

# Robert J. Haggadone

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Robert J. Haggadone 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/Driver
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Jan 19, 1996
<b>Date of death</b>	Aug 2, 1996
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Struck By
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Trauma
<b>Activity type</b>	Water Supply
<b>Emergency duty</b>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	On-Scene Fire
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Residential

## Department information

**Wildwood Fire Association**  
4397 Wildwood Shores Road  
Alger, MI 48610

Contact: Ben Lowery

# Francis Ploeger

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Francis Ploeger 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>	45
<b>Rank</b>	Firefighter
<b>Classification</b>	Volunteer
<b>Incident date</b>	Feb 24, 1996
<b>Date of death</b>	Feb 24, 1996
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Stress/Overexertion
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Heart Attack
<b>Activity type</b>	Support
<b>Emergency duty</b>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	On-Scene Fire
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Storage

## Department information

### Ash Township Volunteer Fire Department

129 18 Crane  
Carleton, MI 48117

Contact: Henry Fahnestock

# Bradley Hocking

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Bradley Hocking 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>	
<b>Rank</b>	Chief
<b>Classification</b>	
<b>Incident date</b>	Jun 3, 1995
<b>Date of death</b>	Jun 6, 1995
<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>	No
<b>Duty type</b>	Responding
<b>Fixed property use</b>	N/A

## Department information

**Pipestone Berrien Township Fire Department**  
P.O. Box 241  
Eau Clair, MI 49111

Contact:

# John Weingart

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John Weingart 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>	Firefighter
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Jul 14, 1995
<b>Date of death</b>	Jul 15, 1995
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Stress/Overexertion
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Heart Attack
<b>Activity type</b>	Water Supply
<b>Emergency duty</b>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	On-Scene Fire
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Residential

## Department information

### **Detroit Fire Department**

250 W. Larned St.  
Detroit, MI 48226

Contact: Curtis Edmonds

# James H. Tebo

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James H. Tebo 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>	61
<b>Rank</b>	Captain
<b>Classification</b>	Volunteer
<b>Incident date</b>	Jul 13, 1997
<b>Date of death</b>	Jul 13, 1997
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Stress/Overexertion
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Heart Attack
<b>Activity type</b>	
<b>Emergency duty</b>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	On-Scene Fire
<b>Fixed property use</b>	

## Department information

**Bangor Community Fire Department**

Bangor, MI

# Wayne M. Fogel

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Wayne M. Fogel 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>	Feb 4, 1997
<b>Date of death</b>	Feb 4, 1997
<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>	N/A

## Department information

**Detroit Fire Department**

Detroit, MI

Contact:

# Ray D. Tiffany

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Ray D. Tiffany was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland .

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<b>Age</b>	
<b>Rank</b>	Chief
<b>Classification</b>	
<b>Incident date</b>	Sep 3, 1987
<b>Date of death</b>	Feb 6, 1995
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Exposure
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	
<b>Activity type</b>	
<b>Emergency duty</b>	
<b>Duty type</b>	
<b>Fixed property use</b>	

## Department information

**Lakewood Fire Department**  
3100 Lake Street  
Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Contact: Hy Dunfield

# Terry "Ted" True Oliver, Sr.

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Terry "Ted" True Oliver, 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>	58
<b>Rank</b>	Assistant Fire Chief
<b>Classification</b>	Volunteer
<b>Incident date</b>	Feb 19, 1999 13:45
<b>Date of death</b>	Feb 19, 1999
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Stress/Overexertion
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Heart Attack
<b>Activity type</b>	Salvage and Overhaul
<b>Emergency duty</b>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	On-Scene Fire
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Residential

## Department information

### City of Eaton Rapids Fire Department

144 North Main Street  
Eaton Rapids, MI 48827

Contact: Richard Freer

# David Paul Sutton

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David Paul Sutton 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>	27
<b>Rank</b>	Firefighter
<b>Classification</b>	Volunteer
<b>Incident date</b>	Mar 4, 2000 05:00
<b>Date of death</b>	Mar 4, 2000
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Exposure
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Asphyxiation
<b>Activity type</b>	Search and Rescue
<b>Emergency duty</b>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	On-Scene Fire
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Residential

## Department information

### Fraser Department of Public Safety

33000 Garfield Road  
Fraser, MI 48026

Contact: Director Joseph Palazzola

# David Anthony Maisano

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David Anthony Maisano 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>	38
<b>Rank</b>	Captain
<b>Classification</b>	Volunteer
<b>Incident date</b>	Apr 4, 2000 21:17
<b>Date of death</b>	Apr 8, 2000
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Fall
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Other
<b>Activity type</b>	Support
<b>Emergency duty</b>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	On-Scene Fire
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Residential

## Department information

### **Tritown Fire Department**

1508 West 11th Street  
Mio, MI 48647

Contact: Ron Bruner

# Dennis E. Dearing, Jr.

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Dennis E. Dearing, 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.

