



Ralph Lucas of the Prescott, Ariz. Fire Dept., speaks to the crowd.



LAFD

# Remembering The Fallen

**LAFD Historical Society pays its annual tribute to fallen firefighters. This year's event included a tribute to firefighters who died in an Arizona wildfire.**

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The names are read of those who lost their lives in the line of duty.



From left: Don Dodd in a vintage LAFD Uniform; Mayor Eric Garcetti, and Frank Borden, Retired, LAFD, of the LAFD Historical Society.



Mr. LA Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member, speaks to the crowd.



The color guard.

On Oct. 12, the LAFD Historical Society held its annual charity event to pay tribute to the department's fallen firefighters.

The event took place at the Fallen Firefighters Memorial at the LAFD Historical Society in Old Fire Station 27 in Hollywood.

The program was very well attended by about 200 LAFD retired and active members and family and the families of many of the department's fallen members. Mayor Eric Garcetti; Mr. LA Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member; and then-Fire Chief Brian Cummings were joined by several speakers, including a special addition to the program from the Prescott, Ariz. Fire Department. Battalion Chief Ralph Lucas thanked the LAFD Historical Society for paying a special tribute to the 19 firefighters who died in a wildland fire. The Historical Society had several memorial pavers engraved with their names in the Memorial Plaza. An emotional speech was made by Emily Pizinger, who remembered her father, who died while on active duty in a diving accident.

A special part of the program featured the donation of a huge piece of art made in honor of Firefighter Glenn Allen, who died from injuries at a house fire in the Hollywood Hills. Artist Tim Lampros made the beautiful badge, which is on display in the museum.



Officers line up at the event.

**About the Memorial:**

The LAFD Fallen Firefighters Memorial, 1355 N. Cahuenga Blvd. in Hollywood is located in front of restored Old Fire Station 27, the home of the LAFD Historical Society Museum and William Roland Firefighter Educational Institute.

The ten-year journey to restore the fire station, built in 1930 and to dedicate a Memorial for Fallen Firefighters has been developed and sponsored by the LAFD Historical Society and a dedicated group of volunteers.

The design for the memorial began with a sketch of five life-size figures presented by active duty LAFD Capt. H. Dwayne Golden. The sculpting and production of the bronze statues were undertaken by Honors for Excellence, Ltd. a Minnesota-based company specializing in police and fire commissions.



The LAFD Fallen Firefighters Memorial.

Financial donors to the project are able to read their names and those of loved ones on the brick pavers throughout the plaza – an opportunity for a firefighter, family member or friend to be part of this unique tribute to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

This unique memorial in the heart of Hollywood is a place where family and visitors can come to remember and appreciate the sacrifice made by the members of the LAFD for the people of the City.



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