

# Gerald Thomas Ertle

Gerald Thomas Ertle 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: 53

Rank: Captain

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Jun 7, 1997

Date of death: Jun 7, 1997

Cause of death: Stress/Overexertion

Nature of death: Heart Attack

Activity type:

Emergency duty: No

Duty type: Training

Fixed property use: N/A

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

Benton Volunteer Fire Department  
P.O. Box 344  
Benton, MS 39039  
Chief: Roger Threct

# Stanley C. Adams

Stanley C. Adams 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: Captain

Classification: Career

Incident date: Apr 24, 1996

Date of death: Apr 24, 1996

Cause of death: Struck By

Nature of death: Violence

Activity type: In-Station Duties

Emergency duty: No

Duty type: Other On-Duty

Fixed property use: N/A

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

Jackson Fire Department  
555 South West Street  
Jackson, MS 39205-0017  
Chief: Ron Smith

# Willie Dwight Craft

Willie Dwight Craft 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: 48

Rank: District Chief

Classification: Career

Incident date: Apr 24, 1996

Date of death: Apr 24, 1996

Cause of death: Struck By

Nature of death: Violence

Activity type: In-Station Duties

Emergency duty: No

Duty type: Other On-Duty

Fixed property use: N/A

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

Jackson Fire Department  
555 South West Street  
Jackson, MS 39205-1392  
Chief: Ron Smith

# Meredith Moree

Meredith Moree 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: Captain

Classification: Career

Incident date: Apr 24, 1996

Date of death: Apr 24, 1996

Cause of death: Struck By

Nature of death: Violence

Activity type: In-Station Duties

Emergency duty: No

Duty type: Other On-Duty

Fixed property use: N/A

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

Jackson Fire Department  
555 South West Street  
Jackson, MS 39205-0017  
Chief: Ron Smith

# John Robbins

John Robbins 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: Apr 24, 1996

Date of death: Apr 24, 1996

Cause of death: Struck By

Nature of death: Violence

Activity type: In-Station Duties

Emergency duty: No

Duty type: Other On-Duty

Fixed property use: N/A

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

Jackson Fire Department  
555 South West Street  
Jackson, MS 39205-0017  
Chief: Ron Smith

# Paula I. Bennett

Paula I. Bennett was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland .

Age: 45

Rank: VP Aux/rehab team

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Mar 16, 1998

Date of death: Mar 16, 1998

Cause of death: Struck By

Nature of death: Trauma

Activity type: Driving/Riding Personal Vehicle

Emergency duty:

Duty type: Responding

Fixed property use: N/A

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

Carriere Volunteer Fire Dept.  
P.O. Box 46  
Carriere, MS 39426  
Chief: Tom Wagner

# William Dale Luker

William Dale Luker 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: 29

Rank: Chief

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Jul 30, 1995

Date of death: Jul 31, 1995

Cause of death: Struck By

Nature of death: Trauma

Activity type: Driving/Operating Vehicle/Apparatus

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: Responding

Fixed property use: N/A

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

Cedar Creek Volunteer Fire Department  
205-61 Egypt Road  
Aberdeen, MS 39730  
Chief: Charles Luker

# Ray McKay, Jr.

Ray McKay, 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: 46

Rank: Chief

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: May 12, 1995

Date of death: May 12, 1995

Cause of death: Stress/Overexertion

Nature of death: Heart Attack

Activity type: Other

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use: N/A

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

NE Lamar County Fire Department  
493 Burnt Ridge Road  
Hattiesburg, MS 39402  
Chief: Scott Knue

# Justin Allen Melton

Justin Allen Melton 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: 21

Rank: Firefighter

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Aug 29, 1998

Date of death: Aug 29, 1998

Cause of death: Caught or Trapped

Nature of death: Asphyxiation

Activity type: Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland)

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use: Store/Office

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

Marks Volunteer Fire Department  
409 8th Street  
Marks, MS 38646-1340  
Chief: Chris Stewart

# Scott Selby

Scott Selby 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: 35

Rank: Firefighter

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Aug 29, 1998

Date of death: Aug 29, 1998

Cause of death: Caught or Trapped

Nature of death: Asphyxiation

Activity type: Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland)

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use: Store/Office

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

Marks Volunteer Fire Department  
409 8th Street  
Marks, MS 38646  
Chief: Chris Stewart

# William Smitherman, Sr.

William Smitherman, 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.

