



## **PASSING OF SANTA MONICA POLICE OFFICER RASHAD RILEY**

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The Santa Monica Police Officers' Association (SMPOA) is deeply saddened to announce the death of Santa Monica Police Officer Rashad Riley. On April 12, 2019, Officer Riley passed away in a tragic drowning accident while on the island of Kauai. He leaves behind his loving wife, as well as three beautiful children.

Officer Riley was a beloved friend to all who knew him, and mentor to local youth in both the Santa Monica Police Explorer and Santa Monica Police Activities League (PAL) programs. He served the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) with great pride, courage and integrity for the past 3 years. Officer Riley was a cherished member of the Department's Homeless Liaison Program. With an infectious and genuine smile, he always demonstrated compassion and empathy when interacting with the community.

Officer Riley will be truly missed by his SMPD family, all those who served the City of Santa Monica along with him, and all community members he so deeply touched.

A GoFundMe page has been established to collect donations on behalf of Officer Riley's family; GoFundMe link: <https://www.gofundme.com/supporting-the-family-of-officer-rashad-riley>. Please contact the SMPOA Office at [poa@smgov.net](mailto:poa@smgov.net), or (310) 393-1003, regarding donations by check.