

Request for Names of Fallen Firefighters for National Memorial

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Ottawa, Ontario— The Canadian Fallen Firefighters Foundation (CFFF) is asking all Canadian fire departments and associations to verify the names of all firefighters who have died in the line of duty since 1848.

The names will be etched onto Canadian Firefighters Memorial, which is scheduled for unveiling in 2012. The official list can be found at www.cfff.ca.

“We want to make sure we honour all firefighters whose deaths have been confirmed as line of duty deaths,” said Captain Robert Kirkpatrick, the President of the CFFF. “We’re therefore asking Canadian Fire Service personnel to check the names. If they find a name missing, we’re asking that they submit an online application as soon as possible.”

In order to meet the 2012 deadline, the Foundation has one year to verify the nearly 1,000 names that will be on the Memorial.

The Memorial was announced last fall, after the Foundation raised \$1 million and the Canadian government awarded a grant of \$2.5 million. Captain Kirkpatrick is confident the Foundation will be able to raise the additional \$500,000 to complete the project.

Firefighters who died in the line of duty after 2003, but who have not yet been honoured, may also be eligible to be included in the national ceremony which is held annually on the second Sunday in September. The cut off date for this year’s ceremony is March 15, 2010.

The Foundation subsidizes the expenses for the families of these firefighters to attend the ceremony in Ottawa. A family of any firefighter who died after 2003, also has the option to attend at any upcoming ceremony and may defer their attendance for several years.

Applications may be completed by family members or representatives of individual fire departments or firefighter associations. For more information on the application process or the ceremony weekend, please contact lodd@cfff.ca or call the CFFF at 613-786-3024. Help us remember them on the Canadian Firefighters Memorial so they will ***never be forgotten***.

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