

# Michael F. Drobitsch

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Michael F. Drobitsch 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	46
Rank	Firefighter
Classification	Career
Incident date	Jun 20, 1997
Date of death	Jun 20, 1997
Cause of fatal injury	Caught or Trapped
Nature of fatal injury	Asphyxiation
Activity type	Other
Emergency duty	No
Duty type	Training
Fixed property use	N/A

## Department information

**Chicago Fire Department**  
121 North LaSalle  
Chicago, IL 60601

Contact: Fire Commissioner Edward Altman

# Patrick Joseph King

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Patrick Joseph King 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.

<b>Age</b>	40
<b>Rank</b>	Firefighter
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Feb 11, 1998 13:30
<b>Date of death</b>	Feb 11, 1998
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Caught or Trapped
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Asphyxiation
<b>Activity type</b>	Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland)
<b>Emergency duty</b>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	On-Scene Fire
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Store/Office

## Department information

### Chicago Fire Department - Truck Company 45

121 North LaSalle City Hall Room 105  
Chicago, IL 60601

Contact: fire commissioner Edward Altman

# Anthony Eddie Lockhart

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Anthony Eddie Lockhart 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	40
Rank	firefighter
Classification	Career
Incident date	Feb 11, 1998 13:30
Date of death	Feb 11, 1998
Cause of fatal injury	Caught or Trapped
Nature of fatal injury	Asphyxiation
Activity type	Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland)
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	On-Scene Fire
Fixed property use	Store/Office

## Department information

### Chicago Fire Department - Engine 120

121 North LaSalle City Hall Room 105  
Chicago, IL 60601

Contact: Fire Commissioner Edward Altman

# Stanley Scott

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Stanley Scott 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	45
Rank	Firefighter
Classification	Career
Incident date	Dec 21, 1996
Date of death	Dec 21, 1996
Cause of fatal injury	Stress/Overexertion
Nature of fatal injury	Heart Attack
Activity type	Water Supply
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use

## Department information

**Chicago Fire Department**  
121 N. LaSalle St., City Hall, Room 105  
Chicago, IL 60601

Contact: Chief Edward Altman

# Donald Kaczka

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Donald Kaczka 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	57
Rank	Fire Engineer
Classification	Career
Incident date	Mar 24, 1995
Date of death	Mar 24, 1995
Cause of fatal injury	Stress/Overexertion
Nature of fatal injury	Heart Attack
Activity type	Other
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	On-Scene Fire
Fixed property use	Manufacturing

## Department information

### Chicago Fire Department

City Hall

Chicago, IL 60602

Contact: Raymond Orozco

# Thomas O'Boyle

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Thomas O'Boyle 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	55
Rank	Lieutenant
Classification	Career
Incident date	Sep 26, 1995
Date of death	Sep 26, 1995
Cause of fatal injury	Stress/Overexertion
Nature of fatal injury	Heart Attack
Activity type	Other
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	On-Scene Fire
Fixed property use	Storage

## Department information

### Chicago Fire Department

510 N. Peshtigo Court  
Chicago, IL 60611

Contact: Charles Steward

# Thomas E. Prendergast

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Thomas E. Prendergast 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.

<b>Age</b>	56
<b>Rank</b>	Captain
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Jul 23, 1998
<b>Date of death</b>	Aug 8, 1998
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Stress/Overexertion
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Heart Attack
<b>Activity type</b>	Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland)
<b>Emergency duty</b>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	On-Scene Fire
<b>Fixed property use</b>	

## Department information

### Chicago Fire Department - Engine Company 78

121 North LaSalle City Hall Room 105;  
Chicago, IL 60602

Contact: Commissioner Ed Altman

# Eugene Williard Blackmon, Jr.

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Eugene Williard Blackmon, Jr. 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	38
Rank	Firefighter
Classification	Career
Incident date	May 19, 1998
Date of death	May 19, 1998
Cause of fatal injury	Caught or Trapped
Nature of fatal injury	Drowning
Activity type	Search and Rescue
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	On-Scene Non-Fire
Fixed property use	

## Department information

### Chicago Fire Department

121 North LaSalle City Hall-Room 105  
Chicago, IL 60602

Contact: Fire Commissioner Edward Altman



# Jesse Stewart

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Jesse Stewart was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland .

