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The Town Remembers Purcellville Volunteer Fire Company's Assistant Chief Colby

PURCELLVILLE, Va., August 15, 2019 — It was with deep regret that the Town learned that Aerts "Buddy" Colby, Assistant Chief of the Purcellville Volunteer Fire Company, passed away suddenly on Monday, August 12. Assistant Chief Colby was admired and respected by generations of local and regional first responders as well as the community at large.

Let it be known that on Wednesday August 14, 2019, Mayor Kwasi A. Fraser authorized that the Town of Purcellville flag be flown at half-staff until sunset, Wednesday, August 21, 2019, to honor Aerts "Buddy" Colby for his extraordinary length of devoted service and leadership in a mission-critical role that ensured the health, safety and welfare of our citizens.

[Read more about Assistant Chief Colby's service and life.](#) Join us in extending our heartfelt sympathy to his loved ones.

The Town of Purcellville, Virginia

"Purcellville-your small Town, where history and progress intersect and people prosper," is an award-winning town of over 10,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 50 miles west of Washington, DC. Having received the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities, Purcellville continues to be honored for its green initiatives with most recently being the Tree City USA recipient for the 12th year. The Town was reaffirmed as a AAA rated community by S&P Global Ratings, the highest credit rating possible, and is recognized as one of the safest towns in Virginia. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, which has been converted to a multi-use trail from Alexandria, VA to Purcellville, the town has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, equestrian activities, farmer's markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at www.purcellvilleva.gov.

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