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North Metro Fallen Firefighter to be Honored at Celebration of Life Service on Friday

Broomfield/Northglenn, CO— North Metro Fire Rescue District will be honoring fallen firefighter Craig Moilanen alongside his family and friends on Friday, Oct. 16, at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 6673 W. Chatfield Ave., in Littleton. The Celebration of Life service will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will be open to the public and media.

Firefighter Moilanen passed away on Oct. 8 after a two-year battle with cancer. He was 36 years old and left behind his wife of 14 years, Amy, their two children ages 5 and 3, and many family, friends and brothers and sisters in the fire service.

Moilanen was born in Bismarck, North Dakota. After moving to Colorado, he began pursuing a career in the fire service. He spent 11 years in the fire service, first serving as a firefighter and captain with Foothills Fire and Rescue in Evergreen and then as a firefighter/paramedic with North Metro Fire in Broomfield and Northglenn.

“Anyone who worked with Craig would describe him as hard working, loyal, faithful and passionate about helping others. He was well liked and respected by his peers and was dedicated to continually improving his skills as a firefighter and paramedic,” said North Metro Fire Chief David Ramos. “He will be missed by all of us in the fire service.”



There will be a procession involving North Metro Fire personnel and apparatus from the Horan and McConaty Funeral Home in Lakewood (3101 S. Wadsworth) to the church arriving at 9:30 a.m. on Friday. Following the Celebration of Life service, there will be a larger procession including area fire and law enforcement agencies, family and friends as Craig is transported to the funeral home’s Aurora location at 11150 E. Dartmouth. Moilanen will be laid to rest in Bismarck on Wednesday, Oct. 21.

Media will be allowed inside the church to cover the service, which will include ceremonial aspects from the fire service as well as a Catholic mass and remarks. For anyone wishing to make a donation in honor of Moilanen and to support his family, they may do so through the website www.donatetocraig.com.

Any media wishing to attend should notify Sara Farris, public information officer for North Metro Fire, at 303-601-7577.

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