

Dept. of the Month

Airport Financial Reporting Division

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Friends Recall Tommy Scott, True City Hero

■ **LAX Police Officer pays ultimate price in protecting airport.**

Photos by Liz Montes, Club Counselor, and Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager



Tommy Edward Scott
1969 - 2005

AIRPORT DEPT. — Friends, family and coworkers have been sharing with *Alive!* their memories and thoughts on the passing of Officer Tommy Edward Scott, longtime City employee.

Tommy was killed while attempting to diffuse a situation involving an automobile on Lincoln Boulevard April 29. He was attending to his sworn duty, protecting the airport. At press time, a suspect is in custody.

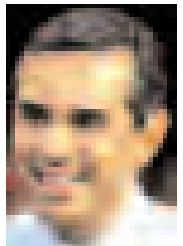
He was the first Airport Police officer killed in the line of duty in the 59-year history of the Airport Police force.

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Villaraigosa In; Airport Police Stay Independent

■ **Citywide runoff election May 17 lifts Councilman to the Mayor's Office. Also, LAPD will not take over airport police duties.**

CITY CLERK — In the end, it was a landslide victory for Antonio Villaraigosa, former City Councilman who was elected the next mayor of Los Angeles in a runoff election May 17.



Antonio Villaraigosa,
Mayor-Elect

At press time, with more than 98 percent of precincts reporting, District 14 Councilmember Villaraigosa became mayor-elect after defeating incumbent Los Angeles Mayor James Hahn by more than 17 points. In so

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Frank Borden (above) holds the brick he purchased in memory of his father, who also worked for the LAFD. The brick paver program is helping to fund the Fallen Firefighters Memorial, depicted below.

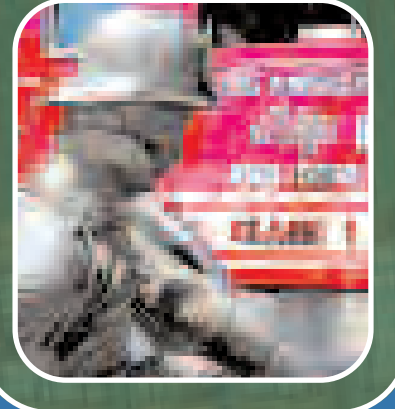
A computer-generated rendering of the Fallen Firefighters Memorial, now being built. At left is Old Fire Station 27. Here is a glimpse of the statues already completed.

■ **Firefighters respond when the City needs them. Now they need City employees to support Fallen Firefighters Memorial. Consider purchasing a brick paver.**

"I'm a born optimist," said Frank Borden, Retired LAFD Assistant Fire Chief and current project coordinator for the Fallen Firefighters Memorial. "I've never said it can't be done. I know we will finish this. It's just a matter of when."

Frank isn't kidding about the optimist part. As he spoke, contractors were filling the first forms with concrete.

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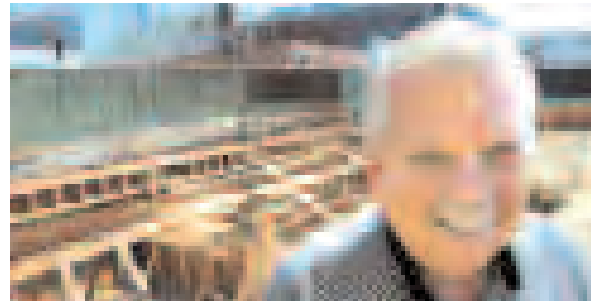
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Statues, already finished, await placement in the Fallen Firefighters Memorial, now under construction.



Frank Borden (left) explains the progress to Club CEO John Hawkins.



Frank Borden, who retired from the LAFD in 1997, and whose father was a captain at Old Fire Station 27 in Hollywood (the site of the memorial), wants to build the memorial as a legacy for generations to come.



A scale-size mockup of the archway that will be part of the memorial. The archway will feature a waterfall.

Brick Pavers a Great Way To Honor Fallen Firefighters

Memorial

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But there's a challenge as the project heads toward its expected September deadline: They're running out of money.

"We need to raise another \$750,000 to keep building and meet our deadline," Frank said. "The cost to build the memorial — not counting the statues, which are already paid for — is more than \$1 million. So we really need that big push of support."

The Memorial is designed to honor those LAFD firefighters who have been killed in the line of duty, who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in serving the City. The Memorial will feature statues of firefighters in action, a memorial arch, a waterfall, a torch, a map of all City fire stations built into the beige pavement, contemplative benches and eventually an informational kiosk.

But the LAFD Historical Society has just about run out of money for the project. As he did during his years (1959-96) with the LAFD, Frank is taking a calculated risk and moving ahead anyway. He really wants to dedicate the Memorial at an official Memorial to Fallen Firefighters Ceremony in October.