Age	72
Rank	Assistant Deputy
Classification	Career
Incident date	Feb 3, 1985
Date of death	Dec 1, 1997
Cause of fatal injury	Struck By
Nature of fatal injury	Trauma
Activity type	Driving/Operating Vehicle/Apparatus
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	Responding

Fixed property use

## Department information

### Chicago Fire Department

1338 South Clinton Street  
Chicago, IL 60607

Contact: Edward P. Altman

# L. C. Merrell

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L. C. Merrell 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.

<b>Age</b>	43
<b>Rank</b>	Lieutenant
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Apr 29, 2000 11:52
<b>Date of death</b>	Apr 29, 2000
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Struck By
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Trauma
<b>Activity type</b>	Riding Vehicle/Apparatus
<b>Emergency duty</b>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	Responding
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Street/Road

## Department information

### Chicago Fire Department

121 North LaSalle Street Room 105  
Chicago, IL 60602

Contact: James Joyce

# Scott P. Gillen

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Scott P. Gillen 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.

<b>Age</b>	37
<b>Rank</b>	Lieutenant
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Dec 23, 2000 02:45
<b>Date of death</b>	Dec 23, 2000
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Struck By
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Trauma
<b>Activity type</b>	Other
<b>Emergency duty</b>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	On-Scene Non-Fire
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Street/Road

## Department information

### Chicago Fire Department

121 North LaSalle Street Room #105  
Chicago, IL 60602

Contact: James T. Joyce

# Steven J McNamee

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Steven J McNamee 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	36
Rank	Recruit/Probationary Firefighter
Classification	Career
Incident date	Nov 23, 1993
Date of death	Nov 24, 1993
Cause of fatal injury	Fall
Nature of fatal injury	Trauma
Activity type	
Emergency duty	No
Duty type	Training
Fixed property use	

## Department information

Chicago Fire Department

Chicago, IL

# Patrick J. Cramer

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Patrick J. Cramer 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.

<b>Age</b>	51
<b>Rank</b>	Firefighter
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Nov 15, 2004 21:20
<b>Date of death</b>	Nov 15, 2004
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Stress/Overexertion
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Heart Attack
<b>Activity type</b>	Other
<b>Emergency duty</b>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	After
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Public Assembly

## Department information

**Chicago Fire Department**  
10 West 35th Street 14th Floor  
Chicago, IL 60616

Contact: Deputy Commissioner William T. Donohue

# William F Grant

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William F Grant 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.

<b>Age</b>	44
<b>Rank</b>	Firefighter
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Mar 23, 2007 07:41
<b>Date of death</b>	Mar 23, 2007
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Trauma
<b>Activity type</b>	Riding Vehicle/Apparatus
<b>Emergency duty</b>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	Responding
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Street/Road

Memorial fund information:  
Pending

## Department information

**Chicago Fire Department**  
10 W. 35th St. 13th Floor  
Chicago, IL 60602

Contact: Fire Commissioner Raymond Orosco

# Christopher D. Wheatley

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Christopher D. Wheatley 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.

<b>Age</b>	31
<b>Rank</b>	Firefighter/Paramedic
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Aug 9, 2010 00:30
<b>Date of death</b>	Aug 9, 2010
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Fall
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Trauma
<b>Activity type</b>	Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland)
<b>Emergency duty</b>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	On-Scene Fire
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Store/Office

Memorial fund information:  
Pending

## Department information

### Chicago Fire Department

10 W 35TH ST, Floor 14 USNG: 16T DM 4792 3120  
Chicago, IL 60616-3717

Contact: Fire Commissioner Robert Hoff

# Edward J. Stringer, Sr.

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Edward J. Stringer, Sr. 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.

<b>Age</b>	47
<b>Rank</b>	Firefighter
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Dec 22, 2010 06:54
<b>Date of death</b>	Dec 22, 2010
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Collapse
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Crushed
<b>Activity type</b>	Ventilation
<b>Emergency duty</b>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	On-Scene Fire
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Store/Office

## Department information

### Chicago Fire Department

10 W 35th ST, Floor 14 USNG: 16T DM 4793 3119  
Chicago, IL 60616

Contact: Fire Commissioner Robert S. Hoff



# Corey D. Ankum

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Corey D. Ankum 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.

