



## **Professional Firefighters of Eastern Missouri IAFF Local 2665**

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### **Line of Duty Death of Retiree Member**

St. Louis, MO – It is with profound sorrow that we announce the passing of retired Local 2665 member Mathew Tobben. Chief Tobben tragically lost his life yesterday morning during a swift water rescue operation in Columbia, Missouri.

Chief Tobben was a firefighter and a former Assistant Chief at the Union Fire Protection District prior to moving to his position at the Boone County Fire Protection District. He served with distinction in protecting our community. He will be remembered fondly by all who had the privilege of working alongside him. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and the Columbia Professional Firefighters during this incredibly difficult time.

IAFF Local 2665 extends its deepest condolences to Chief Tobben's family, friends, and colleagues. Further details regarding memorial arrangements will be provided as they become available.

**About Us:** Professional Firefighters of Eastern Missouri - IAFF Local 2665 is an organized labor nonprofit in the St. Louis area that represents firefighters, paramedics, and dispatchers. Our mission is to protect the rights of our members and ensure their safety and well-being while on the job.

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