



Canadian Fallen Firefighters Foundation

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2008 Ceremony

This year's annual national ceremony to be held on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Sunday September 14 will honour 16 Canadian firefighters who died in the line of duty in 2007. Included in this group will be Ontario volunteer firefighter Deputy Chief William Salmond from Flinton, Ontario. Bill was killed in a tanker accident responding to a fire call on August 5, 2007. Bill's family will be brought to Ottawa by the Foundation to take part in the weekend activities including the national ceremony. This year's honorary host will be the Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services. We look forward to seeing members of the F.F.A.O. again this fall. The anchor hotel will once again be the Ottawa Sheraton. Please check our web site for further info.

National Monument

The letter writing campaign to the Government is continuing. Action by the Ministry of Heritage to expedite our request for funding has stalled. Many M.P. s, families of the fallen and firefighters in general have written in response to our request to have the Government fund a portion of the cost to build the national monument. If you have not already sent a letter please send one to keep the pressure on. Thanks to all those that have already written. The monument design competition is on hold until talks with Heritage are concluded.

Fundraising

Donations are needed to meet the goals of the Foundation which included building the national memorial and paying all expenses to bring the families of the firefighters being honoured to the ceremony. These goals can only be completed with your help. Please continue to encourage donations to the Foundation. If you have any local fundraising ideas please contact your regional rep for help.

Elections

Foundation elections were held at their AGM in May. Robert Kirkpatrick, formerly the Ontario rep, was elected national President. Robert is a Captain with Mississauga. Retired Vancouver Division Chief, Doug Wylie, was elected 1st Vice President, while volunteer Fire Chief Mike McKenna, from Ayers Cliff, PQ, was elected 2nd Vice President. Sandy Lethbridge and Doug Lock, both from Ottawa, remained as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. New Board members include DND firefighter Wayne Jasper from Esquimalt, BC and John Sobey from Ottawa. David Sheen from Toronto has taken over as the Ontario area representative.

Remember "public safety is our duty, firefighter safety is our responsibility."

Stay Safe!