

USA Firefighter Fatality Notification

The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) has received notice of the following firefighter fatality:

Name: Rodney D. Baker, Jr.
Rank: Assistant Chief
Age: 47
Gender: Male
Status: Paid-on-Call
Years of Service: 29
Date of Incident: 03/15/2018
Time of Incident: 0107hrs
Date of Death: 03/16/2018

Fire Department: Madison Township-Kunkle Fire Department
Address: 106 E Angola ST POB 51, Kunkle, OH 43531
Fire Department Chief: Keith Cummins

Incident Description: After attending an earlier fire department training meeting, Assistant Chief Rodney D. Baker, Jr., responded to a grass fire at 2229hrs on March, 15, 2018. Chief Baker (Chief 51) was first on scene as the commanding officer for the incident and was back in service at 2336hrs. The following day, while attending a family event, Chief Baker became ill and collapsed at 1638hrs. Family members trained in CPR immediately came to Chief Baker's aid while the Pioneer Fire Department and Williams County EMS were called to the scene. Assistant Chief Baker was transported to Bryan hospital where, despite all efforts, he later passed away from a reported cardiac event.

Incident Location: Grass fire - pending; Medical event - Pioneer American Legion

Tribute is being paid to Assistant Chief Rodney D. Baker, Jr.
at <http://apps.usfa.fema.gov/firefighter-fatalities/>