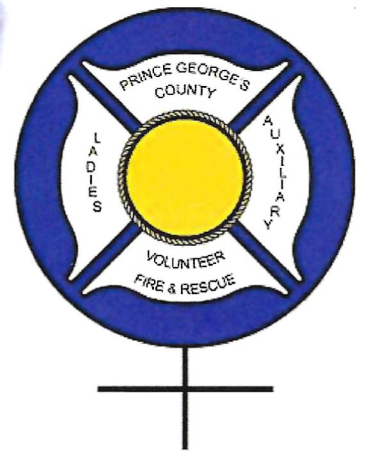




Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service And Roll Call of the Founders



September 24, 2022

The Prince George's County Fallen Firefighters Memorial

Dedicated in October 1990, the Prince George's County Fallen Firefighters Memorial stands in the entrance circle to the Cranford/Graves Fire Services Building in Landover Hills. The memorial is in memory of those individuals who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the protection of life and property in Prince George's County, Maryland.

Work on the Prince George's County Fallen Firefighters Memorial began in the Spring of 1988 when Department personnel were directed to research the methods and styles that others have chosen to honor line of duty deaths. This study eventually included input from over twenty separate communities nationwide. Department personnel reviewed the various designs and features and determined that, with this knowledge,

Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department could create an original design utilizing the talents that existed within our Department. This method was chosen in an effort to convey the pride and spirit unique to Prince George's County's Combination Career and Volunteer Fire/Rescue System. Designs were completed and submitted for approval by late summer 1988.

An effort was undertaken to find a Prince George's County-based artisan to bring the Department's design to completion. Paul Vricella, owner of Art and Stone, Incorporated, of Fort Washington, was selected. A list of the previous projects that Paul has worked on includes the reflecting pool in front of the County Administration Building and a bronze and marble mosaic on the main chapel floor of the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. Paul acted as Project Contractor to oversee the completion of the memorial, as well as doing all final engraving on the finished stone. The memorial is hewn from a single block of Texas Red Granite that was quarried in Southwestern Texas. Before cutting, the stone weighed approximately 23 tons. The stone was shipped from its quarry to Quality Monument Sales in Elberton, Georgia, where it was cut and polished by Philip Reid. Site preparation and installation of the walkway and flagpoles were completed, from the Department's designs, by Lloyd Flemming of Art and Stone. Landscaping was completed by Janet Gaskins of Landscape Designs, Incorporated.

The Founders Circle

In October 1998, a ring of stones representing the volunteer and career organizations that make up the Prince George's County Fire/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department was added to the monument. Annually, these organizations submit the names of deceased members who made significant contributions to the betterment of the Department. Each year, up to ten names will be selected for honor on the Founders' Circle.

September 11, 2001 Memorial

On the one-year anniversary of the attack on our nation, a memorial was placed in the memorial circle dedicated "In memory of those who gave their lives on September 11, 2001."

Prince George's County
2022 Founders Circle Inductees

Chief Robert G. Mutchler
Volunteer Fire Department of Mount Rainier

Chief Leonard A. Johnson, Jr.
Brentwood Volunteer Fire Department

Chief Joseph R. Robison
Laurel Volunteer Fire Department Number One

Chief John G. Richardson, Sr.
Riverdale Heights Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad

Glenn E. Swisher
Glenn Dale Fire Association

Joyce A. Thorne
Forestville Volunteer Fire Department Number One Ladies Auxiliary

