



Retired Firefighter Robert Berryman Passes Away

Retired Firefighter Robert (Bob) Berryman, a 35-year veteran of the Fredericton Fire Department, passed away on March 23, 2016, after a long battle with occupational cancer.

Bob joined the fire department as a Firefighter on October 23, 1978, and retired in 2013.

FF Berryman was a Journeyman Firefighter was trained in all aspects of Fire emergency response including Fire Suppression, Motor Vehicle Extrication, Water Rescue, Ice Rescue, Fire Apparatus operator and Medical First Responder.

Bob was a member of the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 1053. He served as an executive officer for 10 years.

"FF Berryman had a full and valued career with the Fredericton Fire Department," says Fire Chief Paul Fleming. "His commitment to the Department, the profession, and to his fellow firefighters was unwavering. On behalf of management, and the members, we share our sincerest condolences with Bob's wife Debbie, and sons Adam and Greg during this difficult time".

President Evan Gilks, of IAFF1053, echoed those sentiments, "On behalf of the 102 Fredericton fire fighters I extend our deepest condolences to Bob's family and friends. He was an excellent fire fighter who served his community with pride for 35 years. He will be never be forgotten by his firefighting family."

FF Berryman's passing is considered a Line of Duty Death in New Brunswick, based on the Provincial Firefighters' Compensation Act, and Presumptive Legislation for Firefighting-Related Occupational Diseases.

As is protocol for any Line of Duty death, there will be a Departmental funeral, at a date yet to be determined. The private service will be held at Nashwaaksis United Church on Main Street, with a full parade of firefighters expected from around the region. Main Street will be shut down for a period of time to allow for this. Arrangements are currently in the care of York Funeral Home.

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