

# Hall of Flame Newsletter Winter 2020



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## **Dr. Peter Molloy Retires As Executive Director; To Be Succeeded By Glendale (AZ) Fire Department Deputy Fire Chief (ret.) Chuck Montgomery**

On October 28, 2019, the Board of Directors of the National Historical Fire Foundation announced the appointment of Mr. Chuck Montgomery as the new executive director of the Hall of Flame Museum of Firefighting in Phoenix. Founded in 1961 by Chicago business man George F. Getz Jr., the museum represents the largest collection of fire apparatus, firefighting equipment and related artifacts in the world. It is regularly open to the public. After over three decades of growing and curating the collection, the current executive director, Dr. Peter Molloy, has retired after finalizing the transition of management responsibilities to Chief Montgomery.

Chief Montgomery has served the citizens and visitors of the Phoenix metropolitan region for nearly four decades in a number of Emergency Responder roles within the Arizona fire, rescue and EMS community. In addition to being a “blue card” fireground commander and a nationally-registered paramedic, he is a sought-after speaker on a variety of fire service subjects including the National Fire Protection Association’s Standard 1403 for Live Fire Training and Emergency Situational Awareness.



Prior to his March 2019 retirement from the Glendale (AZ) Fire Department, Deputy Chief Montgomery was the director the Glendale Regional Public Safety Training Center. Before he was hired with the Glendale Fire Department, Mr. Montgomery served as a fire cadet in the Phoenix Fire Department, a volunteer firefighter/IEMT with the Tolleson Fire Department and a flight paramedic with Air-Evac, a local company providing helicopter med-evac service.

In addition to his museum responsibilities, Chief Montgomery will remain active on the executive boards of two local organizations that serve the citizens and firefighters of Arizona. Chuck lives in Phoenix with his wife, Holly to whom he as been with for over 40 years. Together they have two adult children and a new grandson.



# 1948 American LaFrance V-12 J Model Fire Engine Joins Collection

In October 2019, the Hall of Flame Museum of Firefighting added this beautiful 1948 American LaFrance (ALF) pumper to its collection. She is an ALF 700 series Model 710 PJO engine, with a V-12 gasoline engine and 1,000 gallon two-stage centrifugal pump. This new cab-forward configuration engineered by American LaFrance revolutionized and greatly influenced



the design of American fire apparatus in the second half of the twentieth century. The radical design greatly reduced the engine's turning radius and provided room for five firefighters to ride seated in the cab. This particular pumper is a model J, the most popular of all of the 700 series rigs. Over 3,000 apparatus in the ALF 700 series were built between 1947 and

1959. The cab forward design was a huge risk for American La France, but was hugely successful. Within a few years virtually all American fire apparatus were built with this trendsetting cab-forward design

After many years of service with the Jamestown (ND) Fire Department this pumper was acquired by former Jamestown firefighter Larry Phillips who subsequently donated it to the museum. She is in sound mechanical condition and after some detailing by our staff of dedicated museum volunteers, this pumper will regularly be rotated into Gallery III and used at off-site static fire apparatus displays by museum staff.



*Arrival at the Hall of Flame from Jamestown, North Dakota,  
ready for inspection by our mechanic Larry LaBarbera*

# Museum Presents Re-booted Open House Event in November 2019



The annual open house at the Hall of Flame Museum of Firefighting resumed this past November after a one year hiatus due to on-going construction at the sprawling SRP complex nearby. Over 600 visitors were treated to free admission to view the museum's extensive collection of historical fire apparatus, related equipment and other memorabilia as well as rides on some of the museum's vintage fire engines. The museum's 1971 Maxim-Pierce 75'

Snorkel, original to Muncie, Indiana and later Riverdale, Illinois proudly displayed Old Glory from her elevated boom to welcome our guests.

Local fire departments and allied agencies assisted in this endeavor by bringing some of their latest apparatus, and they used this opportunity to explain more modern fire and rescue techniques, methods and equipment to our visitors. In addition to the wide array of pumpers, the Gilbert (AZ) Fire Department brought their new utility truck that provides breathing air and scene lighting. Air-Evac landed a helicopter used to transport trauma patients in our parking lot. The event was capped off by a vehicle extrication demonstration performed by members of the Scottsdale (AZ) Fire Department.



# Museum Staff Help Spread Holiday Spirit Throughout the Valley

As in previous years, staff and volunteers from the Hall of Flame Museum of Firefighting have been helping the Phoenix Fire Department and other entities make the holiday season merry and bright for those less fortunate. In the evening hours of December 7 and 14, volunteers took the museum's 1966 Mack C pumper from Baldwin, New York to shopping centers on the east and west side of the valley to work side by side with Phoenix police officers and firefighters in their annual Toys for Rides campaign. Shoppers who purchased and donated a toy to the cause had the option to ride in a marked Phoenix Police SUV, Phoenix Fire Department Ladder Tender or the museum's pumper. Needless to say, the museum's classic open cab pumper had the longest line!