"This is year of the Memorial," he said. "In 2001, it was the year for restoring Old Fire Station 27 in Hollywood for our Historical Society museum. In 2003, we opened the Firefighter Museum in San Pedro. And we've also started restoring the Ralph J. Scott fire boat in the Port of L.A. 2005 is the Year of the Memorial.

"It's really going to be a beautiful area," he continued, "a real piece of art. People should come and see how beautiful it will be."

Frank appreciates that working for the City is really like being part of a family.

"I was fortunate to be able to work with almost all of the other City departments, when I was with the LAFD," he said. "It's nice to know that we're all on the same team, with one focus, one goal, to serve our great City.

"The LAFD is here to protect people, property and the environment, to help others. In doing that, we take calculated risks. We train every day, as if our lives depended on it. Because it does. Accidents happen.

"We've lost firefighters in the line of duty, and that's a sacrifice that not everyone in the City is asked to make. [Firefighters] have been killed protecting people. When you commend a firefighter for that kind of dedication, they often say, 'That's our job.' But they risk their lives to save a life. It's so sad when a firefighter dies and leaves a family behind. They come here to remember, and it's very emotional. The Memorial recognizes that."

The Memorial is about all who have served the LAFD.

"This will be for everyone, for generations to come," he said. "People will be able to come here and remember those who have died in the line of duty, but also anyone who has worked for the department," Frank continued. His own father, Stanley, was a Battalion Chief for the LAFD, and served for a time at Old Fire Station 27, site of the Memorial. That's why Frank has purchased a brick in his father's memory.

"These paving bricks are going to be around

Paving The Way



Frank Borden holds a sample brick paver. This one is named for his father.

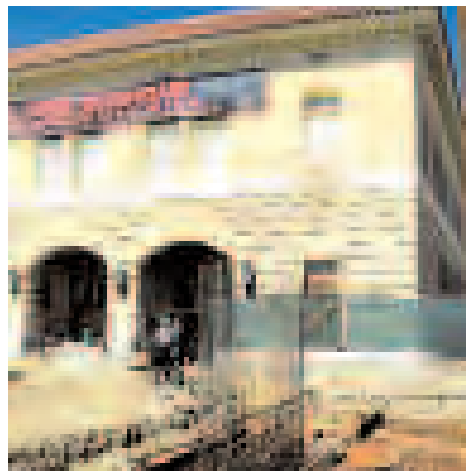
for a very long time," he explained. "They're a great way for people to create a legacy for generations to come."

For that to happen, the Memorial needs your support.

"We need a really big push," he said. "The time grows short. We don't want to have to stop construction.

"I think it's really time for everyone to support the members of the City family, who all serve the same purpose. Anyone who can help us, we'd really appreciate it, as soon as possible. We really need the help.

"Like I said, I'm an optimist. I've never said it can't be done."



The Firefighter Memorial is being built in the courtyard of Old Fire Station 27 in Hollywood, now the site of the LAFD Historical Society Firefighter Museum.

HOW TO HELP

Several employees of the City Employees Club have pledged their support, in purchasing a brick paver, to leave a legacy for generations to come.

You can do the same.

Here's how you can help:

- Consider purchasing a brick paver. You can use the form published in this issue of *Alive!*, or you can use the Memorial Website at: www.lafd.org and click on the Memorial.
- Consider donating more than a brick paver, if you can.
- The LAFD is producing a Torch Relay all throughout the summer to raise funds for the Memorial. Contact your local City fire station, or check out the LAFD Website.
- For more information, you can contact Frank Borden at (323) 464-2727 or e-mail us here at the Museum at lafdhs27@aol.com

LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS' MEMORIAL BRICK PAYER ORDER FORM

Quantity	Price	Description
1 Paver	\$100	Standard brick paver, 8" x 16" x 2" (1/2" thick), with a raised fire station number on the top surface.
2 Pavers	\$200	Standard brick paver, 8" x 16" x 2" (1/2" thick), with a raised fire station number on the top surface.
3 Pavers	\$300	Standard brick paver, 8" x 16" x 2" (1/2" thick), with a raised fire station number on the top surface.
4 Pavers	\$400	Standard brick paver, 8" x 16" x 2" (1/2" thick), with a raised fire station number on the top surface.
5 Pavers	\$500	Standard brick paver, 8" x 16" x 2" (1/2" thick), with a raised fire station number on the top surface.
6 Pavers	\$600	Standard brick paver, 8" x 16" x 2" (1/2" thick), with a raised fire station number on the top surface.
7 Pavers	\$700	Standard brick paver, 8" x 16" x 2" (1/2" thick), with a raised fire station number on the top surface.
8 Pavers	\$800	Standard brick paver, 8" x 16" x 2" (1/2" thick), with a raised fire station number on the top surface.
9 Pavers	\$900	Standard brick paver, 8" x 16" x 2" (1/2" thick), with a raised fire station number on the top surface.
10 Pavers	\$1,000	Standard brick paver, 8" x 16" x 2" (1/2" thick), with a raised fire station number on the top surface.

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