



The Badge of Honor Memorial Foundation

A registered 501(c)(3) organization

Contact: Lynsey Branaugh
Tel: 214.754.0366
E-mail: lmb@bohmf.org

****FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****

2 June 2015

The Badge of Honor Memorial Foundation Chairman Chief Chris Vinson Deceased

It is with deepest regret to inform you that our Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Chief Chris Vinson, passed away yesterday unexpectedly after medical complications. The Badge of Honor would like to express our deepest sympathy and condolences to his family, friends and Department Members.

In December 2014, The Badge of Honor Memorial Foundation announced Chief Vinson as the new Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Chief Vinson headed all emergency, medical, fire, and police services in the Town of Highland Park, Texas which is one of the few locations in the US where the staff is cross trained in both fire and police services.

Chief Vinson graduated with a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences degree from Dallas Baptist University, where he majored in Criminal Justice and Public Administration. He held both a Master Peace Officer and Advanced Structural Firefighter Certification and was also licensed as a fire instructor, police instructor, and police firearms instructor.

He served as a Committee Chair for the Texas Police Chiefs Association, was a graduate of the FBI National Academy Associates (FBINAA), as well as a Past President of FBI National Academy Associates of Texas. In 2012, he chaired the National Training Conference for the FBINAA. Chris had received numerous commendations and honors from several organizations, including the United States Secret Service for his outstanding work.

"Chris was a good friend and will be sorely missed. He was committed to the work of the Foundation and was respected by everyone that he came in contact with. I will miss him greatly," said David Blanchard, President & CEO of the Badge of Honor Memorial Foundation.



May He Rest In Peace...