



Shane Kelly

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On June 8, 2002 Firefighter/EMT Shane Kelly and his wife Rachel were driving north on the Florida Turnpike when they saw an overturned vehicle with a young couple trapped inside. Shane pulled over. For him, there was no such thing as “off-duty” when someone needed his help.

In a drenching rain, Shane and several others tried to free the injured newly weds from the crushed car. Suddenly, an out-of-control tractor-trailer crashed into the would-be rescuers. Shane and a doctor who had stopped to help were killed. Others were injured.

Rachel Kelly later wrote, “The forces that prompted [Shane] to pull off the road were not driven by a paycheck or obligation, but a deeper sense of duty. Shane died like he lived: Helping others.”

For the full text of Rachel Kelly’s article, go to:

www.firehero.org. Click on the photo beneath “Roll of Honor.” Type in “Kelly,” select “Florida” and then click on “Submit.”

