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LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL



On a daily basis, the Firefighters of the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) demonstrate their courage, commitment to duty and self-sacrifice that have been the hallmark of the LAFD since its creation in 1886. Recently, dedicated volunteers completed the long overdue task of researching every firefighter fatality that has occurred since the establishment of the Department in 1886.

The Los Angeles Fire Department Historical Society, confirming its mission to "PRESERVE, EDUCATE, AND MEMORIALIZE" has undertaken the task to dedicate a memorial to honor those LAFD members whose lives were lost in the line of duty. To assist in funding this mission, the LAFD will be conducting the Fallen Firefighters' Memorial Torch Relay. The purpose of the event is to bring



MAYOR ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA, COUNCILMEMBER TOM LABONGE, AND FIRE CHIEF WILLIAM R. BAMATTRE AT BATTALION 6 AS THEY KICKED OFF THE LAFD MEMORIAL TORCH RELAY AND THE LAPD 5K/10K FUNDRAISERS.



firefighters and the community together to celebrate the construction and dedication of the newly erected Fallen Firefighters' Memorial.

Life-size bronze statues have been designed and sculpted to create the Memorial. Currently, Los Angeles has no memorial to honor our fallen firefighters. The Memorial's completion will provide an appropriate setting for reflection and appreciation by the people whose lives and property have been saved by the dedicated service of the LAFD.

Memorial Torch Relay

The men and women of the Los Angeles Fire Department welcome you to join and support them in the Fallen Firefighters' Memorial Torch Relay.

On Saturday, May 14, 2005, as part of this year's Fire Service Recognition Day festivities, Apparatus Operator Jeff Taylor, brother of fallen Apparatus Operator Tom Taylor, ran the introductory ceremonial first leg of the Fallen Firefighters' Memorial Relay from Fire Station 27. The Relay will be completed on October 1, 2005, coinciding with the dedication of the Fallen Firefighters' Memorial in front of old Fire Station 27. The lighting of

the eternal flame atop the Memorial will be the culmination of the daylong Firefighter Festival of Hollywood.

This will be a 16-week Torch Relay where firefighters, representing the LAFD's 103 fire stations, carry a specially designed torch throughout the City of Los Angeles to create awareness of the Fallen Firefighters' Memorial construction.

Firefighters from across the City will be running with this torch in honor of our Firefighters who have died while protecting the City of Los Angeles.

Through the next few months, the Memorial Torch will make its way

through all our fire stations, in one-mile segments, for a total distance of approximately 250 miles. All sworn and civilian members are encouraged to run or walk with the Memorial Torch as a tribute to our fallen firefighters.

Los Angeles Fire Department members will seek pledge donations for each one-mile segment of the Relay course.

Everyone is encouraged to participate. Efforts will be made to allow participants to choose the "leg" of the run desired, once complete route coverage is ensured. There is no distance (or time) requirement for participation.

Several methods of pledging sponsor funds are available:

Donations may be made by check, cash, or online @ www.lafd.org. Pledge forms will be available at fire stations for distribution, as well as distribution on Relay day.

To sign up for participation in the Torch Relay, community members, outside agencies and organizations are requested to contact their nearest Battalion Office.

All donations received from the Fallen Firefighters' Memorial Torch





Relay will be used to pay for the construction of the LAFD Fallen Firefighters' Memorial.

While this is the first and only time the LAFD will be conducting the Memorial Torch Relay, it has been done before. Last year, the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) completed their own successful Torch Relay, with the monies going to fund the OCFA Firefighter Memorial.

The Torch Relay will be conducted to coincide with the number of LAFD Battalions. Depending on its

To ensure safety, ease of activation, proper apparatus maintenance, and certified drivers, a group of LAFD Engineers has been identified to drive the Official Torch Relay Engine.

Battalion Offices are to contact the Community Liaison Office prior to the scheduled week of their Battalion participation. When making contact, provide the start date, time, and location. The Community Liaison Office will make the necessary arrangements to have the Official Torch Relay Engine and support van staffed

Memorial Torch Relay" paraded down Hollywood Boulevard to the Memorial site. The Relay commenced on June 17, 2005, at Dodgers Stadium's home plate.

On Saturday, July 16, 2005, all members from Fox Studios network were invited to run with Firefighters from Battalion 18 as they carried the Memorial Torch through West Los Angeles, Century City, and the Miracle Mile communities.

On Saturday, July 23, 2005, Frank Lima of Fire Station 50 carried the Memorial Torch in Atwater Village.

