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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

For Immediate Release

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MABAS Illinois joins the Illinois fire service community in mourning the passing of Michael "Mike" Forrest, a respected fire service leader, mentor, and friend.

Mike dedicated more than 30 years to the fire service, serving as Fire Chief of the Savoy Fire Department and as a Branch Chief with MABAS Illinois for 11 years, helping coordinate mutual aid, training, and special operations throughout East Central Illinois.

His leadership, knowledge, and commitment to mentoring firefighters made a lasting impact across Illinois. Through his work with the University of Illinois Fire Service Institute, he helped train thousands of firefighters and strengthen the fire service for future generations.

MABAS Illinois will honor Chief Forrest on **Tuesday, December 1**, with a uniformed fire service walk-through and fire department honors to be held at the conclusion of the service.

Lineup: 5:00p.m. for the walk-thru

Location: Morgan Memorial Home, Savoy, Illinois

For more information, please visit:
https://www.morganmemorialhome.com/obituaries/Michael-Edward-Forrest?obId=50392066

The honors will conclude the visitation and service proceedings.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Mike's wife, Carrie, his family, friends, and the entire Fire Service whose lives Mike touched.

Rest easy. Godspeed Chief. We have it from here. Thank you for your service, leadership, and friendship. Your legacy will live on throughout the Illinois fire service.

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