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Off-Duty Death of CAL FIRE Fire Captain

On behalf of the Lutz family, CAL FIRE San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit and CAL FIRE Firefighters Local 2881 are saddened to report that Captain David William Lutz died June 17, 2020 in a hiking accident in Pfeiffer Burns State Park, at the young age of 33.

David Lutz is known for his dedication and love for his family and is survived by wife Tisha Lutz, step-daughter Alyssa, and young children Bailey, Caleb, and baby Hope (due any time); his parents Michael and Mary Anne Lutz; siblings Leah Lutz, Joshua Lutz (Stephanie) Erin (Lutz) Adams (Scott), Krista (Lutz) Sobrak-Seaton (Nick), Anna (Lutz) Anton (Willy), Daniel Lutz (De) Matthew Lutz, Elizabeth Lutz, and Jacob Lutz; and his nieces and nephews.

David was born July 1, 1986 and passed away June 17, 2020. He was born in Los Gatos, CA and raised in Corralitos, CA. He attended the Monterey Fire Academy and began his career as a volunteer firefighter with the Corralitos CAL FIRE station. David began his career in 2008 as a Fire Fighter I in the San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit and worked as a Fire Captain at El Granada Station within the Coastside Fire Protection District (Cooperative Agreement).

He was known for his deep faith; his personal relationship with God permeating all areas of his life. He was bold and eager to live all kinds of life's adventures, ready to learn something new or head off on a new adventure, all with his wife Tisha and beloved children by his side. As a firefighter he was brave and always willing to tackle any task or danger, large or small. He was eager to help others, mentor those around him, offer practical support, and was loyal and supportive to all in his life. He was known for his devotion to his family, his faith, his love of all things outdoors, and his dedication to CAL FIRE and the calling and people he cared so much about.

David Lutz lived life to the fullest, impacted the lives of many, and leaves a great legacy. Those who know him are proud of the life he lived and all that he leaves behind.

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