On Thursday, July 28, 2005, Battalion 7 members ran the Memorial Torch Relay in the following areas: Lincoln Heights, Boyle Heights, El Sereno, Cal State LA, Montecito Heights, and Monterey Hills. All participants were invited to a Firehouse Barbeque at Fire Station 1 at the conclusion of the run.

On August 1-7, 2005, Battalion 9 members will carry the Memorial Torch through Westwood, UCLA, Bel Air, Brentwood, Beverly Glen, Sawtelle, West Los Angeles, and Pacific Palisades. For information, call (310) 575-8509.

On August 8-14, 2005, Battalion 17 members will carry the Memorial Torch. On August 11, 2005, Fire Station 73 participants will run the Memorial Torch Relay commencing at 7419 Reseda Boulevard. It will go south on Reseda Boulevard, then west on Ventura Boulevard to DeSoto Avenue before turning north and winding through Warner Center. The run will end about noon at Fire Station 106, 23004 Roscoe Boulevard, West Hills. The route through Woodland Hills and Winnetka is still being finalized.



MEMBERS OF FIRE STATION 56

size, it will take one to three days to complete the running of the Torch Relay through each Battalion.

For consistency, the Torch Relay will be run on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 9 a.m to 2 p.m. These are flexible time frames and, depending on need, they may be changed to enhance the awareness of the Torch Relay through participation in significant community events such as Downtown's "Hope for Firefighters" or Sherman Oaks' "Benefit for our Bravest."

and available on the designated date. The support van will have an inventory of Torch Relay T-shirts, water, and two torches.

A fire engine and members of the LAFD Fire Hog's motorcycle club will escort the Torch Relay. When the Fire Hogs are escorting, they are to be considered part of the Torch Procession Team. The Fire Hog Coordinator is Captain Mark Akahoshi (F.S. 10, "A").

Memorial Torch Relay Diary

In conjunction with this special event, the "Fallen Firefighters'



Notation: Fallen Firefighter Jaime Foster was assigned to Fire Station 73. For information, call (818) 756-8617.

On August 15-21, 2005, Battalion 11 members will carry the Memorial Torch through Echo Park, Angelino Heights, Westlake, MacArthur Park, Rampart, Koreatown, Pico Heights, Wilshire Center, and Hancock Park. For information, call (213) 485-6281.

On August 22-28, 2005, Battalion 12 members will carry the Memorial Torch through Sunland, Tujunga, Shadow Hills, La Tuna Canyon, Lake View Terrace, Sylmar, Pacoima, Mission Hills, City of San Fernando, Sun Valley, Arleta, Panorama City, Sepulveda, and North Hills. For information, call (818) 756-8612.

On August 29-September 4, 2005, Battalion 13 members will carry the Memorial Torch through South Los Angeles, Watts, Southwest Los Angeles, Hyde Park, and Harbor Gateway. For information, call (213) 485-6283.

The week of September 5-11, 2005, Battalion 14 will carry the Memorial Torch Relay through North Hollywood, Studio City, Coldwater Canyon, Laurel Canyon, Toluca Lake, South Van Nuys, Valley Village, and Valley Glen. For information, call (818) 756-8614.

The week of September 12-18, 2005, Battalion 15 members will carry the Memorial Torch through Northridge, Porter Ranch, Chatsworth, CSUN, Granada Hills, and Knollwood. For information, call (818) 756-8615.

During the week of September 19-25, 2005, Battalion 10 members will carry the Memorial Torch through Van Nuys, Sherman Oaks, Encino, Lake Balboa, and Van Nuys Airport. For information, call (818) 756-8610.

On September 26-30, 2005, Battalion 5 members will carry the Memorial Torch through Hollywood, Los Feliz, Griffith Park, Hollywood Hills, and Cahuenga Pass. For information, call (213) 485-6275.

Any members interested in additional information can contact the Community Liaison Office at (213) 978-3810 or log onto <http://www.lafd.org>.

The Memorial Torch Relay will conclude at the 1st Annual "Firefighter Festival of Hollywood" on Saturday, October 1, 2005. The Festival will be held in front of Fire Station 27 and will encompass the entire block. It will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 7 p.m., and will include live, continuous entertainment comprised of LAFD Firefighter bands, firefighter-sponsored food booths, kid zone, live/silent auction, vendor booths and a VIP reception area.

Members are encouraged to bring their families and friends to this daylong event, as the Festival will provide enjoyment for people of all ages.

The following will also occur at the Festival:

- Lighting of the "Eternal Flame"
- Fireworks display
- Live music provided by LAFD members and special guests
- Raffle of 2005 Harley Davidson "Firefighters Special Edition"
- Hollywood restaurant food booths

All proceeds from the Festival will be deposited into the LAFD Fallen Firefighters' Memorial Fund.

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