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To: The Media

From: Karen Lindsay, Nanaimo Fire Rescue

**RE: Flags at half-mast in recognition of firefighter**

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Flags at Nanaimo Fire Rescue Stations will be flown at half-mast in recognition of a retired Fire Captain who recently passed away after a lengthy battle with industry related heart disease. Having served for 30 years, the recent passing of the retired fire Captain is considered a line of duty death under presumptive legislation in that his health condition is associated with stressors and exposure he experienced as a firefighter.

In Canada, presumptive legislation recognizes line of duty deaths for firefighters that suffer declining health during and after their career as a firefighter. Presumptive legislation has been enacted in other Canadian jurisdictions, including Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan.

The City of Nanaimo would like to extend its condolences to the family at this difficult time.

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