



***Donovan Eckhardt***  
***Firefighter for 7 years***  
***Renton Fire & Emergency Services***



Over the years, Donovan earned many accolades for his work in the fire service. He was always a strong supporter in the fight against cancer and participated many times in the Scott Firefighter Stair Climb in honor of his father. He was most recognized for his pure heart, willingness to help those in need, and putting others first. Tall and broad shouldered, he was truly a gentle giant and set the standard as a "Fireman's Firefighter." He was also a loving husband, father, and friend. Donovan was diagnosed with cancer himself in 2013. Throughout his battle with cancer, regardless of any discomfort he felt, and in spite of the unrelenting treatments, Donovan always remained strong and selfless... devoted to his values and those he loved.

Donovan's brother, Gannon, is currently a firefighter in Southern California where their mother also resides. When his father passed, Donovan said in his eulogy, "Gannon and I were fortunate enough to learn at a young age what it can take a lifetime of wisdom and credit card debt to obtain: the value of simplicity. We learned to laugh hard, to love with our whole heart, and to live honorably."

***Donovan did just that.***

On August 24th, 2015 Donovan Eckhardt asked a room full of family and friends to be with him during his passing day. He passed peacefully & with great dignity... leaving behind a family, friends and the many respected firefighters he saved lives with.

Donovan may be gone in the physical form, but his spirit will live on...in all of us...forever.

***Forever missed, but never forgotten. WE ARE LIONHARDT.***