The California Fire Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, provides emotional and financial assistance to families of fallen firefighters, firefighters and the communities they protect. Formed in 1987 by California Professional Firefighters, the California Fire Foundation’s mandate includes an array of survivor and victim assistance programs and community initiatives:

**California Firefighters Memorial**
- The Foundation built and maintains the California Firefighters Memorial in Sacramento. The Foundation hosts an annual memorial ceremony to honor and pay tribute to fallen firefighters and their families.
- The memorial wall honors almost 1,400 California firefighters who have died in the line of duty.

**Supporting Firefighters and Their Families**
- The Daniel A. Terry Scholarship Program provides scholarships to the children of fallen firefighters. The scholarship has expanded in 2019 to be a $2,000 award, renewable for up to four years, providing up to $8,000 total for each recipient. The Foundation has provided over 100 scholarships since 2007.
- When a firefighter dies in the line of duty, the Foundation can deploy the California Last Alarm Service Team (Cal-LAST) and the Pipes and Drums of California Professional Firefighters, to support the family and department in honoring their fallen.
- The California Firefighters Benevolent Fund provides aid to firefighters who have been displaced, lost homes, or been injured by wildfire or natural disaster.

**Victim Assistance**
- The Supplying Aid to Victims of Emergency (SAVE) Program brings immediate, short-term relief to victims of fire or other natural disasters throughout California. Participating firefighters distribute $250 gift cards to eligible victims of fire or natural disasters so they may purchase basic necessities such as medicine, food, or clothing. Since 2014, over 55,000 disaster victims in California have been impacted through the SAVE program.
- As of 2019, the Foundation is providing grants to support long-term relief efforts within communities that have been impacted by wildfires.

**Community Improvement**
- Firefighters On Your Side is the Foundation’s award-winning PSA program, which provides multi-lingual, culturally relevant fire safety messaging in both digital and print form. With a focus on providing resources to traditionally underserved communities, Firefighters On Your Side communicates critical fire safety information in Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, Tagalog, and English.
- Through its Fire Prevention Grant Program, the Foundation offers competitive grants to fire departments, associations, and safety-focused groups to address local prevention and preparedness needs in communities across the state. This includes funding for fire prevention planning, specialized firefighting equipment, fuel reduction and defensible space maintenance, and community safety initiatives.
Our Team

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The California Fire Foundation has a 13-member Board of Directors that sets the strategic plan, policies and initiatives of the California Fire Foundation.

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When firefighters fall in the line of duty, it is the root of the Foundation’s mission to honor their sacrifice and ensure that those they leave behind are served with the utmost care.

Also central to accomplishing the Foundation’s mission are public education and victim assistance initiatives for the citizens our firefighters humbly serve.

The California Fire Foundation is funded by programs such as the California Firefighters’ License Plates and the California State Income Tax Check-Off, and receives private donations from corporations and individuals throughout the state.

For more information about our programs, please continue to the next page.
In the noble tradition of honoring the contributions and sacrifices of our fallen heroes, the California Fire Foundation established and funds the Pipes & Drums of California Professional Firefighters. From captain to engineer to firefighter/paramedic, the membership of the band represents fire departments from across California and plays at line of duty death funerals and memorial services throughout the state.

THE CALIFORNIA FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL

Standing in the shadow of the State Capitol, the California Firefighters Memorial, formally unveiled in 2002, is a stately and moving testament to uncommon courage. Etched into its brushed limestone, the Memorial Wall carries the name of every California firefighter who has fallen in the line of duty since 1851. Flanking the Memorial Wall are two dramatic bronze statues depicting the heroism of the profession and the anguish felt when a firefighter falls in the line of duty.

Just as firefighters carry out their duty, the California Fire Foundation carries the solemn tradition of honoring their memory. Each year, new names are engraved on the Memorial Wall, joining those already enshrined on the stunning, standing tribute to our fallen. Forever etched in time, the Foundation honors the men and women of uncommon courage who pay the ultimate price to protect the lives, property and dreams of Californians.

During the annual California Firefighters Memorial Ceremony, families of the fallen – past and present – gather to comfort each other – the kind of comfort that can only come from someone who has walked in their shoes. Every year, hundreds of firefighters and their families attend the Memorial Ceremony to pay respect to their loved ones. It is a time of reverence and closure.

LINE OF DUTY DEATHS

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HONORING OUR FALLEN ...

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SURVIVOR BENEFITS
At a time when families of fallen firefighters experience such great loss, they face countless tasks before them. From making decisions about a memorial service, to completing workers’ compensation paperwork, the road ahead can seem overwhelming. The California Fire Foundation is here to help. Through the Foundation’s Survivor Benefits Guide, family members can learn about the most current state and federal benefits available to them. Additionally, the Foundation is always standing by as questions and concerns arise.

CALIFORNIA LAST ALARM SERVICE TEAM (CAL-LAST)

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CALIFORNIA FIREFIGHTERS ENDOWMENT
The cost of attending college has risen dramatically in California. When a firefighter falls in the line of duty, finances can be a serious concern and it often affects a family’s ability to send a child to college.

Created in 2009, the California Firefighters Endowment was instituted to ease this burden and fund the Daniel A. Terry Scholarship Program. Contributions to the Endowment financially secure the dream of every child of a fallen firefighter, who died in the line of duty, to attend college.

Each year, the California Fire Foundation provides approximately 10-15 scholarships to children of fallen firefighters whose lives have been shattered, but can see a brighter future in achieving a college education. Their shared goals and dreams are often about giving back, inspired by the loss of a parent at an age younger than most. With the rising cost of tuition, the Foundation would like to increase the scholarship award to $10,000 per child. For the children of fallen firefighters, these scholarships are often life-changing.

IN A TIME OF TRAGEDY ...
... FIREFIGHTERS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE NEVER ALONE
A public safety education program sponsored by the California Fire Foundation, Firefighters on Your Side is designed to reach at-risk populations with messages about fire safety.

The California Fire Foundation produces public service campaigns on new topics and languages with the simple goal to enhance safety throughout your community, everyday.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE
Supplying Aid to Victims of Emergency (SAVE)

When a disaster occurs, firefighters are the first responders. Because of firefighters’ close contact with their communities, the Foundation works with 30,000 local firefighters throughout the state to aid before, during and after the alarm.

As part of its mission to assist victims of fire or other natural disaster, the California Fire Foundation launched its Supplying Aid to Victims of Emergency (SAVE) program. The program is designed to bring immediate, short-term relief to victims of fire or other natural disaster throughout California. Working together with the California Fire Foundation, firefighters throughout California distribute gift cards to eligible victims of fire or other natural disaster, so they may purchase basic necessities such as medicine, food, or clothing. This program ensures that those displaced or impacted by fire or other natural disaster receive direct relief during a distressing time.

BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THE ALARM ...

... CALIFORNIA’S FIREFIGHTERS WATCH OVER THEIR COMMUNITIES

Los Angeles fire victims and SAVE recipients Rafael and Maria Rodriguez with their daughters Esther (3 years old) & Isabella (4 years old)
“This scholarship is an incredible honor. It means a lot to me. It’s almost as if my father handed it to me.”

- HEATHER YONAN, Daniel A Terry Scholarship Recipient, daughter of Daniel Phillip Yonan, Burbank Fire Department

“I do not know what I would have done without the California Fire Foundation after Mark’s death. It was so overwhelming. There was so much to think about and they guided me through.”

- HEATHER MCCORMACK, widow of Mark McCormack, Santa Clara County Fire Department

“Thousands of people are going to come see my husband’s name on the California Firefighters Memorial Wall and realize what he sacrificed – and that means a lot to me. Right now, it’s extremely difficult .. and emotional. But, I’m looking forward to when I can take my kids here in the future and show them what their father did.”

- AMY DOUGLAS, Widow of Christopher Lee Douglas, Cal Fire

“I can’t express in words the respect, honor, and love I hold for my father. He has inspired me to pursue a career in nursing, so I, too can impact others lives just as my father had. He will never truly die because his spirit lives on through my sister and me.”

