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Savannah firefighter dies after river rescue

<http://www.wjcl.com/article/savannah-firefighter-dies-after-river-rescue/8344057>

A Savannah firefighter has died in the line of duty after rescuing victims from the Savannah River.

Nov 20, 2016 Lauren Bradley

SAVANNAH, GA —

A Savannah firefighter is dead and dozens of people were injured after a loading dock near River Street collapsed Saturday afternoon.

The collapse dumped more about 50 people into the Savannah River. Firefighter Michael Curry was one of the first responders on scene, officials said. We're told he was helping pull people from the water when he had a medical emergency. Medical personnel on scene provided first aid to Curry before transporting him to the hospital, officials said, but he passed away late Saturday afternoon.



Curry was a Master Firefighter who worked for the Savannah Fire Department for 13 years. He was also father to an 8-year-old boy.

Mayor Eddie DeLoach held a press conference Saturday night at Memorial Hospital to announce Curry's passing.

"We lost a hero," DeLoach said. "A person who was moving towards the danger, not running from it."

Savannah Fire Chief Charles G. Middleton said during the conference this is the first time he has lost a firefighter in the line of duty.

"We all love this profession," Middleton said. "We are all expecting, at some point, any of us could be answering our last alarm."

Savannah Fire, Southside Fire EMS and the Savannah Chatham Metropolitan Police Department responded to the scene.

Savannah resident Matthew Adams told WJCL he witnessed the collapse.

"(The dock) like -- jumped -- and people started to scream. It dropped probably a good three to four feet and tilted and leaned forward and dumped everybody over the side," Adams said.

Emergency crews arrived as people still struggled to get out of the water.

Ann Everhardt, nearby during the collapse, said she saw plenty of bystanders rush to help people out of the water.

"When you looked over, you could see people floating in the river," Everhardt said.

"People were trying to grab people that were in the river -- they were trying to yank them out. Some people were just trying to hold onto arms because the current is so strong."

Fire crews said about 30 people were injured by the collapse and 13 received treatment at the hospital.

Authorities are currently investigating what caused the loading dock to collapse.

Funeral arrangements made for firefighter who died rescuing people from river

<http://www.wjcl.com/article/funeral-arrangements-made-for-firefighter-who-died-rescuing-people-from-river/8350577>

Nov 21, 2016 Ansley Christain

SAVANNAH, GA -

Funeral arrangements have been made for the firefighter who died while rescuing people from the Savannah River Saturday.

Visitation for Michael Curry will be held Friday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Baker McCullough Fairhaven Funeral Home on Highway 80 in Garden City.

The funeral will be Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist.

A [Go Fund Me](#) page has been established for Curry's family.

More than \$6,500 has been raised.



FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

VISITATION

- ▶ **Friday from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**
- ▶ **Baker McCullough-Fairhaven Funeral Home**

**2794 US-80
Garden City**



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CURRY**

Savannah remembers fallen firefighter Michael Curry

<http://www.wjcl.com/article/savannah-remembers-fallen-firefighter-michael-curry/8346530>

Nov 20, 2016 Tori Simkovic

Savannah, Ga. —

A memorial now decorates the front of the Savannah Fire Station on Oglethorpe Avenue to honor Master Firefighter Michael Curry, who died in the line of duty this weekend.

"Mike was not only a brother firefighter, he was a friend of mine," said Battalion Chief Thad Dixon.

Curry worked for the Savannah Fire Department for 13 years. He had an 8-year-old son.

"When I heard about it yesterday, it was like a slap in the face," Dixon said.

Curry died on Saturday. Fire officials said he suffered a medical emergency while responding to a rail collapse on River Street. Loved ones gathered on Sunday to honor him and all the fallen Savannah firefighters.

"We didn't want to have a year where we didn't remember, not only Mike, but every firefighter on the memorial that died in the line of duty," Dixon said. Loved ones said Curry was a devoted father.

"His son and him were like one item," Dixon said.

His fellow firefighters called him a fearless public servant. The loss, they say, will be felt for years to come.

"The fire department, it's a family. We live together. We're at the station 24 hours at a time. It's no different than losing a sibling," Dixon said.



Michael Curry. (Photo/Savannah Fire Department)

Funeral held for Ga. firefighter who died during

<https://www.firerescue1.com/firefighter-death/articles/147345018-Funeral-held-for-Ga-firefighter-who-died-during-river-rescue/>

Michael Curry died of an aortic aneurysm while preparing for a water rescue.

11-28-2016 By FireRescue1 Staff

SAVANNAH, Ga. — Funeral services were held for master firefighter [Michael Curry](#) Saturday, after he died of an aortic aneurysm earlier this month.

Curry collapsed after helping pull people from a broken loading dock Nov. 19.

Hundreds attended Curry's funeral, many of whom escorted the fire truck that was carrying his body, reported [WSAV](#).



"It is with deep sadness and sorrow to report that after nearly 13 years of bravery and service, master firefighter Michael Curry has completed his last call, his last and final call on earth," the Savannah Fire Department aired over dispatch.

Curry's mother and son were presented with his helmet and the American flag.

Funeral services for Master Firefighter Michael Curry were held today at the Cathedral and [#Savannah](#) Fire HQ

Autopsy reveals Ga. firefighter's cause of death

<https://www.firerescue1.com/firefighter-death/articles/146532018-Autopsy-reveals-Ga-firefighters-cause-of-death/>

Nov 23, 2016 By Kelly Davis The Island Packet

A medical examiner concluded Michael Curry died of an aortic aneurysm as he was getting diving gear from a fire truck.

SAVANNAH, Ga. — Savannah Fire Master Firefighter Michael Curry died from an aortic aneurysm suffered as he was preparing to enter the Savannah River for a water rescue Nov. 19, a Savannah newspaper reported.

Chatham County Coroner Dr. Bill Wessinger said the aneurysm struck Curry as he was getting diving gear from a fire truck, according to the Savannah Morning News. Curry and other first responders were helping people who fell into the river when a ferry boarding ramp collapsed.

Fellow responders said Curry appeared to enter "a vacant stare," Wessinger said. He later died at Memorial University Medical Center.

Services for Curry are 2 p.m. Saturday at The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, 222 East Harris St. in Savannah.

Curry's body will be carried by fire engine along a 1/2-mile route west on Harris Street to Bull Street, north on Bull Street to Oglethorpe Avenue, and east on Oglethorpe Avenue to department headquarters at Abercorn Street, where a short program will be offered, a Savannah Fire and Emergency Services news release said.

Oglethorpe Avenue between Habersham and Whitaker streets will be closed to vehicle traffic during the funeral service, procession and program at SFES headquarters. Parking will be prohibited on East Harris Street between Abercorn Street and Bull Street and along Oglethorpe Avenue, between Habersham Street and Whitaker Street beginning 9 a.m. Saturday, the department said.
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