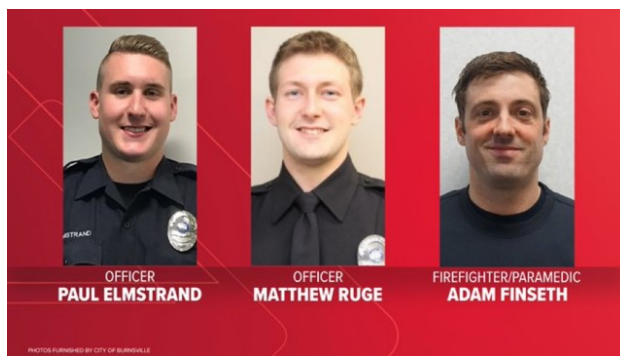


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The Front Line Foundation Grants Death Benefits to Support the Families of Three Burnsville First Responders Killed on Duty

Since 2018 The Front Line Foundation has contributed more than \$500,000 in funding when the families of the fallen need support the most

MINNEAPOLIS, MN (February 19, 2024) – The Front Line Foundation (TFLF) announced today that it is giving a total of \$60,000 in death benefits to the families of Burnsville Police Officers, Paul Elmstrand and Matthew Ruge, both 27 and Adam Finseth, 40, a firefighter and paramedic for the city who were all killed in the line duty on the morning of February 18 while reporting to a domestic violence and hostage crisis in the city.

Each of the three families will receive \$20,000 in death benefits to support them prior to full death benefits being paid out. This payment comes at a time where grief is high and financial stress is the last thing families of the fallen need to endure.

Elmstrand was a five-year veteran of the Burnsville Police Department. He joined the department as a community service officer in 2017 and was promoted to an officer two years later. He served on the BPD mobile command staff, peer team, honor guard and field training unit.

Ruge joined the force in April 2020. He served as a physical evidence officer and was a member of the Department's crisis negotiations team.

Finseth had been a Burnsville firefighter and SWAT paramedic since February 2019. He was also an Army

