Firefighters know that any call could be their last.

We report to work, accepting the inherent risks of our profession in our effort to protect all Californians. All too often, we pay the ultimate price.

Every year we gather together in Sacramento’s Capitol Park to remember those who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty. Their heroism will not be forgotten.

Today we add 31 fallen firefighter names to the Memorial Wall of the California Firefighters Memorial. Nine of those individuals were with us this time last year. Twenty-two others date from years past – some from a half century ago.

People like Brothers Ted Hall and Arnie Quinones, who lost their lives in the Station Fire, while struggling to save 50 people in their inmate fire camp; Sister Tonya Burns, who was LA County Fire Department’s first African American female firefighter, whose life was cut short after contracting job-related breast cancer; and Brother Fred Tarquinio, who helped to develop the electronic siren and radio headphones used on fire engines before occupational spinal cancer cost him his life.

It is for these individuals … and those whom we have yet to mourn … that this Memorial stands. No matter when they may have left us, their courage lives on.

Lou Paulson
Chair, California Fire Foundation
President, California Professional Firefighters
CALIFORNIA FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL CEREMONY

PRELUDE MUSIC

UNIFORMED FIREFIGHTERS PROCESSION

PRESENTATION OF COLORS  Los Angeles County Honor Guard

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  Lew Stone, Secretary-Treasurer, California Professional Firefighters

NATIONAL ANTHEM  Sacramento Master Singers

INVOCATION  Jim Miguel, Chief, Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department

WELCOME  Lou Paulson, President, California Professional Firefighters

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL  Sacramento Master Singers

SALUTE TO THE PROFESSION  Harold A. Schaitberger, President, International Association of Fire Fighters

REMEMBERING A FELLOW FIREFIGHTER  Garrett Coryell, Riverside Fire Department

IN TIME OF DAFFODILS  Sacramento Master Singers

FLAG PRESENTATION TO FAMILIES  Sheldon Gilbert, Chief, Alameda County Fire Department

THE LAST ALARM  Dan Terry, President Emeritus, California Professional Firefighters

AMAZING GRACE  Pipes and Drums of California Professional Firefighters

THE RELEASE OF DOVES  As a symbol of peace…and hope

RECESSIONAL
RUSSELL B. GORDEN  
Captain, CAL FIRE  
July 1, 2010

Russell Gorden was a respected member of the aerial firefighting world. He served in air operations on state and federal incident command teams, was a senior member of the Air Attack Course cadre and worked tirelessly to improve safety conditions for firefighting pilots and crews. He began his career with CDF and served as an aircraft mechanic in the Navy from 1968 to 1972. It was here that he discovered his passion for aviation. He returned to firefighting and was soon promoted to air attack captain at Rohnerville Air Base. Russell retired in 2007, after a 41-year career, but continued to serve on a US Forest Service Command Team. He died of job-related ocular melanoma.

CARRIE A. HENERG-NEFF  
Captain, Los Angeles County Fire Department  
March 5, 2010

Carrie Henger-Neff had a lifelong love for animals and spent many years as an animal trainer for movies and TV. Some of her credits included “Police Academy II,” “Matlock” and “The A-Team.” Once she joined the fire service, she rose through the ranks to fire captain and was the first woman in the Los Angeles County Fire Department Honor Guard. Carrie was also a K9 handler and participated in LA County’s USAR Task Force 2. She died of job-related ovarian cancer.

FRANK OLIN REED  
Firefighter, Visalia Fire Department  
May 26, 2010

Frank Reed started his 25-year career at the age of 19, serving the City of Odessa Fire Department in Texas. He moved to the City of Visalia Fire Department in 1995, where he completed his career. Frank always felt honored to be a firefighter and to be part of the fire service family. In his spare time, he was an avid motorcyclist and in 2008, the Visalia Firefighters Association started the annual Central Valley Heroes Poker Run in his honor. His greatest legacy, however, was being a loving husband and nurturing father. He died of job-related brain cancer.

