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San Francisco Fire Department Mourns the Loss of Lieutenant Stephen Silvestrich

The San Francisco Fire Department is profoundly saddened to announce the death of Lieutenant Stephen Silvestrich. Lieutenant Silvestrich passed away unexpectedly at his home following his tour of duty.

Joining the department on August 26, 2002, Lieutenant Silvestrich devoted over two decades to serving our community with exceptional bravery and dedication. His illustrious career was spent at Engine 03, where he served as a Firefighter Paramedic until his promotion to Lieutenant in October 2021. His relentless commitment to aiding others has impacted Station 03 and the numerous San Francisco communities he has served throughout his service.

We extend our deepest condolences to his family—his wife, Kristen; his sons, Ethan and Aidan; his daughters, Ella and Abigail—and to all who knew him. His loss is felt deeply by his many friends, colleagues, and those fortunate enough to have known him.

Chief Jeanine Nicholson reflects on his legacy: *"Lieutenant Stephen Silvestrich was a cornerstone of our department, cherished by all who worked alongside him. He was not only a consummate professional but also a devoted family man. His profound presence will be sorely missed, and his exemplary service will be remembered forever. As we mourn, we also honor the courage of all first responders who dedicate their lives to the service of others."*



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