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Vernon Collett to Receive Line of Duty Honors at Missouri Fire Fighters Memorial Services

WARRENSBURG, MO – Firefighters from across Missouri will gather this October to honor Captain Vernon Collett of the Johnson County Fire Protection District, who fell in the line of duty in March. The annual Fire Fighters Memorial Foundation services will be held at the Missouri Fire Fighters Memorial in Kingdom City.

Captain Collett made the ultimate sacrifice while battling a natural cover fire on March 8, 2025. He served out of Station 6 near Valley City and dedicated 29 years to the District. His passing was the first line of duty death in the history of the Johnson County Fire Protection District.

The memorial services will begin with a candlelight ceremony at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 4, followed by a formal memorial service Sunday, October 5 at 10:30 a.m. The events provide an opportunity for colleagues, family, and the public to honor the commitment and service of Captain Collett and all firefighters who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

For more information on the service, visit www.mofirememorial-museum.org.

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