- GABRIELLA T. VANNI, Daniel A Terry Scholarship Recipient, daughter of David E. Vanni, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District

“A lot of times, people are woken up in the middle of the night, they only have time to grab their kids and their pets. The money can help with the essentials on the worst day of their lives.”

- MATT DOBBERPUHL, Long Beach Fire Captain

“[The firefighters] were extinguishing the fire as soon as we got there. They showed us a lot of moral support. Then afterwards, the SAVE card, the donation they gave to us, [and] the support they gave to us was incredible.”

- RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ, SAVE Card Recipient

SUPPORT THE FOUNDATION

Online Donation You can make a tax-deductible gift to help support these vital community programs on the Foundation website at cafirefoundation.org.

Check if you would like to send a check, please make checks payable to the California Fire Foundation and send to: 1780 Creekside Oaks Dr., Sacramento, CA 95833

Tax Checkoff Through the tax checkoff program, you are able to make a contribution to the California Fire Foundation through your tax refund when you file your state income taxes. When preparing your income tax returns, you can make a donation to the California Firefighters’ Memorial Fund in the Voluntary Contributions section. Funds received are used for the maintenance and site repair of the California Firefighters’ Memorial as well as the Annual California Firefighters’ Memorial Ceremonies, a survivor benefits guide and survivor assistance.

Firefighter License Plate Active and retired firefighters have the opportunity to both show their pride for their profession and support the Foundation at the same time through the purchase of a firefighter license plate. Using an image from the box office hit, “Backdraft,” the California firefighter license plate has become a novelty within the fire service. A portion of the proceeds from the sales of these specialized license plates go toward the maintenance and upkeep of the California Firefighters Memorial, located in Sacramento’s historic Capitol Park.

Planned Giving The Foundation is honored to be considered in donors’ long term financial plans. If you are interested in speaking to someone about planned giving please contact (916)641-1707 or email cafirefoundation@cpf.org.

Every level of support is appreciated by the California Fire Foundation. Please contact the Foundation with major gifts (above $5,000), or general inquiries at cafirefoundation@cpf.org/ (916)641-1707 to discuss options and recognition.

For additional information visit www.cafirefoundation.org
Ensuring that children of California firefighters who fall in the line of duty have the support they need to achieve their hopes and dreams...
INTRODUCTION

The California Fire Foundation understands the devastation a family experiences when a firefighter falls in the line of duty. The grief can be unbearable, and finances are often a primary concern. Hopes and dreams change overnight.

We believe that families should hold on to the same dreams they had before they suffered a loss. To help with this, the Foundation instituted the California Firefighters Endowment to ensure that children of firefighters, who fall in the line of duty, have the opportunity to go to college.
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The California Fire Foundation currently offers a $2,000 college scholarship for children of California firefighters, who have fallen in the line of duty, through its Daniel A. Terry Scholarship program. With California’s high cost of living and tuition, the Foundation knows that while the scholarship is helpful, it’s not enough.

The mission behind the California Firefighters Endowment is to substantially increase the amount of scholarship money available. In fact, the Foundation is launching a comprehensive fundraising program with the goal of raising $2 million, which will give each recipient an average of $10,000. After this milestone is achieved, the Foundation aims to do even more, by someday giving these children the opportunity to have their college expenses completely covered.

ABOUT ENDOWMENTS

An endowment is a permanent, long-term source of income for charities and nonprofit organizations. Funds are initially raised to make up the principal of the endowment which is subsequently invested so that the yearly interest provides funding for the charity or nonprofit organization. The principal funds of an endowment are protected by law, ensuring its existence in perpetuity. This is an attractive option for many nonprofits to maintain long-term solvency for specific programs. By choosing to invest in an endowment, the California Fire Foundation has ensured that scholarships will be available for children of fallen firefighters, forever.
ABOUT THE CALIFORNIA FIRE FOUNDATION

The California Fire Foundation is the statewide nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization responsible for building and maintaining the California Firefighters Memorial and hosting the annual California Firefighters Memorial Ceremony. It works closely with local firefighters to provide assistance and support to the surviving family when a firefighter line-of-duty death occurs. The California Fire Foundation also offers victim assistance programs and fire safety education in underserved communities.

HOW CAN I HELP?

The California Firefighters Endowment is in its initial stages, which means that identifying and growing funding sources is critical. If you would like to make a donation or know of any individuals, corporations, other foundations or organizations throughout the state that may be interested in this cause, please contact the Foundation at 800.890.3213 or cafirefoundation@cpf.org.

More information about the California Firefighters Endowment and a video featuring previous scholarship winners can be found at www.cafirefoundation.org.
“My father’s passing was the worst single event of my entire life, but I feel now that I have the chance to turn it into something very positive. After seeing the impact my father had on so many people’s lives, I am now inspired to have that same positive impact on people in my life ... I have since become a nationally registered EMT and am currently only two classes away from my Associate of Arts degree in Fire Technology. I plan to attend paramedic school in August of 2010.”

- BRIAN LONG (son of Russell Oddis Long, Santa Cruz City Fire Department)

“My dad’s memory has made me realize what I want to do with my life ... I feel that my dad still had things to accomplish and people to help in the fire service and I want to carry on his legacy. My dad’s memory is the reason for me going to the City College of San Francisco and earning my fire science degree ... This is my plan because of my dad. I know this is exactly what he would want of me and make him most proud. That is truly all I want, to do something that would have made him proud of me. I want to honor his memory in any way I can.”

- MITCHELL LONG (son of Russell Oddis Long, Santa Cruz City Fire Department)

“I want to be a school teacher and write a children’s book about coping with the loss of a parent at a young age. I know he [my father] would be so proud. I would be the first in my family to attend college. It’s almost like this scholarship was handed to be by my father’s hands.”

- HEATHER YONAN (daughter of Daniel Philip Yonan, Burbank Fire Department)

“I am lucky to have found my true calling in life. I want to help people, to follow in my dad’s footsteps, to do whatever I can to make a difference in someone else’s life. That is why I want to be an emergency room physician. I can be the one to save someone else’s father, to give him the opportunity to see his daughter graduate from high school, to walk his little girl down the aisle. I can be the one to save her from the pain and suffering I have gone through in the past few years.”

- NICOLE HERMAN (daughter of Steve H. Herman, Los Angeles County Fire Department)

“I feel like part of my father’s memory is the legacy of leadership and success that he exemplified each and every day of his career as well as the family oriented man he was at home. I only hope to reach the same level of respect he commanded from those around him and the love he earned from his family.”

- STEVEN HALL (son of Tedmund D. Hall, Los Angeles County Fire Department)

“The way that my dad went about being a firefighter is one of the main reasons I want to be a firefighter in the near future. If I could have anything right now, it would be to tell him that I just passed EMT class and am on my way to becoming a full-time firefighter.”

- TYLER J. NUNES (son of John William Nunes, Contra Costa County Fire Department)
WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

As the Daniel A. Terry Scholarship program matures, we are fortunate to share its impact on some of our previous recipients. Here are updates of select, previous Daniel A. Terry Scholarship recipients detailing how valuable the program has been for them:

ANDREA BUTLER (Daughter of fallen firefighter Jerry Eugene Butler, San Francisco Fire Department) Daniel A. Terry Scholarship 2009

Andrea is finishing her masters in vocal performance at NDNU in Belmont and working as a music teacher at Bright Star Montessori School in Albany. Andrea is so thankful for her scholarship, it was beneficial and instrumental towards getting her (undergraduate) degree at University of California, Irvine.

NICOLE ANN HERMAN (Daughter of fallen firefighter Steven Herman, Los Angeles County Fire Department) Daniel A. Terry Scholarship 2010

With the help from the Foundation, Nicole was able to pursue her dreams. She moved into the dorms and made a new group of friends. She was able to apply for remarkable internship opportunities and learn from world-renowned scholars.

