

## **MY LIEUTENANT DIDN'T COME HOME: LESSONS FROM A LINE OF DUTY DEATH**

This presentation highlights a real-life incident where Lieutenant Brad Clark died in the line of duty and two other firefighters were seriously injured during a highway incident. The session will provide critical information to prepare fire departments, firefighters and their families for when tragedy strikes. It will also provide an inside look at family notification and the days immediately after the tragedy. Lessons learned will be shared on how firefighters and others can better prepare themselves and their families should the worst occur.

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Melanie Clark is the widow of Lieutenant Brad Clark of Hanover, Virginia Fire-EMS, who was killed in the line of duty on October 11, 2018, while operating on the interstate. Since Brad's death, Melanie has become an advocate for firefighter safety, working to improve laws and regulations related to first responder safety and lectures on her experiences in dealing with the tragic loss of her husband.