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State Fire Marshal Retired K-9 Daisy Succumbs to Illness

BATON ROUGE- The State Fire Marshal's Office is mourning the death of a retired K-9 officer following the discovery of a cancerous tumor.

Daisy, a 12-year-old black Labrador who joined the SFM in 2009, died peacefully Tuesday, April 16.

K-9 Daisy served the Lafayette, Lake Charles and Alexandria areas, alongside her handler Lt. Keith Reed, where her duties included accelerant detection at hundreds of fire scenes. The pair was awarded K-9 Team of the Year honors in 2017, days before her retirement.

Daisy was certified as an accelerant detection K-9 through the Maine State Police and Maine Specialty Dogs program. She was one of only two K-9 teams at the SFM when she joined agency. Daisy enjoyed playing fetch with her ball and working for treats.

"Even though Daisy had been away from day-to-day operations for more than a year, she was still considered an integral part of the SFM family and her loss still felt deeply," said State Fire Marshal Chief H. "Butch" Browning, "We will always be appreciative of K-9 Daisy for her service to the state of Louisiana."

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