



**THE CALIFORNIA FIRE FOUNDATION
Honors Fallen Firefighters Across California this October 2023
for California Firefighter Appreciation Month**

**The 2023 Annual California Firefighters Memorial Ceremony
is scheduled for Saturday, October 14, 2023, in Sacramento,
Honoring the following (35) Fallen Firefighters on the Memorial Wall**

The California Firefighters Memorial is a unique and stunning tribute to the more than 1500 firefighters who have died in the line of duty since California became a state in 1850.

2023 FALLEN FIREFIGHTER HONOREES

MATTHEW BRABO, Captain, CAL FIRE, Training Center - February 1, 2022
ANTHONY CANO, Firefighter Paramedic, **Lakeside** Fire Protection District - July 8, 2021
MIGUEL CERVANTES, Fire Engineer, **Rancho Cucamonga** Fire District - February 8, 2023
MATTHEW CLAPSADDLE, Firefighter Paramedic, **Ventura** Fire Department - August 20, 2022
PAUL CRIMMINS, Battalion Chief, **San Rafael** Fire Department - January 24, 2023
HENRY DOODY, Hoseman, **Oakland** Fire Department - September 18, 1939
BRIAN FALK, Captain, **Kern** County Fire Department - July 14, 2022
DANIEL GEARY, Firefighter, CAL FIRE, San Diego Unit - July 5, 2018
SCOTT GOMES, Captain, CAL FIRE, San Luis Obispo Unit - November 17, 2022
KARL HEGLE, Captain, **San Bernadino** County Fire Department - November 2, 2022
MICHAEL HORTON, Fire Marshal, **San Bernardino** County Fire Protection District - November 02, 2022
EARL JONES, Captain, **Oakland** Fire Department - December 26, 1944
HEATH KELLY, Firefighter/Paramedic, South **San Francisco** Fire Department - March 4, 2022
STEPHEN LEONG, Captain, **Fresno** Fire Department - December 31, 2015
STEVEN MCCANN, Captain, **Los Angeles** County Fire Department - February 9, 2022
PEDER MCELROY, Captain, **Branciforte** Fire Protection District - May 30, 2020
JOHN MCNELIS, Captain, **Barstow** Fire Protection District - December 21, 2022
ROBERTO V. MEDINA, Captain, **National City** Fire Department - May 1, 2022
TIMOTHY JAMES MROZINSKI, Chief, **Rocklin** Fire Department, Placer County - June 6, 2017
RUSSELL N. NAKAMURA, Firefighter, **Los Angeles** City Fire Department - July 7, 2022
MARCUS PACHECO, Assistant Fire Engine Operator, United States Forest Service, Lassen County - September 2, 2021
STEVEN PADGETT, Lieutenant, **Oakland** Fire Department - February 19, 2023
HOWARD PHEATTE, Foreman, **Oakland** Fire Department - September 13, 1884
NICKOLAS RAMIREZ III, Firefighter/Paramedic, **San Diego** City Fire Department - February 16, 2022
MATTHEW ROMINGER, Firefighter/Paramedic, Mountain Warfare Fire Department, **Mono** County - May 16, 2021
KYLE RUTHERFORD, Engineer, **Sacramento** Metropolitan Fire District - March 20, 2021
MARK SCHMIDT, Firefighter, **Kern** County Fire department - November 27, 2022
JACK SHEPPARD, Engineer, **San Ramon Valley** Fire Protection District - July 6, 2022
TIMOTHY STRACK, Captain, City of **Riverside** Fire Department - April 1, 2023
MICHAEL TOOLEY, Fire Apparatus Engineer, **Orange County** Fire Authority - November 16, 2022
VICTOR VEGA, Firefighter, **Richmond** Fire Department, Contra Costa County - November 7, 2005
JEFFREY VITTI, Captain, **Sacramento** Metropolitan Fire District - June 1, 2021
STEPHEN WAKEFIELD, Fire Chief, Crescent City Fire Rescue - April 26, 2019
JAMES WALDMEIER, Fire Chief, City of **San Luis Obispo** - October 7, 1956
JERRY G. WELTON, Firefighter, **Monrovia** Fire and Rescue - September 21, 2022

For a list of all Fallen Officers on the Memorial Wall, please visit:

<https://www.cafirefoundation.org/what-we-do/for-firefighters-and-families/california-firefighters-memorial/search-fallen>

Additional information available upon request.