RICHARD T. SMITH  
Battalion Chief, Ontario Fire Department  
February 21, 2010

With his welcoming personality and friendly disposition, Richard Smith made a lasting impression on those who were fortunate enough to meet him. His colleagues will remember him for his great sense of humor, sharp intellect and excellence on the job. He proudly served the City of Ontario for 19 years, holding the rank of firefighter-paramedic, captain, deputy chief and battalion chief. He also proved to be invaluable to Ontario Firefighters Local 1430, during his time as a member of their Executive Board. He died of job-related colon cancer at the age of 46.
**TIMOTHY JOHN BISSETT**  
Deputy Fire Marshal, Montclair Fire Department  
February 20, 2010

Timothy Bissett was proud to work for the firefighters -- “America’s heroes,” as he liked to call them. A native of St. Cloud, Minnesota, Timothy Bissett came to California via the U.S. Marine Corp and fell in love with the year-round mild weather and the golfing. It was the perfect place for him and his wife Barbara to settle down and raise three children. He joined the Montclair Fire Department in 1981 and served as deputy fire marshal and arson investigator during his career. He died of esophageal cancer, a disease commonly linked to arson investigators, in February.

**ERIC CARL BOTKIN**  
Firefighter-Paramedic, Riverside Fire Department  
December 27, 2009

Eric Botkin had a passion for helping people. On duty, he was a valued firefighter-paramedic with the City of Riverside Fire Department. Off duty, he was a devoted husband and father and helped others plan for their future through his financial services business. The most important thing in his life was his family and particularly cherished the time he spent watching baseball with his son, Hunter, and coaching his little league team. Eric’s life was cut short when he succumbed to a brain tumor at the age of 41.

**RICHARD EMMANUEL IBARRA**  
Firefighter, Cosumnes CSD Fire Department  
December 16, 2009

Humble. Dependable. Witty. This was the Richard Ibarra that family, friends and co-workers will always remember. A US Navy veteran, Richard joined the Cosumnes CSD Fire Department in 1999 and loved every aspect of firefighting, from fighting raging wildfires to teaching fire safety to preschoolers. In his spare time, he enjoyed camping, kayaking and exploring with his family. He died of job-related respiratory failure, caused by pneumonia, after a 10-year career with the fire service.
DEAN TIMOTHY MOORE
Heavy Fire Equipment Operator, Santa Barbara County Fire Department
November 29, 2009
To Dean Moore, helping others was a way of life. His firefighting career began in the US Navy at the age of 17. Even when he was well into his career as a wildlife heavy equipment operator for the Santa Barbara County Fire Department, he was offered promotions and turned them down. “Is it wrong liking where you are at now?” he would respond. He wanted to remain where he could help others and be of the most benefit. He passed away of job-related cancer.

HOWARD WAYNE RAYON
Deputy Fire Chief, Santee Fire Department
October 19, 2009
Howard Rayon was small in stature, but made a large contribution to the fire service, where he worked for almost four decades. He was also a practicing labor attorney representing firefighters and law enforcement. He was named California Fire Service Training Officer of the Year in 2006 and was a driving force behind CSFA, where he ultimately served as deputy director. His passions included running, aviation and race cars. He retired in 2005 but remained active on a Type 1 incident management team until his death of job-related bone cancer.

WILLIAM RICHARD CARR, JR.
Engineer, Los Angeles County Fire Department
September 1, 2009
After a lengthy stint on the waiting list for testing with the LA County Fire Department, Richard Carr joined the fire service in 1996 and moved up the ranks to become an engineer. In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing, camping, waterskiing and snowskiing. He also enjoyed getting together with family and friends and was always the organizer of these events. He had a passion for classic cars and had an extensive knowledge of the best spots to eat in LA. At the age of 49, he died of job-related brain cancer.

