Late LVCO firefighter to receive hero's honor

(KAIR)--A late Leavenworth resident is among five Kansas firefighters receiving recognition for giving their lives in the line of duty.

Johnny D. Ivison, Jr. will be among the names engraved on the Fallen Firefighters Memorial Wall, located at the Kansas Firefighters Museum and Fallen Firefighters Memorial, in Wichita. Ivison, a member of the Easton Township Fire Department, in Leavenworth County, died November 8, 2020 following a crash while en route to a house fire, in Easton. That's according to the website, firehero.org, which says Ivision was, at the time of his death, "studying to become a certified firefighter for the Easton Township Fire Department."

The 23-year-old Ivison was the son of Naomi Guilford and Johnny Ivison, Sr.

Joining Ivison in seeing their names engraved on the wall are Michael Wells, of the Lenexa Fire Department, Josh Schwindt, of the Rolla Volunteer Fire Department, Malachi Brown, of the Baxter Springs Fire Department, and Joshua Bruggeman, of the Wichita Fire Department.

According to a release from the Kansas State Firefighters Association, Retired Captain Joe Woyjeck, of the Los Angeles County Fire Department, will serve as Keynote Speaker for the ceremony.

Honors for the fallen firefighters will be held at 1:30, on the afternoon of October 16, at the Memorial, in Wichita.

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