



**DELAWARE CITY FIRE COMPANY NO. 1, INC.
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**Funeral Arrangements Announced for
Delaware City Firefighter Michelle L. Smith**

Family and Fire Company plan respectful ceremony confronted by the holidays

Delaware City, DE – Delaware City Fire Company announces the line of duty death services for Firefighter Michelle Smith, 29, who passed away Monday, December 22nd. Services for Michelle are being coordinated by Department Officers and Members, State Fire Chief's Association members, and the National Fallen Firefighter's Foundation Local Assistance State Teams. In respect for the holidays and the family's wishes, we have scheduled the services appropriately.

The viewing will be held on Sunday, January 4th, from 3 pm until 7 pm, at the Delaware City Fire Company Memorial Hall, 815 Fifth Street, Delaware City, DE 19706. The services will be held on Monday, January 5th, at 10 am, at the Delaware City Fire Company Memorial Hall, 815 Fifth Street, Delaware City, DE 19706. The firefighters honors and procession will immediately commence and continue to the interment being held at Odd Fellows Cemetery, 420 S. DuPont Blvd., Smyrna, DE 19977.

Michelle L. Smith has served the Delaware City Fire Company as a firefighter, and with the Delaware City Ladies Auxiliary for over five years, holding the Secretary position with the Ladies Auxiliary. She also served with the Volunteer Hose Company of Middletown, DE as a firefighter since 2000, and with their Ladies Auxiliary since April of 1996. Michelle is survived by her 12 year old daughter, Emily. A trust fund has been set up in Emily's name for donations. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Emily A. Burge Trust Fund, c/o Delaware City Fire Company, PO Box 251, 815 Fifth Street, Delaware City, DE 19706, or donations may be made directly to the Delaware City Fire Company.

Fire Companies or agencies wishing to participate in the ceremonies should limit their participation to one apparatus. Apparatus and personnel should plan to report to the staging area (to be determined) by 9 am on Monday, January 5th. Details will follow early next week concerning the particulars of the ceremony. Please check our website, www.dcf15.com, for up to date information.

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