

## Hatboro Borough Police Chief Warren M. Kramer E.O.W. 10/6/1935

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In the evening hours of October 5, 1935 a Wynnewood woman reported to the Hatboro Borough Police Department that she had lost her purse near the intersection of Old York Road and Moreland Avenue. Later in the shift, despite dark and rainy conditions, Chief Kramer went to the area and searched for the woman's purse on foot. At about 12:30 a.m. on October 6, 1935, Chief Kramer stepped into the roadway of Old York Road from behind his police car. He was immediately struck by a passing vehicle driven by a local Constable who then stopped to render aid. Despite the on-scene assistance by passersby and a local doctor, Chief Kramer died within minutes of the accident. Chief Kramer was 54 years old at the time of his death and was survived by his wife Martha, and two daughters, Ester and Myrtle.

Chief Kramer was a Spanish American War Veteran, departing the war due to injury. He served with the Philadelphia Fire Department for 21 years, having retired before his untimely death. Chief Kramer served his community as Chief of Police, Sewer Clerk, Building Inspector, Health Officer as well as caring for the Fire Apparatus.

District Attorney Ferman said, "No matter how we lose an officer, it is their dedication, preference and loyalty to the community that we are here to honor. Chief Kramer lost his life while answering the call of duty and protecting the citizens of his community in any way he could. Time does not diminish respect and we will continue to respect and honor our fallen heroes till the end of time."