

Pine Level Fire Chief/Raleigh Firefighter George E. Crocker Dies

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[FireNews has preliminary details](#) on the passing of George E. Crocker, 32, who died Sunday morning. He was chief of the Pine Level Fire Department in Johnston County, and a Senior Firefighter in Raleigh. Assigned to Engine 12 on "A" shift, he joined the Raleigh Fire Department in October 2002. His body was transported on Sunday afternoon to Chapel Hill for an autopsy, escorted by Raleigh Engine 12, Raleigh Battalion 2, a Pine Level engine, and a Pine Level chief's vehicle. Other local fire units stood by along Interstate 40, while Durham and Chapel Hill engines joined the procession in Durham and Orange counties. Funeral arrangements are pending. Chief Crocker's body will be transported today from Chapel Hill to a funeral home in Johnston County. An escort is again planned and departure is expected around lunch time.



Way too young to leave us Brother, but "Someone" else had a better plan for you. You'll be sorely missed.

Silver - 06/23/08 - 09:41

I still can't believe your gone. We miss you.

Jaime - 06/23/08 - 13:32

Funeral info posted at <http://www.ncfff.org>

ncfff ([Web Site](#)) - 06/23/08 - 13:58

My prayers go out to Crocker family and to Pine Level Fire Department. I know it is hard to lose a member of your department and your leader.

Apex Batt Chief - 06/23/08 - 14:16

Going to miss you brother. Thoughts and prayers for your families both here and in JC

Swiman - 06/23/08 - 14:19

My thoughts and prayers go out to the PLFD and RFD families and the family of our fallen brother. May you rest in peace and continue to protect those of us down here from the big firehouse in the sky.

Shevais - 06/23/08 - 14:43

George we will all miss you but we will remember all the great times we had Riding and on Fire calls. Take care Brother you will be missed and God has something planed for you.

Mark Green ([Email](#)) - 06/23/08 - 14:59

We had a lot of great times together, my prayers and thoughts go out to all your family and friends.

Dawn Hines ([Email](#)) - 06/23/08 - 21:00

The above photo appears in this News & Observer online story, <http://www.newsobserver.com/news/johnsto..>

The family will receive friends at the Paul A. Johnston Auditorium from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Paul A. Johnston Auditorium on the campus of Johnston Community College in Smithfield. Burial will follow in the Crocker

Cemetery near Pine Level.

Legeros - 06/23/08 - 21:49

George you will be missed deeply! I always had a blast teaching with you at JCC, live burning with you, Sling, Phillip and Kevin! I also will miss that big smile and the jokes you always had when we ran with Engine 12!!!!!! And of course St. Patty's day 07 when you and Star hung out all day with the pipe band! My heart and prayers go out to Star, your mom and little man! and your brothers at Pine Level and Raleigh! George you will be missed, but I know you will be up stairs watching over us to stay safe! Love ya Brother! Leather Forever! KTF-PTB

Jason Lane - 06/23/08 - 22:19

Obituary: <http://www.legacy.com/newsobserver/Obitu..>

Legeros - 06/24/08 - 08:04

On behalf of New Hope Station 1 A Shift our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We remember all those days working at Station 2 with you and will miss you. Gone too soon.

AB - 06/24/08 - 08:43

On behalf of Dekalb Co. Fire Rescue I would like to extend our thoughts and prayers to the Crocker family and Raleigh Fire Dept. may God Bless.....

Jim Kay - 06/24/08 - 12:28

I looked up to you and Stephen growing up. You two were one of kind. Now half is missing. You will be missed!! Your family is in our prayers.

Becky Layhew - 06/25/08 - 08:25

George today was a hard day for everybody. We're gonna miss u man.. As I sat at the service I started thinking back on the good ol' days back when stephen had that hideous punch bug and we all stayed in trouble.. During the midst of all the sadness I'm glad that I had the memories to go back to to bring me to a happier time. I luv u and I will truly miss u.

Brandy Walston-Kelley ([Email](#)) - 06/26/08 - 03:04

To your friends and family. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Everything on Wednesday was something I will never forget. To all the firefighters for PLFD and RFD, each day you get on that truck to go and do your jobs, just remember what you do this for and that George Crocker will always be right there with you.

Jennifer Pounds ([Email](#)) - 06/26/08 - 09:29

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

-Durham Highway Fire Department

DHFD - 06/26/08 - 11:06

What a character George Crocker was. He taught a number of JCC Academy classes in 06/07, More or less 2 hours of driving from N. Wake to Smithfield 4 nights a week- the knowledge this man shared with all of us, and equally so, his personality and sense of humor made it worthwhile. Just a good guy to be around. He made a real effort to make each and everyone of us feel welcome no matter where we were from, or what our level of experience or background was. I got a job with RFD in January and ran into Firefighter Crocker a couple times at KTC. He went out of his way to encourage us- even those he didn't know, speaking to us like we were one of them. I remember seeing a picture of George on here a couple months back, manning the deck gun on E12 and telling my girlfriend about him. I was proud to say that I knew him. As much as I appreciate having been able to have trained with him, I regret I never had the chance to work with him. My prayers go out to his close friends and family. You didnt have to know George all that well to be able to appreciate the person he was and the passion he had for the fire service. A real loss. Rest in Peace brother.

[f958] ([Email](#)) - 06/26/08 - 20:30

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don ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 03/04/10 - 12:00

Retired Raleigh Firefighter Passings

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Four retired Raleigh firefighters have passed away in recent days. [Retired Lt. Roma L. Wilder](#), 88, died on June 16. [Retired Lt. A. Ray Bradford](#), 65, died on June 17. [Retired Lt. Michael S. Johnson](#), 53, died June 19. [Retired Captain Edsell S. Thorton](#), 86, died June 23. There passes 109 years of collective service. They will be missed.

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