Nicole says she is lucky to have found her true calling in life—wanting to help people, and follow in her dad’s footsteps, to do whatever she can to make a difference in someone else’s life. She wishes to be an emergency room physician, so she can be the one to save someone else’s father, to give him the opportunity to see his daughter graduate from high school, to walk his little girl down the aisle.

Without the Foundation, Nicole says, she might not be where she is today. This scholarship has helped tremendously in achieving her goals, and for that, she is truly grateful.

GIANINA YOUNG (VANNI) (Daughter of fallen firefighter David E. Vanni, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District) Daniel A. Terry Scholarship 2011

Gianina received the Daniel A. Terry Scholarship in 2011 while she was attending Diablo Valley College. After finishing school, she went on to work in the tech industry in San Francisco. Gianina now works in the Ad Operations department at Pinterest and is recently married.

SAVANAH LOUTZENHISER (Daughter of fallen firefighter Mark Allen Loutzenhiser, USFS) Daniel A. Terry Scholarship 2013

Savanah’s scholarship money helped her tremendously with college costs. The money she received enabled her to purchase supplies for school, food and other cost of living expenses.

It took a big weight off her shoulders, knowing that she had that money in case she needed last-minute supplies. She is enjoying her education at Los Angeles Pierce College, where she is also part of the volleyball team. Her family and friends are a big part of her survival now that she is living on her own. Knowing that her family is proud of her, assures her that her dad would be proud of her too.

KAYLEE WELLS (Daughter of fallen firefighter Emmett J. Wells, Orange County Fire Authority) Daniel A. Terry Scholarship 2014

Kaylee was able to use the scholarship while pursuing her bachelors degree at University of California, Irvine. Her father, a firefighter with Orange County Fire Authority, was diagnosed with brain cancer when she was seven, and died from the job-related cancer three years later. His struggle inspired her to go into the medical research field. Kaylee plans to pursue a PhD in Cancer Biology after graduation. The Daniel A. Terry Scholarship enabled her to afford her education without taking out costly student loans.
SAVE
A VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE FOUNDATION
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Supplying Aid to Victims of Emergency (SAVE) brings emergency financial aid to fire and natural disaster victims year-round. Funded by the California Fire Foundation – a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization – firefighters throughout California deliver gift cards directly to eligible victims at their time of need. The $100 SAVE Mastercard gift cards make it possible to instantly buy basic necessities – food, clothing or medicine – within the critical first 24 hours.

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“At this point, we are flying solo to make sure we have a roof over our heads somewhere. The SAVE card truly is a blessing and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.”

- Mike and Debbie DeVore, SAVE recipients.
When the 2014 Napa Earthquake struck, the California Fire Foundation immediately worked with Napa City Firefighters, Local 3124 and Napa City Fire to dispatch SAVE cards to aid earthquake victims.

The Erskine Fire in June, 2016 destroyed 280 homes and claimed two lives. The California Fire Foundation worked with Kern County Fire Fighters, Local 1301 to provide more than 120 SAVE cards to those touched by the blaze.

In 2017, the deadliest wildfires in California history swept through the Napa and Sonoma area, and Southern California, killing dozens and leveling thousands of homes. Through the SAVE program, CPF local affiliates and their fire departments were on site in Los Angeles, Ventura, and San Diego Counties, as well as Napa and Santa Rosa, with thousands of SAVE Mastercard gift cards. The $100 SAVE gift cards provided those suffering substantial property loss with immediate on-site assistance. Over 2,700 SAVE gift cards were provided to victims impacted by the 2017 wildfires.

“... when major disasters strike, SAVE offers a helping hand to those in need.”

- Brian K. Rice, California Fire Foundation

“Vista Fire Fighters Association, Local 4107 hands out SAVE cards to aid Lilac Fire victims.”

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THANKS FROM THOSE HELPED BY SAVE

My family and I lost our home and all of our belongings in the Nunns Fire last month. I heard about the SAVE gift card the California Fire Foundation was offering, and wanted to thank you for your generosity. It is gut-wrenching to lose everything we have worked hard for over the course of our lives. We are getting through this by relying on the kindness and generosity of friends, family and strangers alike. Thank you so much for the $100.00 gift card. We really appreciate it and will put it to very good use.

With gratitude,
Elysa, Michael and Samantha Perry

Please accept our sincere thanks to the California Fire Foundation for the $100 SAVE gift card. We truly appreciate the generosity of the Foundation. We are overwhelmed by the outpouring of generous support and compassion from so many! Your gift is most definitely part of the network of support upon which we will depend as we embark upon this long and difficult journey to rebuild after the NorCal wild fires.

We also want to express our gratitude to all of the first responders who worked so tirelessly to help us fight this fire.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you!
Susan and Steve Crotty

BECOME A PART OF THE SAVE PROGRAM

SAVE is fully funded by the California Fire Foundation through donations. It is implemented in dozens of local partnerships between fire departments and firefighter associations large and small.

SAVE is available to any officially organized fire department or district. In order to participate in the program, a Memorandum of Understanding must be signed by both a Fire Chief and President (or Lead Representative) for the Respective Bargaining Unit(s) or Association(s) for Firefighters.

Please visit cafirefoundation.org/save to sign up and learn more about the objectives, responsibilities and procedures for implementing SAVE within a fire agency.

“To be able to hand that card to someone and see their reaction … you can’t put a price on it. It completes that circle of support for the community.”

- Asst. Chief Matthew Brock, Ventura City FD
The California Fire Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization serving fallen firefighters, their families and the communities they protect.

Some 130,000 Californians are displaced each year by fire or natural disaster. Since 2014, SAVE has provided approximately $500,000 in immediate aid to victims.

With your help, we can bring instant aid through SAVE to more Californians to help them recover from fire and disaster. Increasing the value of the card will help smooth the path to recovery even more.

Visit cafirefoundation.org/save to donate, or participate, and get more information.

All numbers are approximations

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Leaving a Legacy
“The things you do for yourself are gone when you are gone. The things you do for others remain as your legacy.”

– Kalu Ndukwe Kalu, educator

Etched into a polished limestone wall in the shadow of California’s State Capitol are the names of hundreds of firefighters who gave their lives in the line of duty. Their legacy of service inspires our firefighter “family.”

Estate planning allows every person, regardless of age or wealth, to leave their own legacy ... for their loved ones and for the values they cherish. Through a legacy gift to the California Fire Foundation, you can secure the future of your own family and your firefighter family.

This booklet lays out how you can achieve your own goals, provide for your loved ones and make a difference for future generations.

The information in this booklet does not constitute legal or financial advice. You are encouraged to discuss all options with your own advisors before deciding on the best choice for you.
WHY ESTATE PLANNING?

Simply put, your estate is the sum total of everything you own – home, car, possessions, investments, everything. No matter how much or little you make, everyone has an estate.

Estate planning is a way of ensuring that these assets are transferred to your heirs and charitable interests in accordance with your wishes. You can fully control how your assets are directed either through a will or living trust or by identifying the beneficiary of specific assets or accounts.

While it can be a difficult subject, proper estate planning will not only prepare for the future, but also can provide immediate benefit to you and your heirs. You can also memorialize your commitment to the California Fire Foundation’s work on behalf of fallen firefighter families.

The California Firefighters Memorial in Sacramento carries the names of approximately 1,300 California firefighters who died in the line of duty.
The California Fire Foundation Legacy Society is an exclusive group of donors united in their passion for ensuring the dream of a college education for the children of our fallen and sustaining the California Firefighters Memorial.

When you include the Foundation in your estate planning, you become a part of the California Fire Foundation Legacy Society. Donors that designate $20,000 or more will be honored with a personalized leaf on our “Legacy Tree”, located in the Foundation headquarters.

To learn more about the California Fire Foundation Legacy Society, or to notify us of a gift, please visit our website at www.cafirefoundation.org/plannedgiving.

“As a firefighter, and the son of a fallen firefighter, this Memorial means a lot to me. The Foundation is there for our surviving families and the people they served. Remembering the Foundation in estate planning honors their legacy and helps those who mattered most to them.”

