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**HE ANSWERED THE CALL—REMEMBERING  
DC FIREFIGHTER ANTHONY “SAUCE” PHILLIPS—20 YEARS LATER**  
*The “Fire on Cherry Road, NE”*

WASHINGTON, DC—Two dead and three sustained injuries ranging from critical to minor. That was the outcome of a response to an early morning call of a basement fire in a townhouse on Cherry Road, NE, in Washington, DC, on May 30, 1999.

Twenty years later, Lysa Phillips speaks from a very personal place; a hurtful place that, from time to time, she finds herself revisiting, as she shares her family’s story of loss, coping with that loss, and raising two sons as the widow of DC Firefighter Anthony “Sauce” Phillips, who perished in the line of duty at the young age of thirty, in the emotionally written *HE ANSWERED THE CALL: Coping with Our Loss—The Family’s, Friends’ and Firefighters’ Perspectives* (ISBN: 978-1-7339644-0-1, May 30, 2019, LPS Marketing Designs, LLC).

DC Firefighter Anthony “Sauce” Phillips from Engine 10 (also known as “The House of Pain” and the busiest station in the nation) had only served three years in the department after a seven-year wait to achieve his dream of becoming a DC firefighter before going home to be with the Lord while “doing his job,” to serve, protect, and save lives in the community.

*HE ANSWERED THE CALL: Coping with Our Loss—The Family’s, Friends’, and Firefighters’ Perspectives* shares the real-life, sensitive story of Anthony “Sauce” Phillips’ final call to duty by those who loved him and those who worked beside him, sharing their struggles of his passing, how it impacted them personally and professionally, and the mechanisms they have used to cope over the years.

Losing a loved one is traumatic, whether a family member or a friend. Losing them in the line of duty—with no warning—can be even more detrimental. It is also an overwhelming, frightening, and painful experience. Those left to mourn often find themselves in a complex web of emotions. Although death is beyond our control, the wonderful memories left behind can shine the light on how such a tragedy can transform into a testimony for others as they cope with their loss.

A native of Grenada, West Indies—The Isle of Spice, Lysa Phillips is a mother, a woman of God, and the CEO of LPS Marketing Designs, LLC.

Lysa Phillips launched her book tour on Thursday, May 30, 2019, and welcome opportunities to promote and share this story with audiences. To schedule an interview with Lysa, please contact [lyalphillips@gmail.com](mailto:lyalphillips@gmail.com), [lysa@lpsmarketingdesigns.com](mailto:lysa@lpsmarketingdesigns.com), or 240.463.3570.

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