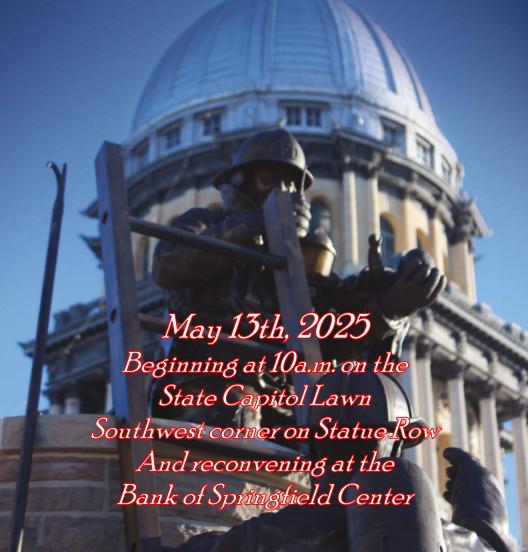
# The 32nd Annual Illinois Fallen Firefighter Memorial

Firefighting Medal of Honor Awards Ceremony



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#### Illinois Fallen Firefighter Monument

Welcome Timothy S. Clemens, Wilmette Fire Department (Ret)
Presentation of the Colors Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois Honor Guard
Invocation Father John Ouper
Remarks Constitutional Officers
Laying of the Wreath Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois Honor Guard
Dismiss to the Bank of Springfield Center

#### Bank of Springfield Center

Welcome	Chief James G. Grady, III
Posting of the Colors	Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois Honor Guard
The Pledge of Allegiance	Led by Chief James G. Grady, III
Introductions	Chief James G. Grady, III
Honoring Past and Present Firefig	ghters Governor JB Pritzker
Remarks	State Fire Marshal James A. Rivera
Invocation	Father John Ouper
Bell Ceremony	Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois Honor Guard
Gold Badge Presentation	State Fire Marshal James A. Rivera

"Taps"	Kirsten Clemens
	Ben King

Recognition of Retiring AFFI Drum M	Major State Fire Marshal James A	4. Rivera
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Presentation of the Certificate of Recognition

Presentation of the Firefighter Excellence Unit Citation Award

Presentation of the Firefighter Excellence Award

Medal of Honor Committee & Memorial Foundation

#### Musical Tribute

Presentation of the Fire & Life Safety Awar	d State Fire Marshal James A. Rivera
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Closing Remarks	Chief James G. Grady, III
Retire the Colors	Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois Honor Guard
Luncheon	BOS Center, Main Floor

## Line of Duty Death Gold Badge



The Gold Badge is presented to the families of firefighters who died while in, or as a result of, the performance of their duty.

## Honoree

Firefighter Cristian Medrano

Aurora Fire Department

## Certificate of Recognition

The Certificate of Recognition acknowledges those nominated for their dedication to the principles and traditions of the fire service, to the state and the community, with honor and integrity.

#### Recipients

Deputy Chief Brett Haller
Barrington Countryside Fire Protection District

Paramedic Field Chief Joseph DiGiovanni Chicago Fire Department

Paramedic Field Chief David Ernst
Chicago Fire Department

Chief Joshua Light, Assistant Chief Brandon Dalton, Captain Breyer Clark, Lieutenant Billy Dalton, FF/EMR Charles Risley, FF/EMT Logan Campbell, FF/EMT Dustin Dahmer, FF/EMT Anne Light, FF/EMT Harold Sweet, FF Andrew Bonnell, FF Braeden Dalton, FF Richard "Red" Davenport, FF Peyton Deom, FF Paul Martin, FF Jason Travis, FF Steve Walker, EMT Ladonna Risley, Dispatcher Sean Lane, Deputy Devin Graves Rural Pope County EMS & Rural Pope County Fire Protection District

## Firefighter Excellence Unit Citation Award

The Firefighter Excellence Unit Citation Award is awarded for an act of service in the line of duty, demonstrating excellence, teamwork, and professionalism in service to the citizens of the State of Illinois.

#### Recipients

Bolingbrook Fire Department Incident #24-04216
Lieutenant Jasson Pech, FF/PMMark Lyman, FF/PMTara Moser, FF/PMSteve Whited

Galesburg Fire Department Incident #24-000147
FF Kyle Harms, FF Kyle McGee, FF Josh Webber

Lincolnshire Riverwoods Fire Protection District Incident #24-00014250
Battalion Chief Jason McKenna, Lieutenant Alex Nunez, Lieutenant John McWilliams,
FF/PM Ben Blonsky, FF/PM Steve Burnell, FF/PM Kevin Haltman, FF/PM Chase Hellinger,
FF/PM Ted Kazeos, FF/PM Scott Schmidt, FF Candidate Michael Jack, FF Candidate Kevin Jacks

Streator Fire Department Incident #24-463230
Captain Fred McClellan, Lieutenant Tim Redd, FF Jeff Arendell, FF TJ Renner, FF Ian Rogers

Taylorville Fire Department Incident #24-01945
FF Lucas Smalley, FF Andrew Watson, FF Kobe Wheaton

## Firefighter Excellence Award

The Firefighter Excellence Award is awarded for an act of service in the line of duty, demonstrating excellence and professionalism in service to the citizens of the State of Illinois.

