

Newsletter



Hall of Flame Museum of Firefighting

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Museum Hosts Ceremony to Honor the Fallen Heroes of September 11, 2001



Museum volunteer Eric Landau, an accomplished piper, pays respect to the firemen and police officers of New York City and the Port Authority police officers who sacrificed their lives to save the trapped victims of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. The Museum hosted a recognition ceremony on September 11, 2006.

On September 11 the State of Arizona dedicated a memorial to the memory of the victims of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center on the same date in 2001. The memorial honors the civilian victims as well as the firemen and police officers of New York City and the New York and New Jersey Port Authority who were killed in the collapse of the two towers as they were in the course of rescuing the twenty thousand occupants of the towers.

Fire and police apparatus from dozens of Arizona communities drove to the memorial site adjacent to the Arizona State Capitol building. The museum volunteers drove three of the Hall of Flame's rigs to the site and attended the ceremony.

Returning to the museum, the volunteers then conducted the Hall of Flame's own recognition of the firemen and police officers who were murdered on 9/11. Over a hundred members of the fire and law enforcement agencies of Arizona attended the ceremony in the Hall of Heroes. The names of the fallen 343 firemen, 23 NYPD officers, and 37 Port Authority officers were read to the audience.



Above: Volunteer Captain Ron Deutsch (driving) and two other volunteers drive the museum's 1955 American La France aerial truck to the 9/11 memorial site. The volunteers drove two other museum rigs to the ceremony.

Below: A pair of aerial trucks from Tucson and Phoenix drape the flag in front of the tent housing the memorial ceremony.



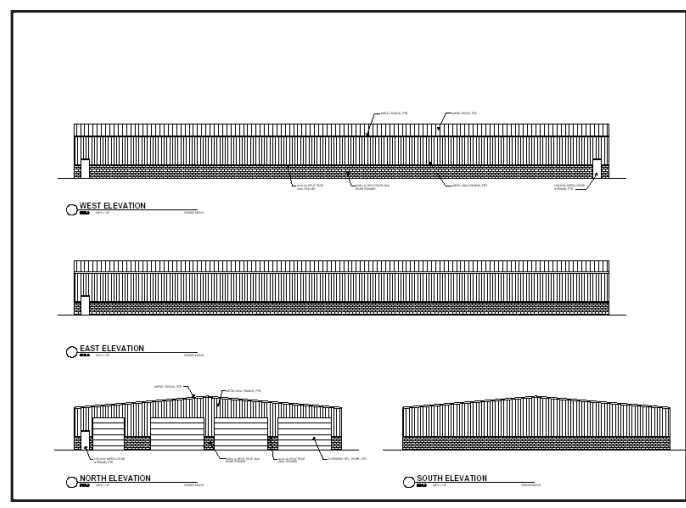
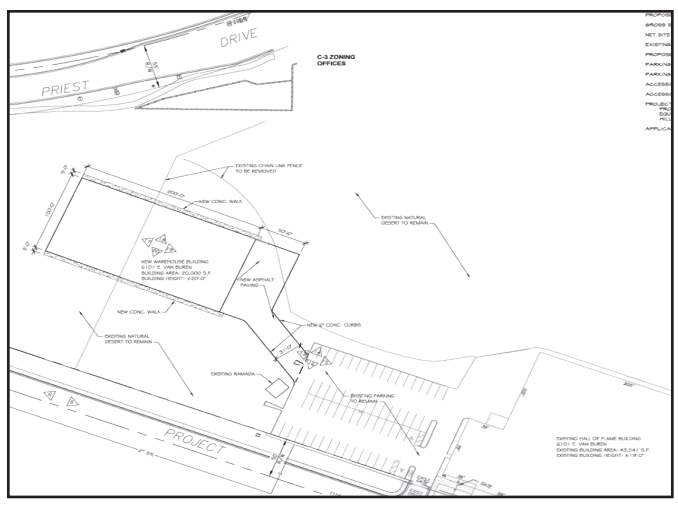


Above: several thousand people, led by the fire and law enforcement communities of Arizona, attended the Arizona 9/11 memorial dedication ceremony on September 11th of this year. Governor Janet Napolitano as well as IAFF President Billy Shields, who supervised the installation of the monument, made speeches.

