

Lower Merion Township Fire Department



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FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FALLEN FIREFIGHTER THOMAS ROYDS

The Belmont Hills Fire Company, Union Fire Association, Lower Merion Professional Firefighters Association IAFF Local 2844, the entire Lower Merion Fire Department, and Clifton Heights Fire Company are grieving the loss of Firefighter Thomas Royds, who served with the Lower Merion Fire Department since 1988. Firefighter Royds, 48, died in the early morning hours of July 24, 2021, from injuries sustained after being struck by a vehicle on Interstate 76.

A viewing will be held on Saturday, July 31, 2021, in the Lower Merion High School Auditorium, located at 315 E. Montgomery Avenue, Ardmore, PA.

The public is welcome to attend from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Immediately following the viewing, family, friends, firefighters, and other emergency response personnel are invited to participate in a recessional and final salute to Firefighter Royds.

**NO BACK PACKS OR LARGE BAGS WILL BE PERMITTED ON
LOWER MERION SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY.**

PARKING:

General Public: There will be no general parking available at Lower Merion High School. Suburban Square has graciously offered parking with no limitations. The public is directed to park at Suburban Square and walk over to the high school. The School District will also be offering a shuttle, via school bus, from the corner of Montgomery Avenue and Glenn Roads to Lower Merion High School.

Handicapped: Parking will be available in the “B” lot at Lower Merion High School.

Media: The news media will be permitted to park in the “D” lot at Lower Merion High School. We ask that you come in as few vehicles as possible and have your media ID available and arrive no later than 8 a.m. to park on campus. Enter through the doors to the Kobe Bryant Gymnasium and proceed up the stairs or use the elevator to get to the Auditorium.

Fire Companies: Any fire or other emergency service organizations wishing to attend Firefighter Royds’ viewing are asked to please send the following information - name, company, and address of your company- to Melissa Focht of the Lower Merion Township Fire Department at mfocht@lowermerion.org.

All apparatus must report to Union Fire Association of Lower Merion, 149 Montgomery Ave, Bala Cynwyd, PA. It is required that all apparatus approach Union Fire from City Ave. You will then be directed Westbound on Montgomery Avenue to the Lower Merion High School.

Contributions:

A Memorial Fund has been created to benefit the family of Firefighter Royds via the following Go Fund Me link: <https://gofund.me/65211cc1>