#### Recipients

Captain Derek Strohl
Buffalo Fire Protection District

FF/EMT Matthew Nee FF/EMT Anthony Torres Chicago Fire Department

Captain Justin Moffitt
FF Tyler Brackett
FF Nicholas Morrissey
Galesburg Fire Department

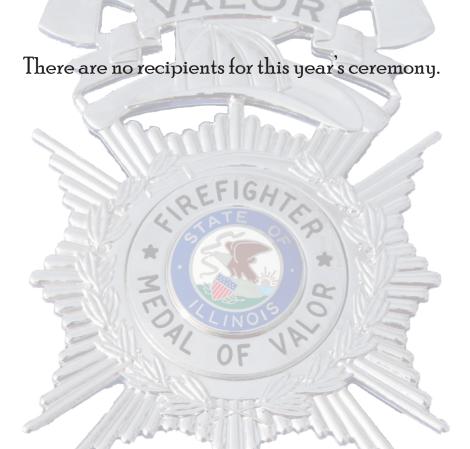
Captain Ryan Reynolds
Lieutenant Edward Levy
FF Russell Callahan
Streator Fire Department

Assistant Chief Cody Rogers
Taylorville Fire Department

Deputy Chief Todd Friddle
Lieutenant Dan Rozak
Lieutenant Dalton Schulz
FF/PM Matthew Shroba
Wilmington Fire Department



The Medal of Valor award is given by the State of Illinois to a firefighter for an act of heroism or bravery that clearly demonstrated courage and dedication in the face of danger while in the performance of duty.



### Medal of Honor

The Medal of Honor is the highest award given by the State of Illinois to a firefighter for an act of outstanding bravery or heroism, by which the firefighter has demonstrated in great degree the characteristics of selflessness and personal courage above and beyond the call of duty, under adverse conditions, with the possibility of extreme personal risk.



There are no recipients for this year's ceremony.



## Office of the State Fire Marshal Fire & Life Safety Award

The Fire & Life Safety Award is presented to recognize the extraordinary efforts in furtherance of fire prevention and life safety by fire departments, firefighters, and staff from the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal.

#### Recipients

#### James Bentley

Administration

Petroleum & Chemical Safety Division Manager Office of the State Fire Marshal

#### Aaron Brown

Operations

Fire Prevention Inspector II Office of the State Fire Marshal

#### Thomas Langdon

Fire Department

Engineer Village of Lansing



## Dedicated to the Firefighters of Illinois

In 1993, the Illinois Fire Services Association unanimously agreed that a monument should be erected to serve as the official memorial on the grounds adjacent to the State Capitol Building. The Firefighting Medal of Honor Committee, appointed by the Governor, assumed the responsibility of bringing the memorial to reality.

Working with the Secretary of State's office, the Office of the State Fire Marshal, and a nationally recognized sculptor, the committee developed a design concept to transform the site into a memorial in which the fire service of Illinois would be proud. The Illinois Firefighter Memorial is dedicated to the firefighters of Illinois, who have given their lives in the line of duty and to those firefighters who heroically serve with courage, pride, and honor.

The artist was commissioned to design and construct an original bronze work of art consisting of four life-size figures of firefighters in full gear, a child, a ladder, and hose. Each adult figure is approximately 6'2" tall if in a standing position and represents the firefighters in full protective clothing, in action.

The art was created through the "lost wax" method of bronze casting and is finished in an antique bronze fire-on patina suitable for exterior exhibition, signed and dated by the artist. The figures are situated on a cairn 14 feet high consisting of Renaissance stone. There are 2,400 red paver bricks which are enclosed by a two foot high wall with capstones engraved with contributor's names.

It is here, at the Illinois Firefighter Memorial, that we honor those who have made the supreme sacrifice.

### Firefighting Medal of Honor Committee

The Governor of Illinois appoints the Firefighting Medal of Honor Committee, established by PA 86–1230, consisting of the State Fire Marshal, Fire Commissioner of the City of Chicago, fire chiefs, representatives of fire service organizations, and retirees.

Timothy S. Clemens Jay Coburn Demond Dade Daniel Fortuna James G. Grady, III Annette Nance-Holt James A. Rivera Mick Smith Rick Welle Wilmette Fire Department (Ret.)
Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois
Chief, Urbana Fire Department
Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois
Illinois Fire Chiefs Association
Fire Commissioner, City of Chicago
State Fire Marshal
Chief, Richton Park Fire Department
Edwardsville Fire Department (Ret.)

## Firefighter Memorial Foundation

Membership in the Foundation also includes all members of the Firefighting Medal of Honor Committee.

Terry Ford Greg Knoll Robert Zamor Godfrey Fire Protection District (Ret.)
Homewood Fire Department (Ret.)
Libertyville Fire Department (Ret.)



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