

*January 13, 2010:*

*A Tioga Center (NY) Firefighter was killed in the Line of Duty this morning as he responded to an emergency squad call. LeRoy Kemp, 85, a member of the Tioga Center FD & Emergency Squad, was en route to a cardiac call in nearby Nichols when he was involved in the three-vehicle crash. FF Kemp was killed on impact. Initial details are that as he responded to the firehouse, there was an accident involving a car and a recycling truck, which blocked the road. It appears that he did not see the accident until the last minute, and attempted evasive action, but could not avoid the other vehicles. He struck the recycling truck and was killed on impact. FF Kemp's son Milt is chief of the Tioga Center Fire Department, where the Sr Kemp served for more than 60 years. Our sincere condolences to all affected.*