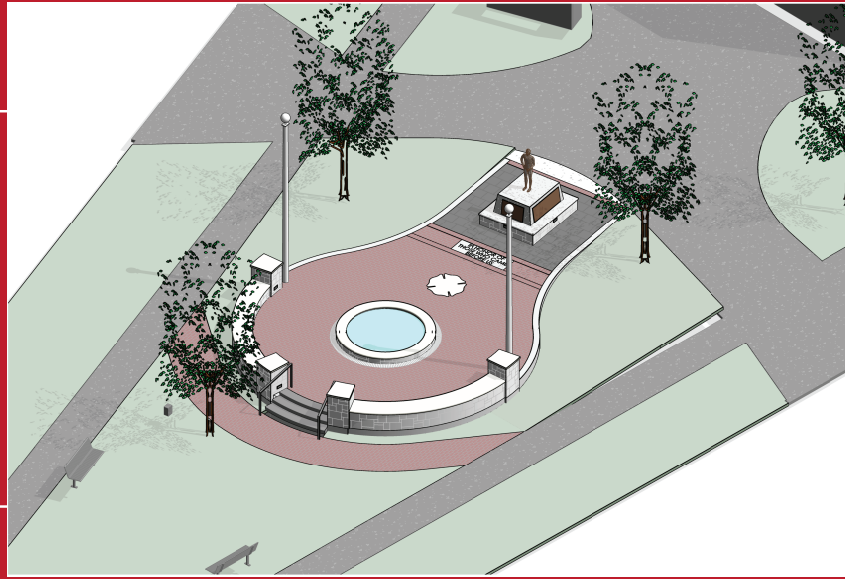


FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL PLAZA

A memorial that honors past, present and future firefighters



The Memorial will consist of a fountain, curved seating walls, 4x8 & 16x16 paver bricks, a maltese cross cast in stone and an eight and a half foot tall bronze firefighter statue

The Firefighters Memorial Plaza will annually memorialize all line of duty firefighter fatalities in Illinois.

All Illinois line of duty deaths since 1857 will be engraved on bronze plaques on the base of the statue. As of 2020, this consisted of over 900 names. New line of duty deaths will be added yearly...**the only memorial of its kind.**

HOW IT STARTED: In 1994, ten local fire departments participated in the first "Elgin Area Firefighter Memorial Service". This annual service has been conducted every year since at the Elgin Fire Museum (old Fire Station 5) at 533 St. Charles St., in the heart of the southeast side of Elgin.

As the memorial service has grown over the years, its purpose has reached deep into many communities and their local fire departments. During this time, an unexpected benefit from the memorial service arose. Each year, grieving families share their loss and love with the larger fire service community. In turn, this support has encouraged many families to return year after year to comfort other families who are experiencing the same loss. That is the spirit and soul of this memorial plaza. It will be a site worthy of the annual firefighter memorial service; a place to recognize public servants and the selfless dedication they provided to their communities.

HOW IT'S GOING: Groundbreaking took place on June 26, 2021. Estimated costs of the memorial plaza are projected to be \$250,000. To date, \$207,000 has been raised since May 2019. Design of the plaza is 99% complete and fundraising continues to support the final design. With material costs rising, the fundraising goal is within site. Please help to make this 30 year idea a reality!

The fundraising has been provided by individuals, private sources and businesses. The donation amounts have ranged from \$25 to \$20,000. We have worked very hard to secure in-kind donations. To date, architectural, excavation and electrical services have been donated as well as many other contractors' services.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

MEMORIAL SPONSOR

WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOUR GENEROSITY.

\$5 OR \$1999, EVERY DOLLAR HELPS!

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A 4x6 BRICK FOR EVERY \$200 DONATED

DONOR BOARD

DONATIONS OVER \$2,000 GETS YOUR NAME ON AN ENGRAVED BRONZE DONOR BOARD AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE MEMORIAL.

SPONSOR LEVELS LISTED. YOU WILL ALSO RECEIVE A COMPLIMENTARY BRICK

INDIVIDUAL/HONOR BRICK SPONSOR \$200:

MEMORIAL BRICKS WILL BE PLACED ON THE GROUND WITHIN THE COURTYARD OF THE PLAZA

EACH BRICK HOLDS UP TO 3 LINES & EACH LINE CAN HOLD 13 CHARACTERS

SEE BRICK ORDER FORM ON BACK

CORPORATE BRICK SPONSOR \$400:

CORPORATE SPONSORS MAY PURCHASE A BRICK WITH THEIR COMPANY NAME ENGRAVED

PROCEEDS OF BRICK SALES WILL BE DIRECTED TOWARD CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE COSTS OF THE PLAZA

For more information, please visit www.elginfiremuseum.com. Donations can be made via cash, check or PayPal. Checks should be made out to the **Elgin Fire Barn No. 5 Museum, with 'FF Memorial' in the memo line.**

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BRICK ENGRAVING FORM

THANK YOU for your support and donation to the Firefighters Memorial Plaza. We sincerely appreciate your assistance in making this Firefighter Memorial a reality.

You are eligible to have an engraved brick for every \$200 that you have donated (for example, if you donated \$200, you are eligible for 1 brick, if you donated \$400, you are eligible for 2, etc.)

- All engraving will be in capital letters and all characters will be centered.
- Each brick holds up to 3 lines of engraving and a maximum of 13 characters per line.
- Spaces, periods, commas and hyphens count towards the 13 character limit.

Individual Bricks can honor a firefighter or a family name

Businesses can purchase a brick to show their support and highlight their business

Please print your desired information for your 4x8 brick:

Line 1 _____

Line 2 _____

Line 3 _____

Name/Organization: _____ Phone # _____

Address/City/State/Zip _____

Email: _____

Send this form and payment to committee member:

Mike Falese
1915 Salem Rd.
Elgin, IL 60123

PAYPAL QR CODE

Donations can be made via cash, check or PayPal.

Make your checks payable to: Elgin Fire Barn No. 5 Museum NFP

Any questions, please contact Mike at 224-242-6310 or mwfalese@gmail.com