Are You Prepared For An Emergency Fatality File

City forestry worker killed responding to downed tree after Tropical Storm Irma

COLUMBIA, SC (WIS) – The City of Columbia says one of their own was one of the people who died responding to a downed tree in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Irma.

According to city officials, Assistant Superintendent Arthur D. Strudwick was killed in a car accident on Monday night. According to the Columbia Police Department, Strudwick struck a tree after his car ran off the side of Farrow Road.

Strudwick worked with the Forestry and Beautification Division of the Public Works Department.

“Arthur was a wonderful employee who always maintained a positive attitude and cooperative spirit,” City Manager Teresa Wilson said in a statement. “He will be missed by his co-workers and colleagues at the City of Columbia. Everyone is deeply saddened by this devastating loss. Grief counselors are assisting staff.”

Due to Arthur’s death, flags at city buildings will be flown at half-staff.