<b>Age</b>	27
<b>Rank</b>	Firefighter
<b>Classification</b>	Volunteer
<b>Incident date</b>	Feb 27, 1994
<b>Date of death</b>	Feb 27, 1994
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Caught or Trapped
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Burns
<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

### Auburn Hills Fire Department

1827 North Squirrel  
Auburn Hills, MI 48326

Contact: Mark Walterhouse

# Robert G. English

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Robert G. English 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>	57
<b>Rank</b>	Battalion Chief
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Feb 5, 1994
<b>Date of death</b>	Feb 5, 1994
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Stress/Overexertion
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Heart Attack
<b>Activity type</b>	Incident Command
<b>Emergency duty</b>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	On-Scene Fire
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Residential

## Department information

### **Detroit Fire Department**

250 West Larned  
Detroit, MI 48226

Contact: Harold Watkins

# Gail Lynne VanAuken

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Gail Lynne VanAuken 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>	41
<b>Rank</b>	Firefighter
<b>Classification</b>	Volunteer
<b>Incident date</b>	Nov 2, 2000 02:30
<b>Date of death</b>	Nov 2, 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

### Overisel Fire Department

A-4253 47th Street  
Holland, MI 49423

Contact: Jim Mentzer

# Ronald Haner

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Ronald Haner was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland .

<b>Age</b>	61
<b>Rank</b>	Deputy Chief
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Dec 18, 2000 07:16
<b>Date of death</b>	Dec 18, 2000
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Caught or Trapped
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Asphyxiation
<b>Activity type</b>	Other
<b>Emergency duty</b>	
<b>Duty type</b>	Other On-Duty
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Residential

## Department information

### Portage Fire Department

2830 Shaver Road  
Portage, MI 49024

Contact: George Sheets

# Christopher Towne

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Christopher Towne 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>	52
<b>Rank</b>	Lieutenant
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Jan 18, 2001 01:00
<b>Date of death</b>	Jan 18, 2001
<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

### **Detroit Fire Department**

250 W. Larned  
Detroit, MI 48226

Contact: Percy Warmac

# James Alan Rupkey

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James Alan Rupkey 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>	58
<b>Rank</b>	Lieutenant
<b>Classification</b>	Volunteer
<b>Incident date</b>	Apr 23, 2001 20:30
<b>Date of death</b>	Apr 23, 2001
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Stress/Overexertion
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Heart Attack
<b>Activity type</b>	Search and Rescue
<b>Emergency duty</b>	No
<b>Duty type</b>	Training
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Store/Office

## Department information

**Troy Fire Department**  
500 West Big Beaver Road  
Troy, MI 48084

Contact: Bill Nelson

# James Monroe Pelton

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James Monroe Pelton 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>	58
<b>Rank</b>	Fire Chief
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Aug 10, 2001 10:15
<b>Date of death</b>	Aug 10, 2001
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Struck By
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Trauma
<b>Activity type</b>	Driving/Riding Personal Vehicle
<b>Emergency duty</b>	No
<b>Duty type</b>	Other On-Duty
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Street/Road

## Department information

### Mason Fire Department

222 East Ash Street  
Mason, MI 48854

Contact: Acting Fire Chief Dave Scutt

# Michael Gene Elliott

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Michael Gene Elliott 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>	46
<b>Rank</b>	FireFighter
<b>Classification</b>	Volunteer
<b>Incident date</b>	Oct 24, 2001 21:30
<b>Date of death</b>	Oct 24, 2001
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Struck By
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Trauma
<b>Activity type</b>	Driving/Riding Personal Vehicle
<b>Emergency duty</b>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	On-Scene Non-Fire
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Outdoor Property

## Department information

### Maple Rapids Fire Department

118 W. Adelaide St.  
Maple Rapids, MI 48853

Contact: James Blemaster

# Steven M. Olander

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Steven M. Olander 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>	39
<b>Rank</b>	Firefighter
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Jan 10, 2002 02:30
<b>Date of death</b>	Feb 7, 2002
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Struck By
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Cerebrovascular Accident
<b>Activity type</b>	Search and Rescue
<b>Emergency duty</b>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	On-Scene Fire
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Residential

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

**Detroit Fire Department**  
250 W Larned St # 1  
Detroit, MI 48226

Contact: Percy Warmack

# Raymond Alvin Ebel

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Raymond Alvin Ebel 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>	62
<b>Rank</b>	Chief
<b>Classification</b>	Volunteer
<b>Incident date</b>	Feb 18, 2002 16:42
<b>Date of death</b>	Feb 18, 2002
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Stress/Overexertion
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Heart Attack
<b>Activity type</b>	Support
<b>Emergency duty</b>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	On-Scene Fire
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Residential

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

**Newaygo Fire District**  
P.O. Box 56  
Newaygo, MI 49337

Contact: James M. Uthe

# Robert E. Peterson

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Robert E. Peterson 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>	57
<b>Rank</b>	Firefighter
<b>Classification</b>	Volunteer
<b>Incident date</b>	Oct 11, 2002 16:01
<b>Date of death</b>	Oct 11, 2002
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Stress/Overexertion
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Heart Attack
<b>Activity type</b>	Driving/Operating Vehicle/Apparatus
<b>Emergency duty</b>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	On-Scene Fire
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Outdoor Property

## Department information

### Bad Axe Area Fire Department

420 South Hanselman Street  
Bad Axe, MI 48413

Contact: David Rapson

# Richard Havens

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Richard Havens 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>	38
<b>Rank</b>	Unknown
<b>Classification</b>	Volunteer
<b>Incident date</b>	Feb 20, 1990
<b>Date of death</b>	Feb 20, 1990
<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>	Store/Office

## Department information

### Almont Fire Department

Almont, MI

# Michael Van Calbergh

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Michael Van Calbergh was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland .

