfamily?utm_campaign=p_lico+share-sheet&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_source=customer

For media wanting more information, contact the established hotline at 301-600-6225.

FCDFRS asks that you please respect the privacy of the Laird family during this difficult time.

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