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CAL FIRE MECHANIC ANDREW BRAKE MEMORIAL SERVICE

Butte County- The plans for the memorial service for CAL FIRE HEM Andrew Brake have been finalized. The memorial service will take, August 17 at St. John's Episcopal Church at 2341 Floral Ave. Chico, CA at 5pm.

A procession will precede the service and begin at Newton Bracewell Cemetery at 680 Camelia Way at approximately 4:15pm. The procession will proceed west on Memorial way to the Esplanade. It will then proceed north on Esplanade to East Fifth Avenue and proceed east on East Fifth Ave traveling until East Fifth Avenue turns into Floral Ave and finally arriving at St. John's Episcopal Church.

Although this is a public service the facility can only accommodate 200 people inside. Those 200 will be limited to family, friends and coworkers. We encourage any members of the public wishing to show their support to line the procession. If you wish to line the procession route, please do so in a safe manner.

Prior to the service, we ask the media to check in with the assigned PIO at St. John's Episcopal Church before entering the facility. Fire Captain John Gaddie will be assigned as the PIO and he can be reached at (530) 521-8265

Below is the obituary released by the family:

Andrew Jason Brake (40) Heavy Equipment Mechanic for CAL FIRE passed away on August 9, 2018. He was born in Michigan to Melvin and Teresa Brake, but spent the majority of his life in Chico, CA. Andrew graduated from Pleasant Valley High School in 1996. He went on to complete the Mechanics Program and Fire Academy at Butte College. Andrew was a loveable and easy going man who enjoyed being outdoors doing his favorite things like quading, camping, and riding his motorcycle. His fire career was served with hard work, love and dedication in Humboldt, Monterey and Butte County. He will be remembered as a hardworking dad with a great sense of humor and tacky T-shirts. He made his family and friends know they were loved without even saying a word. After years of working out of the area, Andrew was ecstatic to get a job in Butte County as a Heavy Equipment Mechanic. This allowed him to be closer to his two daughters and still be a part of the career he loved. Being a Part of CAL FIRE was his dream.

He is survived by his two daughters: Marissa and Miranda, his parents: Melvin and Teresa, his sister: Lindsay, his brother in law: Bryan, his niece: Lily, his nephew: Jackson, and many friends and family; including his best friends: Buster and Mike the rat terrier. As well as his incredible fire family that stretches across the state of California.

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