<b>Age</b>	47
<b>Rank</b>	Unknown
<b>Classification</b>	Volunteer
<b>Incident date</b>	Jun 30, 1990
<b>Date of death</b>	Jun 30, 1990
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Other
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Heart Attack
<b>Activity type</b>	
<b>Emergency duty</b>	
<b>Duty type</b>	Other On-Duty
<b>Fixed property use</b>	

## Department information

Gibraltar Fire Department

Gibraltar, MI

# Donald James Daughenbaugh

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Donald James Daughenbaugh was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland .

<b>Age</b>	25
<b>Rank</b>	Firefighter
<b>Classification</b>	Volunteer
<b>Incident date</b>	Mar 24, 1991
<b>Date of death</b>	Mar 24, 1991
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Other
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Heart Attack
<b>Activity type</b>	Other
<b>Emergency duty</b>	No
<b>Duty type</b>	On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use

## Department information

Romulus Fire Department

Romulus, MI

# Joseph P Kail

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Joseph P Kail was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland .

<b>Age</b>	68
<b>Rank</b>	Firefighter
<b>Classification</b>	Volunteer
<b>Incident date</b>	Jul 11, 1991
<b>Date of death</b>	Jul 11, 1991
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Stress/Overexertion
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Heart Attack
<b>Activity type</b>	
<b>Emergency duty</b>	No
<b>Duty type</b>	Responding
<b>Fixed property use</b>	

## Department information

**New Buffalo City Fire Department**

New Buffalo, MI

# Charles Love

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Charles Love was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland .

<b>Age</b>	61
<b>Rank</b>	Unknown
<b>Classification</b>	Volunteer
<b>Incident date</b>	Jan 10, 1991
<b>Date of death</b>	Jan 10, 1991
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Stress/Overexertion
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Heart Attack
<b>Activity type</b>	
<b>Emergency duty</b>	No
<b>Duty type</b>	Responding
<b>Fixed property use</b>	

## Department information

**Boardman Township Fire Department**

South Boardman, MI

# Daniel L Maturen

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Daniel L Maturen was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland .

<b>Age</b>	52
<b>Rank</b>	Lieutenant
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Feb 23, 1992
<b>Date of death</b>	Feb 23, 1992
<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>	No
<b>Duty type</b>	On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use

## Department information

**Battle Creek Fire Department**

Battle Creek, MI

# John A Navarro

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John A Navarro was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland

<b>Age</b>	34
<b>Rank</b>	Firefighter
<b>Classification</b>	Volunteer
<b>Incident date</b>	Oct 29, 1992
<b>Date of death</b>	Oct 29, 1992
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Stress/Overexertion
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Heart Attack
<b>Activity type</b>	
<b>Emergency duty</b>	No
<b>Duty type</b>	Responding
<b>Fixed property use</b>	

## Department information

**Sandusky Fire Department**

Sandusky, MI

# Robert G Reits

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Robert G Reits was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland

<b>Age</b>	70
<b>Rank</b>	Company Officer
<b>Classification</b>	Volunteer
<b>Incident date</b>	Jan 16, 1992
<b>Date of death</b>	Jan 16, 1992
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Stress/Overexertion
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Heart Attack
<b>Activity type</b>	
<b>Emergency duty</b>	No
<b>Duty type</b>	Responding
<b>Fixed property use</b>	

## Department information

**PawPaw Fire Department**

Paw Paw, MI

# Roland Waters

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Roland Waters was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland .

<b>Age</b>	27
<b>Rank</b>	Recruit/Probationary Firefighter
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Jun 14, 1992
<b>Date of death</b>	Jun 15, 1992
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Struck By
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Asphyxiation
<b>Activity type</b>	Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland)
<b>Emergency duty</b>	No
<b>Duty type</b>	On-Scene Fire
<b>Fixed property use</b>	

## Department information

**Detroit Fire Department**

Detroit, MI

# Rickford L. Wilbur

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Rickford L. Wilbur 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>	Chief
<b>Classification</b>	Volunteer
<b>Incident date</b>	Mar 28, 2004 19:30
<b>Date of death</b>	Mar 28, 2004
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Stress/Overexertion
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Heart Attack
<b>Activity type</b>	Incident Command
<b>Emergency duty</b>	No
<b>Duty type</b>	Returning
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Residential

## Memorial fund information:

For the Eaton Rapids Township Fire Department, In memory of Chief Rick Wilbur, C/o Eaton Rapids Township Fire Department, 2029 South Michigan Rd., Eaton Rapids, MI 48827

## Department information

### **Eaton Rapids Township Fire Department**

2029 South Michigan Rd.  
Eaton Rapids, MI 48827

Contact: Scott Blackmer

# Scott Allen Thornton

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Scott Allen Thornton 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>	39
<b>Rank</b>	Captain
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Jan 20, 2005 07:36
<b>Date of death</b>	Jan 20, 2005
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Lost
<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

Memorial fund information:

SCOTT THORNTON MEMORIAL FUND Contributions may be sent to: Jackson City County Credit Union 2320 Francis St Jackson, MI 49203 or Summit Township c/o Fire Department 2121 Ferguson Rd Jackson, MI 49203 Checks payable to "Scott Thornton Memorial Fund"

## Department information

### Summit Township Fire Department

2121 Ferguson Rd.  
Jackson, MI 49203-5505

Contact: C. Michael Hendges

# Thomas L. Ivey

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Thomas L. Ivey 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>	48
<b>Rank</b>	Firefighter
<b>Classification</b>	Volunteer
<b>Incident date</b>	Dec 27, 2004
<b>Date of death</b>	Jul 26, 2005
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Trauma
<b>Activity type</b>	Driving/Riding Personal Vehicle
<b>Emergency duty</b>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	Responding
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Street/Road

## Memorial fund information:

The family suggests that memorials be made in honor of Firefighter Thomas Ivey to the equipment fund at the West Iron County Fire Department, 640 Ninth Avenue, Iron River, MI 49935.