Below: The names of the 403 fire and policemen were read in the museum's ceremony.

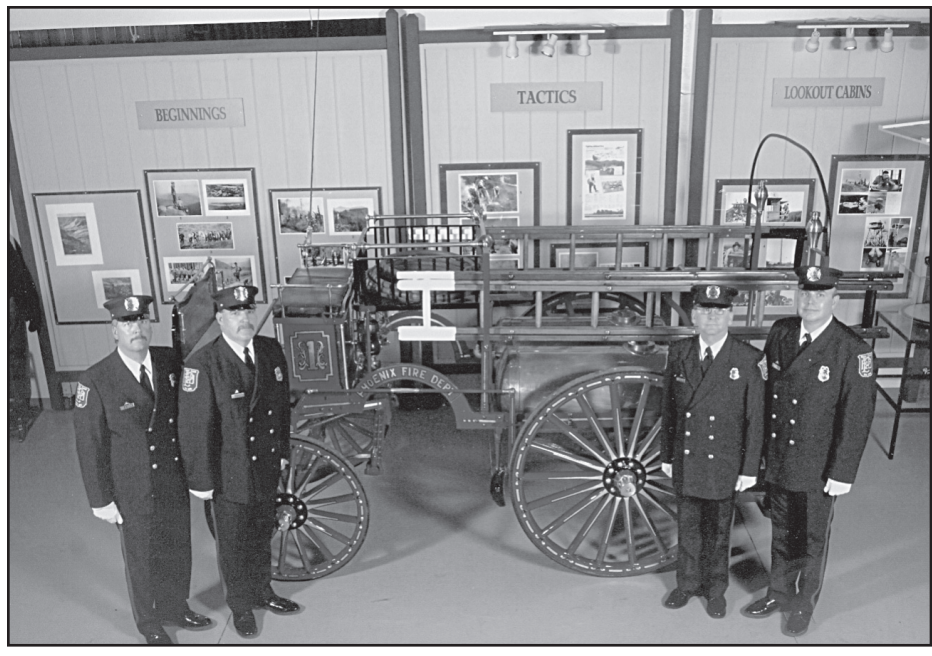


Storage Building Plans Close to Final Approval



The process of obtaining all required building permits for the museum's new storage building has been long and tedious. It is nearing completion. We are planning to begin construction in February of next year. As we noted in an earlier Newsletter, the 20,000 square foot Butler style metal building, similar in style to the museum's existing building, will be erected south of the museum's parking lot. It will be entirely dedicated to storage, and will allow us to establish a system of rotating exhibits, free up space for more effective displays of apparatus, and allow us to convert an existing 2,000 square foot storage gallery into an exhibit gallery.

Phoenix Fire Department Honor Guard Stands With Restored 1908 Phoenix VFD Chemical Wagon



Last summer Don Hale restored a chemical engine purchased by the volunteer fire department of Phoenix in 1908. When the department went professional in 1914 the chemical engine was replaced by a pair of Seagrave motorized "chemical cars". Naturally the Phoenix Fire Department is proud of the restored engine, and the PFD honor guard were photographed with it in the wildland firefighting gallery, where it is on display. Chemical engines were effective horse drawn "brush trucks" for grass fires as well as excellent first response rigs.

Museum Restorer Nears Completion of Large Project

Don Hale is hard at work in the final stages of a project which is proving to be much more extensive than his original estimate. As he disassembled the 1890's era Chicago FD hose wagon Don came upon rotted wood and rusted metal sections that had been covered with layers of primer and paint. Replacing the wood and rebuilding the chassis while leaving as much original material as possible has been a challenge. Still remaining is the painting and decoration of the chassis and the repair and repainting of the wheels. We are hoping to place the wagon on display in March of 2007.



Don has been forced to replace at least half of the wagon's wood panels as well as a number of wooden support members. He was forced to disassemble most of the wagon's hose bed and driver's section.



