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Rites set in Lubbock for Amarillo firefighter

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More than 100 Amarillo firefighters may make a somber journey to Lubbock on Thursday to attend the funeral of one of their own.

Amarillo Fire Department firefighter Christopher Brian Hunton, 27, died Monday from injuries suffered Saturday when he fell from a firetruck while responding to a call.

Celebration of life services for Hunton will be at 4 p. m. Thursday in First Baptist Church, 2201 Broadway St., in Lubbock.

AFD is rearranging schedules so that any firefighters who want to attend the services will be free to make the trip, said Capt. Bob Johnson, an AFD spokesman.

AFD employees 239 firefighters, with at least 59 on duty each shift, Johnson said.

The Lubbock Fire Department and several fire departments in the Amarillo area have volunteered to help cover Amarillo on Thursday, but Johnson said AFD likely will have enough of its own firefighters here to ensure that all fire stations are fully staffed.

A convoy with several Amarillo firetrucks and Amarillo Police Department vehicles will travel to the services in Lubbock, Johnson said. The AFD Honor Guard will take part in the services.

Hunton, who was born and reared in Lubbock, attended the Amarillo College Fire Training Academy. He volunteered for two years as a firefighter with the Randall County Fire-Rescue Department before going to work for AFD in March 2003.



Floral tribute: Bouquets left in memory of firefighter Brian Hunton rest at the base of the flagpole outside the Amarillo Fire Department's Central Fire Station, Southeast Fourth Avenue and Van Buren Street, on Tuesday.

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About 10 p.m. Saturday, Hunton was in the back seat of a ladder truck leaving Central Fire Station, 400 S. Van Buren St., headed for a fire in the 2600 block of South Polk Street.

Just two blocks from the station, the ladder truck turned east on Third Avenue, and Hunton fell to the street after his door came open, according to the initial police report on the accident.

Preliminary autopsy results released Tuesday revealed that Hunton died of a head injury, said Potter County Justice of the Peace Haven Dysart.

APD's Traffic Investigation Unit and the city of Amarillo are looking into the accident. The Texas Fire Marshal's Association also will conduct an independent inquiry, Johnson said.

"It's not an investigation to determine fault," Johnson said. "They want to know what happened so they can put out information."

He said initial investigations have focused on the possibility that the door that opened may have a defective latch.

Johnson said he did not know if Hunton was wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident but AFD has a written policy requiring firefighters to use seat belts.

"The rule says you leave the station with a seat belt on," he said.

AFD will keep its fire-station flags at half-staff for one month in honor of Hunton, who was the first Amarillo firefighter to die in the line of duty since 1982.


Honoring the Fallen

- Celebration of life services for Brian Hunton will be at 4 p.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church, 2201 Broadway St., in Lubbock. To sign an online condolence book, visit www.rixfd.com.
- Donations to the Brian Hunton Memorial Scholarship Fund may be made in care of Amarillo National Bank, Attention: Dennis Spears. Box 1, Amarillo, Texas 79105-0001,

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