– Vito Impastato, Contra Costa fire captain (son of fallen firefighter, Michael Impastato)
**A GIFT IN YOUR WILL OR LIVING TRUST**

A proper estate plan begins with a **will or living trust**. Making a will (and keeping it up to date) gives you peace of mind in knowing that your estate will be handled according to your wishes.

A **charitable bequest** to the California Fire Foundation in your will or living trust is a simple, flexible way to support the children and survivors of fallen firefighters. There are many types of charitable bequests:

- **General**: a designated amount of money, such as “$10,000”
- **Specific**: a specified item, such as a home, valuable item or shares of stock
- **Percentage**: a designated amount of money, such as “10 percent”
- **Residuary**: some or all of whatever is left of your estate after all general and specific bequests are satisfied
- **Contingent**: takes effect only in the event another bequest fails, e.g. if a loved one dies before you do.

Suggested language for these requests is available. Contact the Foundation or your financial advisor for more information.

Charitable bequests can provide significant estate-tax benefits. Your tax advisor can provide more details.

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**BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION**

A **beneficiary designation** is an easy, flexible way to support the Foundation's mission.

All or part of the proceeds from individual assets can be directed to the California Fire Foundation upon your passing. Examples include:

- Life insurance policies
- IRA or retirement account

Arrangements for beneficiary designations are very simple, usually made through filling out a simple form. Your financial advisor can help you with this easy process.

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Samantha Murray (center, in pink) lost her father John Murray in 1995, but her Folsom firefighter family will never let her down. A Daniel A. Terry Scholarship is helping her get an education.
"I give to the California Fire Foundation because it gives back to all of us. I want to make sure the Foundation is always there for families like mine, so we’ve made the California Fire Foundation part of our estate planning."

– Emily Lo, Davis fire captain

Making a Plan – Sample Scenarios

Modifying a Will
Wanting to leave a legacy for her fire family, firefighter Emily and her husband met with their attorney. They revised the bequest language in their will to include a gift to the California Fire Foundation as a percentage of their estate. Through this gift, Emily helps provide for her own family as well as those who’ve lost a loved one fighting on the front lines.

Life Insurance Beneficiary
Mildred, an advertising consultant, has a $50,000 life insurance policy she no longer needs. It has a cash surrender value of about $32,000 and she continues to make annual premium payments of $1,100. She names the California Fire Foundation as owner and beneficiary of the policy, securing a tax deduction of about $32,000 and an ongoing deduction for her annual payments to keep the policy in force.

*Retirement Account Designation
With their kids grown and financially secure, Robert and Carol wanted their estate plan to work harder for the people and causes they love. The couple updated their will to leave stocks and real estate to their kids. And they leave us a $20,000 IRA to be transferred to the California Fire Foundation after their death. The Foundation’s tax-exempt status ensures that all $20,000 will support the cause they cherish.

*Based on an assumption of a 28 marginal income tax bracket.

NOTE: Each of these scenarios may have significant potential tax benefits. Consult your tax advisor for more details.
The California Fire Foundation, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, provides emotional and financial assistance to families of fallen firefighters, firefighters and the communities they protect through an array of survivor and victim assistance projects and community initiatives. These initiatives include:

The California Firefighters Memorial
Located on the grounds of the California State Capitol, the California Firefighters Memorial is California’s timeless tribute to its fallen heroes. The California Fire Foundation raised the money to build the Memorial and takes care of its maintenance, repair and expansion. Each year, the Foundation honors the fallen at the California Firefighters Memorial Ceremony, and provides ongoing support for surviving families.

The Daniel A. Terry Scholarship Program
Named for California Professional Firefighters longtime president emeriti, the Daniel A. Terry Scholarship program provides college scholarships of $2,000 to the surviving children of fallen firefighters. Since its inception, more than $120,000 in scholarship funds has been awarded, helping young people realize their dream of a college education. Through the California Firefighters Endowment, the Foundation is working to increase scholarship awards to $10,000 per student. After this milestone is reached, the Foundation aims to do even more by someday giving children the opportunity to have their college expenses completely covered.
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Memorial to Honor State’s Fallen Firefighters

Monument: Names of 855 who have perished since 1850 will be on the centerpiece. Statues will be unveiled Saturday.

JON ORTIZ | TIMES STAFF WRITER

"That was a long time ago," said Redlands Fire Chief Mel Enslow, Kenny's father. "Now, it's almost like he's with us again."

That is because the fallen Enslow's face is cast in bronze for a statue that is part of the California Firefighters' Memorial to be unveiled Saturday a few hundred feet from the steps of the Capitol.

Southern California artist Lawrence Noble used a photograph of Enslow as a model for "Holding the Line," a 14-foot-high, 1,800-pound statue depicting three firefighters feeding a fire hose to a fourth.

"Holding the Line" is one of three elements in the new Capitol Park memorial. A beige limestone Memorial Wall is the centerpiece, bearing the chiseled names of the 855 California firefighters who have perished in the line of duty since 1850.

"Fallen Brother," a second statue crafted by retired battalion chief and sculptor Jesus Romo of Sacramento, depicts one firefighter carrying another. It will stand near the wall and overlook a small stone courtyard.

"We're thrilled that our dream of honoring our fallen brothers and sisters is finally about to become a reality," said Dan Terry, president of the California Professional Firefighters and its nonprofit arm, the California Fire Foundation.

Although the timing suggests another tribute to the heroism of Sept. 11, the memorial is the culmination of a 10-year campaign that began when Terry saw a national firefighter wall of names in Colorado Springs.

"The first thing that struck me was how many names from California were on that wall," Terry said. "The second thing that struck me was how many people from California would never see it."

According to the California Fire Foundation's research, 169 firefighters statewide succumbed to injury or illness caused by their jobs from 1990 to 2001, about 14 deaths per year and up from the average of 5.6 deaths per year since California became a state.

The California Professional Firefighters, which represents 30,000 career firefighters and emergency medical service workers statewide, took up the idea and began applying its considerable political clout. The union's PAC is a regular campaign contributor, donating more than $573,000 in 2000, mostly to Democrats, and another $384,000 last year, according to the secretary of state's office.

The organization lobbied for the California Firefighters' Memorial, and in 1992 Gov. Pete Wilson signed Assembly Bill 3198 that gave the project space—and not much else—in Capitol Park.

"We had permission, but no money," Terry said.

A grass-roots movement started in community firehouses as word about the planned memorial spread. "Locals did car shows, golf tourneys, whatever they had to do to raise money," Terry said.

The foundation's goal was to erect and maintain the $2-million project strictly through private donations. Crucial to the plan was convincing the Legislature to allow the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue special firefighter license plates with proceeds going to the memorial. Since 1993, 16,000 plates have been sold, netting $1.3 million for the project.

Another $900,000 came through a voluntary tax checkoff on the state income tax form that allows taxpayers to allocate a portion of anticipated tax refunds to charitable causes, said Carroll Wills, spokesman for the firefighters group.

Organizers said that planning and constructing a memorial in a park that already has commemoratives to war veterans and police officers went smoothly, largely because they invited suggestions from everyone with a stake in the outcome.

"We did a study to guarantee that our memorial wouldn't be more than half the size of the adjacent war memorial," Wills said. "We talked to anyone who would talk to us, and we listened."

Wills said that ongoing dialogue and sensitivity to integrating the memorial into the existing park helped the project proceed smoothly and on budget.

"It's rare for a project to go this smoothly," Wills said.

Just ask New York. There, fire officials changed plans to erect a memorial based on the now-famous photo of three white firefighters raising an American flag over the rubble of the Twin Towers. The statue planned for outside the Brooklyn Fire Department headquarters drew severe criticism after fire officials announced a change to depict the group as racially and ethnically diverse.

Organizers of the California memorial said they had no such trouble. "Our memorial reflects 150 years of firefighting history, not just one event," said Terry McHale, executive director of the California Fire Foundation. "California has a diverse work force, and the statues in the memorial reflect that."
SAN FRANCISCO—Fred Couples donated a part of his 2009 Presidents Cup stipend as captain of the U.S. team to the California Fire Foundation.

