



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

FALLEN FIREFIGHTER HONOREES – BY REGION

LOS ANGELES

MIGUEL CERVANTES, Fire Engineer, **Rancho Cucamonga** Fire District - [February 8, 2023](#)
MATTHEW CLAPSADDLE, Firefighter Paramedic, **Ventura** Fire Department - [August 20, 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](#)
STEVEN MCCANN, Captain, **Los Angeles** County Fire Department - [February 9, 2022](#)
JOHN MCNELIS, Captain, **Barstow** Fire Protection District - [December 21, 2022](#)
RUSSELL N. NAKAMURA, Firefighter, **Los Angeles** City Fire Department - [July 7, 2022](#)
TIMOTHY STRACK, Captain, City of **Riverside** Fire Department - [April 1, 2023](#)
MICHAEL TOOLEY, Fire Apparatus Engineer, **Orange County** Fire Authority - [November 16, 2022](#)
JERRY G. WELTON, Firefighter, **Monrovia** Fire and Rescue - [September 21, 2022](#)

SAN FRANCISCO

PAUL CRIMMINS, Battalion Chief, **San Rafael** Fire Department - [January 24, 2023](#)
HENRY DOODY, Hoseman, **Oakland** Fire Department - [September 18, 1939](#)
PEDER MCELROY, Captain, **Branciforte** Fire Protection District - [May 30, 2020](#)
EARL JONES, Captain, **Oakland** Fire Department - [December 26, 1944](#)
HEATH KELLY, Firefighter/Paramedic, South **San Francisco** Fire Department - [March 4, 2022](#)
STEVEN PADGETT, Lieutenant, **Oakland** Fire Department - [February 19, 2023](#)
HOWARD PHEATTE, Foreman, **Oakland** Fire Department - [September 13, 1884](#)
JACK SHEPPARD, Engineer, **San Ramon Valley** Fire Protection District - [July 6, 2022](#)
VICTOR VEGA, Firefighter, **Richmond** Fire Department, Contra Costa County - [November 7, 2005](#)

SAN DIEGO

ANTHONY CANO, Firefighter Paramedic, **Lakeside** Fire Protection District - [July 8, 2021](#)
DANIEL GEARY, Firefighter, CAL FIRE, San Diego Unit - [July 5, 2018](#)
ROBERTO V. MEDINA, Title, **National City** Fire Department - [May 1, 2022](#)
NICKOLAS RAMIREZ III, Firefighter/Paramedic, **San Diego** City Fire Department - [February 16, 2022](#)

SACRAMENTO

MATTHEW BRABO, Captain, CAL FIRE, Training Center - [February 1, 2022](#)
TIMOTHY JAMES MROZINSKI, Chief, **Rocklin** Fire Department, Placer County - [June 6, 2017](#)
KYLE RUTHERFORD, Engineer, **Sacramento** Metropolitan Fire District - [March 20, 2021](#)
JEFFREY VITTI, Captain, **Sacramento** Metropolitan Fire District - [June 1, 2021](#)

SANTA BARBARA/SLO

SCOTT GOMES, Captain, CAL FIRE, San Luis Obispo Unit - [November 17, 2022](#)
JAMES WALDMEIER, Fire Chief, City of **San Luis Obispo** - [October 7, 1956](#)

FRESNO

STEPHEN LEONG, Captain, **Fresno** Fire Department - [December 31, 2015](#)
MATTHEW ROMINGER, Firefighter/Paramedic, Mountain Warfare Fire Department, **Mono** County - [May 16, 2021](#)

BAKERSFIELD

BRIAN FALK, Captain, **Kern** County Fire Department - [July 14, 2022](#)
MARK SCHMIDT, Firefighter, **Kern** County Fire department - [November 27, 2022](#)

REDDING/CHINO

MARCUS PACHECO, Assistant Fire Engine Operator, United States Forest Service, Lassen County - [September 2, 2021](#)

EUREKA

STEPHEN WAKEFIELD, Fire Chief, **Crescent City** Fire Rescue - [April 26, 2019](#)