

**GOVERNOR HOCHUL DIRECTS FLAGS TO HALF-STAFF TO HONOR BINGHAMTON  
FIREFIGHTER JOHN R. GAUDET**

***Flags Will Be Flown at Half-Staff Across New York State Facilities on Wednesday,  
February 19***

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced flags on State buildings will be flown at half-staff in honor of Binghamton firefighter John R. Gaudet. Gaudet was fatally injured in the line of duty while responding to a fire on February 12.

“As a firefighter, a youth athletics coach, a husband and a father, John Gaudet was a consummate public servant who devoted his life to the community he loved,” **Governor Hochul said.** “My heart goes out to his family and to all those mourning this tragic loss, and I pray that his legacy will endure through his extraordinary acts of service.”

A lifelong resident of Binghamton, Gaudet is survived by his wife, Felly, and their three children, Charles, Vanessa and Michael.

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