DAVID STOCHL
Captain, Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection District
September 1, 2009
A native of Minnesota, David Stochl came to the East Bay Area when he was 13. He began his career with Moraga-Orinda Fire District in 1984 and dedicated 24 years to the department, until he reluctantly retired after being diagnosed with job-related brain cancer. He had a great sense of humor and could always be counted on to lighten the mood. David loved racing cars, boats and motorcycles, especially NASCAR. Complications from brain cancer ended his life.
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TEDMUND D. HALL
Captain, Los Angeles County Fire Department
August 30, 2009

Like so many other firefighters, Ted Hall never saw himself as a “hero.” But on August 30, 2009, he made the most heroic sacrifice of all, giving his life trying to save others during the Station Fire. A 27-year LA County Fire Department veteran, Ted found his calling working in the wildland fire camps. He was quick to share his time, experience and unmatched dedication with everyone – his colleagues, his union and, of course, his family. Ted Hall was only 47 years old when he gave his life in the line of duty.

ARNIE QUINONES
Firefighter, Los Angeles County Fire Department
August 30, 2009

Known for his charismatic contagious smile and his passion for the job, 34-year-old Arnie Quinones gave his life trying to rescue dozens of others during the 2009 Station Fire. An eight-year veteran of the Los Angeles County Fire Department, Arnie was a rising star, dedicated to his duty and his country. He was only weeks away from meeting his first child – Sophia – at the time of his death. Brother Quinones lived ... and died ... upholding a firefighter’s simple motto: “First in, last out.”

TONYA LEE BURNS
Engineer, Los Angeles County Fire Department
August 12, 2009

Tonya Burns broke new ground for female firefighters. A natural athlete, she earned scholarships in track and basketball at UCLA and worked alongside teammates Jackie Joyner and Florence Griffith Joyner (Flo-Jo) to prepare for the 1984 USA Olympic trials. After graduation, she followed her father’s footsteps in the fire service. She started her career with the Oxnard Fire Department in 1985 and later joined the LA County Fire Department in 1988, making her the department’s first African American female firefighter. In 1988, she helped found the Black Female Firefighters Association of Southern California. Tonya’s life was cut short at 49, after contracting job-related breast cancer.

PHILIP ARREGUIN, JR.
Captain, Los Angeles County Fire Department
July 1, 2009

Since the age of 4, Philip Arreguin, Jr. wanted to be a firefighter, just like the ones he saw on the TV show “Emergency.” Philip made that dream a reality for 28 years with the Los Angeles County Fire Department. At home, he was a devoted husband and father, whose interests included music, cooking and reading, particularly books about fire departments, New York, history and world politics. He passed away from a heart attack while on active duty, doing the job that he loved.
EDWARD LOUIS LAFOUGE, SR.
Battalion Chief, Beverly Hills Fire Department
February 6, 2009

Edward LaFouge was a mail carrier, an RTD bus driver and a crane operator, before he found his life’s calling at the Beverly Hills Fire Department, just shy of his 30th birthday. Over his 27 year-career, he rose to battalion chief. He also proudly served his union, the Beverly Hills Firemen’s Association, as a board member for many years. Off duty, he volunteered as a reserve police officer for the City of Montebello. Edward passed away from complications of leukemia and pneumonia.

RICHARD G. STARAL
Engineer, Beverly Hills Fire Department
July 18, 2002

Richard Staral, better known as “Big Rick” at the fire station, was an electrician with the City of Beverly Hills before he was hired by the Beverly Hills Fire Department in 1978. He worked there for 24 years until he passed away from a pulmonary embolus. He was proud to be an engineer and always took great care of his rig. Off duty, Rick’s passion was cars and he built a 1940 Ford standard coupe street rod. Rick will best be remembered by friends and family for his loud “Whoo Ya” call outs.

TONY LEON KILLIAN
Firefighter-Paramedic, San Diego Fire-Rescue Department
August 20, 1999

Tony Killian was known for his hard work, dedication, laidback cool and his pranks, which kept everyone entertained at the firehouse. He spent four years in the Navy from 1977 to 1981, where he trained as a pharmacist’s mate and joined San Diego Fire Department in 1982 after he was discharged. His greatest joys in life were being a firefighter and a father to his daughter Erin. He succumbed to job-related esophageal cancer in 1999.