Age: 59

Rank: Firefighter

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Dec 20, 1997

Date of death: Dec 20, 1997

Cause of death: Struck By

Nature of death: Trauma

Activity type: Support

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use: N/A

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

East Oktibbeha Fire Department  
PO Box 80285 attn: Clerk Rosenhan  
Starkville, MS 39759  
Chief:

# Carl Arnold Olsen

Carl Arnold Olsen 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: 41

Rank: Firefighter

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Jan 5, 1999 19:30

Date of death: Jan 5, 1999

Cause of death: Struck By

Nature of death: Trauma

Activity type: Water Supply

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use: Residential

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

Kiln Volunteer Fire Department  
PO Box 565  
Kiln, MS 39556  
Chief: David Spence

# David Zan Lancaster

David Zan Lancaster 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: 24

Rank: Firefighter

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Nov 7, 1999 05:34

Date of death: Nov 7, 1999

Cause of death: Struck By

Nature of death: Trauma

Activity type: Driving/Riding Personal Vehicle

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: Responding

Fixed property use: Street/Road

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

Elliott Volunteer Fire Department  
1752 Murff Drive  
Grenada, MS 38901  
Chief: Ken Holley

# John Paul Pritchett, Sr.

John Paul Pritchett, 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.

Age: 57

Rank: Fire Crew Chief

Classification: Career

Incident date: Aug 20, 2000 17:30

Date of death: Sep 3, 2000

Cause of death: Exposure

Nature of death: Burns

Activity type: Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland)

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use: Outdoor Property

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

Mississippi Forestry Commission, Webster County  
P.O. Box 368  
Walthall, MS 39771  
Chief: Russell Swords

# Adam Lee Weisenberger

Adam Lee Weisenberger 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: 19

Rank: Private

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Mar 20, 2002 14:59

Date of death: Mar 20, 2002

Cause of death: Struck By

Nature of death: Trauma

Activity type: EMS/Patient Care

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Non-Fire

Fixed property use: Street/Road

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

Gluckstadt Volunteer Fire Department  
114 Yandell Road  
Canton, MS 39046  
Chief: David Kraft

# Gerald 'Wayne' Allbritton

Gerald 'Wayne' Allbritton 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: Engineer

Classification: Career

Incident date: May 29, 2002 06:15

Date of death: May 29, 2002

Cause of death: Stress/Overexertion

Nature of death: Heart Attack

Activity type: In-Station Duties

Emergency duty: No

Duty type: Other On-Duty

Fixed property use: Store/Office

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

Columbus Fire Department  
205 7th Street, South  
Columbus, MS 39701  
Chief: James Massey

# Elmer Bell

Elmer Bell 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: 44

Rank: Firefighter

Classification: Career

Incident date: Jan 19, 2002 15:22

Date of death: Jan 21, 2002

Cause of death: Stress/Overexertion

Nature of death: Cerebrovascular Accident

Activity type: Other

Emergency duty: No

Duty type: Other On-Duty

Fixed property use: N/A

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

Choctaw Fire Department

, MS

Chief: Wayne Vaughn

# Rodney Chambers

Rodney Chambers 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: 51

Rank: Firefighter

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: May 27, 2002 15:51

Date of death: May 27, 2002

Cause of death: Stress/Overexertion

Nature of death: Heart Attack

Activity type: Other

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: Other On-Duty

Fixed property use: Residential

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

Verona Fire Department  
PO Box 416  
Verona, MS 38879  
Chief: Randy Daniel

# Karlton Allen Cole Briscoe

Karlton Allen Cole Briscoe was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age: 16

