

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION
OF ALL WILDLAND FIREFIGHTERS
ACROSS THIS GREAT NATION
DUTY - RESPECT - INTEGRITY

Fallen Heroes

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CHIEF BRIAN ZOLLNER
CAL FIRE
APR. 12, 2007

ENGINE 57
MARK "LOTZI" LOUTZENHISER
JESS McLEAN
JASON MCKAY
PABLO CERDA
DANIEL HOOVER-PAJERA
ESPERANZA FIRE
SAN BERNARDINO OF CA
OCT. 26, 2006

EVA SCHICKE
COLUMBIA FIRE
STANISLAUS OF CA
SEPT. 12, 2004

CHRIS M. KANTON
CDF/RIVERSIDE CO. FIRE DEPT. CA
AUG. 6, 2005
CHRIS WAS EXACTLY WHERE HE
WANTED TO BE, IN AN ENGINE WITH
HIS COLLEAGUES, GOING TO HELP
FOLKS WHO NEEDED HIM.

MATTHEW WILL
COLORADO FIRE
MONTEREY COUNTY CA
OCT. 9, 2007
NEVER FORGET
MATT WILL

GEORGE "SANDY" WILLETT
BATTALION CHIEF
ROBERT PAUL STONE
PILOT
JAGUAR FIRE CA
SEPT. 6, 2006

♥
Matt-a-Rack
We love & miss
you deeply!
Hugs & kisses
always
Dad, Mom, B.

Big Daddy
I ♥ You!
Happy Anniversary
May 17, 1997
Love Diana
& Dennis

On May 15, 2008, Engine 2660 from the Siskiyou Unit headed to the 4th Annual Wildland Firefighter Foundation, Family Fire Day at the Fallen Firefighters Foundation in Boise, Idaho. Director Ruben Grijalva personally requested that a CAL FIRE engine attend, which was not only an honor for the chosen firefighters to attend this event, but a privilege. "Having the honor of representing our department at the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) was an experience of a life time," said Siskiyou Unit Fire Captain Monty Messenger.

on this day to celebrate life; to honor, respect and show their love for those family members who perished and all others who lost their lives doing what they most loved to do.

This was a weekend for the families. Saturday was a day that families watched wildland demonstrations at Lucky Peak Nursery including smoke jumpers, a helicopter demo and rappellers who scaled sheer walls. Engineers were on hand to talk about their jobs. Family members were escorted by the CAL FIRE



Chris Kanton's mom and sister



Matthew Will's Family



Dee Dee and Elsie Will



Future CAL FIRE Pilot

The concept for the Wildland Firefighter Foundation came about following the 1994 Storm King tragedy in Colorado where 14 firefighters died. Dedicated volunteers came together to create the foundation and develop a national monument to honor fallen wildland firefighters.

Honor Guard, USFS, BLM, and NPS, to the National Interagency Fire Center where a special ceremony was held for all heroes who have passed on. It was a day filled with stories, laughter and tears.

The Foundation not only maintains the Wildland Firefighters National Monument located at the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) in Boise, Idaho, but also provides emergency support services to the families of firefighters seriously injured or killed in the line of duty.

Each family was presented with one white dove. A dove symbolizes peace and endearment. With every dove there was a message released for their loved one. "Watching a little boy whisper to a dove, 'I miss you daddy,' and see tears running down his cheeks will be a moment I will never forget," said Captain Ivan Krafner. Stories and memories are all some people have to hold on to.



Chris Johnson's widow and son

The Foundation is there to help the families, and even firefighters themselves, solve the logistical problems they face. The organization arranges transportation, lodging, provides living expenses and helps out with bills that need to be paid following a tragedy. The most important role they offer is a listening ear and a heart filled with love. They make families feel they are important and not forgotten today or any day no matter when they lost their loved one. Families came from all over the country

The Wildland Firefighting Foundation is built on amazing people. They can't do all this hard work themselves. They need volunteers like you and me to reach out and become a resource for families to rely upon. Get your local communities involved. Contact the Wildland Firefighting Foundation at www.wffoundation.org. If you would like to donate, please donate to the CDF-Firefighters Benevolent Foundation. For more information visit www.cdf-firefighters.org. And remember, every little bit helps.



Rob Stone's Family