In a new partnership with the Arizona Burn Foundation ([azburn.org](http://azburn.org)) staff and volunteers from the Hall of Flame Museum of Firefighting were honored to assist in delivering, via classic fire engine, a \$12,000.00 professionally decorated Christmas tree to the UMOM Shelter ([umom.org](http://umom.org)) located on Van Buren Street in east Phoenix as part of the foundation's annual fund-raising campaign, Holiday Festival of Trees. UMOM is a local charity focused on providing food, shelter, healthcare and other essential needs to homeless families in Phoenix. This tree and its festive accessories will be displayed in UMOM's Zimmerman Chapel.



The Arizona Burn Foundation (ABF) provides support programs for burn survivors and their families during the crisis and recovery phases of their care in addition to burn prevention advocacy. This annual holiday cocktail party and silent auction event of one dozen themed Christmas trees, assorted wreathes and other holiday decorations generated nearly \$200,000.00 towards meeting the operational needs of the foundation's mission. The Hall of Flame Museum of Firefighting is excited about our new partnership and is looking forward to working with the Arizona Burn Foundation in our future endeavors.

# Thanks for your membership support!

## New and Renewed Members

### Individual—\$30

Alexander Zentgraf	Floyd Webb
Andy Fish	Gerald Magnan
Bill Fort	Kenneth Don
Dell Lindstrom	Laurence Appel
Edwin Lammel	Nick Vacca
Eve Gerome DVM	Vic Massenkoff

### Black Helmet Brigade \$65

.Brian Scott	Paul Rostan
Charles Dahlberg	Philip Taska
John Kohlman	Scott Schindler
Joseph Mack Inday	Stanton R. Seeberg
Kashauna Roberts	Tammy Ellis
Magdalena Warecka	William Davidson
Norman Trela	William Dickey

### Red Helmet Brigade—\$100

Alan Nielson	Joe Hinkle
Ben Di Venti	Jonathan Umbdenstock.
Bernard Punte	Lawrence Bohling
C. E. Jones	Lydia Kolsch
Chuck Kenyon	Manuel Bohannon
Diane Eckstein	Michael Dillon
Earl Moy	Michael Stemmler
Edward Rominger	Steve Cloutier
Sandy Martinez.	Steve Pilafas
Eric J. Wieser	Suzanne Marcione
Gary Thurston	Thomas Steely
Gary Groomer	Timothy Bingham
Gene Gehrt	William Page
Joanne Werner	

### White Helmet Brigade—\$250

Ellen Hand	Michael Piekarski
Joey Manibusan	Chuck Montgomery
Lynn Hardin	Holly Montgomery
Diane Eckstein	
Patrick McDonald	
Steve Rossi	
Lynn Hardin	

### Benefactor — \$ 1,000

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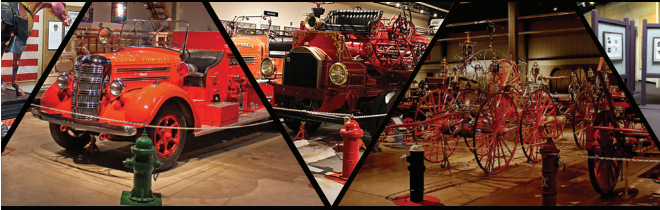
### Family Member—\$40

Susan Adams	Mark Devich	Mark Ingersoll
Ulises Alema	Aaron Duarte	Michael Jakub
Cashandra Almada	Jackie Ewing	Paige Jiemback
Wallace Altes	Birchel Floyd	Anthony Karper
Jenna Anderson	Jason Frear	Charles Kempel
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Laurence Appel	Anthony Garibay	Rachel Kolb
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Floyd Blodgett	Nathan Harrison	Joanna Lucio
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Joe Capriotti	Jane Held	Jessica Mann
Ray Carpena	Aya Hicks	Stacy Mannari
Bernard Chung	David Hinds	Caribe Marruffo
Kathy Clear	Mark Hodge	Naria Mattingley
Chris Coffman	Charles Holbert	Melinda Mattson
Leah Cole	Jon Holloway	Tim Mauermann
Lane Collier	Adrian Hreshchyshyn	William McIlvaine
Paul Cramer	Anne Hribar	Michael McNerny
Mark Crooks	Rae Anne Hsu	Laura Melendez
Edward Czucker		

### Fire Professionals — \$60

Murray Aldrich	William Dickey	Mike Henning
James Baird	Clayton Dillahunt	Dennis Hoffman
James Barrett	Thomas Dryfhout	Steven Howard
Thomas Bascom	Shannon Fehlberg	Juergen Karheiding
Timothy Bingham	Carl Fox	Martin Kennedy
Steve Buettner	Greg Fuentes	Robert Knevitt
Joshua Charry	Al Gray	Josh Kovalsky
Robert Davidson	John Greenstreet	Terrence LaFrance
Jim Detzler	Timothy Hellyer	David Laurie

# World's Largest Fire Museum!!!



## Hall of Flame Museum of Firefighting

The Hall of Flame sponsors the National Firefighting Hall of Heroes, which honors firefighters who have died in the line of duty or who have been decorated for heroism, in nearly an acre of indoor Air-conditioned comfort, artifacts dating from 1725 to 2001.



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The Hall of Flame is operated by the National Historical Fire Foundation.

The Hall of Flame is in the Phoenix Papago Park, across Van Buren Street from the Phoenix Zoo.

The museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9 to 5, and on Sundays from Noon to 4.

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