On Nov. 3, at the Charles Schwab Cup Championship, site of the U.S. victory at The Presidents Cup, Lew Stone, along with his colleagues from the California Fire Foundation, visited TPC Harding Park to make a heart-felt presentation to Couples in recognition of his $20,000 donation. Stone and his colleagues presented Couples with a firefighter’s helmet.

“So the fact that we’re up on a ridgeline protecting your home and the zoo and all those other places up there by your house is what we do for a living,” he continued. “But for you to go past yourself and give back to the State of California is huge. We just thank you very much.”

Adding that the helmet was “cooler” than any trophy he had ever received, Couples said, “I don’t know any of these guys, but I donated some money. I live in Santa Barbara, and where I live they don’t protect your house because it’s up on the hill. But I had friends up there, so I bumped into these [firemen] and they were just coming back. I’ve never seen six or seven guys so beat up. I chose to give some money for that. I think I did it maybe the one year I played in The Presidents Cup, and I’ll certainly do it next year, too. That’s how this all started.”

Fred Couples (holding helmet) enjoyed meeting firefighters after his donation to the California Fire Foundation.
Two fallen Arizona firefighters being transported to California

The remains of two Granite Mountain Hotshot firefighters killed in an Arizona blaze were being flown back to California on Wednesday.

The bodies of Christopher MacKenzie and Kevin Woyjeck will be transported to the Joint Forces Training Base in Los Alamitos, where they will be met by family and firefighters wishing to pay respects.

“There are various traditions associated with the fire service. One of them is when they lose someone in the line of duty, everybody gathers around,” said Carroll Wills, communications director for the California Fire Foundation.

The plane, a National Guard C-130, is expected to land at 1 p.m. The event is open to the public.

Hearses will transport the remains of the two men from the base.

Cal Fire and the United States Forest Service will escort MacKenzie, 30, by way of a procession to a mortuary in his hometown of Hemet, according to a Cal Fire news release. MacKenzie is the son of

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A memorial service in his honor will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Ramona Bowl Amphitheater in Hemet.

The Los Angeles County Fire Department will escort Woyjeck, 21, to Long Beach, Wills said. Woyjeck’s father, Capt. Joe Woyjeck, serves with the department.

A memorial service for Woyjeck is being planned in Long Beach for July 19, said Inspector Anthony Akins, public information officer for the L.A. County Fire Department.

The families of MacKenzie and Woyjeck requested their sons be transported back as soon as possible, Wills said.

Three others on the team also hailed from California.

Sean Misner, 26, will be transported by ground later this week, Wills said.

Grant McKee, 21, and Robert Caldwell, 23, will be buried in Arizona, according to Wills, but a private memorial for the cousins will be held July 20 in Newport Beach.

Thousands attended a ceremony in Prescott Valley on Tuesday in honor of all 19 firefighters who died together.

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Thanksgiving Day fire in Long Beach kills dog, injures firefighter

Jake Heflin, public information officer for the Long Beach Fire Department, walks through a heavily damaged apartment after an early-morning fire Thursday. (Rick Loomis / Los Angeles Times)

By HAILEY BRANSON-POTTS

contact the reporter
An early-morning fire in a Long Beach condominium complex killed a dog and left several people displaced on Thanksgiving Day.

The three-alarm fire began around 3:30 a.m. in the 5400 block of Centralia Street, said Jake Heflin, a spokesman for the Long Beach Fire Department. At least two units were completely destroyed by the blaze, and several sustained significant water and smoke damage, Heflin said.

"It's never an easy thing to go through, but it magnifies the emotions since it's Thanksgiving," Heflin said. "It's not something you want to be thinking about going into the holiday season."

The fire is believed to have begun in a second-story unit and to have spread to the third floor, Heflin said. The occupant was at work at the time, and his dog was killed in the blaze, Heflin said. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

One firefighter sustained minor injuries to his chin, Heflin said. None of the complex's occupants were injured.

The Long Beach Fire Department gave $100 Mastercard gift cards to several families whose homes were at least 25% damaged, Heflin said. The gift cards are part of a new statewide program called Supplying Aid to Victims of Emergency (SAVE), funded by the nonprofit California Fire Foundation.

The gift cards, which are carried by battalion chiefs, are meant to help victims of disasters get a place to stay for the night or a warm meal, Heflin said.

"It allows the Fire Department to put an arm around them and say, 'Here's a small something to help you immediately,'" Heflin said.

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Gift cards can ‘SAVE’ victims of fire, disaster

Sun-Star Staff

The Merced Fire Department has joined in a partnership that will allow it to provide a gift card to the victims of a fire or natural disaster in an attempt to meet their most basic needs.

With help from the California Fire Foundation, the Fire Department is part of the Supplying Aid to Victims of Emergency program, or SAVE.

The department will distribute $100 gift cards to eligible victims of fire or other natural disasters in Merced so they can buy food, clothing, medicine or fill other immediate needs. Jim Evans, an engineer with the department, said the gift cards are given out immediately with no paperwork and “no questions asked” to homeowners or renters.

The gift cards are provided through the nonprofit foundation, so they are paid for through donations. No tax dollars are spent on the cards.

The Fire Department’s battalion chiefs will carry the gift cards on calls every day. If the department is called to an emergency in which a property has damage of more than 25 percent of its total value, a $100 gift card will be given to the resident – on the spot.

Evans said victims often lose credit cards, photo ID and other belongings in a fire, so the cards could be useful to them. “It’s the worst thing these families are going through,” he said.

Firefighters are directly involved with the fire victims and have an emotional and personal investment, he said, so the crews are glad to be able to lend a hand through the cards.

The California Fire Foundation is a nonprofit formed by the California Professional Firefighters in 1987. The SAVE program started this fall and operates in about 20 communities in California.
(AP) - A group of nonprofit organizations and businesses has started a crowdfunding campaign to assist families affected by the state's drought and wildfires.

The Fresno Bee reports the California Drought Relief Fund will support state relief organizations assisting families who are in need of water, primarily in the Central and Salinas valleys, and wildfire victims across the state.

The funds raised will be divided among three relief organizations. Self-Help Enterprises and the Environmental Justice Coalition for Water are providing households with clean water, temporary water storage tanks and arranging low-interest loans for new water well construction.

The California Fire Foundation supports firefighters and helps first responders provide cash relief to victims of fire and natural disaster.

Members of the public can support the California Drought Relief Fund by visiting www.droughtrelief.org.
Fontana's speedway supports firefighters

Posted: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 9:52 pm

Auto Club Speedway's partnership with the California Fire Foundation (CFF) raised more than $7,700 at this year's NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Auto Club 400 race to support the service and sacrifice made by firefighters.

"Our partnership with the CFF has been a rewarding experience," said Dave Allen, president of Auto Club Speedway. "It's an opportunity to honor our fallen heroes, support their families and provide the firefighting community a day of fun and entertainment during our NASCAR race weekend."

Allen said the Fontana track works closely with the first responder community to create special ticket packages in which a portion of the ticket price is collected as a donation to go back to select non-profits to support fallen peace officers, firefighters, and their families.

Auto Club Speedway's partnership with the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, California Fire Foundation and the California Peace Officers Memorial Foundation raised a total of more than $21,000 during the 2015 Auto Club 400 race to support the service and sacrifice made by first responders.

Each year during the Auto Club 400, a First Responder Appreciation hospitality area is located in the O' Reilly Auto Parts Fan Zone. First responders and families enjoyed a Q&A with NASCAR driver Aric Almirola, bagpipe performances, and fire truck and emergency vehicle displays.

Auto Club Speedway helps civic, school and charitable groups throughout Southern California.

In 2014, the Fontana facility raised nearly $250,000 to support local fund drives through its guest services and volunteer vendor programs. In addition, Auto Club Speedway supports a number of programs, such as Inland Empire United Way, Loma Linda Children's Hospital and Lefty's Reading Challenge -- a free literacy program reaching more than 133,000 students from 221 elementary schools in San Bernardino, Riverside and Los Angeles counties.

http://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/sports/article_2543887e-4177-11e5-9d38-1ffbc730366b.html?mode=print
Long Beach firefighters knocked down a blaze Monday that caused major damage to three apartments and displaced nine residents in the 3400 block of Ransom Street.

