



# International Association of Fire Chiefs

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Fire Chief Jim Short  
Heard County Fire & Emergency Services  
11816 Highway 100  
Franklin, GA 30217

Dear Chief Short:

We have learned of the recent line-of-duty death (LODD) of Battalion Chief James "JB" Bernard Guiler. On behalf of the members, leadership and staff of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC), I offer my most sincere condolences to you and the members of the Heard County Fire & Emergency Services. Our hearts and prayers are also with the family and friends of Battalion Chief Guiler.

We hope to never see a line-of-duty death in our fire service career. The loss of one of our own is devastating. We hope that your department will be able to come together to heal the loss you feel now. Take comfort that the commitment and dedication of Battalion Chief Guiler will continue to live on in the work you and your department do every day.

If there is anything the IAFC can do to assist you or your department in this difficult time, please contact us at 703.273.0911.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Robert Brown, Jr.", is written over a light blue circular background.

J. Robert "Rob" Brown, Jr.  
CEO and Executive Director