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Shreveport Fire Department Fire Chief Edwin S. Wolverton announces the line of duty death of Firefighter/Advanced-EMT Leonard Coney.

Firefighter Leonard Coney was exposed to Covid-19 during his tour of duty, and ultimately succumbed to complications of Covid-19 the morning of Wednesday, January 6, 2021.

Firefighter Coney has been a member of the Shreveport Fire Department since August 2007, proudly serving almost 14 years. He spent his career working on C-Shift and was assigned to Medic 5 at Fire Station #5 on Stoner Ave.

“Leonard Coney was a public servant in the truest sense of the term. He made the ultimate sacrifice while serving his city during a public health emergency and the City of Shreveport will be forever grateful,” said Mayor Adrian Perkins. “I ask that everyone join me in praying for Mr. Coney’s family during this difficult time, and that they honor his legacy by helping slow the spread of this virus in our community.”

The City of Shreveport asks citizens to keep his family and the Shreveport Fire Department in their prayers as they grieve this tragic loss.

“Leonard Coney gave his life in service to our community. He had the kindest spirit about him and he held a high compassion for meeting the needs of our citizens. He will be greatly missed by all SFD Brothers and Sisters. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. - John 15:13” – Fire Chief Edwin Scott Wolverton.

Arrangements for Firefighter Leonard Coney have not been finalized but more information will be provided as it becomes available.

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