## Department information

### West Iron County Fire Department

640 Ninth Avenue  
Iron River, MI 49935

Contact: Alfred Perlongo

# Rodney N English

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Rodney N English was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

<b>Age</b>	48
<b>Rank</b>	Sergeant
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Aug 14, 2005
<b>Date of death</b>	Aug 14, 2005
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Other
<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>	Storage

## Department information

### City of Detroit Fire Department

250 W Larned St. 3rd Floor, Attn: Fire Commissioner Scott, Detroit  
Detroit, MI 48226

Contact: Commissioner Tyrone Scott

# Amy Lynn Schnearle-Pennywitt

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Amy Lynn Schnearle-Pennywitt 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>	Jan 7, 2006 07:08
<b>Date of death</b>	Jan 13, 2006
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Struck By
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Trauma
<b>Activity type</b>	Scene Safety
<b>Emergency duty</b>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	On-Scene Non-Fire
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Street/Road

## Memorial fund information:

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Firefighter Amy Schnearle-Pennywitt Fund at any Michigan TCF Bank. Contributions will benefit the U of M Trauma Burn Camp and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

## Department information

### Ann Arbor Fire Department

111 N. 5th Avenue  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Contact: Sam Hopkins

# Joseph Torkos

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Joseph Torkos 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>	Fire Engineer Operator
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Feb 7, 2007 18:30
<b>Date of death</b>	Feb 7, 2007
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Trauma
<b>Activity type</b>	Driving/Operating Vehicle/Apparatus
<b>Emergency duty</b>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	Responding
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Residential

Memorial fund information:  
Pending

## Department information

### City of Detroit Fire Department

250 W Larned St.  
Detroit, MI 48226

Contact: Executive Fire Commissioner Tyrone Scott

# Timothy Lavern Sanborn

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Timothy Lavern Sanborn 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>	Firefighter
<b>Classification</b>	Volunteer
<b>Incident date</b>	Jun 22, 2007 15:25
<b>Date of death</b>	Jun 22, 2007
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Stress/Overexertion
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Heart Attack
<b>Activity type</b>	Pump Operations
<b>Emergency duty</b>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	On-Scene Fire
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Residential

## Memorial fund information:

Donations are requested in lieu of flowers to benefit the Clinton Area Fire and Rescue Firefighters Association, 2761 N. Bus. 127, St. Johns, MI, 48879.

## Department information

### Clinton Area Fire and Rescue

2761 N US-27 PO Box 114

St. Johns, MI 48879

Contact: Jeff Huber

# John E Lietzke

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John E Lietzke 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>	Volunteer
<b>Incident date</b>	Sep 25, 2007 20:00
<b>Date of death</b>	Sep 25, 2007
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Trauma
<b>Activity type</b>	Driving/Riding Personal Vehicle
<b>Emergency duty</b>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	Responding
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Street/Road

Memorial fund information:

Pending. Funeral Arrangements: 09/29/2007 @ 1300hrs, Assembly of God, 1100 East Clinton Trail, Charlotte, MI 48813.

## Department information

### **Olivet Fire Department**

106 S Main St. PO Box 385

Olivet, MI 49076

Contact: John M. Collins

# Ralph M Cross

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Ralph M Cross was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

<b>Age</b>	73
<b>Rank</b>	Assistant Fire Chief
<b>Classification</b>	Volunteer
<b>Incident date</b>	Oct 27, 2007 12:25
<b>Date of death</b>	Oct 27, 2007
<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>	No
<b>Duty type</b>	Other On-Duty
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Store/Office

Memorial fund information:  
Pending

## Department information

**Charlevoix Township Fire Department**  
204 Park Row Ave.  
Charlevoix, MI 49720-1393

Contact: Curt Thompson

# Peter G. Neilson

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Peter G. Neilson 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>	74
<b>Rank</b>	Firefighter/Medical First Responder
<b>Classification</b>	Volunteer
<b>Incident date</b>	Dec 17, 2007 23:00
<b>Date of death</b>	Dec 17, 2007
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Stress/Overexertion
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Heart Attack
<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

Memorial fund information:

Kenockee Township Firemans Fund, C/o Kenockee Township Fire Department, Avoca, MI 48006.

## Department information

### Kenockee Township Fire Department

8815 Main Street  
Avoca, MI 48006

Contact: Thomas Skelton

# Donald G. Paterson

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Donald G. Paterson 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>	65
<b>Rank</b>	Firefighter
<b>Classification</b>	Volunteer
<b>Incident date</b>	Jan 1, 2008 06:16
<b>Date of death</b>	Jan 1, 2008
<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>	No
<b>Duty type</b>	Other On-Duty
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Outdoor Property

Memorial fund information:

Memorial donations may be made to the wishes of the family.