<b>Age</b>	34
<b>Rank</b>	Firefighter
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Dec 22, 2010 06:54
<b>Date of death</b>	Dec 22, 2010
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Collapse
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Crushed
<b>Activity type</b>	Unknown
<b>Emergency duty</b>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	On-Scene Fire
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Store/Office

## Memorial fund information:

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.

## Department information

### Chicago Fire Department

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Chicago, IL 60616

Contact: Fire Commissioner Robert S. Hoff

# Patrick Bernard Hannon

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Patrick Bernard Hannon 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.

<b>Age</b>	51
<b>Rank</b>	Lieutenant
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Jan 15, 2011 07:00
<b>Date of death</b>	Jan 15, 2011
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Stress/Overexertion
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Heart Attack
<b>Activity type</b>	In-Station Duties
<b>Emergency duty</b>	No
<b>Duty type</b>	Other On-Duty
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Store/Office

## Department information

### Chicago Fire Department

10 W 35th ST, Floor 14 USNG: 16T DM 4793 3119  
Chicago, IL 60616

Contact: Fire Commissioner Robert S. Hoff

# Herbert T. Johnson

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Herbert T. Johnson 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.

<b>Age</b>	54
<b>Rank</b>	Captain
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Nov 2, 2012 17:31
<b>Date of death</b>	Nov 2, 2012
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Caught or Trapped
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Asphyxiation
<b>Activity type</b>	Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland)
<b>Emergency duty</b>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	On-Scene Fire
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Residential

## Department information

### Chicago Fire Department

3510 South Michigan Avenue, Floor 2 USNG: 16T DM 4822 3118  
Chicago, IL 60653

Contact: Fire Commissioner José A. Santiago

# Walter Patmon, Jr.

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Walter Patmon, Jr. 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	61
Rank	Firefighter
Classification	Career
Incident date	Nov 11, 2012 22:00
Date of death	Nov 11, 2012
Cause of fatal injury	Stress/Overexertion
Nature of fatal injury	Heart Attack
Activity type	Other
Emergency duty	No
Duty type	Returning
Fixed property use	Residential

## Department information

### Chicago Fire Department

3510 South Michigan Avenue, Floor 2 USNG: 16T DM 4822 3118  
Chicago, IL 60653

Contact: Fire Commissioner José A. Santiago

# Fidel G Serrano, Jr.

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Fidel G Serrano, Jr. 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	40
Rank	Firefighter/Paramedic
Classification	Career
Incident date	Aug 24, 2012
Date of death	Aug 26, 2012
Cause of fatal injury	Stress/Overexertion
Nature of fatal injury	Cerebrovascular Accident
Activity type	Not On Scene
Emergency duty	No
Duty type	After
Fixed property use	

## Department information

**Chicago Fire Department**

Chicago, IL

Contact: Commissioner Luis Santiago

# Daniel V Capuano

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Daniel V Capuano 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.

<b>Age</b>	43
<b>Rank</b>	Firefighter/Paramedic
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Dec 14, 2015 02:43
<b>Date of death</b>	Dec 14, 2015
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Fall
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Trauma
<b>Activity type</b>	Search and Rescue
<b>Emergency duty</b>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	On-Scene Fire
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Storage

## Department information

### Chicago Fire Department

3510 South Michigan Avenue, Floor 2 U.S. National Grid: 16T DM 4822 3118  
Chicago, IL 60653

Contact: Fire Commissioner José A. Santiago

# Juan Jose Bucio

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Juan Jose Bucio 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	46
Rank	Firefighter/EMT
Classification	Career
Incident date	May 28, 2018 19:50
Date of death	May 28, 2018
Cause of fatal injury	Caught or Trapped
Nature of fatal injury	Asphyxiation
Activity type	Search and Rescue
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	On-Scene Non-Fire
Fixed property use	Outdoor Property

## Department information

### Chicago Fire Department

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Chicago, IL 60653

Contact: Fire Commissioner Richard C. Ford

# Mario Ernesto Araujo

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Mario Ernesto Araujo 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	49
Rank	Firefighter/EMT
Classification	Career
Incident date	Mar 1, 2020
Date of death	Apr 7, 2020
Cause of fatal injury	Exposure
Nature of fatal injury	Covid-19
Activity type	EMS/Patient Care
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	On-Scene Non-Fire
Fixed property use	Residential

## Department information

### Chicago Fire Department

3510 South Michigan Avenue Second Floor  
Chicago, IL 60635

Contact: Fire Commissioner Richard C. Ford, II



# Edward Louis Singleton

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Edward Louis Singleton 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.

