

08-18-1983 Louisville KY – Ricky LaFollette - LEO PSD Night Deep Training

Ricky A. LaFollette

American police diver aged 30, Louisville, Kentucky, experienced, night training exercise using new communication equipment, did not respond to calls, believed to have become disorientated in the dark and descended rather than ascended, drowned.

<http://www.thediversassociation.com/index.php/sheets>

Patrolman Ricky A. LaFollette

https://www.supportingheroes.org/memorial/hero.php?hero_id=199



End of Watch: Thursday, August 18th, 1983
Date of Incident: Thursday, August 18th, 1983
Cause of Death: Drowning (Accidental)
Time in Service: 1 year
Age: 30
Survivors: not available

Patrolman Ricky A. LaFollette

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Incident

Officer LaFollette drowned while training with the Dept Scuba Team.

Officer LaFollette was participating in a training exercise at Dale Hollow Lake. The dive was in total darkness utilizing new underwater communications gear.

Officer LaFollette failed to surface when his air supply was low and did not respond to radio communications. He was found later at a depth of 100 ft. It is believed he went down in the darkness instead of up and drowned.

Ricky Allen LaFollette

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=53699842>

Birth: Aug. 29, 1952
Louisville
Jefferson County
Kentucky, USA

Death: Aug. 18, 1983
Tennessee, USA

Rick served with the Louisville Division of Police from 1977 until his death by drowning. He died during a department deep water training accident at Dale Hollow Lake.

The photograph of Officer LaFollette is from Officer Down Memorial Page, Inc.

Burial:
[Calvary Cemetery](#)

Louisville
Jefferson County
Kentucky, USA
Plot: Section 15 Lot 277 Grave 1

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