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Memorial Deteriorating, Donations Needed

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President, CSFA





Wreaths laid at the base of the memorial.

Donations Needed to Help Preserve History

As with any structure, from time to time renovations are necessary for preservation. The State of Connecticut Firefighter's Memorial has stood in its current form since 2002, and 14 years of weathering the elements have taken their toll. The granite panels are deteriorating and the names of those who dies in the line of duty are quickly fading. The Connecticut Firefighters Memorial Committee is launching a fundraising campaign with the goal of securing enough in donations to undertake the repairs currently needed.

From the 1850s to Today

With the oldest death on record dating back to the 1850s, the Memorial now includes the names of 342 firefighters who made the ultimate sacrifice protecting the residents of Connecticut. The full Line of Duty Death (LODD) listing can be found on the Connecticut Commission on Fire Prevention and Control website.

Every Dollar Makes a Difference

The estimated cost to repair the State of Connecticut Firefighter's Memorial is \$200,000. As soon as funding is in place, the Connecticut State Firefighters Memorial Foundation will seek bids from companies interested in completing the repair work.

Don't Let Them Fade Away

"We are blessed every year to gather at the Memorial to honor and pay tribute to the memory of those who have gone before us, remembering their courage and sense of duty," says Vaughan Dumas, President of the Connecticut State Firefighters Association.

"Having now done this annually for the past 14 years, we see that while the memories of our fallen brothers and sisters have not vanished from our hearts, unfortunately the etching of their names in the Memorial haven't been as lucky."



Want to Add a Name?

Anyone wishing to share a name of a firefighter believed to have died in the line of duty for consideration to be added to the State of Connecticut Firefighter's Memorial, may visit the Connecticut Commission on Fire Prevention and Control website and download, complete, and submit the Connecticut Line of Duty Death Submission Form.

For more information about the Memorial, visit the Connecticut Commission on Fire Prevention and Control website at www.ct.gov/cfpc.



Annual Ceremony Honors Line of Duty Deaths

Once every year, usually in September, the Connecticut State Firefighters Memorial Foundation holds its Annual Firefighters Memorial Service to honor Connecticut firefighters, past and present. The event takes place at the Firefighter's Memorial at the Connecticut Fire Academy in Windsor Locks. Each year, the names of more firefighters who have perished in the line of duty are added to the names already inscribed on granite tablets around the base of the Memorial.

The ceremony is always open to the public.

About the Firefighter's Memorial

Dedicated in 2002 by then-Lieutenant Governor M. Jodi Rell, the State of Connecticut Firefighter's Memorial is located on the grounds of the Connecticut Fire Academy in Windsor Locks and is a permanent place for honoring Connecticut's fallen firefighters. The design of the Memorial was conceived by the Connecticut Firefighters Memorial Committee, incorporating a plaza-like setting and featuring a brick patio in the form of the Maltese Cross, the universal symbol of the fire service. The centerpiece of the Memorial is a six-foot by 12-foot polished impala black granite stone bearing the likeness of four firefighters fighting a blaze; Deputy Chief Paul Walsh of the New Britain Fire Department designed the artists' rendition of the firefighters. The centerpiece rests upon a base of concrete with 20 gray granite panels on which are engraved the names of those who have lost their lives. The panels are numbered with roman numerals to ease the task of locating names. Atop the base, in front of the centerpiece, is an eternal flame to acknowledge and honor this group of brave and noble firefighters, that their memory will never be extinguished. Surrounding the centerpiece are eight granite sitting benches representing the eight counties in Connecticut.

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