THOMAS MCGRATH
Engineer, San Diego Fire-Rescue Department
August 8, 1998

Thomas McGrath was a devoted firefighter and a strong family man. Fire Station 35 was his home away from home and his crew was his second family. He would often bring his wife and children into the station so they could be a part of the place that he loved so much. Off duty, his favorite things included drag car racing, body building, the Padres, Elvis and doing yard work with his grandchildren. He passed away of a heart attack.
Fred Tarquinio was a visionary, best known for implementing new technologies for the fire service. He brought the Beverly Hills Fire Department its first integrated radio communication system, helped develop the electronic siren and radio headphones used on fire engines and implemented the first preventative maintenance program for fire apparatus. In the 1960s, Fred teamed up with engineers from General Motors to revamp the two-stroke diesel engine and put it into an old Beverly Hills fire engine, an innovation that has become a fire service standard. He passed away from job-related spinal cancer.

Alan Hopper started his career at Compton Fire Department in 1974 and was promoted to fire engineer in 1978. He was an avid traveler, surfer and basketball player and enjoyed his time spent with friends in and out of the fire department. Alan died suddenly in November of 1987 of job-related melanoma cancer while still on active duty.

Charles “Jay” Ross got his start working with CDF and was later hired by the City of Placerville, where he spent the rest of his fire service career – as a firefighter, engineer, captain and training and safety officer. He had a great love for hunting, camping and four-wheeling every summer. He was diagnosed with job-related tuberculosis and encephalitis, an infection of the brain and lungs, which was his cause of death.

Ron Smelser began his career with the fire service after he graduated from high school in 1970. He worked for the California Division of Forestry and for the Shingle Springs Fire Protection District. Ron loved fishing and camping with his family. He was a kind and giving person, who always made time to help his family and friends. He was promoted to the rank of captain, shortly before he passed away of job-related melanoma.
**STEVEN A. KOSTAL**  
Heavy Fire Equipment Operator, California Department of Forestry  
May 19, 1975

At an early age, Steven Kostal was an avid outdoorsman. Fishing, camping and hiking with his dad and stepdad were his favorite pastimes so it seemed a natural progression for him to join the US Forest Service. He started his career in the 1960s as a volunteer with the former CDF Orange Ranger. In 1975, he accepted an appointment as a heavy fire equipment operator in San Bernardino and was attending the CDF Academy in Ione when he died suddenly of a heart attack.

**HARVEY EDWARD JOHNSON**  
Assistant Chief, Burlingame Fire Department  
July 26, 1970

Harvey Johnson spent 30 years with the Burlingame Fire Department and rose to the rank of assistant chief. He loved the outdoors, fishing, playing cards and working with his hands and passed these hobbies onto his four sons – two of whom are serving in the fire service. Harvey was a Mason and a Shriner and spent much time entertaining children at the San Francisco Children’s Hospital as part of the Shrine Clown Unit. His life was cut short by a heart attack at the age of 53.

**STEVEN GRAMMER**  
Smokejumper, US Forest Service  
September 28, 1970

When a large fire destroyed more than half a million acres of forestland, Redding smokejumper Steven Grammer was part of the Northern California Hot Shot Crew called to the Angeles National Forest. Strong Santa Ana winds fueled the wildfire, making air transport difficult. His helicopter crashed, killing the crew aboard, including Steven.

**THOMAS J. REGENNITTER**  
Smokejumper, US Forest Service  
June 3, 1970

Thomas Regennitter was a skilled smokejumper for the US Forest Service. In four years, he made a total of 33 jumps, until he got the call to parachute over Shasta-Trinity National Forest to help crews fight the Oak Fire. As he was preparing to make his jump, his right foot became entangled in his own static line, causing him to trip and fall out of the plane. He died of a broken neck and other head injuries.
SAMUEL J. BLUMENBERG  
Assistant Chief, Hamilton AFB Fire Department  
February 14, 1970

Samuel Blumenberg started as a firefighter in 1942 and in his 28-year career, he reached the rank of assistant fire chief at Hamilton Air Force Base. He was well-respected and liked by his colleagues. He was last seen on February 14, 1970, while working on a Hamilton base rescue vessel in San Pablo Bay with another member of their Civil Engineering Squadron. The weather was stormy and their bodies were recovered almost two weeks later.

