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**MEMORIAL SERVICE ANNOUNCED FOR BURNSVILLE'S POLICE OFFICERS AND
FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY**

The Burnsville community continues to mourn the loss of Police Officers Paul Elmstrand and Matthew Ruge and Firefighter/Paramedic Adam Finseth. The three men were killed in the line of duty on Sunday, Feb. 18.

Public Safety Memorial Service: For Public Dissemination

What: A joint, public memorial service for Officer Elmstrand, Officer Ruge and Firefighter/Paramedic Finseth

When: Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2024 at 11 a.m.

Where: Grace Church, 9301 Eden Prairie Rd, Eden Prairie

Further details about the service will be made available early next week. The public can find information about memorial services, donation opportunities and other details at

www.burnsvillemn.gov/communityupdates.

For Media Planning Only: Not for Broadcast or Publication

Private services will be held this weekend. The families have requested that no media or community be present at those services. We understand there is a media interest in these events, but we need your cooperation in respecting the privacy of the families who are grieving. Again, a public service will be held on Wednesday.

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) will be holding a virtual media briefing on Friday, Feb. 23 for event planning purposes regarding the public Memorial Service. DPS will disseminate an invite to the media.

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