



Brazos County Precinct 3 Volunteer Fire Department

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It is with great sorrow that we announce that the Brazos County Precinct 3 VFD has experienced a line of duty death of one of our own. William Richard "Dick" Danes, 69 years of age, passed away Thursday evening while participating in a ladder training evolution at the TEEEX Fire Training Field. Although we do not know the exact cause of death, it would appear to be cardiac in nature.

Arrangements are pending through Hillier Funeral Home in Bryan.

We would like to take an opportunity to express our gratitude for the quick and professional response of all involved, including but not limited to the Precinct 3 personnel on scene, TEEEX field medics, College Station Fire Department, and the College Station Medical Center staff.

As Chief Burnett stated tonight, Dick left his home tonight happily telling his wife he was eager to go to training and "make it up the ladder." She and all his family seemed very happy with what Dick was doing this evening, and expressed how very much the fire service has meant to him the last few years. It was a dream that actually started in the late 60s, but took him four more decades to get the time to accomplish.

Prior to that, he served in the Air force. He worked as an Engineer. He was a Radio Operator. He was active locally in the citizen's police and fire academies. He belonged to a church. In addition to being a brother firefighter, engineer, veteran, and servant to his fellow citizen, Dick was a Husband, Father, and Grandfather.

From the Staff at TEEEX:

The TEEEX Family is saddened by the passing of Brazos County Precinct 3 Firefighter Dick Danes and share our condolences to his family, friends and fellow firefighters.

Mr. Danes experienced a medical issue during a training drill at Brayton Fire Training Field. TEEEX and Precinct 3 personnel immediately began CPR. TEEEX EMS protocol was initiated; the TEEEX Field Medic arrived and began treatment. College Station Fire Department responded and he was transported to College Station Medical Center via an Advanced Life Support (ALS) EMS unit. Concurrently the local Fire Department Critical Incident Stress Management System was contacted.

TEEEX is providing support for the Precinct 3 Department as well as to the TEEEX staff who were on duty at the time.

Any inquiries can be made to a phone number for our department (available 24 hours) established for this incident: **(281)-870-2753** or to Chief Gerald Burnett at gburnett@pct3vfd.com.

Dick is pictured center in the following photo.



Please keep Dick's family and our department members in your thoughts and prayers.

We will pass along more information as it becomes available.

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