## Department information

### Kimball Township Fire Department

1970 N Allen RD.

Kimball, MI 48074

Contact: John Gorski

# Walter Patrick Harris Sr.

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Walter Patrick Harris 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>	38
<b>Rank</b>	Firefighter
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Nov 15, 2008 05:30
<b>Date of death</b>	Nov 15, 2008
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Collapse
<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

Memorial fund information:

Walter P. Harris Memorial Fund, Detroit Firemen's Fund Association, 250 W. Larned, Suite #202, Detroit, MI 48226 [www.detroitfiremensfund.org](http://www.detroitfiremensfund.org), Tele - (313) 961-2988

## Department information

### Detroit Fire Department

250 W. Larned USNG: 17T LG 3126 8825  
Detroit, MI 48226

Contact: Tyrone C. Scott

# Thomas G. Hardy

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Thomas G. Hardy 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>	68
<b>Rank</b>	Fire Chief
<b>Classification</b>	Volunteer
<b>Incident date</b>	Dec 24, 2010 19:00
<b>Date of death</b>	Dec 31, 2010
<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>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	Other On-Duty
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Store/Office

Memorial fund information:

Contributions in honor of Fire Chief Tom Hardy can be made to the Athens TWP Fire Department Auxiliary, 130 E Burr Oak ST, Athens, MI 49011.

## Department information

### **Athens Township Volunteer Fire Department**

130 E Burr Oak ST USNG: 16T FM 4598 6109

Athens, MI 49011

Contact: Pending

# Gerald R. Wetherell

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Gerald R. Wetherell 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>	74
<b>Rank</b>	Firefighter/EMT
<b>Classification</b>	Paid-on-Call
<b>Incident date</b>	Feb 28, 2012 11:38
<b>Date of death</b>	Feb 28, 2012
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Stress/Overexertion
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Heart Attack
<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

### Denton Township Fire Department

PO Box 289 USNG: 16T FQ 87 07  
Prudenville, MI 48651

Contact: Paul Tiepel

# John D. Grabowski

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John D. Grabowski 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>	49
<b>Rank</b>	Lieutenant
<b>Classification</b>	Part-Time (Paid)
<b>Incident date</b>	Sep 30, 2012 08:03
<b>Date of death</b>	Oct 1, 2012
<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>	No
<b>Duty type</b>	After
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Store/Office

Memorial fund information:  
Pending

## Department information

**Riverview Fire Department**  
14100 Civic Park Drive  
Riverview, MI 48193

Contact: Chief Mitchell Jensen

# John Thomas Sayles

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John Thomas Sayles 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>	38
<b>Rank</b>	Captain
<b>Classification</b>	Volunteer
<b>Incident date</b>	Nov 14, 2012 16:52
<b>Date of death</b>	Nov 14, 2012
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Stress/Overexertion
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Other
<b>Activity type</b>	Other
<b>Emergency duty</b>	No
<b>Duty type</b>	After
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Residential

## Department information

### **Pentwater Fire Department**

486 E Park ST USNG: 16T EP 4611 4806  
Pentwater, MI 49449

Contact: Terry Cluchey

# Nathaniel Charles Fruin

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Nathaniel Charles Fruin 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>	22
<b>Rank</b>	Firefighter
<b>Classification</b>	Volunteer
<b>Incident date</b>	Feb 26, 2013 18:30
<b>Date of death</b>	Feb 26, 2013
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Stress/Overexertion
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Heart Attack
<b>Activity type</b>	Riding Vehicle/Apparatus
<b>Emergency duty</b>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	Responding
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Store/Office

## Department information

### Mattawan Fire District

PO Box 294, 55697 North Main St USNG: 16T FM 0029 745  
Mattawan, MI 49071

Contact: Terron McLean

# Brian Alfred Woehlke

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Brian Alfred Woehlke 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>	29
<b>Rank</b>	Firefighter
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	May 8, 2013 08:46
<b>Date of death</b>	May 8, 2013
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Lost
<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

## Memorial fund information:

Donations in Brian's honor may be made to the Westland Fire Fighters Charity, PO Box 851320, Westland, Michigan 48185.

## Department information

### Westland Fire Department

37201 Marquette ST USNG: 17T LG 0168 8767

Westland, MI 48185

Contact: Michael J. Reddy

# James Fellows

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James Fellows was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

<b>Age</b>	45
<b>Rank</b>	Lieutenant
<b>Classification</b>	Volunteer
<b>Incident date</b>	Aug 19, 2013 20:00
<b>Date of death</b>	Aug 20, 2013
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Stress/Overexertion
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Heart Attack
<b>Activity type</b>	Not On Scene
<b>Emergency duty</b>	No
<b>Duty type</b>	After

**Fixed property use**

## Department information

**Clearwater Township Fire Department**  
8255 Garfield ST USNG: 16T FQ 3547 6598  
Rapid City, MI 49676

Contact: Jeff West

# John Edward Allison

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John Edward Allison was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

<b>Age</b>	51
<b>Rank</b>	Chief
<b>Classification</b>	Part-Time (Paid)
<b>Incident date</b>	Oct 7, 2013 23:16
<b>Date of death</b>	Oct 14, 2013
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Stress/Overexertion
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Heart Attack
<b>Activity type</b>	Not On Scene
<b>Emergency duty</b>	No
<b>Duty type</b>	After

Fixed property use

## Department information

**Mason County Rural Fire Authority - Custer Fire Department**

P.O. Box 152

Custer, MI 49405

# Jamie Angelo Peite

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Jamie Angelo Peite 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>	Fire Chief
<b>Classification</b>	Paid-on-Call
<b>Incident date</b>	Mar 4, 2014 18:30
<b>Date of death</b>	Mar 5, 2014
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Stress/Overexertion
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Heart Attack
<b>Activity type</b>	Not On Scene
<b>Emergency duty</b>	No
<b>Duty type</b>	Training

