



# SHREVEPORT FIRE

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### **Shreveport Fire Department Search and Rescue K-9 Dies**

The Shreveport Fire Department lost a valuable member of the team this morning. SFD Search and Rescue K-9, Tracker, was put to sleep this morning due to health reason. Tracker faithfully served the Citizens of Shreveport and surrounding areas from March 2005 until his retirement from active service in 2014.

During Tracker's 9 years of service to the department he was deployed on many missions as part of the Shreveport Fire Department's K-9 Search and Rescue Team. Tracker, a Black Lab, was a Live Search Dog and was certified through the National Association for Search and Rescue (NASAR) as a Wilderness Live Search Dog and through the SFD as a Disaster Search Dog.

K-9 Tracker has been credited with the following Searches and Saves:

- Safely Recovered 3 – Children
- Safely Recovered 2 – Adults
- Named 2008 Louisiana Pet of the Year
- Deployed to Tuscaloosa, Al in 2011 with the Louisiana USAR Taskforce 3

K-9 Tracker's handler is Fire Engineer Rick Morrow. Fire Engineer Morrow has been the sole handler for Tracker since his service to the City of Shreveport. After Tracker's retirement he lived with Engineer Morrow.

Tracker will be buried with full fire department honors at the Shreveport Fire Department K-9 Cemetery located at the Shreveport Fire and Police Academy. The date for services has not been determined.