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Retired Division Chief Passes (Retired – Non-LODD)

WARRENSBURG, MO – Retired Johnson County Fire Protection District Division Chief of Training Jeffery A. Hartle passed away unexpectedly today in rural Johnson County. Chief Hartle began his service to the JCFPD on July 29, 2003 as a firefighter and quickly rose to the rank of Training Division Lieutenant in 2005. He was promoted to the Division Chief of Training in December 2006 where he served in that capacity for over seven years before retiring from the JCFPD on July 31, 2015.

Chief Hartle had a passion for teaching and a passion for the fire service. His time with the JCFPD led to increasing the professionalism within the District's training programs and expanding the capabilities for internal training provided to District firefighters. Under his leadership, the District's Training Division expanded in size, qualification standards for instructors improved, and the quality of introductory training to members evolved into in-depth, formalized, and standardized training. His leadership formed the strong foundation that is the current JCFPD Training and Safety Division.

Prior to his time with JCFPD, Chief Hartle served in combinations of private and public sectors of fire protection services dating back to October 1977. He served in organizations in Tennessee, Georgia, and Louisiana before settling down in Warrensburg.

His academic background included an Associate of Arts in Fire and Safety Engineering Technology from Eastern Kentucky University (1989), Bachelor of Science in Fire and Safety Engineering Technology from the University of Cincinnati (1996), Master of Science in Industrial Safety Management from the University of Central Missouri (1997) and Ph.D. work at Indiana State University and Oklahoma State University. He was published numerous times and presented at numerous seminars in addition to doing fire protection related research across the globe. He served several higher education institutions in instructor roles, most recently as an Assistant Professor of Crisis and Disaster Management at the University of Central Missouri.

Chief Hartle's time in the fire service influenced countless numbers of firefighters, academic professionals, engineers, and others spanning over four decades across the United States and the world.

Join us in keeping Chief Hartle's family in your thoughts and prayers.

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