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Council commends fallen Navajo firefighter, Ramsey James

Photo: Firefighter Ramsey James

WINDOW ROCK – The Navajo Nation Council was saddened to learn of the loss of Navajo Nation Firefighter Ramsey James, who passed away on Thursday, Feb. 11 at the University of New Mexico Hospital in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

"On behalf of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council, we mourn the loss of Firefighter James and we recognize his service to the Navajo Nation for his bravery and honor. He took it upon himself to be a protector of our Navajo people, and we will remember his honorable service to our Nation," said Speaker LoRenzo Bates (Nenahnezad, Newcomb, San Juan, Tiis Tsoh Sikaad, Tse'Daa'Kaan, Upper Fruitland).

Firefighter James was 24-years-old and served as a volunteer firefighter for two years with the Navajo Nation at Station 10 in Window Rock and Station 12 in Fort Defiance. He completed the Navajo Nation Fire Academy in 2013 and graduated with Fire Class #1306.

Firefighter James is originally from Fort Defiance, Arizona and is a graduate of Window Rock High School.

Council Delegate Edmund Yazzie (Churchrock, Iyanbito, Mariano Lake, Pinedale, Smith Lake, Thoreau), chair of the Law and Order Committee, said he sends his deepest condolences and prayers to Firefighter James's family on behalf of the LOC.

"This is absolutely heartbreaking news for the Navajo Nation. Losing a vital public safety servant is devastating and a hard-hit to the Nation," said Delegate Yazzie. "We wish the family healing and comfort during this difficult time, and we are sending prayers to them."

James's family has set up a memorial fund in his honor to pay for funeral expenses and have reached out to the public for their assistance on their "Go Fund Me" page. You may click here to donate and leave a condolence message.

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