

Edward Stringer

Age:	47
Cause of Death:	Collapse
Rank:	Firefighter
Nature of Death:	Unknown
Classification:	Career
Emergency Duty:	Yes
Incident Date:	12/22/2010
Duty Type:	On-Scene Fire
Incident Time:	06:54
Activity Type:	Salvage and Overhaul
Death Date:	12/22/2010
Fixed Prop. Use:	Store/Office

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10 W 35th ST, Floor 14
USNG: 16T DM 4793 3119
Chicago , Illinois 60616
Chief: Fire Commissioner Robert S. Hoff

Fire Dept. Info:

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Corey Ankum

Age: 34

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Rank: Firefighter

Nature of Death: Unknown

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Memorial Fund Info:
A memorial fund has been set up for the Ankum Family at Chase Bank. You can call any Chase Bank and tell them you would like to make a donation to this fund. Tell them it is a business fund under FF Corey Ankum Memorial Fund.

Gary L. Cummins

Age:

62

Cause of Death:

Stress/Overexertion

Rank:

Firefighter

Nature of Death:

Heart Attack

Classification:

Volunteer

Emergency Duty:

Yes

Incident Date:

10/31/2010

Duty Type:

Responding

Incident Time:

21:10

Activity Type:

Driving/Operating Vehicle/Apparatus

Death Date:

10/31/2010

Fixed Prop. Use:

Residential

Brocton Fire Protection District
113 East 3rd St.
USNG: 16S DJ 2010 9658
Brocton , Illinois 61917
Chief: Virgil Haynes

Fire Dept. Info:

Firefighter Cummins was in the process of moving the fire department vehicle in which he arrived at the scene of a structure fire when the truck left the road erratically and came to rest in a nearby ditch. A check of the vehicle revealed Cummins unconscious inside the cab. Edgar County Special Service Area Ambulance was already present at the scene and immediately began efforts at resuscitation. Firefighter Cummins was transported to the emergency room of Paris Community Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 9:41 p.m. by hospital staff. A preliminary cause of death was reported as a heart attack. Incident Location: 1705 East Fourteen Hundred Road, Brocton, IL (USNG: 16S DJ 1964 9174)

Initial Summary:

Thomas Innes

Age:	61
Cause of Death:	Unknown
Rank:	Assistant Fire Chief
Nature of Death:	Unknown
Classification:	Volunteer
Emergency Duty:	No
Incident Date:	10/02/2010
Duty Type:	After
Incident Time:	22:45
Activity Type:	Other
Death Date:	10/03/2010
Fixed Prop. Use:	Residential

Hindsboro Community Fire Protection District
PO Box 37
USNG: 16S DJ 0275 9328
Hindsboro , Illinois 61930
Chief: Steve Beaty

Fire Dept. Info:

Initial Summary:

Assistant Fire Chief Innes responded to a medical call in the town of Hindsboro. After the call was completed and the patient was transported, Innes went back to the station, readied the equipment, and then returned home. Shortly after returning home, Chief Innes became ill and was taken to a hospital where he passed away from a cause still to be reported.

Mark Johnson

Age: 55

Cause of Death: Stress/Overexertion

Rank: Deputy Fire Chief

Nature of Death: Unknown

Classification: Career

Emergency Duty: No

Incident Date: 09/20/2010

Duty Type: After

Incident Time: 16:30

Activity Type: Fitness Activity

Death Date: 09/20/2010

Fixed Prop. Use: Store/Office

Hinsdale Fire Department
121 Symonds Drive
USNG: 16T DM 2311 2841
Hinsdale , Illinois 60521
Chief: Mike Kelly

Fire Dept. Info:

Deputy Fire Chief Johnson responded to an emergency medical call with fire department units and, after returning to the fire station, collapsed while conducting department mandated physical training.

Deputy Fire Chief Johnson was treated by fire department paramedics and other medical personnel, but passed away from a cause still to be reported.

Incident Location: 121 Symonds Drive, Hinsdale, IL 60521 (USNG: 16T DM 2311 2841).

Initial Summary:

Memorial Fund Info:

In honor of Deputy Fire Chief Mark Johnson, c/o Hinsdale Fire Department, 121 Symonds Drive, Hinsdale, IL 60521.

