Chicago firefighter dies after falling down elevator shaft

A Chicago firefighter died after falling two stories down an elevator shaft while fighting a smoky blaze in a warehouse on the city’s South Side. Firefighter Daniel Capuano, 42, was searching for the source of the blaze on the second floor, but he couldn’t see because of heavy smoke and fell down the shaft to the basement, Chicago Fire Department Commissioner Jose Santiago said. “As the firefighters went in there they saw some holes throughout the floor,” Santiago said. “They gave out an emergency alert, ‘Be careful.’ It looks like Firefighter Daniel had just walked into the elevator shaft as he was searching, couldn’t see and fell.” Other firefighters quickly reached Capuano, a father of three, and got him to an ambulance, Santiago said. Capuano was pronounced dead at 4:25 a.m. at Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn. “This is devastating to the family,” Santiago said. The 15-year veteran was assigned to Tower Ladder 34 and previously worked as a firefighter in suburban Evergreen Park. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

CTA Passengers Trapped

CTA passengers were trapped in an elevator for several hours on the Red line at 79th street. CTA riders decided to use the elevator since the escalator was out of service. Eight passengers were stuck, two men and six women. A nurse that was also stuck stated that a woman who was eight month’s pregnant started to suffer from panic attacks because of the entrapment. The passengers were stuck in between floors. Chicago’s Fire department was notified immediately and CTA contacted their mechanic in an attempt to release the entrapped riders, but he was unsuccessful. An eye witness stated that the mechanic needed to look through a series of keys attempting to open doors, finally Chicago Fire Department arrived on the scene and was able to rescue all passengers safely with no injuries.

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It is with great pride and excitement that we are providing a minimum of four $500 scholarships to high school seniors. Any daughter, son, stepchild or grandchild of a CEA member in good standing is eligible. The deadline date for CEA to receive full submission must be received by March 15, 2016 to be eligible. We urge you to review all of the requirements. Individual members are permitted to submit one application per household. A copy of this application can be found on the CEA website. Please feel free to contact any of the Board of Director’s to help answer any questions. We look forward to receiving submissions from you or your employees; children, stepchildren or grandchildren. Let’s make their road ahead a little easier with our check.

1. Four $500 Scholarships will be awarded to a high school senior son, daughter, stepchild or grandchild of a CEA member in good standing.

2. The application should be completed and sent to CEA headquarters.
   
   A. CEA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM
   B. HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT
   C. SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST OR ACT SCORES

3. The Selection Committee will consider only those nominations received by March 15, 2016.

4. The Selection Committee will be comprised of Members and the Board of Directors of CEA. Relatives of the Board of Directors are not eligible for this program.

5. Individual members are permitted to submit one (1) application per household per year. No employee of a corporate member may submit more than one (1) application per year.

6. The CEA Office will inform the recipients of their selection in an award letter containing the terms and requirements that scholarship recipients must fulfill.

7. Money will be made available to the recipient through the College Registrar, or the Financial Aid Officer, who will administer it in a manner in keeping with each institution's policies.

8. It is the responsibility of the recipient to make all arrangements for college admission, acceptance and enrollment, and for notification to the CEA Office by the authorized college officer of the recipient's enrollment.

9. A runner-up will be announced, should a winner decline.

10. To use the Scholarship, recipients may attend any technical training school, four-year accredited college or university of their choice, or any junior/community college. The CEA Office will correspond with recipient prior to college enrollment to be certain that they understand the policy. In order to receive the Scholarship, the recipient must attend the FALL term of the college selected and take a full-course load leading to graduation.

11. The recipient of the CEA Scholarship will be asked to accept the Scholarship Award in person at our annual meeting. (This is an Award; the check will be sent directly to the school).

Competed Forms can be email to: ceamail@flash.net