



The California Fire Foundation, which is the statewide non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that maintains and oversees the California Firefighters Memorial Fund, spent nearly a decade raising funds for the construction of the California Firefighters Memorial before unveiling it in 2002. Since then, the Foundation has used, in part, the revenue it has received from the state's voluntary income tax check-off to host a total of 14 California firefighter memorial ceremonies to date at the California Firefighters Memorial site in Capitol Park. These ceremonies draw an average annual attendance of 400 Californians and honor approximately 20-30 fallen California firefighters who die in the line of duty each year.

Since 2002, the Foundation has provided survivor assistance to approximately 1,300 surviving firefighter families

Since 2004, the Foundation has assisted surviving families during their individual memorial services through dispatching its Pipes and Drums band five to 10 times per year, on average, to perform a dignified, traditional service at such memorial events, as well as helping create and/or print related funeral programs;

Starting in 2013, when the Foundation formally launched its Cal-LAST (California Last Alarm Service Teams), assistance has been provided to California's fire departments in performing memorial ceremonies for their firefighters who have died in the line of duty. To date, the Cal-LAST program has assisted four fire department ceremonies, including the Los Alamitos Ramp Ceremony honoring the native Southern California firefighters who were killed while battling the 2013 Arizona wildfire; and

Since 2004, the Foundation has published and generated a printed fallen firefighter survivor information guide, which has been utilized in the last five years by over 2,500 surviving family members.

Note: While Cal-LAST program volunteer expenses are funded through the federal Department of Justice, Cal-LAST training and resources available to surviving families and fire departments are funded by the California Fire Foundation.