

NEW ORLEANS —A St. John the Baptist Parish district fire chief was one of three people killed in a crash on westbound Interstate 10 near LaPlace.

Authorities said there was an initial crash on Interstate 10 that resulted in response from the fire department and Louisiana State Police. While they were investigating, a bus came through and hit three fire fighters who were standing by a railing, knocking all three firefighters over the side of the elevated portion of the I-10 bridge.

Spencer began working with the St. John the Baptist Parish Westside Volunteer Fire Department when he was a teenager. His father and grandfather were volunteer firefighters and he joined because he felt the need to help people. He trained and became an EMT and worked for Acadian Ambulance service for a few years before going back to college to get his Associate of Fire Science degree. He became a paid firefighter and has worked there and rose to District Fire Chief for the past 12 years. He was a young man of immense integrity and honor and dedicated to saving lives and helping all in need. Spencer will be deeply and sadly missed by all.

Spencer is the beloved husband of 10 years and best friend of Jennifer Guidry Chauvin; loving and devoted father of Jude Lewis Chauvin and Jade Michel Chauvin. He is the eldest, loving son of Ivy "Sonny" Chauvin, Jr. and Donna T. Chauvin and brother of Jeremy J. Chauvin and wife, Nicole, Brittany C. Borne and husband, Michael, and Lance J. Chauvin. Grandson of Ivy Chauvin, Sr., and the late Shirley A. Chauvin and the late Lewis J. and Betty P. Tassin. He is the son-in-law of Glenn and Joy Guidry and brother-in-law of Joey and wife, Lindsay, and Jeff Guidry. Fun loving Uncle of Caroline, Collin, Christian, Bentley, Baylen, Eli, Owen, and Brock. He also leaves behind many aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, and co-workers.

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