

# IAFF Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial Foundation

The IAFF Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial Foundation was founded in 1976 to recognize and honor past and future professional fire fighters and emergency medical personnel who are killed in the line of duty and to provide funds and assistance to the surviving spouses and children of those members.

In 1986, the IAFF and the Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial Foundation completed a permanent tribute to its members, the IAFF Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial, located in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The centerpiece of the Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial is a bronze likeness of a fire fighter descending a ladder while cradling an infant in one arm. Towering 20 feet above the park's surface, "Somewhere, Everyday" epitomizes the courage and bravery displayed daily by professional fire fighters across the continent. In 1989, the IAFF erected the first of two granite walls to bear the names of fallen IAFF members. The names of brothers and sisters killed in the line of duty have been etched here since. Although thousands have died throughout our union's history, the names on this wall date back only through 1976, when the U.S. federal government first began tracking line-of-duty deaths in the fire service.

Additional upgrades over the final years of the 20th century transformed this tribute to our fallen family members into a memorial of international stature. Paving stone, monument lighting, flag standards and walkways now beautify this hallowed place, creating an atmosphere of dignity and reverence for all who visit. As the original wall has filled to near capacity with names of fallen heroes, a second wall was erected just a few steps from the original wall of honor. In a ceremony fraught with irony, this new memorial wall was dedicated on September 15, 2001, four days after terrorist attacks claimed 347 of our New York City brothers. The Memorial Foundation has plans to add to the memorial sites all the names of professional fire fighters and emergency medical personnel who have died since the founding of the IAFF in 1918. Currently, there are 1,775 names of fallen IAFF members on the wall.

Each September, the IAFF conducts a solemn ceremonial service at the Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial and Wall of Honor to honor the sacrifice made by professional fire fighters and paramedics who have given their lives in the line of duty during the previous year.

The IAFF Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial Foundation is governed by an eight-member Board of Directors and is chaired by IAFF General President Harold A. Schaitberger. Its offices are located at the IAFF headquarters in Washington, DC and in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The IAFF Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial Foundation is a 501(c)(3) Corporation. Tax deductible contributions can be sent to:

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