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**Fire District 7 and North County Fire/EMS mourn the loss of one of their own**

[Monroe, WA] - It is with great sadness that Snohomish County Fire District 7 and North County Fire/EMS announce the unexpected passing of one of their own. Marcus Carroll passed away after falling off a cliff while hiking near Cle Elum, WA. He was 23 years old.

Carroll was reported missing Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> after he did not return home from a day hiking trip. The Kittitas County Sheriff's Office conducted search and rescue operations when drone footage verified his location on Monday evening.

"Marcus was a valued member of Fire District 7," says Fire Chief Kevin O'Brien. "He has such a positive attitude and kindness that made everyone feel comfortable. He worked hard for our citizens to provide high quality service. He will be greatly missed by his Fire District 7 family."

Carroll was hired as a part-time firefighter/EMT with North County Fire/EMS in September 2018. He was hired with Fire District 7 in April 2019. He worked hard for both agencies with compassion and a drive to serve the community. Carroll has been working hard to get hired as a career firefighter.

"Marcus was an intelligent and professional individual who respected everyone he met," says Assistant Chief Don Bartlett. "He was an impressive young man who wanted to make a difference. The fire service and our public has lost a valued public servant."

Due to the current situation with the Coronavirus Pandemic, memorial service details will be communicated at a later date. Members of Fire District 7 and North County Fire/EMS are coordinating a procession to bring Carroll home.

Carroll is survived by his loving family. Chief O'Brien and Chief Cermak ask that you please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

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