

# Charles “Lance” Mathew

Charles “Lance” Mathew was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA’s annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age: 20

Rank: Lieutenant

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Mar 18, 2003 03:03

Date of death: Mar 18, 2003

Cause of death: Struck By

Nature of death: Trauma

Activity type: Other

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Non-Fire

Fixed property use: Street/Road

Memorial fund information: Benefit fund for Charles Lance Mathew was set up at Gulf Coast Bank: Labelle Fannett Vol. Fire Dept. Benefits for Charles Lance Mathew Account # 034140 Please contact Dawn Sonnier for information 409-243-2289/409-794-1441

## Department information

La Belle-Fannett Volunteer Fire Department  
18769 FM 365  
Beaumont, TX 77705  
Chief: Charles Sonnier

# Ricardo A. Gonzales

Ricardo A. Gonzales was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age: 47

Rank: District Chief

Classification: Career

Incident date: Oct 24, 2003 08:46

Date of death: Nov 5, 2003

Cause of death: Stress/Overexertion

Nature of death: Heart Attack

Activity type: Incident Command

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Non-Fire

Fixed property use: Street/Road

Memorial fund information: The family asks that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the Beaumont Professional Firefighters Local 399, c/o Ricky Gonzales, Hart Berwick Scholarship Fund, 1307 Wall Street, Beaumont, TX 77701.

## Department information

Beaumont Fire/Rescue  
P.O. Box 3827  
Beaumont, TX 77704  
Chief: Michel G. Bertrand