Christopher Wheatley

Age: 31

Cause of Death: Fall

Rank: Firefighter/Paramedic

Nature of Death: Trauma

Classification: Career

Emergency Duty: Yes

Incident Date: 08/09/2010

Duty Type: On-Scene Fire

Incident Time: 00:30

Activity Type: Ventilation

Death Date: 08/09/2010

Fixed Prop. Use: Store/Office

Chicago Fire Department
10 W 35TH ST, Floor 14
USNG: 16T DM 4792 3120
Chicago , Illinois 60616-3717
Chief: Fire Commissioner Robert Hoff

Fire Dept. Info:

Initial Summary:

Firefighter Wheatley was working a grease-chute fire at a restaurant when he fell approximately 35 feet from a ladder suffering fatal injuries while he was making his way up to the roof of the burning building with his equipment. Incident Location: 615 W. Randolph, Chicago, IL (USNG: 16T DM 4662 3714)

Memorial Fund Info: Pending

Frank William Fouts, V

Age: 37

Cause of Death: Stress/Overexertion

Rank: Lieutenant

Nature of Death: Heart Attack

Classification: Career

Emergency Duty: No

Incident Date: 07/01/2010

Duty Type: After

Incident Time: 11:00

Activity Type: Other

Death Date: 07/01/2010

Fixed Prop. Use: Residential

City of Kankakee Fire Department
385 E OAK ST
USNG: 16T DL 2773 5260
Kankakee , Illinois 60901-3924
Chief: Ron Young

Fire Dept. Info:

Initial Summary:

Lieutenant Fouts passed away from cardiac arrhythmia after completing two fire and two EMS calls on his last shift. Incident Location: 1345 E. Cap Circle, Bourbonnais, IL (USNG: 16T DL 3047 5743)

Memorial Fund Info:

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Frank William Fouts, V Memorial Fund for his children. Other expressions of sympathy or condolences can be sent to Local 653 at 1136 Flossie Circle, Bourbonnais, IL 60914-4564 or emailed to jtjkb@comcast.net.

Kurt Meusel

Age: 25

Cause of Death: Vehicle Collision

Rank: Firefighter

Nature of Death: Trauma

Classification: Volunteer

Emergency Duty: Yes

Incident Date: 05/22/2010

Duty Type: Responding

Incident Time: 21:14

Activity Type: Driving/Riding Personal Vehicle

Death Date: 05/22/2010

Fixed Prop. Use: Street/Road

Scales Mound Fire Protection District
130 N Franklin ST
USNG: 15T YH 2582 0597
Scales Mound , Illinois 61075
Chief: Carl Winters

Fire Dept. Info:

Initial Summary:

Incident Description: Firefighter Meusel died from injuries sustained in a single motor vehicle accident while responding to a search and rescue incident. Incident Location: North Mill Creek Road, south of East Brandt Road (USNG: 15T YG 30 98).

Memorial Fund Info: Pending

Brian Carey

Age: 28

Cause of Death: Caught or Trapped

Rank: Firefighter

Nature of Death: Burns

Classification: Career

Emergency Duty: Yes

Incident Date: 03/30/2010

Duty Type: On-Scene Fire

Incident Time: 21:00

Activity Type: Search and Rescue

Death Date: 03/30/2010

Fixed Prop. Use: Residential

Fire Dept. Info: Homewood Fire Department
17950 Dixie HWY
USNG: 16T DM 4450 0147
Homewood , Illinois 60430-1732
Chief: Bob Grabowski

Initial Summary: Firefighter Carey died and a 21-year-old female part-time fire fighter/paramedic was injured when caught in an apparent flashover while operating a hoseline within a residence. Units arrived on scene to find heavy fire conditions at the rear of a house and moderate smoke conditions within the uninvolved areas of the house. A search and rescue crew had made entry into the house to search for a civilian who was entrapped at the rear of the house. The victim, the injured fire fighter/paramedic, and a third fire fighter made entry into the home with a charged 2.5 inch hoseline. Thick, black rolling smoke banked down to knee level after the hoseline was advanced 12 feet into the kitchen area. While ventilation activities were occurring, the search and rescue crew observed fire rolling across the ceiling within the smoke. They immediately yelled to the hoseline crew to "get out." The search and rescue crew were able to exit the structure safely, then returned to rescue the injured fire fighter/paramedic first and then the victim. The victim was found wrapped in the 2.5 inch hoseline that had ruptured and without his facepiece on. He was quickly brought out of the structure, received medical care on scene, and was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead. Incident Location: 17622 Lincoln Ave, Homewood (USNG: 16T DM 4343 0218)

Memorial Fund Info: The Homewood Emergency Medical Fund, 17950 Dixie HWY, Homewood, IL 60430
