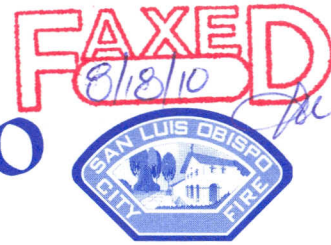


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“San Luis Obispo City Fire Chief John Callahan has passed away”

San Luis Obispo - It is with great sadness that we must report the passing of Fire Chief John Callahan. Chief Callahan was playing in the City softball league on Wednesday night around 7:23 p.m. He was running from 1st to 2nd base when he suddenly collapsed. He was immediately attended to by a fellow City employee. The employee initiated CPR until San Luis Obispo Fire Department and San Luis Obispo Ambulance arrived on scene. The fire paramedics started advanced life support and transported Chief Callahan to Sierra Vista Hospital Emergency Room.

Chief Callahan was pronounced dead a short time later. The cause of death is unknown at this time. Chief Callahan's wife was out of town in South Lake Tahoe. Sheriff Pat Hedges arranged to have a member of the Sheriffs Aero Squadron fly to South Lake Tahoe area to pick her up and fly her back to San Luis Obispo.

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