

City of Edmonds mourns loss of Firefighter/Paramedic Arthur M. DeLisle



City staff is saddened by the passing of Edmonds Firefighter/Paramedic Arthur (Art) M. DeLisle. Art was fatally injured on January 16 while mountain climbing on Mt. Aconcagua.

Art, 51, was climbing alone when he was struck by falling rocks, the US State Department indicated when they notified the Fire Department the day of the accident. Mt. Aconcagua is the highest mountain in the Americas located in the Andes range in Argentina.

Before joining the Edmonds Fire Department in 2003, DeLisle worked ten years as a Paramedic with Medic 7, the former South Snohomish County emergency medical response agency. He received his medic training at St. Vincent's School of Emergency Medicine in New York City and spent several years there working as a Paramedic out of New York hospitals. Prior to his medical training he served as a Sergeant in the US Marine Corp.

"Known as a gifted 'combat Medic,' Art excelled when the patient was in critical condition and most in need of immediate and aggressive care," said Edmonds Fire Chief Thomas J. Tomberg. "His huge smile and gifts as a medical trainer and emergency caregiver will be greatly missed by all who worked with him and who felt his healing touch."

DeLisle's family and members of IAFF Fire Fighters Local 1828 will go to Argentina to retrieve his remains. He is survived by his wife and stepson. Services are pending.

The Art DeLisle Memorial Fund has been established at Wells Fargo, 9727 Edmonds Way, Edmonds, WA 98020, to benefit his stepson's education.

The City extends its heartfelt condolences to Art's family and friends.