**Fixed property use**

## Department information

### **Ironwood Township Volunteer Fire Department**

N10892 Lake RD U.S. National Grid: 15T YM 1828 5264  
Ironwood, MI 49938

Contact: Mike Nelson

# William "Uncle Will" Russell Wiita

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William "Uncle Will" Russell Wiita 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>	Assistant Fire Chief
<b>Classification</b>	Volunteer
<b>Incident date</b>	Sep 8, 2014 20:41
<b>Date of death</b>	Sep 8, 2014
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Stress/Overexertion
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Heart Attack
<b>Activity type</b>	Not On Scene
<b>Emergency duty</b>	No
<b>Duty type</b>	Returning
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Residential

## Department information

### **Coldsprings-Excelsior Fire and Rescue Station 6**

6565 County Road 612 NE U.S. National Grid: 16T FQ 5506 5948  
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Contact: Tim McCullen

# Dennis Eber Rodeman

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Dennis Eber Rodeman was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

<b>Age</b>	35
<b>Rank</b>	Firefighter
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Sep 9, 2015 15:41
<b>Date of death</b>	Sep 9, 2015
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Struck By
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Trauma
<b>Activity type</b>	Not On Scene
<b>Emergency duty</b>	No
<b>Duty type</b>	Other On-Duty

**Fixed property use**

## Department information

### Lansing Fire Department

120 E. Shiawassee  
Lansing, MI 48933

Contact: Randy Talifarro

# Richard "Dick" Leo Crosby, Sr.

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Richard "Dick" Leo Crosby, 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>	67
<b>Rank</b>	Firefighter
<b>Classification</b>	Paid-on-Call
<b>Incident date</b>	Sep 24, 2015 21:50
<b>Date of death</b>	Sep 26, 2015
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Stress/Overexertion
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Heart Attack
<b>Activity type</b>	Not On Scene
<b>Emergency duty</b>	No
<b>Duty type</b>	After

**Fixed property use**

## Department information

### **Casnovia Township Fire Department**

17569 Bailey Road U.S. National Grid: 16T EN 9647 9238  
Bailey, MI 49303

Contact: Scott A. Pant

# Vincent H Smith

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Vincent H Smith was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

<b>Age</b>	49
<b>Rank</b>	Sergeant
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Nov 19, 2015 07:30
<b>Date of death</b>	Nov 19, 2015
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Stress/Overexertion
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Heart Attack
<b>Activity type</b>	Not On Scene
<b>Emergency duty</b>	No
<b>Duty type</b>	Other On-Duty

**Fixed property use**

## Department information

### City of Detroit Fire Department

250 W Larned ST U.S. National Grid: 17T LG 3123 8826  
Detroit, MI 48226

Contact: Executive Fire Commissioner Eric Jones

# Walter R Szelag

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Walter R Szelag was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

<b>Age</b>	65
<b>Rank</b>	Captain
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Nov 20, 2015 16:45
<b>Date of death</b>	Nov 20, 2015
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Stress/Overexertion
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Heart Attack
<b>Activity type</b>	Not On Scene
<b>Emergency duty</b>	No
<b>Duty type</b>	Other On-Duty
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Outdoor Property

## Department information

### City of Detroit Fire Department

1301 3rd Street, Suite 728 U.S. National Grid: 17T LG 3053 8850  
Detroit, MI 48226

Contact: Executive Fire Commissioner Eric Jones

# Charles "Chuck" C Adams, Jr.

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Charles "Chuck" C Adams, 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.

<b>Age</b>	47
<b>Rank</b>	Firefighter Trainee
<b>Classification</b>	Paid-on-Call
<b>Incident date</b>	Jan 2, 2016 12:40
<b>Date of death</b>	Jan 2, 2016
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Stress/Overexertion
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Heart Attack
<b>Activity type</b>	Not On Scene
<b>Emergency duty</b>	No
<b>Duty type</b>	Training

**Fixed property use**

## Department information

### Spring Arbor Township Fire Department

111 E. Main Street U.S. National Grid: 16T GM 0196 7545  
Spring Arbor, MI 48283

Contact: Tim McEldowney

# Andrew "Moose" Bernard Russell

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Andrew "Moose" Bernard Russell was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

<b>Age</b>	48
<b>Rank</b>	Lieutenant
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Jan 24, 2016 00:45
<b>Date of death</b>	Jul 2, 2016
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Fall
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Other
<b>Activity type</b>	Support
<b>Emergency duty</b>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	On-Scene Non-Fire
<b>Fixed property use</b>	N/A

## Department information

### Harrison Township Fire Department

39460 Jefferson AVE U.S. National Grid: 17T LH 5156 1695

Harrison Township, MI 48045

# James "Jimmy" Frederick Shelifoe, Jr.

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James "Jimmy" Frederick Shelifoe, 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.

