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***Memorial Services and Honor Procession Planned for  
Hollywood Fire Rescue Driver Engineer Chris Allen  
Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>***





**Hollywood, FL** – The City of Hollywood and Hollywood Department of Fire Rescue and Beach Safety will join the Allen family to honor the life of Christopher “Chris” Corey Allen, a 23-year veteran of Hollywood Fire Rescue. Chris died unexpectedly on Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Private Memorial Services to honor and remember Chris are planned for Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at Hollywood Community Church, 1708 N State Road 7. Immediately following the memorial service on Tuesday, a public Honor Procession with Hollywood’s High-Water Rescue Vehicle will travel from the Hollywood Community Church, passing by five Hollywood Fire Stations and Hollywood Police Department Headquarters.

Chris was 58 years old and had been with the Hollywood Fire Department since May 1999. In his time with the department, Chris started his career as a firefighter and was assigned to a rescue unit for 10 years. In 2009, he was promoted to Driver Engineer. In this role, Chris was assigned as one of the drivers for the department’s high-water rescue vehicle, which he most recently drove during the heavy rains last Friday and Saturday. Chris proudly served with the Florida Army National Guard. He was a Sergeant E5, Stock Control Supervisor while serving during Operation Desert Shield/Storm from 1990-1991. Chris was recognized as a Sharpshooter with the M-16 rifle, and Marksman with hand grenades. He was decorated with the Army Achievement Medal/Overseas Service Ribbon/NCO Professional Development Ribbon and was honored with the Golden Eagle Award for his service in the Persian Gulf. Chris also served as a dispatcher with the Margate Police Department and worked briefly for the Plantation Fire Department.

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Chris was a husband and father of two, and he played an integral role in the department and Hollywood community. He was known for his sense of humor, his dedication to the job at hand and residents of Hollywood. Colleagues remember Chris as the guy everyone liked, and the one who loved to cook for everyone. He will be greatly missed.

### **Information on Private Memorial Services**

The family has requested the Memorial Viewing and Service remain private. They thank the members of the public for their heartfelt sentiments and ask for privacy at this time.

#### **Monday, June 13:**

- Private Memorial Viewing from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Hollywood Community Church, 1708 N State Road 7 in Hollywood.
- Hollywood Fire Department, Hollywood Police Department, City elected officials and staff, extended Fire and Police agencies, dispatchers and other First Responders are invited to attend.

#### **Tuesday, June 14:**

- Private Memorial Service begins at 10:00 a.m. at Hollywood Community Church, 1708 N State Road 7, Hollywood.
- Hollywood Fire Department, Hollywood Police Department, City elected officials and staff, extended Fire and Police agencies, dispatchers and other First Responders are invited to attend.
- At the request of family, media is prohibited from entering the church.
- Public Honor Procession immediately following the service.

### **After Service Public Honor Procession**





A public Honor Procession with Hollywood's High-Water Rescue Vehicle will travel from the Hollywood Community Church, passing by five Hollywood Fire Stations and the Hollywood Police Headquarters building, before returning to the Fred Hunter Funeral Home to conclude services. The procession route is as follows:

- **Beginning at Hollywood Community Church**, 1708 N 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- **Hollywood Fire Rescue Station 31**, 3401 Hollywood Boulevard
- **Hollywood Police Headquarters**, 3250 Hollywood Boulevard
- **Hollywood Fire Rescue Station 105**, 1511 S. Federal Highway
- **Hollywood Fire Rescue Station 5**, 1819 N. 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue
- **Hollywood Fire Rescue Station 74**, 2741 Stirling Road
- **Hollywood Fire Rescue Station 45**, 1810 N. 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue

The Honor Procession will end at Hollywood Fire Rescue Station 45.

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## Media Staging

- Media will not be allowed on Fred Hunter Funeral Home property at any time, or the Hollywood Community Church, out of respect for the family.
- Media can assemble and stage on the NW Corner of Taft Street and US-441, just east of the Hollywood Community Church.
- Please do not block any roadways or interfere with the procession.
- Additional media pool information to follow.
- Please note information may be updated or changed. Additional releases will be issued as needed.

For media inquiries, please call Joann Hussey, City of Hollywood Communications Manager at 954.806.3675.

For information regarding participation as part of the official procession, contact Chief Jameel Ziadie at 954-648-6531.

For information regarding Honor Guard, contact Captain Mark Tasson at 954-773-4324.

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