

In December of 2022, Lt. Charles Swank passed away following a Line of Duty incident. Charles was not only one of the truly best firefighters, but he was a decorated military veteran, coach, friend, son, brother, father, and husband.

Lieutenant Swank served with numerous fire departments and added tremendous value to each department through his passion for serving others, strong work ethic, and his commitment to training other firefighters and challenging them to be their best.

Lieutenant Swank served as an officer in our department for several years. He took great pride in sharing his wealth of knowledge with everyone. He was very proud of "The Outpost", our Station 2, as well as "The Cowboy Express", Engine 413.

In honor and loving memory of Lt. Swank, we changed the name of the Fredericktown Firefighters Association's annual fundraising golf outing to the "Lieutenant Charles Swank Memorial Golf Outing". This event raises money to enable the Association to help others over and above firefighting efforts. Some examples of these are activities such as assisting our firefighters as needed, supporting our annual Toy Drive, providing an emergency services educational scholarship, assisting community members in need, purchasing equipment, and much more.

This event exemplifies what Lt. Swank stood for, helping others in need, whenever and however they need it.