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**Mayor Baraka and Director O'Hara Announce  
Passing of Newark Firefighter Robert Illis**

Newark Mayor Ras J. Baraka and Public Safety Director Brian A. O'Hara announce with deepest regret the passing of Newark Firefighter Robert Illis, 57, who succumbed to a long-term illness today, according to his family.

“Our deepest condolences are extended to each of Firefighter Illis’ family members and colleagues,” Mayor Baraka said. “He dutifully served the people of the City of Newark for the past 20 years and we are immensely grateful for his dedication.”

“Our hearts are broken following the loss of Firefighter Illis, a son of the Ironbound, who devoted his life to safeguarding Newark residents and visitors,” Director O'Hara said. “Our heartfelt prayers of comfort go out to his wife and loved ones. Thank you for so graciously sharing a great man who was dedicated to our City and passionate about the fire service.”

Firefighter Illis began his career as a Newark Firefighter on February 18, 2002. He was assigned to Engine 7, where he spent the entirety of his career.

We salute Firefighter Robert Illis. May he forever Rest in Peace.



**Newark Firefighter Robert Illis**