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LIEUTENANT MICHAEL GODAWA

The Baton Rouge Police Department Executive Staff is deeply saddened to inform you of the sudden passing of recently retired Lieutenant Mike Godawa.

Lieutenant Godawa was a 27 year veteran of the police department, who most recently served as a shift lieutenant in the Uniform Patrol Division. Lt. Godawa was also a BRPD Firearms Instructor who was responsible for the development and oversight of the current remedial training program.

The Executive Staff and BRPD family extend our deepest sympathy to Lt. Godawa's family, friends and all those touched by his life and service.

Arrangements have not been finalized, but will be shared when the information becomes available.

Chief Murphy Paul stated, "In wake of this tragic loss, I want to remind all of the seriousness of COVID-19. With recent increases of cases throughout the nation and mandates put back in place for precautionary measures. I encourage all, regardless of their vaccination status, to continue to wear face coverings, take necessary hygiene measures and to practice social distancing on a consistent basis."

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