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Philadelphia Fire Department Honors 1st Fallen Female Firefighter

Philadelphia, PA: Fire Commissioner Derrick J.V. Sawyer announces that on Friday, November 13, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., a memorial plaque will be dedicated in memory of Firefighter Joyce Craig. The ceremony will take place at Engine 64's station which is located at 6100 Rising Sun Avenue.

On Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 2:49 a.m., fire companies were dispatched to a dwelling fire at 1655 Middleton Street. Fire suppression and ladder operations were initiated and the fire was placed under control at 3:32 a.m. During this operation Firefighter Joyce Craig of Engine Company 64, while working at Engine Company 73 sustained severe injuries and was transported to Einstein Hospital where she succumbed to her injuries.

Firefighter Craig is the first female firefighter to die in the line-of-duty in the history of the Philadelphia Fire Department. By order of Mayor Michael A. Nutter, Firefighter Joyce Craig was posthumously promoted to the rank of Fire Lieutenant.

Firefighter Craig was 36 years old and an 11 year veteran of the Philadelphia Fire Department. She is survived by her mother Carol Craig, father James Craig, one son, Mekhi Donte-Green, one infant daughter, Laylani Lewis, two brothers, Kareem Meads and Michael Craig, two sisters, Uris Payton and Lafarist Makasi and a host of other family and friends.

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

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