RICHARD LEE STONE  
Firefighter, US Forest Service  
July 14, 1967

Richard Stone was killed when his truck overturned en route to a timber fire. The truck carrying a 14-man crew toppled down a 100-foot incline when a soft shoulder gave way. He was only 19. The San Bernardino firefighter was a member of the elite Del Rosa “Hot Shots” US Forest Service firefighting crew. Richard was a native of Lancaster and was attending Valley College.

LOIS AUDEL MCINTOSH  
Captain, Mare Island Fire Department  
October 4, 1953

A 15-year veteran of the Mare Island Fire Department, Lois Audel McIntosh was a fire captain, who was assigned to the fire boats. On October 4, 1953, smoke was reported from the freight pier and crews were called to the scene. During the firefighting operation, Lois fell from one of the 40-foot fire boats and drowned. He was 48.

DUANE GIFFORD POORE  
Firefighter, US Forest Service  
July 9, 1948

Duane Poore’s life ended before it had truly begun. He was a seasonal firefighter with the Del Rosa “Hot Shots” crew and had been employed for three days when he lost his life in an entrapment while fighting the Barrett Damn fire in the Cleveland National Forest. He was only 17.
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The California Firefighters Endowment

For families of fallen firefighters, the grief of losing a loved one is a heartbreak shared by all. But for the children of fallen firefighters, the death of a parent can also mean the death of their dreams for the future.

The California Fire Foundation was created, in part, to keep these dreams alive. That is why the Foundation has created the California Firefighters Endowment.

The Endowment was born out of a desire to help make it possible for every child of a fallen firefighter to attend the college of their choice. The seeds of this mission were planted in 2006, with the creation of the Daniel A. Terry Scholarship program. A one-time scholarship of $2,000 is currently awarded to children of fallen California firefighters. Since 2006, the scholarships have provided important assistance for 29 students in their pursuit of a college education.

This year, 12 individuals received the Daniel A. Terry Scholarship. Included in this group are the children of three fallen firefighters who are honored today: Corbin Reed, son of Visalia firefighter Frank Reed; Randall and Steven Hall, sons of LA County fire captain Tedmund Hall; and Colleen Smith, daughter of Ontario battalion chief Richard “Chip” Smith.

A grateful Corbin Reed says the scholarship has helped him pay what he sees as the ultimate tribute to his father – becoming a firefighter himself. “My dad inspired me to strive to be a hero and inspired me to walk in his footsteps,” he says.

Created this year, the California Firefighters Endowment will build a permanent and reliable funding stream to boost scholarship awards for the children of these fallen heroes. By developing a stable funding base, the Endowment will change lives, open doors and preserve the opportunities for the children of firefighters who die in the line of duty.

Nothing can ease the heartbreak of losing a parent. Our mission with the California Firefighters Endowment is to offer a glimmer of hope through the heartbreak for children who have already lost so much.

Ontario firefighters presented Colleen Smith with her scholarship award.
The California Firefighters Endowment
Richard “Chip” Smith with his daughter, Colleen Smith at her graduation
Ted Hall with his son, Steven Hall (and wife Kathy)
Ted Hall with his son, Randall Hall (and wife Kathy)
The California Firefighters Memorial

Nestled in the heart of Sacramento’s Capitol Park stands a tribute that immortalizes the extraordinary commitment and uncommon courage of the men and women in the California fire service.

The centerpiece of this remarkable tribute is the **Memorial Wall**, on which are inscribed the names of over 1,100 firefighters who have died in the line of duty since California became a state in 1850. Adjacent to the wall are two statues.

**Fallen Brother** reminds us of the shared sorrow that comes with every line of duty death. Built of bronze by Sacramento battalion chief Jesus Romo, it depicts an anguished firefighter pulling a lifeless brother from the flames.

**Holding the Line** showcases four firefighters working a hose line to fight an unseen blaze. It captures the tenacity, teamwork and trust that are the hallmarks of the firefighting profession.
In the noble tradition of honoring our fallen brave, the Pipes and Drums of California Professional Firefighters was created to pay tribute to those who have sacrificed in the line of duty. The 26-member band is comprised of career or retired front line firefighters.