

FREMONT FIREFIGHTERS

International Associations of Firefighters - Local 1689

July 27, 2009

The California Fire Service

Fellow Firefighters,

Following the tragic loss of Tom Marovich, the United States Forest Service flew Thomas Marovich Jr. (TJ) from Northern California to the Hayward Airport, at which point he was greeted by a contingency of Fremont Fire Explorers, Fremont Honor Guard, USFS Representatives, Hayward Fire and Police Department Representatives, along with Alameda County Sheriff's Department Representatives.

When a line of duty death strikes an USFS Firefighter, the home agency assumes the responsibility of safely delivering our fallen brother/sister to the community of their final resting place, along with providing death benefits to the family. Local fire agencies in the community then step in to plan and provide for our brave fallen comrades, a funeral honoring them for their ultimate sacrifice. .

Thomas Marovich Jr. (TJ) served as a Fremont Fire Explorer from 2003 to 2007 and held the position of Explorer Advisor. The Fremont Fire Department and Local 1689 has been heavily invested in preparing an appropriate send off for Tom Marovich (TJ). TJ's fellow workers from the Modoc NF have passed TJ off to his brothers and sisters with the Fremont Fire Department. The Fremont Fire Department, Fremont Firefighters Local 1689, Local Government Agencies and USFS liaisons are working together to finalize funeral service details and logistics.

As I am sure you are aware, the costs associated with a funeral of this size are significant. At this time, we are asking for your assistance, in the form of a monetary donation, so that we can provide TJ and the Marovich family with a traditional firefighter funeral ceremony. The Marovich Family will be hosting a reception in TJ's honor following the funeral service.

We understand that these are difficult economic times for everyone, so any donation would be greatly appreciated.

Donations can be made to:

Fremont Firefighters Local 1689

Attn: Tom Marovich Fund

PO Box 1134

Fremont, CA 94538

Please note that any remaining funds will be placed in the "Tom Marovich Jr. Memorial Fund".

Jim Martin

President

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