In 2001, the Alabama Joint Fire Council unanimously agreed that a monument should be erected as a memorial honoring heroic Alabama firefighters. On June 11, 2003, the House and Senate of the Alabama Legislature passed a joint resolution designating that the Alabama Firefighter Memorial be placed on the beautifully landscaped grounds of the Alabama Fire College in Tuscaloosa.

On Tuesday, October 19, 2004, the dedication of the Alabama Firefighter Memorial became a reality. The bronze firefighter statue and Maltese cross were unveiled, along with the presentation of the Walk of Honor surfaced with personalized bricks donated by firefighters, friends, and families in recognition of Alabama's fire service as part of the Memorial.

The Alabama Joint Fire Council, made up of representatives from the Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs, the Alabama Firefighters Association, the Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments, the Professional Firefighters Association of Alabama, the State Fire Marshals Office, and the Alabama Forestry Commission in conjunction with the Alabama Fire College, have dedicated themselves to making the Memorial a tribute to the firefighters of Alabama who have given their lives in the line of duty and to firefighters who serve with pride, courage, and honor.

In 2006, the Joint Fire Council, with the help of public donations, erected two black marble obelisks on the grounds of the Memorial engraved with the names of Alabama's fallen firefighters, dating back to 1901.

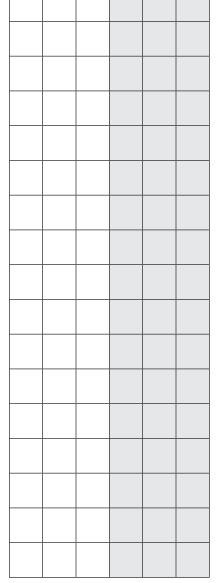
In 2012, a portion of a steel beam from the World Trade Center Towers was donated to the Memorial by the Terry Ferrell Foundation. The top portion of the steel was used to make crosses for family members of FDNY Rescue 4. Terry Farrell's brother Brian asked that the steel be placed without a cover so that visitors could touch this piece of history.

In 2018, a tax was levied on all firefighter tags in the state of Alabama to care for the Memorial. Each firefighter tag purchased in the state contributes a quarter to the Memorial fund. In 2019, the Joint Fire Council and the Alabama Fire College Foundation undertook a project to expand the Memorial using these tax funds and funding held by the Foundation. The proposed expansion will place two more marble obelisks on the grounds as well as some much needed groundwork at the memorial site.

Today, the Memorial stands as a tribute to and a reminder of the sacrifices made by members of the Alabama fire service.



placement of a brick is not guaranteed. Complete both sides of this form, detach, and, with a check for your donation payable to Alabama Fire College, mail to Lonnie Branson, Alabama Fire College, 2501 Phoenix Drive, The Memorial's design limits the number of bricks on the Walk of Honor. Bricks are available first-come, first-served. Exact paces, punctuation, hearts, and **X 8" BRICKS:** Each \$100 is limited to 17 characters and 3 lines per brick. YOUR BRICK TODAY! Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35405-2847



(\$250) or granite (\$500) brick is limited to 17 characters per line.

X 8" BRICKS: Each paver

crosses count as characters.

## ALABAMA FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL PAVER BRICK APPLICATION

CIRCLE YOUR CHOICE BELOW:

A	4" X 8" INDIVIDUAL PAVER BRICK:				
	\$100 3 lines of 17 characters				
	Use only shaded area on form.				
В	8" X 8" PAVER BRICK:				
	\$250 6 lines of 17 characters				
	Use entire form if needed.				
С	8" X 8" GRANITE BRICK:				
	\$500 6 lines of 17 characters				
	Use entire form if needed.				

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Make checks payable to:
Alabama Fire College

Please complete both sides of this form.
Mail form and check to:
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Alabama Fire College
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## FIREFIGHTER'S PRAYER

When I am called to duty, God Whenever flames may rage, Give me the strength to save some life Whatever be its age, Help me embrace a little child Before it is too late Or save an older person from The horror of that fate Enable me to be alert and Hear the weakest shout And quickly and efficiently To put the fire out I want to fill my calling and To give the best in me, To guard my every neighbor and Protect his property And if according to my fate I am to lose my life, Please bless with your protecting hand My children and my wife.

