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Lieutenant David Knisley

It is with deep regret and sorrow that the Grand Rapids Fire Department has to confirm we have lost one of our own. Today the Ottawa County Medical Examiner has positively identified Lieutenant David Knisley as the person who tragically died in a fire during the early morning hours of May 8th while on his boat docked in Spring Lake. With the loss of Dave, the Grand Rapids Fire Department has been shaken to its very core.

Lieutenant Knisley was a valued member of the Grand Rapids Fire Department. He hired into the department on January 6, 1997, and was promoted to Lieutenant on July 3, 2014. He has been a long time member of our department's technical rescue disciplines. He has also shared his knowledge as a skilled fire and technical rescue instructor, he will be deeply missed.

Thank you to everyone for your concern and condolences.



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