

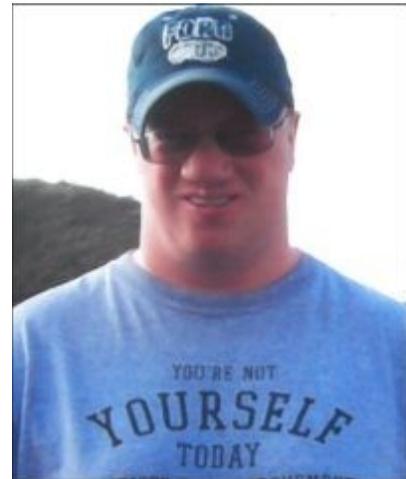
**11-16-2018 – Ohio – Daniel J. Lucius - FF Drowned – Crashed into pond****Daniel Joseph Lucius**

<https://www.firehero.org/fallen-firefighter/daniel-joseph-lucius/>

- **Firefighter**
- **Carroll Township Fire and EMS**
- **Ohio**
- **Age: 33**
- **Year of Death: 2018**

From the time his kindergarten class went on a field trip to a Toledo Fire Station, Dan wanted to become a firefighter. Even though he faced many challenges in his life, he never lost sight of this goal.

Daniel J. Lucius was born on October 16, 1985. As an infant, Dan entered foster care. He was placed with his foster mother, a nurse, who eventually became his adoptive mother. It was a perfect match. She advocated for him, and he developed a “can-do” attitude that served him well throughout his life.



As a young man, Daniel J. Lucius, Oak Harbor, Ohio, started dropping in at the local volunteer fire station and helping however he could. Eventually, he took the classes to become certified as a firefighter in the State of Ohio. It was difficult for him, but he persisted. His proudest moment was when he passed his test and became a member of the Carroll Township Emergency Medical and Fire Service Department.

He considered his fellow firefighters to be his brothers and sisters. Dan’s last call came on November 15, 2018. While responding on an unfamiliar, dark, unmarked country road, Dan missed a 90° turn and drove into a pond. Unable to extricate himself from his truck, he called 911, but help did not arrive in time. At the time of his death, he was planning to pursue an EMT certification.

Daniel J. Lucius, age 33, was a people person and a joiner. Dan’s entire adult life revolved around helping people and his community. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and helped with the annual Lenten fish fry. If you needed your lawn cut, Dan was there with his mower. If you needed help moving, Dan was there with his trailer. For Dan, the highlight of summer was the Ottawa County Fair. He enjoyed it so much that he applied for, and was appointed to, the Ottawa County Fair Board. He served three years. When we lost Dan, we, as a family and a community, lost a gentle, nonjudgmental soul who was a friend to all he met.

## OH Firefighter Crashes into Pond and Dies

<https://www.firehouse.com/lodds/news/21032707/carroll-township-oh-firefighter-crashes-into-pond-and-dies-during-response>

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Carroll Township firefighter Daniel J. Lucius died Thursday after his vehicle crashed into a pond while he was responding to an emergency.

Nov. 16 -- OAK HARBOR, OH -- A member of the Carroll Township Fire Department died while responding to an emergency after crashing his car into a pond.

Daniel J. Lucius, 33, died as a result of his injuries from the crash, according to the fire department. He was responding to a call for service when he crashed.

Mr. Lucius was appointed to the department June 7, 2017. He was certified as a volunteer firefighter, and had planned to continue his training in the future.



"He is remembered fondly as always willing to learn and to do," the department said in a release.

The Ottawa County Sheriff's Office said they received an emergency call Thursday from a driver who said they crashed their vehicle into water near the area of Wall Street and Toussaint Club Road. While officers were heading to the scene, they lost contact with the driver.

Upon arrival, a deputy located a vehicle fully submerged in a pond and attempted to search the vehicle before the cold temperature of the water affected his ability to function, forcing him to exit the pond.

Members of the Carroll Township Fire Department arrived on scene and sent three crew members into the pond to search the vehicle. The driver was pulled from the vehicle and transported to Magruder Hospital, where the driver later died.

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## Daniel J. Lucius

<https://www.apps.usfa.fema.gov/firefighter-fatalities/fatalityData/detail?fatalityId=4796>

## Firefighter

Firefighter Lucius was responding to an emergency medical incident in his personal vehicle, a 2004 Ford Ranger pickup truck. As he responded, he failed to negotiate a right-hand curve. The vehicle left the left side of the roadway, drove through a ditch, and into a pond.

Firefighter Lucius was able to call 911 and report his emergency but was unable to get out of the vehicle. The first law enforcement officer on the scene found the vehicle fully submerged and went into the water to attempt a rescue. The officer was forced to leave the water due to the cold and was unable to access Firefighter Lucius. Responding firefighters removed him from the vehicle and the water and emergency medical treatment was provided. The cause of death was drowning.

Incident Location: Wall Street and Toussaint Club Road, Oak Harbor, Ohio (U.S. National Grid: 17T LG 26928 04362 (DD: 41.572, -83.076))

### Daniel J. Lucius - Obituary

<https://www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/3620240/Daniel-J-Lucius>

Daniel J. Lucius, 33, of Oak Harbor, passed from this life to the next on Thursday, November 15, 2018. He was born in Toledo, Ohio, on October 16, 1985, the son of Mary E. Lucius. He was a graduate of Oak Harbor High School and Penta Career Center and was currently employed by Riverview Industries of Oak Harbor. Dan died doing what he loved--responding to a call with the Carroll Township Fire and EMS Department. Where others may have seen limitations, Dan demonstrated determination.



Despite having to overcome many obstacles throughout his life, Dan became a volunteer firefighter accredited by the State of Ohio, a member of the Ottawa County Fair Board and was soon to appear in his first Playmakers performance in Port Clinton.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and St. Boniface Catholic Church in Oak Harbor. No one was a stranger to Dan. He will always be remembered for his warm caring personality and his infectious laugh. Survivors include his mother, Mary of Oak Harbor, aunts, Rose Kessler of Green Bank, WA, Janet Lucius of Columbus, OH, Karen Lucius of Curtice, OH, Brenda Lucius of Tiffin, OH, and honorary aunt, Sonia Eischen of Martin, OH; uncles, Larry Lucius of Fostoria, OH, and David (Janie) Lucius of Tiffin, OH, as well as numerous cousins and friend, Jeromy Bellamy.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Leo and Elizabeth Lucius, sister, Lisa Walker, and uncle, James Kessler. Visitation for Dan will be held 2-8 p.m. on Friday, November 23, 2018, at the Oak Harbor High School in the lobby of the auditorium. The

fire department will conclude visitation at 7:45 p.m., as they pay their respects to Dan and his family.

The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 24, 2018, in St. Boniface Catholic Church, 215 N. Church St., Oak Harbor. A fireman's service will be conducted immediately following the Mass, in the church. Burial will then be in the Salem Township Union Cemetery in Oak Harbor, where the Carroll Township Fire & EMS will conduct the final call service at the cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations be directed to the Carroll Township Fire & EMS Department, 11080 W. Toussaint East Rd., Oak Harbor, OH 43449; or Operation Smile, 3641 Faculty Boulevard, Virginia Beach, VA 23453. The Robinson-Walker Funeral Home & Crematory of Oak Harbor has assisted the family with arrangements.

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