<b>Age</b>	55
<b>Rank</b>	Firefighter
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Apr 5, 2020
<b>Date of death</b>	Apr 14, 2020
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Exposure
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Covid-19
<b>Activity type</b>	Other
<b>Emergency duty</b>	No
<b>Duty type</b>	Other On-Duty
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Store/Office

## Department information

### Chicago Fire Department

3510 South Michigan Avenue Second Floor  
Chicago, IL 60635

Contact: Fire Commissioner Richard C. Ford, II

# Michael Richard Pickering

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Michael Richard Pickering was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

<b>Age</b>	45
<b>Rank</b>	Firefighter/EMT
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Sep 21, 2021
<b>Date of death</b>	Oct 8, 2021
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Exposure
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Covid-19
<b>Activity type</b>	EMS/Patient Care
<b>Emergency duty</b>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	On-Scene Non-Fire
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Residential

## Department information

**Chicago Fire Department**  
3510 S Michigan AVE 2nd FL  
Chicago, IL 60635

Contact: Fire Commissioner Annette Nance-Holt

# Mashawn Jermaine Plummer

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Mashawn Jermaine Plummer 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	30
Rank	Firefighter/EMT
Classification	Career
Incident date	Dec 16, 2021 02:30
Date of death	Dec 21, 2021
Cause of fatal injury	Lost
Nature of fatal injury	Asphyxiation
Activity type	Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland)
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	On-Scene Fire
Fixed property use	Residential

## Department information

**Chicago Fire Department**  
3510 S Michigan AVE 2nd FL  
Chicago, IL 60635

Contact: Fire Commissioner Annette Nance-Holt

# Jermaine A. Pelt

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Fatality status is provisional and may change as USFA contacts State Fire Marshals to verify fatality incident information.

<b>Age</b>	49
<b>Rank</b>	Firefighter/EMT
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Apr 4, 2023 03:30
<b>Date of death</b>	Apr 4, 2023
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Out of Air
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Asphyxiation
<b>Activity type</b>	Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland)
<b>Emergency duty</b>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	On-Scene Fire
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Residential

## Department information

### Chicago Fire Department

3510 S Michigan ST, Floor 2 Chicago Public Safety Building  
Chicago, IL 60653

Contact: Commissioner Annette Nance Holt

# Jan Tchoryk

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Fatality status is provisional and may change as USFA contacts State Fire Marshals to verify fatality incident information.

Age	55
Rank	Lieutenant
Classification	Career
Incident date	Apr 5, 2023 07:30
Date of death	Apr 5, 2023
Cause of fatal injury	Stress/Overexertion
Nature of fatal injury	Heart Attack
Activity type	Other
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	On-Scene Fire
Fixed property use	Residential

## Department information

### Chicago Fire Department

3510 S. Michigan ST, Floor 2 Chicago Public Safety Building  
Chicago, IL 60653

Contact: Commissioner Annette Nance Holt

# Kevin P. Ward

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Fatality status is provisional and may change as USFA contacts State Fire Marshals to verify fatality incident information.

Age	58
Rank	Lieutenant
Classification	Career
Incident date	Aug 11, 2023 15:15
Date of death	Aug 28, 2023
Cause of fatal injury	Unknown
Nature of fatal injury	Unknown
Activity type	Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland)
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	On-Scene Fire
Fixed property use	Residential

## Department information

### Chicago Fire Department

3510 Michigan ST, FL 2 Chicago Public Safety Building  
Chicago, IL 60653

Contact: Fire Commissioner Annette Nance-Holt

# Andrew "Drew" B. Price

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Fatality status is provisional and may change as USFA contacts State Fire Marshals to verify fatality incident information.

Age	39
Rank	Firefighter/EMT
Classification	Career
Incident date	Nov 13, 2023 06:00
Date of death	Nov 13, 2023
Cause of fatal injury	Fall
Nature of fatal injury	Trauma
Activity type	Ventilation
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	On-Scene Fire
Fixed property use	Industry

## Department information

### Chicago Fire Department

3510 Michigan ST, FL 2 Chicago Public Safety Building  
Chicago, IL 60653

Contact: Fire Commissioner Annette Nance-Holt