At left Don examines two of the rear fenders. They were badly dented. The brittle nature of the steel fenders made it very difficult to re-shape them. Don found some of the original striping as he removed the fenders' paint. Above: Don was forced to entirely replace the driver's seat, which was not original and was badly

October Open House Draws A Large Crowd



In October the Hall of Flame sponsored its annual free admission open house. Led by Kerri Deutsch, the Hall of Flame volunteers organized and staffed the event, which attracted about a thousand visitors. The volunteers spent months in gathering prizes for drawings, lining up a variety of activity tables aimed at entertaining children and their parents, and arranging for equipment displays by local agencies. The National Forest Service as well as the Sheriff's Department and the fire departments of Phoenix, Mesa, Tempe, Rural Metro, and other agencies provided static displays of equipment, many of them operated for the kids. The kids and their families got rides on museum apparatus, operated a booster hose from a modern fire engine and an 1880's era manual fire engine, and received fire safety lessons in the museum's fire safety demonstration area. The volunteers also provided food and refreshments for visitors. We would like to specially thank Artie's Paradise Valley Ace Hardware store, which provided so many prizes for the drawings.



Hall of Flame Volunteer Saves a Life

Gary Bohling is a retired Michigan Firefighter who became a volunteer not only at the Hall of Flame but also with the Phoenix Fire Department's Community Assistance Program. Gary and other volunteers comfort and provide logistic support on site for the victims of fires, accidents, and illnesses. Regular PFD firefighters duties often do not allow them to provide services of this type to victims. A few weeks ago Gary and his partner responded to a report of a heart attack victim in a large apartment complex. The responding engine crew had difficulty finding the victim, and Gary arrived first on the scene. His CPR allowed the victim to survive until the paramedics came on the scene to provide advanced lifesaving techniques. Gary's quick actions saved the man's life.

New and Renewed Members Since Winter 2006

Associate Members - \$25

Thomas Brace	Richard Muller
Bill Brower	Don Mulligan
John Chase	Robert Murphy
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Stewart De Haven	Peter Reed
Duke Denson	Robert Schoff
Joseph Dobson	Edward Scribner
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Peter Finie	Mark Storage
Charles Goddard	John Strezeski
Kate Graf	Keith Taylor
J. Richard Hunneman	Marilyn Ticknor
David Johnson	Angelo Varena
Thomas Kehoe	Mark Wagner
Karl Klotz	Eugene Walker
Joseph Margalski	Leonard Williams
Raymond Millar	

Black Helmet Brigade - \$60

Edmund Allen III	Don Marsh
Gene Barker	Robert Mason
Gene Englehardt	Fred Mills
Robert Faurot	Tim Peck
Jack Frost	Bernard Punte
Gene Gehrt	Robert Schwartz
Elva Gooch	Col. A. Park Shaw
Don Grejczyk	Charles Shawl
Robert Heisterman	David Thompson
Jean Hill	Norman Trela
Michael Holubec, Jr.	Jonathan Umbdenstock
George Hooper	William Wagner
Roy Jones III	Samuel Wagnon
John Kohlman	George Wastier
Joseph Mackinday	Travis Zuege

Red Helmet Brigade - \$100

All America Logistics	Alexandra Klas
James Ashley	Lydia Kolsch
Timothy Bingham	Michael Mayberry
Dan Brown	Scott McLean
Steve Cloutier	Karen Roddy
Michael Dillon	Edward Rominger
Cris Dobbs	Marshall Sanford
Diane Eckstein	Douglas Schermerhorn
R. Thomas Green	Richard Sheldon
Orrin Hakey	Michael Stemmler
Douglas Hammer	Gary Thurston
Joe Hinkle	Eric J. Wieser
Gary Jensen	
Thomas Kays	
Carl Kietzke	

