



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

MEDIA ADVISORY

January 17, 2019

CON FIRE TO PAY FINAL RESPECTS TO FALLEN FIRE CAPTAIN ROGER HARLESS WITH FUNERAL PROCESSION AND CEMETERY SERVICES

WHEN: Thursday, January 17, 2019, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (see schedule of events below)

WHERE: "Sea of Blue" ceremony and memorial service at St. Bonaventure Church. Procession to, and graveside service at, Queen of Heaven Cemetery

WHAT: Con Fire firefighters will bid farewell to a fallen brother with a "Sea of Blue" recognition and color guard at the memorial service, a fire apparatus procession to the cemetery, and a graveside ceremony support today. Capt. Harless' bio and photo are attached.

Some minor traffic disruptions may briefly result along the procession route (below). We apologize for any inconvenience.

Schedule of events is as follows:

CEREMONY, St. Bonaventure Church, 5662 Clayton Road, Concord

10:05 Sea of Blue
10:15 Procession arrives from Funeral Home
10:30 Service begins
12:00 Service ends

PROCESSION, to Queen of Heaven Cemetery, 1965 Reliez Valley Road, Lafayette

12:30 Procession begins at St. Bonaventure
13:30 Procession arrives at Queen of Heaven Cemetery
14:00 Service at Cemetery begins
14:30 Service at Cemetery ends

Procession route:

St. Bonaventure – Clayton Road – Ygnacio Valley Road – Concord Boulevard – Highway 242 South – Gregory Lane – Grayson Road – Reliez Valley Road – Queen of Heaven Cemetery

Con Fire to Bid Farewell to Fallen Firefighter – 2/2/2

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Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (Con Fire) -- a recognized fire service leader -- provides fire and emergency medical services to more than a million people across its 304 square-mile District area, and through mutual aid, in and around the 20 cities and unincorporated communities of Contra Costa County, California. With few exceptions, county emergency ambulance transport services are provided by Con Fire through its unique sub-contractor Alliance model. In 2017, the District responded to nearly 74,000 fire and EMS emergencies and provided expert medical care on more than 75,000 ambulance transports. The District, with 25 fire stations and more than 400 employees, is dedicated to preserving life, property and the environment.

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BACKGROUNDER

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FIRE CAPTAIN ROGER HARLESS BIO

Fire Captain Roger Harless

1958 - 2019

Roger Harless was a Fire Captain Paramedic with the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District. He passed away on January 9, 2019 after a brief illness.

Roger was hired as a Firefighter by Con Fire in May 1990 and was promoted to Fire Engineer in April 1998. He was one of the firefighters who went through the District's in-house paramedic training, eventually being promoted to Fire Captain Paramedic in April 2003.

According to Fire Chief Jeff Carman, "He was a good man and a respected firefighter of ConFire."



Roger Harless was also a member in good standing with Local 1230 since June 1, 1990.

He was a devoted husband and father who loved to challenge himself mentally and physically. He enjoyed traveling with his wife, Karen, and was passionate about hockey games, especially attending them with his wife and family. He also loved watching his granddaughter play soccer.

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