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Press Release – For Immediate Release

Firefighter Joshua Warren’s Arrangements Announced

Lincoln County, NC - The visitation, funeral and interment plans for Firefighter Joshua Warren have been finalized and released. In addition, per the family’s request, guidelines and restrictions for the media have been established as well. Please see below for this information.

Procession

There will be a formal firefighter processional held on Monday, June 20, 2016 beginning at 4:00 pm. The procession will travel south on North NC Highway 16 Business from the Good Samaritan Funeral Home to Waterside Crossing Blvd. From there, Firefighter Warren’s body will be taken through East Lincoln’s Fire Station and then return back to Westport Baptist Church for the visitation and funeral. A map of the processional route will be sent out for reference on Monday, June 20, 2016.

Visitation

The visitation will be held at Westport Baptist Church on Monday, June 20, 2016 from 6:00pm until 9:00pm. There will not be any media access granted during this visitation per the family’s request. A media staging area will be established in the area of the church at a location that will be announced on Monday, June 20, 2016. Absolutely no photographs of the visitation or the inside of the facility will be allowed per the family’s request.

Funeral and Internment

The funeral will be held at Westport Baptist Church on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 beginning at 11:00am. The burial will follow in the church owned graveyard attached to the church property. Both the funeral and burial will be closed to the media per the family’s request. There will not be any photographs authorized during the funeral or burial services. There will be a media staging area set up in area of the church at a location that will be announced on Monday, June 20, 2016.

We will have a pool of Public Information Officers available to media throughout the events to answer questions and assist the media as needed. We are counting on the integrity of all media outlets to police themselves regarding honoring the family’s wishes. Any media outlet that does not honor the family’s wishes will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis with the possibility of media wide repercussions not being ruled out. We thank you for the efforts that each one of you has taken thus far to honor these parameters and for your fair and balanced coverage of this tragedy. This has not gone unnoticed and is greatly appreciated.

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