<b>Age</b>	23
<b>Rank</b>	Firefighter
<b>Classification</b>	Wildland Part-Time
<b>Incident date</b>	Aug 27, 2016 15:00
<b>Date of death</b>	Aug 27, 2016
<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>	No
<b>Duty type</b>	Responding
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Street/Road

## Department information

**Beartown Fire Department - Keweenaw Bay Indian Community**  
16429 Bear Town Road U.S. National Grid: 16T CS 8654 8978  
Baraga, MI 49908

Contact: CEO Larry J. Denomie III

# Alan "AJ" John Swartz

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Alan "AJ" John Swartz 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>	25
<b>Rank</b>	Firefighter
<b>Classification</b>	Wildland Part-Time
<b>Incident date</b>	Aug 27, 2016 15:00
<b>Date of death</b>	Aug 27, 2016
<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>	No
<b>Duty type</b>	Responding
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Street/Road

## Department information

### **Beartown Fire Department - Keweenaw Bay Indian Community**

16429 Bear Town Road U.S. National Grid: 16T CS 8654 8978  
Baraga, MI 49908

Contact: CEO Larry J. Denomie III

# Thomas Gary Walker

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Thomas Gary Walker 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>	70
<b>Rank</b>	Firefighter
<b>Classification</b>	Volunteer
<b>Incident date</b>	Nov 27, 2016 01:59
<b>Date of death</b>	Nov 27, 2016
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Stress/Overexertion
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Heart Attack
<b>Activity type</b>	Not On Scene
<b>Emergency duty</b>	No
<b>Duty type</b>	After

**Fixed property use**

## Department information

### **Otsego County Fire Department**

811 S Wisconsin POB 954 U.S. National Grid: 16T FQ 8264 8772  
Gaylord, MI 49734-0954

Contact: David M. Duffield

# Fred Allen Newton, Sr.

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Fred Allen Newton, 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>	66
<b>Rank</b>	Captain
<b>Classification</b>	Part-Time (Paid)
<b>Incident date</b>	Dec 27, 2016 08:00
<b>Date of death</b>	Dec 27, 2016
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Stress/Overexertion
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Heart Attack
<b>Activity type</b>	Not On Scene
<b>Emergency duty</b>	No
<b>Duty type</b>	After

**Fixed property use**

## Department information

### **Somerset Township Fire Department and EMS**

12715 E. Chicago Rd. U.S. National Grid: 16T GM 1460 5853  
Somerset Center, MI 49282

Contact: Scott A. Friess

# Ronald Savage

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Ronald Savage 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>	63
<b>Rank</b>	Firefighter/EMT
<b>Classification</b>	Paid-on-Call
<b>Incident date</b>	Feb 25, 2017 10:49
<b>Date of death</b>	Feb 25, 2017
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Stress/Overexertion
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Heart Attack
<b>Activity type</b>	Search and Rescue
<b>Emergency duty</b>	No
<b>Duty type</b>	Training

**Fixed property use**

## Department information

### **Milford Fire Department**

325 W Huron ST (Mailing: 1100 Atlantic ST) U.S. National Grid: 17T KH 8640 1802  
Milford, MI 48381-2000

Contact: Thomas Moore

# Edward Switalski

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Edward Switalski 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>	Chief
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Jun 14, 2017 22:30
<b>Date of death</b>	Jun 14, 2017
<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

**Comstock Township Department of Fire and Rescue**

Comstock, MI 49401

Contact: Deputy Chief Matt Beauchamp

# Kevin Ramsey

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Kevin Ramsey 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>	50
<b>Rank</b>	Firefighter
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Jul 29, 2017 15:02
<b>Date of death</b>	Jul 29, 2017
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Stress/Overexertion
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Heart Attack
<b>Activity type</b>	Scene Safety
<b>Emergency duty</b>	No
<b>Duty type</b>	After

**Fixed property use**

## Department information

### **Detroit Fire Department**

1301 3rd Street, Suite 728 U.S. National Grid: 17T LG 3053 8850  
Detroit, MI 48226

Contact: Executive Fire Commissioner Eric Jones

# Terrance Michael Raymond

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Terrance Michael Raymond 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>	Volunteer
<b>Incident date</b>	Aug 15, 2016
<b>Date of death</b>	Aug 15, 2016
<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>	No
<b>Duty type</b>	After
<b>Fixed property use</b>	

## Department information

**Summerfield Township Fire Department**

Summerfield, MI

# Robert James Phillips, II

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Robert James Phillips, II 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>	62
<b>Rank</b>	Firefighter
<b>Classification</b>	Part-Time (Paid)
<b>Incident date</b>	Sep 22, 2018 11:30
<b>Date of death</b>	Sep 23, 2018
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Stress/Overexertion
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Heart Attack
<b>Activity type</b>	Support
<b>Emergency duty</b>	No
<b>Duty type</b>	On-Scene Non-Fire
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Street/Road

## Department information

### Memphis Fire Department

35095 Potter Street  
Memphis, MI 48041

Contact: Justen Diaz

# Michael James Lubig

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Michael James Lubig 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>	46
<b>Rank</b>	Firefighter
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Nov 8, 2018 07:40
<b>Date of death</b>	Nov 12, 2018
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Other
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Asphyxiation
<b>Activity type</b>	Not On Scene
<b>Emergency duty</b>	No
<b>Duty type</b>	Other On-Duty
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Store/Office

## Department information

### Detroit Fire Department

1301 3rd Street  
Detroit, MI 48226

Contact: Executive Fire Commissioner Eric Jones

# Norman Edward Klenow

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Norman Edward Klenow 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>	78
<b>Rank</b>	Safety Officer
<b>Classification</b>	Paid-on-Call
<b>Incident date</b>	Aug 10, 2019 15:01
<b>Date of death</b>	Aug 10, 2019
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Stress/Overexertion
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Heart Attack
<b>Activity type</b>	Scene Safety
<b>Emergency duty</b>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	On-Scene Non-Fire
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Street/Road

## Department information

### East Tawas Fire Department

122 Main Street  
East Tawas, MI 48730

Contact: Bill Deckett

# Benjamen "Ben" K. Lauren

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Benjamen "Ben" K. Lauren 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>	23
<b>Rank</b>	Firefighter
<b>Classification</b>	Volunteer
<b>Incident date</b>	Mar 13, 2020 21:30
<b>Date of death</b>	Mar 13, 2020
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Collapse
<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

**Forsyth Township Fire Department**  
47 N Johnson Lake Road PO Box 1360  
Gwinn, MI 49841

Contact: Jason Stansky

# Franklin Delano Williams, Jr.

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Franklin Delano Williams, 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.

