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# International Association of Firefighters

## Dix Hills Fire District

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George Fleites  
President local 3492

Dear Union Presidents,

I am reaching out to you on behalf of one of our own.

Member Michael Leavey has been with Dix Hills Fire District as well as Kings Park FD in Suffolk county NY for the better part of 20 years. This was after he responded to the 911 attacks on our nation in NYC.

Mike has been an integral part of our team but his passion for fire suppression was unfortunately outlived his ability to do what he loves.

In December of 2006 while Mike was on shift at Dix Hills, our Paramedic noticed he was pale and looked "off".

An EKG revealed that his heart was skipping every other beat. For this he needed a pacing device.

Mike pushed on but was told his condition would worsen.

Recent evaluation revealed that Michael's heart was pumping at only 15%. Cardiologists explained that he had the heart of a sick 90-year-old.

At 42 years old Mike is now unable to work and has fallen on difficult times as he waits on the transplant list for a new heart.

Mike has a wife that's stood by his side and son that he's trying to put through his first year of college; while he sits unable to work, waiting for a heart.

I'm asking if our Members can help with a monetary donation for our Brother Mike so he can at least wait for his transplant without worrying how he is going to take care of his family.

On behalf of the IAFF local 3492, I want to thank you for your time.

Be Safe

George Fleites