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Fire Department Veteran Awarded Memorial Scholarship

WESTERN SPRINGS, IL., June 20, 2022 – Western Springs Fire Lieutenant Stephanie Grimm has been awarded the *Lt. Richard Jacobson Memorial Scholarship* by the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association Foundation. The \$1,000 scholarship was formed in memory of Western Springs resident and Fire Department Lieutenant Dick Jacobson, who died in 2017 after a courageous battle with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS).

Lt. Grimm, a 27-year veteran who currently serves as the Department’s Fire Marshal and EMS Coordinator, plans to use the funding to advance her training and education by becoming certified as an Advanced Fire Officer through the Office of State Fire Marshal of Illinois. The 120-hour program is designed to challenge veteran Fire Officers through a combination of classroom education and hands-on practical applications. The program develops the Officer’s abilities to lead and manage multiple-fire company emergency operations, as well as important managerial skills dealing with human resources, community and government relations, along with firefighter health and safety issues.

Grimm hopes that the program will enhance her ongoing professional development as well as provide her the skills to have a more significant impact in the community, especially in the areas of incident management and community risk reduction.



Lt. Stephanie Grimm



Lt. Richard Jacobson (1958-2017)

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