

Special Services Planned To Honor Former Fire Chief

(KAIR)--Flags will fly at half-mast today in Atchison County to honor the passing of former Atchison Fire Chief, Mike McDermed.

And as the city of Atchison continues to mourn the loss of former Fire Chief Mike McDermed, city officials have been assisting the family to plan a special memorial to honor Chief McDermed that will serve as a testament to his service to the community starting with a procession from Arensberg-Pruett Funeral Home to the Atchison Event Center at 1:30 this afternoon.

Atchison City Manager said the route is planned from the funeral home to the Atchison Event Center.

All five fire trucks will be a part of the procession as well as fire trucks from Effingham.

“We really want to thank Shannon Fire District for providing fire coverage,” Cocking said. “We want to thank Atchison EMS and Rescue for providing rescue and EMS service during the funeral so all of our firefighters can attend. Obviously, if we get a large fire, then our firefighters will have to go attend to that. But, the normal day-to-day stuff, we have coverage in place to deal with.”

City Hall will be closed this afternoon so city employees can attend services as well, and the Amelia Earhart Memorial Bridge will be red this evening to honor McDermed. Cocking said there will be enough space for anyone from the public to come to say goodbye to the former fire chief who died March 30 after a battle with brain cancer.

The family has asked that attendees wear Hawaiian or bright colored clothing to the service.

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