Family Member - \$35

Marjorie Alcom	Jennifer Germanaud	Barbara Lang-Lyras Auffret
Eddie Almeda	Nancy Gonzales	Mary Ordog
Fred AmRhein	William Grant	Jenny Pattengill
Staci Baird	Joseph Hall	Ed Philpott
John Baker	James Haun	Bob Piasecki
John Barton	Thomas Heller	Michael Roberts
Patti Baxter	Steven Heslep	Craig Sanford
Myna Berardinelli	Charles Holbert	Honor Siemann
Allen Brozek	Alice Hunt	Donald Sluyk
Joe Capriotti	Jill Jahn	Taryn Smith
James Carter	James Kirkpatrick	Ron Taskey
Omar Chaudry	Chatham Kitz	Kelly Terrill
Linda Clark	Scott Kwiatowski	John Van Dyke
Doug Clark	Rae Larson	Dave Wanding
Chris Coffman	Angela Lober	Howard Weaver
Pascal Covelto	Joseph Mariotto	Floyd Webb
F. Robert Cowden	Anne Marks	Robert Winters
Pasquale D'Amico	Vernon Marshall	
Martin Frye	Cameron McChesney	

Fire Professional Members - \$60

Kelly Addy	Robert Green	Susan Pedersen
Murray Aldrich	Roland Hall	Dean Pedrotti
Norman Arendt	William Harvey	Edward Pensinger
Jack Barba	Timothy Hellyer	Daniel Reilly
James Barrett	Mike Henning	Fred Roof
Robert Baumgarten	William Hertan	Kevin Shelley
John Bliven	Toby Ingram	Jon Shephard
Gary Bohling	Rocky Jacobs-Carpenter	Mark Skrainar
Bruce Brower	Mark Kauffman	Phillip Slaughter
Steve Buettner	Martin Kennedy	James Staehler
David Cascone	Erik Komula	Joan Stettbacher
David Dearwester	Kenneth Loftis	John Swanson
Jim Detzler	Conrad Marcione	Norm Taylor
Ed Dominello	Paul McGrath	Ken Toftoy
Dave Edwards	Stanley Mello	Edwar Tuffy
Carl Fox	George Moore	Carl Weber
Greg Fuentes	Earl Moy	John Wolf
Albert Giordano	Thomas Pambianco	Joseph Yemma
Jay Graff	Thomas Parrish	

Life Member - \$3000

Battalion Chief Thad Dahl	Ron Saeger
The Trail of Painted Ponies	

Benefactor - \$1000

Rhett Butler	Richard Landon
Charles Meany	Michael Byrne

White Helmet Brigade - \$250

James Snedden	Michael Newburger	Fred Rice
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Contributing - \$500

Peter Molloy

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The Hall of Flame Museum of Firefighting is operated by the National Historical Fire Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit institution.

The museum is in the Phoenix Papago Park, across Van Buren Street from the Phoenix Zoo.

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

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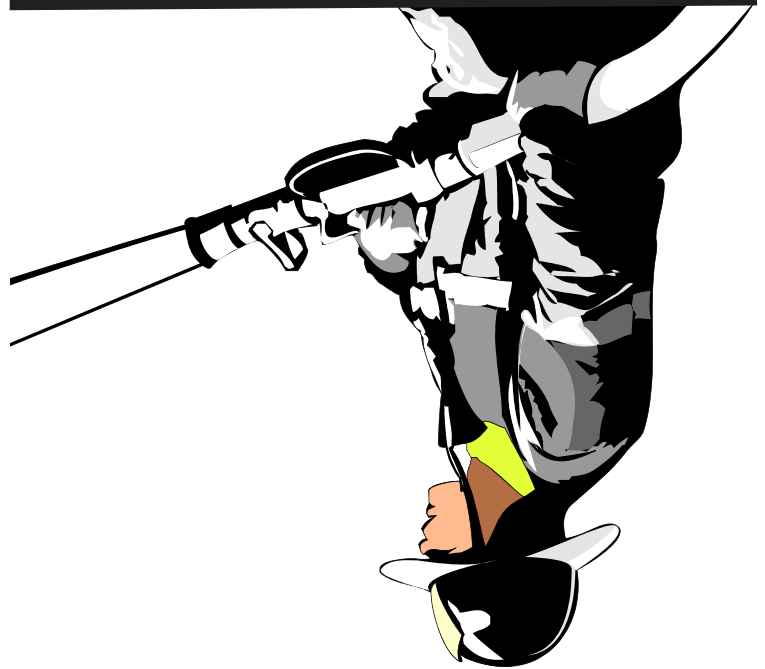
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