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PFD Celebrates a Mural in Honor of Battalion Chief Michael Goodwin

PHILADELPHIA, PA: Fire Commissioner Derrick J.V. Sawyer announced today that the Philadelphia Fire Department in partnership with the City of Philadelphia Mural Arts Program and the PFD Family Association will create a mural in honor of Battalion Chief Michael Goodwin at Ladder 16’s Station, located at 2601 Belgrade Street, Philadelphia, PA 19125. The mural will be dedicated in a public ceremony on Saturday, November 14, 2015 at 11:00 am at Ladder 16.

Battalion Chief Goodwin, while in command of Ladder 27, was killed in the line of duty on April 6, 2013 during operations at the scene of a Three Alarm fire in the 700 block of S. Fourth St. Chief Goodwin was a Twenty-Nine year Veteran of the PFD, and was also a U.S. Navy Veteran. Chief Goodwin was survived by his wife Kelly, Daughter Dorothy, Son Michael Jr., Mother Elizabeth and two Grandchildren. Mike was raised in the area near Trenton & Cumberland Sts., and graduated from Mastbaum High School. He spent a large portion of his career at Ladder 16, where the mural is to be installed.

Ladder 16 has been in service at its present location since 1913, when the Station was built. Engine 6 was placed into service at that location in 1956, and remained there until being decommissioned in 2009. Medic 46 and ES-9 are currently stationed at that location providing Emergency Medical care to area residents. The fire station nickname “This Old House” is derived by the length of service the station has delivered to the surrounding community, and is proudly displayed on the Station Patch worn by the 34 members assigned there.

The City of Philadelphia Mural Arts Program is the nation’s largest public art program, dedicated to the belief that art ignites change. For over 30 years, Mural Arts has united artists and communities through a collaborative process, rooted in the traditions of mural-making, to create art that transforms public spaces and individual lives. Mural Arts engages communities in 50–100 public art projects each year, and maintains its growing collection through a restoration initiative. Core Mural Arts programs such as Art Education, Restorative Justice, and Porch Light yield unique, project-based learning opportunities for thousands of youth and adults. Each year, 12,000 residents and visitors tour Mural Arts’ outdoor art gallery, which has become part of the city’s civic landscape and a source of pride and inspiration, earning Philadelphia international recognition as the “City of Murals.”

Fire Commissioner Sawyer wishes to remind all that Fire is Everyone’s Fight™

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