<b>Age</b>	57
<b>Rank</b>	Fire Captain
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Mar 22, 2020 08:00
<b>Date of death</b>	Apr 8, 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>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	Other On-Duty
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Store/Office

## Department information

### Detroit Fire Department

1301 3rd Street  
Detroit, MI 48226

Contact: Robert Distelrath

# Steven Andrew Splan

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Steven Andrew Splan 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>	46
<b>Rank</b>	Sergeant
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Aug 2, 2020 12:00
<b>Date of death</b>	Aug 2, 2020
<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>	Other On-Duty
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Street/Road

## Department information

### **Bloomfield Hills Department of Public Safety**

45 East Long Lake Road  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

Contact: Public Safety Director Noel Clason

# Joseph Michael Liedel

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Joseph Michael Liedel 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>	48
<b>Rank</b>	Captain
<b>Classification</b>	Paid-on-Call
<b>Incident date</b>	Jul 31, 2020 21:00
<b>Date of death</b>	Aug 23, 2020
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Stress/Overexertion
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Cerebrovascular Accident
<b>Activity type</b>	Responding
<b>Emergency duty</b>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	Responding
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Residential

## Department information

### Monroe Charter Township Fire Department

15331 South Dixie Highway  
Monroe, MI 48161

Contact: Mark A. Cherney

# Joseph "Joe" Todd Gallo

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Joseph "Joe" Todd Gallo 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>	Captain
<b>Classification</b>	Paid-on-Call
<b>Incident date</b>	Nov 17, 2020
<b>Date of death</b>	Nov 17, 2020
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Trauma
<b>Activity type</b>	Responding
<b>Emergency duty</b>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	Responding
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Outdoor Property

## Department information

### Blissfield Township Fire Department

299 E Adrian Street  
Blissfield, MI 49228

Contact: Dale Fruchey

# Michael John Buitendorp

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Michael John Buitendorp 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>	Volunteer
<b>Incident date</b>	Nov 18, 2020 21:00
<b>Date of death</b>	Nov 18, 2020
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Stress/Overexertion
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Heart Attack
<b>Activity type</b>	Responding
<b>Emergency duty</b>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	Responding
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Street/Road

## Department information

### Grant Township Fire Department

7140 South Oceana Drive  
Rothbury, MI 49452

Contact: Roland Brooks

# Roland Bird Brooks

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Roland Bird Brooks was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

<b>Age</b>	82
<b>Rank</b>	Chief
<b>Classification</b>	Volunteer
<b>Incident date</b>	Nov 28, 2020
<b>Date of death</b>	Dec 20, 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>	Public Assembly

## Department information

### Grant Township Fire Department

7140 South Oceana Drive  
Rothbury, MI 49452

Contact: Assistant Chief Dan Yost

# Jeffrey Allen Brozich

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Jeffrey Allen Brozich 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>	57
<b>Rank</b>	Captain
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Mar 1, 2021 03:17
<b>Date of death</b>	Mar 1, 2021
<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

### Madison Heights Fire Department

31313 Brush Street  
Madison Heights, MI 48071

Contact: Gregory Lelito

# Danny L. Deyo

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Danny L. Deyo was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

<b>Age</b>	73
<b>Rank</b>	Fire Chief
<b>Classification</b>	Paid-on-Call
<b>Incident date</b>	Oct 12, 2021 12:42
<b>Date of death</b>	Nov 6, 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

### Morley Area Fire Department

PO Box 152  
Morley, MI 49336

Contact: Acting Chief Tim Guild

# David Wayne McDonald, Jr.

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<b>Age</b>	40
<b>Rank</b>	Firefighter/EMT
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Mar 17, 2022 14:30
<b>Date of death</b>	Mar 17, 2022
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Unknown
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Unknown
<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

### Grand Traverse Band Fire Rescue Department

2605 NW Bay Shore DR  
Peshawbestown, MI 49682

Contact: Garrett Fairchild

# Ethan M. Quillen

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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>	28
<b>Rank</b>	Lieutenant
<b>Classification</b>	Volunteer
<b>Incident date</b>	Feb 22, 2023 18:30
<b>Date of death</b>	Feb 22, 2023
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Struck By
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Electrocution
<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>	Street/Road

## Department information

### **Paw Paw Volunteer Fire Department**

832 South Gremps ST  
Paw Paw, MI 49079

Contact: Jim DeGross IV

# Ricky A. Hill, Jr.

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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>	Apparatus Operator
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Feb 25, 2023 14:33
<b>Date of death</b>	Feb 25, 2023
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Unknown
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Unknown
<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

### Flint Fire Department

310 E. 5th Street  
Flint, MI 48502-1635

Contact: Interim Fire Chief Theron Wiggins

