

HONORING ALABAMA'S FALLEN HEROES

Fourth Annual Alabama Firefighter Memorial Ceremony

Designated as a tribute to all of Alabama's firefighters, the Alabama Firefighter Memorial, located on the beautifully landscaped grounds of the Alabama Fire College, serves as the official memorial to honor firefighters of Alabama who have given their lives in the Line-of-Duty and to pay tribute to those firefighters who heroically serve with pride, courage and honor every day in order to protect the people of Alabama.



The Alabama Joint Fire Council, made up of representatives from the Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs, Alabama Association Volunteer Fire Departments, Alabama Firefighters Association and Professional Fire Fighters Association of Alabama will host the fourth annual State of Alabama Firefighter Memorial Service on the campus of the Alabama Fire College, located at 2501 Phoenix Drive in Tuscaloosa.

On October 28, 2007 Alabama's Fire Service will honor 11 Alabama comrades who have died in the line of duty. As a tribute to all of Alabama's firefighters, the Alabama Firefighter Memorial consist of a "Walk of Honor," including personalized bricks which allow firefighters, families, and friends of Alabama's fire service to be recognized and become part of the memorial, a life-size bronze statue of a firefighter in full protective gear and two granite obelisks commemorating 207 firefighters who heroically served with pride, courage, and dedication:

"2007 Remembering Those Who Gave All"

Kelly W. Anderson, Huntsville Fire Department

James R. Barkley, Huntsville Fire Department

John F. Busbee, Wawbeek Fire Department

Tommy Leon Hill, Decature Fire Department

Dustin Jones, Moulton Fire Department

William McClain, Mobile Fire Department

Lloyd McCulloch, Moulton Fire Department

Howard L. Ollhoft Sr., Mobile Fire Department

Lawrence Peoples, Tuscaloosa Fire Department

Ronald W. Scrimsher, Huntsville Fire Department

Pruitt L. Thompson, Bessemer Fire Department

The ceremony and reception, open to the public, will draw an honorable conclusion to the classes being held this week as part of the third annual Fall Fire College Week in which the Alabama Fire College and the Personnel Standards Commission will be training paid and volunteer firefighters, including fire protection personnel, rescue squad members, emergency medical personnel, and public fire and life safety educators throughout the State of Alabama. The ceremony will include an invocation, presentation of colors and bag pipes and will serve to extend our most sincere gratitude to all men and women who stand ready every day to put their lives on the line when the alarm bell rings.