One firefighter also sustained a minor knee injury in the fire, which was determined to be accidental due to use of a portable heating device, according to Jacob Heflin, spokesman for the Long Beach Fire Department.

The department received a call around 12:25 p.m. of reports of a fire alarm in the area, and one minute later the call was upgraded to a reported structure fire, safety officials said.

Fire units arrived about four minutes later and reported heavy smoke and fire coming from an apartment on the second story of a three-story apartment complex. Firefighters confined the blaze to four units.

Heflin said there was an immediate exposure concern to adjoining apartments both next to and directly above the apartment where the fire started.

A second alarm for more support was called around 12:33 p.m. Firefighters put the blaze out around 1:10 p.m.

The injured firefighter was taken to a local hospital. Forty-seven firefighters were on scene.

Paramedics evaluated one resident who complained of smoke inhalation. Heflin said the resident didn't seek further medical care, and was released at the scene.

The American Red Cross Disaster Action Team provided support to the displaced residents. A $100 aid card was issued to three families that were displaced, through a statewide victim assistance program supported by the Fire Department, in partnership with the California Fire Foundation.
South LA Family Displaced From Home Due To Extensive Fire Damage

December 24, 2015 5:12 AM

SOUTH LOS ANGELES (CBSLA.com) — Authorities were working to relocate a South Los Angeles family Thursday after heavy flames damaged their home.

Shortly after 9 p.m. on Wednesday, firefighters were sent to a small, one-story home located in the 500 block of West 59th Place, according to the Los Angeles Fire Department.

Upon their arrival, crews located heavy flames burning at the rear of the property.

Twenty seven firefighters were able to extinguish the inferno in just under nine minutes.

No injuries were reported.

A preliminary investigation revealed a man, a woman and their two young daughters were able to escape from the fast-moving flames when they smelled smoke just before they went to sleep.

According to LAFD Spokesman Brian Humphrey, the home was not equipped with functional smoke alarms.

"It was a fortunate discovery," Humphrey said. "This could have been a deadly blaze."

The blaze is estimated to have caused $200,000 in damage. The family was left possessionless and temporarily homeless.

Due to the severity of the incident, Battalion Chief Ellsworth Fortman provided family with immediate monetary aid via the California Fire Foundation's SAVE Program. The American Red Cross is assisting with temporary placement.

Firefighters determined the failure or overloading of an electrical extension cord sparked the accidental fire to erupt within the three-bedroom home.
FAMILY OF 4 HOMELESS AFTER SOUTH LOS ANGELES FIRE

By ABC7.com staff

Thursday, December 24, 2015

SOUTH LOS ANGELES (KABC) -- A family of four was left homeless this Christmas Eve after a fire heavily damaged their home in South Los Angeles.

The fire broke out inside the three-bedroom, one-story residence in the 500 block of W. 59th Place at about 9:20 p.m. Wednesday night, authorities said.

The residents, including two girls, ages 3 and 4, were able to escape unharmed despite not having working smoke alarms.

"This could have been a deadly blaze," LAFD spokesman Brian Humphrey said.

It took 27 firefighters nine minutes to extinguish the fire, which was caused by a faulty or overloaded electrical extension cord. Damages were estimated at $150,000 to the structure and $50,000 to its contents.

The Red Cross and the California Fire Foundation's SAVE Program is assisting the family who was left temporarily homeless with crisis support and temporary placement assistance.
Check Out The Hottest Celeb Pics This Week!

Josh Brolin (L) and Kathryn Boyd attend the 4th Annual California Fire Foundation Gala at Avalon Hollywood on March 22, 2017 in Los Angeles, California.
The Fat Dog's Dogs for CA Firefighters

Written by Lisa

The Fat Dog is serving up some hot dogs for California's firefighters the entire month of September.

The www.nohoartsdistrict.com motto really should be:

“NoHo is only as great as its people.”

One of the special things about the NoHo Arts District is the unique businesses that call our neighborhood home. The Fat Dog North Hollywood is one of these unique and community minded restaurants.

Did you know?
The Fat Dog in North Hollywood (and their Fairfax restaurant) has created a special promotion for the month of September that will donate a portion of proceeds from each hot dog sold back to the California Fire Foundation to support Firefighter Appreciation month. The Foundation provides emotional and financial assistance to families of fallen firefighters, firefighters and the communities they protect. The public is also encouraged to support their local firefighters by donating at CAfirefoundation.org/thankafirefighter or by texting FIRE to 707070.

“We are honored to be a part of this worthy cause, they deal with potential tragedy on a daily basis, our lives and the livelihoods of others that patron our establishment regularly, are dramatically affected with ongoing fires that jeopardize our community in North Hollywood,” says The Fatdog owner and chef John Gladish. “Without these courageous men and women, our homes, businesses and communities would greatly suffer. We are also, grateful that our Fairfax location can also be a part of this great cause.”

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Eat Sliders & Support Firefighters At Coral Tree Cafe

Proceeds from the limited edition Firehouse Meatball Sliders in Beverly Hills & Brentwood will go towards the California Fire Foundation.

By Emily Holland (Patch Staff) - Updated September 25, 2017 5:09 pm ET

BEVERLY HILLS, CA – Coral Tree Cafe is celebrating Firefighter Appreciation Month! The restaurant is selling limited edition Firehouse Meatball Sliders throughout September, and a portion of proceeds from its sales will go towards supporting the California Fire Foundation.

The California Fire Foundation is a California-based non-profit that provides emotional and financial assistance to families of fallen firefighters, firefighters and the communities they protect. With our local firefighters deployed out helping those impacted by the recent Hurricanes and at the 20 fires throughout California, our support for them is needed more than ever, the press release said.

The promotion is running at Coral Tree Cafe locations in Brentwood and Beverly Hills. The Brentwood address is 11645 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, CA 90049. The Beverly Hills address is 225 S. Beverly Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90212. For more information, visit their website.

Photo courtesy of Coral Tree Cafe
California Firefighters Memorial adds 31 names

More than 1,300 Californians have died in the line of duty serving as firefighters and their names are etched on the California Firefighters Memorial in Capitol Park.

September 30, 2017

More than 1,300 Californians have died in the line of duty, serving as firefighters. Their names are etched on the California Firefighters Memorial, in Sacramento's Capitol Park and this weekend, that monument is gaining 31 more names.

Every year, the California Fire Foundation, which erected the memorial 15 years ago, adds names to the brushed limestone wall.

Carroll Wills, communications director for California Professional Firefighters, said most of the names in any given year are those of men and women who have fallen in the line of duty in the previous 18 months.

Among the fallen going onto the wall this year are four Central Valley firefighters: Sacramento Airport FD firefighter Timothy Anderson, Marysville firefighter Gerald Hartman, CAL FIRE firefighter Darwin Vargas of Turlock and U.S. Forest Service firefighter Michael Hallenbeck from the Tahoe Unit, who died fighting a wildfire near Echo Summit in 2015.

Regularly, however, there are names from decades past.

Since the monument is only 15 years old, Wills said, departments across the state are diving deep into their histories and finding the names of men and women who died in the line of duty, whose names are not yet on the wall.

David Terry is one of those historians. He's an engineer with Humboldt Bay Fire in Eureka, and he's in Sacramento this weekend for Saturday's memorial service.

ABC10 spoke with him Friday evening, at a candlelight walk from the Capitol's North Steps to the nearby memorial.

"We're going to be adding five of our brothers to the wall that are long overdue, (their deaths) spanning from 1934 all the way up to 1964," said Terry. "This is our opportunity to go back and make sure that they have a lasting name to having given the ultimate sacrifice."

He said he'd heard incomplete stories in his department about fallen firefighters, and he wanted to bring those men's stories to light and add their names to the wall.

