



Brett Henderson

Captain Brett Henderson, 41, of Cedar Rapids, passed away Sunday January 20, 2008, from a yearlong fight with a brain tumor. Brett was born December 21, 1966 in Cedar Rapids. Brett graduated from Kennedy High School in 1985 and from Upper Iowa University with a Bachelor of Science degree in 2007. Brett married Renae Stevenson on June 1, 1991. Brett received and trained a mixed-breed dog donated from the Humane Society to become the only certified disaster search dog in the state, who soon became known as "Star".



"He was very aggressive and intelligent" "I knew he would accomplish everything he wanted."
-Capt. Dan Dall

"He has a huge amount of potential to eventually become one of the top leaders here." "I could tell from day one he was destined for great things."
-Chief Steve Havlik



Brett got the nickname "Bullpup" for his enthusiasm and tenacity. Brett became a Captain at the age of 30, youngest to be named captain at the Cedar Rapids Fire Department. Brett was a firefighter for 19 years. Brett was a member of Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church, the Iowa Task Force One, the Missouri Task Force One, and the Firefighter Union Local 11.