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Press Release

November 26, 2014 - Firefighter Brad McCoy Memorial to Be Held in Nantahala this Saturday

Memorial services for Firefighter Brad McCoy have been set for Saturday, November 29, 2014. Visitation is scheduled for 10 am to noon in the gymnasium of Nantahala School in Macon County. The funeral is scheduled for noon on the same day, also at the school gymnasium. Burial will follow at the Briartown Cemetery in the Nantahala Community. Townson-Rose Funeral Home of Andrews is in charge of arrangements.

Firefighter Brad McCoy, age 36, was fatally injured on Friday, November 21st, while attempting to rescue members of his own family from a fire that broke out at their residence in Nantahala. Mr. McCoy successfully removed his daughter from the blaze and then re-entered the structure to help his wife and son. Unknown to him, his wife and son had escaped through a window. Mr. McCoy was found deceased within the home by responding firefighters and one child was air-lifted from the scene with severe injuries.

Macon County Emergency Services Director Warren Cabe says that he is expecting a large outpouring of support from the community on Saturday. Due to the rural nature of the Nantahala Community, Mr. Cabe would like the public to be aware that parking will be limited and that longer than usual walks may be necessary in order to reach the school gymnasium and church locations. Macon County Emergency Services and Macon County Sheriff's Department will be on-hand to direct traffic and assist with transporting the infirmed from their vehicles. Memorial service attendees

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are encouraged to carpool when possible and Nantahala community residents should drive cautiously and be prepared for road closing or delays around the area of Nantahala School and Briartown Church.

Mr. Patrick Graham, a spokesperson for the family and a member of the Nantahala Fire and Rescue Department would like to thank the community for its outpouring of support and reminds the community that they may send tributes to the family at www.Townson-rose.com. In addition, many members of the community have asked how they might help support the surviving family members impacted by this tragic event. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family at any local United Community Bank or checks may be mailed to the “Amanda McCoy Fund” at United Community Bank, Attn: Judy Brooks, PO Box 608, Andrews, NC 28901.



Stephen Bradley “Brad” McCoy, age 36, of Nantahala Community, Macon County, NC