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PINEVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Line Of Duty Death Notification

-FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE-

It is with deep regret that announcement is made of the death of Pineville Fire Fighter Richard Sheltra who lost his life in the line of duty while participating in fire suppression operations at a commercial structure fire last night.

Saturday night at 9:03 pm, the Pineville Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to a commercial structure fire at 8500 Pineville-Mathews Road in Pineville NC. During the course of fire suppression operations, fire fighter Sheltra was found, in distress, by other fire fighters and was immediately removed from the building. A Mecklenburg EMS (MEDIC) ambulance, already on scene, immediately provided advanced lifesaving care of fire fighter Sheltra and transported him to the Carolinas Medical Center Main in Charlotte where he was pronounced deceased.

Richard was 20 years of age and served the Pineville Volunteer Fire Department as a Volunteer Fire fighter for three years. He is survived by his mother, father and sister.

Pineville Volunteer Fire Department Chief Michael Gerin stated, "This is a very sad day for our Department, in particular the Pineville Community, as we mourn the passing of a friend, a brother and very dedicated volunteer."

Numerous Fire Departments from throughout Mecklenburg County, York County and Lancaster County as well as the NC State Fire Association are providing support and manpower to the Pineville Volunteer Fire Department.

A memorial service with full fire department honors is currently being planned. Arrangements will be provided as soon as they are available.



FIRE FIGHTER RICHARD SHELTRA

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