In his meticulous research, he learned about 23-year-old Leonard Winslow, a young volunteer firefighter and electrician with the city of Eureka, who died en route to a fire when a vehicle hit the firetruck in which he was riding. The year was 1934.

He also learned of George "Pudgy" Davis, a Eureka Fire Department captain, who died in 1947 after suffering a series of paralytic strokes, which were brought on by a leg amputation he needed due to an injury he sustained in the line of duty.
Raymond Somma died in 1961. A 38-year veteran of the Eureka Fire Department, he was described as "one of the best and most fearless men in his department." He went home sick in April 1961 due to a heart condition that would ultimately, later that year, take his life.

1964 claimed two men from the Eureka Fire Department. Robert McGillivray died from cardiac arrest. At the time, he was the department's most senior member.

Lt. Adolph Oss died after suffering multiple heart attacks while on shift. Oss' daughter Edythe Olsen was just 23 at the time. She got the call earlier this year from David Terry that he'd found her father's story and wanted to add his name to the California Firefighters Memorial.

"Finding living relatives...that was the challenging part," said Terry. He found them spread all over the country.

Olsen, however, now lives in Cameron Park in El Dorado County and attended Friday's candlelight walk to the memorial.

"I wish I would've bought stock in Kleenex. I've cried from the time David first called me," she said, smiling as Terry put his arm around her shoulder. "It's been very bittersweet. It's brought back a lot of memories...It's a memory of a wonderful man, who gave me a great gift even though I lost him when I was 23. He taught me a lot, and he continues to do so. He's in my heart always."

She said she wanted people to know, "my father loved his job."

"These guys laid down their lives," Terry said. "They kissed and hugged their families goodbye and that was the last they saw of them, and they deserve to be on that wall."

The public memorial ceremony is at 11:30 a.m. in Capitol Park. It will also be live-streamed online. The memorial's program is available online HERE. The list of 31 names going on the memorial wall is HERE. Memorial information - and a link to the live stream - is HERE.

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On Saturday, the California Firefighters Memorial Ceremony honored 31 California firefighters who died in the line of duty, adding their names to more than 1,300 already inscribed on the limestone wall in Sacramento’s Capitol Park.

The memorial bears the names of California firefighters who have died in the line of duty since California became a state in 1850.

'We can never say 'thank you' enough to the brave men and women who give service - and their lives - to keep us safe," said Attorney General Xavier Becerra. "Today we memorialize 31 firefighters who answered the call...and offer our promise that their courage and sacrifice will never be forgotten."

The wall – first unveiled in 2002 – is the site of an annual ceremony sponsored by the California Fire Foundation, a nonprofit organization created by California Professional Firefighters in 1987.

"The dedication and honor of the men and women we remember today cannot remain inside the walls of the firehouse – it deserves to be on display for all to see," said Lou Paulson, chair of the California Fire Foundation and president of California Professional Firefighters. "Our fellow Californians will come to this hallowed place, see the names on this memorial, and never forget what it means to give 'the last true measure of devotion,'" he added.

The annual ceremony is conducted by the California Fire Foundation, a non-profit charitable organization created by California Professional Firefighters in 1987.

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Las Candelas, a women’s philanthropic organization, honored retiring President Ellyn Semler and celebrated incoming President Nancy Stone during a dinner at the Oakmont Country Club.

Semler thanked the members for their support of the group’s projects throughout her two-year tenure. She is taking on the parliamentarian office.

Stone said she looks forward to working with the members and plans to create a new website.

A highlight of the evening was introducing new provisional member Suzanne Slaughter of Glendale.

Las Candelas is made up of about 40 women. They give volunteer service and financial assistance to help improve the lives of children and youth in vulnerable situations and support their mental-health needs.

Members volunteer at Hillsides Education Center in Pasadena, Hathaway-Sycamores Family Service in Altadena and Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services in Glendale.

Las Candelas also gives financial support to Didi Hirsch, Ascencia, Glendale YWCA’s domestic violence shelter and Hillside’s Youth Moving On program.

The group has raised funds with a biennial luncheon/fashion show since 1957. The event typically draws more than 600 guests.

The next benefit will be March 4 at the Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel and will include a fashion show, a luncheon, a boutique featuring several vendors and a drawing for prizes all valued over $800.

For more information, contact Cathy Keen at (818) 240-2442.

Restaurant raises $14,000 for fire foundation

Fire Station No. 21 of the Glendale Fire Department was recently the recipient of a $14,000 check on behalf of the California Fire Foundation from its neighbor Panini Kabob Grill in Glendale.

The local restaurant was among many businesses across the state that participated in a recent fundraising campaign.

Chief Executive Mike Rafipoor said the restaurant was pleased to make the donation to its neighborhood heroes.

“We love seeing our local firefighters and police officers in the restaurant, and we couldn’t be happier to be helping out such an amazing organization,” Rafipoor said.

Panini Kabob Grill also offers a 30% discount to all firefighters and police officers.
“The support Panini Kabob Grill has shown for our firefighters is extremely generous and gratefully appreciated,” said Lou Paulson, chair of the California Fire Foundation, which provides emotional and financial assistance to families of fallen firefighters, firefighters and the communities they protect.

**Glendale Kiwanis Club earns top bowling team**

The Glendale Kiwanis Club received the first-place team trophy after participating in the Campbell Center’s 26th annual Bowl-A-Thon at Pickwick Bowl in Burbank.

Clients Gregory Just and Linda Roatch earned medals for first-place male and first-place female, respectively, in the client category.

Bowlers were matched with Campbell Center clients on their teams.

The Campbell Center partners with adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, empowering them to successfully gain independence.

**Soroptimist donates funds for mammograms**

Soroptimist International of Glendale recently presented proceeds from Fund the Need for Mammograms to three local hospitals.

Martha Wilson, vice president of service, presented the awards and certificates to hospital representatives Gayle Craig, Adventist Health Glendale’s Foundation; Erin Wolfson, philanthropy officer for Dignity Health Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center; and Kerri Yoder Hubbard, executive director/president USC Verdugo Hills Hospital.

The guest speaker was Dr. Dortha Chu, assistant clinical professor in the surgery department, division of surgical oncology, at City of Hope.

Her presentation, titled "Breast Cancer: Myths and Reality," was an in-depth look at the diagnosis and treatment of a disease that is still one of the leading causes of death for women in the United States.
California gets whiplash of disasters this year

By Madison Park, CNN
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Story highlights

- California has dealt with floodings, landslides, wildfires this year
- Homes, infrastructure have been destroyed

San Francisco (CNN) California just can't catch a break this year.

The year started with torrential rain that unleashed landslides and deadly flooding. The deluge destroyed roads, cut off the iconic Pacific Coast Highway and eroded key infrastructure.

Then the Golden State became extremely hot and dry -- marking its hottest summer ever and a fall heat wave that shattered all-time high records in the Bay Area.

In October, the most destructive fire in California history tore through wine country, as the series of wildfires killed 44 people and destroyed more than 5,000 buildings. Those fires account for more than $9 billion in claimed losses, the state's Department of Insurance announced Wednesday.

The Creek Fire burns on a hillside in the Shadow Hills neighborhood in Los Angeles. Strong Santa Ana winds are rapidly pushing multiple wildfires across the region.

And now Southern California is grappling with a series of massive, uncontrolled wildfires.

"It's been a year of extreme contrast in California," said Daniel Swain, a climate scientist at UCLA's Institute of the Environment and Sustainability.

It's been a whiplash of disasters, from drought, floods, and now massive wildfires. Gov. Jerry Brown declared an emergency seven times this year, due to such disasters, according to a count of his press releases.

Photos: Wildfires spread in Southern California
People watch as firefighters battle flames in Carpinteria, California, on Monday, December 11. Powerful Santa Ana winds and extremely dry conditions are fueling wildfires in Southern California in what has been a devastating year for such natural disasters in the state.

Battered by earth, wind and fire California has always had wildfires, but this year's unique combination of rain, heat and wind set off a cascade of events.

The state had been in a five-year drought -- that was officially declared over by the governor in April.

