

# ***Fire Chief Found Unresponsive at Fire Dies at Hospital***

***Thank you for standing with his widow and four children left behind***



Little Rock Fire Department Battalion Chief Edward Louis Karriem died in the line of duty on February 13, 2021 – just one day before Valentine’s Day.

Firefighters were dispatched to a house fire and found smoke from the one-story residence. Chief Karriem took command as about 20 firefighters worked the scene. He was found unresponsive in his command car after crews contained the house fire. He was transported to the hospital where he later passed away.

Chief Karriem joined the Little Rock Fire Department in 2004, where he dedicated himself to working up the ranks to Battalion Chief. He was also a mentor who helped others get promoted.

*“Chief Karriem, 41, faithfully served this city and the Division of Fire Services for seventeen years,”* the fire department posted on Facebook. *“Our sincere prayers are extended to the family, loved ones and friends.”*

Chief Karriem is survived by his wife, Denise, and their four daughters – Kennedy, Kensley, Kensington, and Kaylor.

When a first responder like Chief Karriem is killed while protecting their community, your giving through Tunnel to Towers provides the families they leave behind with hope and a way to rebuild their lives. Thank you!