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## Dresden firefighter remembered as dedicated, community-minded

### Rodgers' funeral to be held 1 p.m. Friday

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Dresden – The death of anyone in a small village, a village that is so interconnected by friends and family, is sure to send shockwaves rippling around.

Dresden is no different. The

village lost volunteer fire fighter Gregory Rodgers, who died Monday night.

Rodgers, 50, was assisting a Dresden fire tanker in a filling operation at the intersection of Ohio 60 and Arrowhead Drive when he apparently had a heart attack. Despite the



**Rodgers**

efforts of Dresden emergency squad personnel and Genesis Healthcare physicians, Rodgers was pronounced dead at Bethesda Hospital at 6:56 p.m.

An autopsy to determine the exact cause of death was performed Tuesday. Results of the autopsy may be available in the coming weeks.

Dresden Mayor Robert Lane said that he is still in shock about Rodger's death.

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Dresden mayor**

we have here, everyone is bound to be affected in some way," said Lane. "I was listening to the scanner (Monday night) and I couldn't imagine why they would need Community Ambulance

there along with our squad. I never dreamed it would be one of our firefighters."

Lane said that his concern is not just for the well being of the people in town, but also with Rodger's wife, Julie.

"She used to work full time in our water department, then she left and came back to work a couple days a week," he said. "I got to know her and she is like a daughter to me."

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