"Even though we're coming out of the drought, it doesn't mean some of the long-term impacts have gone away," said Lou Paulson, chairman of the California Fire Foundation. "There's over a 100 million dead trees in forest areas. Those trees are dying, mainly because those trees are stressed."
Those dying trees provide fuel on the ground for fires.

Flames rise near a home as a wildfire burns in Ventura.

Amid the rainfall in the beginning of the year, brush, grass and other plants grew thicker. But once summer arrived, the record heat parched these plants and the dense vegetation.

"The hot summer baked moisture out of everything and set the stage for the wind event to bring the devastating fires," Swain said.

The fire-friendly conditions were worsened by the powerful, gusty winds (the Diablo winds in Northern California and the Santa Ana winds in Southern California) that can drive sparks and ember, turning them into multiple infernos.

The quick transition from a big drought to an extremely wet winter, then back to record hot temperatures in the summer, had set up dry conditions, highly vulnerable to fire.

There's emerging evidence that such tumultuous swings between wet and dry extremes could become more common, Swain said.

"We're going to see more record warm summers and heat records. We're already seeing more of these things," he said.

Disasters before the wildfires

California has grappled with multiple disasters costing billions of dollars from floodings to landslides that buried portions of the Pacific Coast Highway and destroyed the Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge.

Inspectors check on the demolition of the Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge. It's since been cleared.

All the rain also forced water levels to rise to an unprecedented level at the Oroville dam. This prompted mass evacuations over concerns that it could gush out on residents living downstream. The spillway repair is an estimated $500 million, local media reported.

Photos: Damage to Oroville Dam spillway sparks flood fears

Water gushes over the primary spillway at Oroville Dam in Northern California. At least 188,000 people have been evacuated from nearby counties in recent days after erosion caused damage to two spillways and, combined with recent heavy rains, sparked fears of possible flooding.

CNN reached out to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services to get its assessment of the disasters this year, but did not hear back by the time of publication.
California Pizza Kitchen hosting two-day statewide fundraiser for wildfire victims

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. - California Pizza Kitchen is partnering with California Fire Foundation to host a two-day statewide fundraiser for wildfire victims.

The fundraiser will take place on Monday, January 8 and Tuesday, January 9.

Guests dining at CPK locations across California will be able to donate 20 percent of their bill toward the California Fire Foundation's efforts to provide assistance to families of fallen firefighters, firefighters and the communities they protect.
Dine at CPK, Support the California Fire Foundation

Eat at a participating California Pizza Kitchen on Jan. 8 or 9, 2018, and know that 20% of your bill will help an organization that helps the firefighting community.

By Alysia Gray Painter
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Eat at a participating California Pizza Kitchen on Jan. 8 or 9, 2018, and know that 20% of your bill will help fire relief.

WHAT TO KNOW

- Jan. 8 and 9, 2018
- Participating California Pizza Kitchens around California
- Dine in or take out, mention the fundraiser to your server, and 20% will go to the foundation

Giving heartfelt support to an organization that works to "...support those on the front lines and aid communities throughout California before, during, and after the alarm" is as straightforward and simple to do as visiting the California Fire Foundation site and making a donation.

There are also appreciation nights at Dodger Stadium, too, and other regional events that help the foundation in its mission to give "...emotional and financial assistance to families of fallen firefighters, firefighters, and the communities they protect."

And an event that's incredibly timely and helpful to many Golden State communities, communities that weathered the devastating fires in the fall and early winter of 2017, is happening as the second week of January begins. It's a California Fire Foundation fundraiser at participating California Pizza Kitchens throughout California, and it is happening all day long on both Monday, Jan. 8 and Tuesday, Jan. 9.

How to join in? Go to your local CPK (if they're participating; a quick call will confirm), order your favorite pizza or salad or any other menu item, and then tell your server that you'd like to play a part in the fundraiser.

What happens then? Twenty percent of your bill will go to supporting the foundation.
This is good for take out, too, and delivery, if you have your food delivered through CPK (and not a third party, do note). Just be sure to mention the foundation fundraiser when you order.

Beverages are included, too, in the ultimate donation amount on your bill. Just keep in mind that CPK airport locations aren't on the participant list, nor are those eateries located at universities.

How to help and show your dedication to this great organization ASAP? You can give at the California Fire Foundation site right now, or find other meaningful ways to get involved with an organization that bravely serves us all.
PRESS RELEASES

PG&E and California Fire Foundation Unite to Defend Against the Impacts of Climate Change

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SACRAMENTO, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) announced today that it has provided the California Fire Foundation (CFF) with $1 million for a grant program that will help firefighters throughout the state prepare for and prevent climate change-driven disasters by providing funding for programs such as fire-retardant roof incentives, land-use planning, community education and grass clearing.

“As California deals with the impacts of climate change, PG&E is committed to being there at every step, working to improve disaster response capabilities, helping to rebuild in the aftermath of extreme weather and natural disasters, and strengthening our communities’ resilience. The California Fire Foundation is a critical partner in these efforts, particularly in educating our communities about wildfire prevention and providing support to firefighters,” said PG&E Corporation CEO and President Geisha Williams.

The California Fire Foundation, a non-profit 501c3 organization, aids firefighters, their families and the communities they protect. The Foundation’s Firefighters on Your Side program, also supported by PG&E, provides bilingual fire safety print and video campaigns offering important steps the public can take to stay safe.

With this contribution, CFF will expand its programs by encouraging fire organizations from around the state to identify needs and apply for grant funding. Applications, which can be found HERE, must be submitted by June 15, 2018.

“PG&E and the California Fire Foundation believe in putting safety first. We’re all about improving public safety and reducing risks. This funding from PG&E will go a long way toward helping us help communities prepare for and prevent safety hazards caused by climate change,” said Lou Paulson, President of the California Professional Firefighters, who serves on PG&E’s community advisory group and on Gov. Jerry Brown’s California Fire Service Task Force on Climate Impacts.

PG&E’s community investments in support of its three-pronged approach to climate change—“Respond, Rebuild and Resilience”—includes practicing and improving its disaster preparedness and response, investing in more resilient gas and electric systems and leading the way on reducing greenhouse gas emissions as California works toward a clean, sustainable energy future.

California is experiencing the impacts of climate change, including drought and rising sea levels and more frequent and severe storms, heatwaves and wildfires. Across the state, more than 5,700 wildfires burned in 2016 and an estimated 6,500 burned in 2017, according to CALFIRE.
About PG&E

Pacific Gas and Electric Company, a subsidiary of PG&E Corporation (NYSE:PCG), is one of the largest combined natural gas and electric utilities in the United States. Based in San Francisco, with more than 20,000 employees, the company delivers some of the nation’s cleanest energy to nearly 16 million people in Northern and Central California. For more information, visit www.pge.com/ and www.pge.com/en/about/newsroom/index.page.

About California Fire Foundation

The California Fire Foundation, a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization, provides emotional and financial assistance to families of fallen firefighters, firefighters and the communities they protect. Formed in 1987 by California Professional Firefighters, the California Fire Foundation’s mandate includes an array of survivor and victim assistance projects and community initiatives.

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Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf is celebrating first responders by launching coffee and tea blends called "Heroes at Heart" in their honor.

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Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf is celebrating first responders by launching coffee and tea blends called "Heroes at Heart" in their honor.

The blends will be available from May 21 through July 8 and $1 from each in-store or online sale of the "Heroes at Heart" bag will go toward benefitting the first responders.

The "Heroes at Heart" is part of Coffee Bean's Caring Cup initiative, which gives back to communities the chain does business in.

"With the fires and mudslides that have devastated Southern California over the last six months, it is the perfect time to evolve the Caring Cup charitable initiative with the 'Heroes at Heart' program to benefit first responders and their families," said John Fuller, president and CEO of The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, in a statement.

Among the different organizations that the company is donating to are the California Fire Foundation and the California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation.

As far as taste goes, the coffee is described as a "dark and distinctive medium roast," while the tea comes with a peppermint taste.