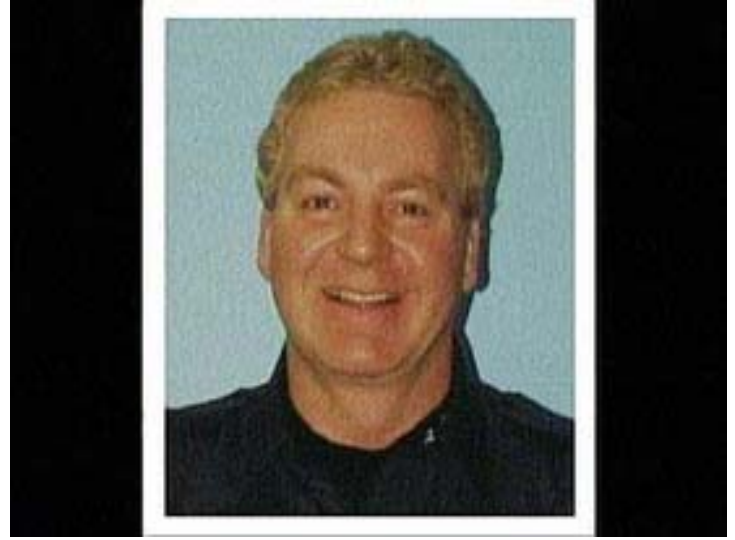


Wayne “Topper” Topping, Paramedic

- Wayne Topping was 48 years old when he died from cardiac arrest after competing in an extrication exercise at the International Automobile Extrication competition in Wayne Township, Indiana on August 24th, 2007
- It is believed that the cause of his death was atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease resulting in a massive heart attack and not due to the stress of the activities he was participating in



Wayne’s EMS Career

- Wayne had been working as a paramedic for Burlington Fire Dept, Ontario for over 7 years at the time of his death
- Wayne joined the Burlington, Ontario Fire Dept as a volunteer in 1999 and as a full time paramedic in 2000
- Wayne became involved in the Burlington Fire Dept. extrication team and enjoyed competing at extrication exercise competitions. In 2006 he won Top Medic Award at the Eastern Ontario Regional Extrication Competition and in 2007 he earned 2nd Top Medic Award at the South Western Ontario regional Competition



About Wayne Topping

- Wayne was known as a very dedicated and helpful father, husband and medic. He had been involved in EMS for over 10 years.
- Wayne had also worked as a volunteer and full time fire fighter and was Platoon Representative for the Burlington Extrication Team
- Along with being so well respected, Topping was also known as a prankster and jokester
- He leaves behind those who love him- his wife and three sons- Chris, Chad and Taylor

Quotes about Wayne

- *“Wayne was an ordinary person who did extraordinary things.”*- Cam Jackson, Burlington Mayor
- *“Another aspect of Wayne’s character was his humor and practical jokes. Many of us still owe him one.”*
-Tony Bavota, member of Topping’s local 1552 chapter
- *“Topper was a role model for fire fighters.”*- Dave Vanderlelie, friend and fellow fire fighter

