

Dear K.C.P.D family,

It's a grim day when we lose a fellow public servant as we did Sunday April 25, 2025. Firefighter, Graham Hoffman, was just like you, doing a job that comes with inherent danger, and he made the ultimate sacrifice at the hands of evil intentions. I know that we joke a lot about the Police and Fire relationships with respect to the differences in our jobs. However, when things get tough, we've got each other's back. Unfortunately, on occasion we have the situation of losing a fellow public servant and we have to process the grief of losing someone we may have made a scene with or worked side by side with for years.

It is so important to remember that the Lord is Near the Brokenhearted. Grief and loss, no matter how many times we go through it, it never gets any easier. This life is finite. A loss like this makes it ever so evident how important it is to always strive to be right with the Lord. We never know when it may be our last day here on Earth. Though we may miss one's presence here on earth and feel broken, remember the Lord is near the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in Spirit.

Keep Faith in God During Grief. We will have many trials and heartbreaks here on this Earth. Our faith will be tested, but His Word says when our faith remains strong through many trials that it brings God much praise, honor, and glory when trust in Jesus is revealed in our suffering.

May we keep faith in God during these times of heartache and not lose faith. Psalm 34:17-18 says, "The Lord hears his people when they call to him for help. He rescues them from all their troubles." We need to call on the Lord during these times as we know He is faithful, and He will not allow us to endure this alone. It can be hard in these times to not be consumed by grief allowing your faith to take the backseat, but I can promise there's nowhere else you want to be than with God during your grief. Give it ALL to God, God is the greatest comforter! You will find no greater comfort in the world!

Please feel free to reach out to your Chaplains if you are struggling in your grief.

Submitted with Love,  
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