Chief Harry R. Ritter, Jr.
Accokeek Volunteer Fire Department

Mary R. Burton*
Ladies Auxiliary to the Landover Hills Volunteer Fire Department

Chief Nicholas C. Finamore
Allentown Road Volunteer Fire Department

Chief Phillip H. Carr
Baden Volunteer Fire Department

** Denotes Founding Member*

Line of Duty Honor Roll Memoriam

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| <i>Vol. Fire Capt. B. Wesley Cranford</i> | <i>Upper Marlboro</i> | <i>October 25, 1930</i> |
| <i>Vol. Firefighter Clarence Joneston</i> | <i>Bladensburg</i> | <i>September 1, 1937</i> |
| <i>Vol. Firefighter Robert Lohman</i> | <i>Bladensburg</i> | <i>April 1, 1944</i> |
| <i>Vol. Firefighter Clinton D. Walker, Sr.</i> | <i>Berwyn Heights</i> | <i>March 25, 1945</i> |
| <i>Vol. Firefighter Jesse Lovejoy</i> | <i>Berwyn Heights</i> | <i>November 13, 1945</i> |
| <i>Vol. Firefighter John Hamer</i> | <i>Landover Hills</i> | <i>January 21, 1949</i> |
| <i>Vol. Firefighter William R. Stainback</i> | <i>Hyattsville</i> | <i>October 21, 1953</i> |
| <i>Vol. Firefighter John T. Streets</i> | <i>Hyattsville</i> | <i>October 21, 1953</i> |
| <i>Vol. Firefighter John H. Leyh</i> | <i>Berwyn Heights</i> | <i>July 12, 1956</i> |
| <i>Vol. Fire Chief William H. Wells</i> | <i>District Heights</i> | <i>September 10, 1958</i> |
| <i>Vol. Fire Chief James A. Melton</i> | <i>Branchville</i> | <i>November 30, 1959</i> |
| <i>Vol. Firefighter Gerald Britton</i> | <i>Riverdale Heights</i> | <i>May 14, 1960</i> |
| <i>Vol. Firefighter Dennis M. Boswell</i> | <i>Tuxedo-Cheverly</i> | <i>November 12, 1963</i> |
| <i>Vol. Firefighter Phillip E. Tierney</i> | <i>Boulevard Heights</i> | <i>June 6, 1967</i> |
| <i>Vol. Firefighter Robert J. Harmon, Jr.</i> | <i>Chillum – Adelphi</i> | <i>August 10, 1969</i> |
| <i>Vol. Firefighter C. Robert Hobstetter</i> | <i>Chillum – Adelphi</i> | <i>August 10, 1969</i> |
| <i>Vol. Firefighter Richard L. Whittington</i> | <i>Clinton</i> | <i>October 23, 1971</i> |
| <i>Vol. Firefighter James M. Herbert</i> | <i>Clinton</i> | <i>October 23, 1971</i> |
| <i>Vol. Firefighter Charles R. Hoffman</i> | <i>Tuxedo-Cheverly</i> | <i>August 6, 1972</i> |
| <i>Vol. Firefighter George P. Duvall, III</i> | <i>Cottage City</i> | <i>December 11, 1972</i> |
| <i>Vol. Firefighter Dennis M. Mandragos</i> | <i>Baden</i> | <i>July 10, 1973</i> |
| <i>Vol. Firefighter Mark W. Van Tassel</i> | <i>Baden</i> | <i>July 10, 1973</i> |
| <i>Vol. Firefighter Richard W. Myers</i> | <i>Baden</i> | <i>July 10, 1973</i> |
| <i>Vol. Firefighter Raymond H. Smallwood</i> | <i>Accokeek</i> | <i>January 1, 1976</i> |
| <i>Vol. Firefighter James M. O'Conner</i> | <i>Upper Marlboro</i> | <i>June 15, 1978</i> |
| <i>Vol. Firefighter Donald A. Bowen</i> | <i>P.G. F&EMS</i> | <i>January 12, 1980</i> |
| <i>Career Firefighter Thomas L. Graves, Jr.</i> | <i>West Lanham Hills</i> | <i>April 16, 1980</i> |
| <i>Vol. Firefighter Michael P. McCarthy</i> | <i>Morningside</i> | <i>September 12, 1983</i> |
| <i>Vol. Firefighter Alan P. Sondej</i> | <i>Hyattsville</i> | <i>March 16, 1988</i> |
| <i>Vol. Deputy Chief James G. Yvorra</i> | <i>Berwyn Heights</i> | <i>January 29, 1989</i> |
| <i>Vol. Firefighter Kenneth M. Hedrick</i> | <i>Morningside</i> | <i>January 12, 1992</i> |
| <i>Vol. Firefighter Leonardo Maguigad</i> | <i>Allentown Road</i> | <i>March 2, 1996</i> |
| <i>Fire Commissioner Charles B. Burton</i> | <i>Landover Hills</i> | <i>November 29, 1999</i> |
| <i>Vol. Firefighter Clarence Kreitzer</i> | <i>Bowie</i> | <i>September 24, 2001</i> |
| <i>Vol. President William Howzdy</i> | <i>Glenn Dale</i> | <i>October 25, 2001</i> |
| <i>Career Emer. Res. Tech. Nadar Hammett</i> | <i>P. G. F & EMS</i> | <i>December 1, 2003</i> |
| <i>Vol. Fire Chief Paul H. Thorne, Sr.</i> | <i>Forestville</i> | <i>October 25, 2005</i> |
| <i>Vol. President George H. Linnell</i> | <i>Landover Hills</i> | <i>April 13, 2007</i> |
| <i>Vol. Firefighter James D. Brooks</i> | <i>Vol. Marine Fire Rescue</i> | <i>January 15, 2014</i> |
| <i>Career Lieutenant John E. Ulmschneider</i> | <i>P.G.F. & E.M.S.</i> | <i>April 15, 2016</i> |
| <i>Career Captain Christopher E. Hill</i> | <i>P.G.F. & E.M.S.</i> | <i>July 21, 2016</i> |
| <i>Career Firefighter Jesse W. McCullough</i> | <i>P.G.F. & E.M.S.</i> | <i>October 9, 2018</i> |