



Canadian Fallen Firefighters Foundation

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2009 Ceremony

This year's annual national ceremony was held on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Sunday September 13. Ten Canadian firefighters who died in the line of duty in 2007 and 2008 were honoured. Included in this group were Ontario Fire Chiefs William Elliott from West Perth and Gary Morden from Mississauga as well as District Chief Robert Leek from Toronto. The families of the fallen were brought to Ottawa by the Foundation and took part in the weekend activities including the national ceremony. This year's honorary host was Brampton Fire & Emergency Services who did a great job acting as honorary host city. F.F.A.O. member Bill Burns took part in the headdress party and made a presentation to one of the families being honoured. We look forward to seeing members of the F.F.A.O. again next year when Calgary will act as honorary host. The anchor hotel will once again be the Ottawa Sheraton. Please check our web site for further info.

Canadian Firefighters Memorial

The Federal Government approved our funding request for the Canadian Firefighters Memorial on September 14. The government's grant of \$2.5 million through the Ministry of Heritage's Commemoration Program will be added to the Foundation's \$1.1 million already raised to ensure completion of the memorial. The grant money goes specifically to costs in the memorial budget and does not go to the Foundation directly. The Foundation must raise approximately \$600,000 in the next three years, depending on the final cost of the project, for costs not covered by the Commemoration Program. A national design competition run in conjunction with the National Capital Commission will commence shortly to determine what the memorial will look like. We anticipate unveiling of the memorial in 2012. Please visit our website for updates. Thanks to all those who wrote the government to fund this project.

Fundraising

Although the Canadian Firefighters memorial project has received significant funding, donations are still needed to meet the other goals of the Foundation which include a maintenance fund for the national memorial, operating the national memorial service which includes paying all expenses to bring the families of the firefighters being honoured to the ceremony, and the firefighter scholarship program. These goals can only be completed with your help. Please continue to encourage donations to the Foundation and check our website for information on fundraising events and other activities. If you have any local fundraising ideas please contact the Foundation's Ontario representative, Dave Sheen from Toronto Fire Services.

Thanks to all those members of F.F.A.O. who help us reach these goals!

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

Stay Safe!