Rank: Youth Firefighter

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Mar 25, 2003 23:30

Date of death: Mar 25, 2003

Cause of death: Struck By

Nature of death: Trauma

Activity type: Driving/Riding Personal Vehicle

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: Responding

Fixed property use: Street/Road

Memorial fund information: Hickory Flat Volunteer Fire Dept., Hickory Flat, MS 38633 Attn: Ronnie Briscoe

## Department information

Hickory Flat Volunteer Fire Department  
Hickory Flat Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Hickory Flat, MS 38633  
Chief: Gerald Lollar

# Elliott Davis Jr.

Elliott Davis 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: 51

Rank: Fire Commissioner

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Feb 22, 2004 14:30

Date of death: Feb 22, 2004

Cause of death: Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft

Nature of death: Trauma

Activity type: Driving/Operating Vehicle/Apparatus

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: Responding

Fixed property use: Street/Road

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

Gloster Rural Volunteer Fire Department  
P.O. Box 1019  
Gloster, MS 39638  
Chief: Harry Huff

# Mathe A Alexander

Mathe A Alexander 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: 70

Rank: Firefighter

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: May 7, 1990 22:00

Date of death: May 7, 1990

Cause of death: Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft

Nature of death: Trauma

Activity type: Driving/Operating Vehicle/Apparatus

Emergency duty: No

Duty type: Responding

Fixed property use: Street/Road

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

Long Creek Volunteer Fire Department

Meridian, MS

# Robert Jerry Drennan

Robert Jerry Drennan was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland .

Age: 40

Rank: Fire Chief

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Dec 12, 1990

Date of death: Dec 12, 1990

Cause of death: Exposure

Nature of death: Heart Attack

Activity type: Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland)

Emergency duty: No

Duty type: On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use:

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

Collins Volunteer Fire Department

Collins, MS

# Raymond L Bryant

Raymond L Bryant was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland .

Age: 58

Rank: Firefighter

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Jul 28, 1991

Date of death: Aug 11, 1991

Cause of death: Stress/Overexertion

Nature of death: Heart Attack

Activity type:

Emergency duty: No

Duty type: On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use:

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

Bailey Volunteer Fire Department

Bailey, MS

# James Darwin Walling

James Darwin Walling was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland .

Age: 20

Rank: Firefighter

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Dec 9, 1991

Date of death: Dec 9, 1991

Cause of death: Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft

Nature of death: Trauma

Activity type: Driving/Operating Vehicle/Apparatus

Emergency duty: No

Duty type: Other On-Duty

Fixed property use: Street/Road

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

Woolmarket Volunteer Fire Department - Harrison County Fire Services  
16520 Switzer Park Road  
Biloxi, MS 39532  
Chief: Rick Murden

# Nathan Eric Walls

Nathan Eric Walls was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland .

Age: 19

Rank: Firefighter

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Oct 11, 1991

Date of death: Oct 11, 1991

Cause of death: Other

Nature of death: Trauma

Activity type:

Emergency duty: No

Duty type: Responding

Fixed property use:

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

Calhoun City Volunteer Fire Department

Calhoun, MS

# Terri Lynn Eiland

Terri Lynn Eiland 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: Lieutenant

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Mar 21, 2004 18:15

Date of death: Mar 21, 2004

Cause of death: Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft

Nature of death: Crushed

Activity type: Driving/Operating Vehicle/Apparatus

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: Responding

Fixed property use: Street/Road

Memorial fund information: C/o Forts Lake/Franklin Creek Volunteer Fire Department, 10701 Forts Lake Rd., Moss Point, MS 39562

## Department information

Forts Lake/Franklin Creek Volunteer Fire Department  
10701 Forts Lake Rd.  
Moss Point, MS 39562  
Chief: Donald Ray Clark

# Randy Rayford Henderson

Randy Rayford Henderson 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: 42

Rank: Forestry Technician

Classification: Wildland Full-Time

Incident date: May 13, 2004 17:00

Date of death: May 13, 2004

Cause of death: Stress/Overexertion

Nature of death: Heart Attack

Activity type: Scene Safety

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use: Outdoor Property

Memorial fund information: In memory of Firefighter Randy Henderson to the Lorena Baptist Church, 310 SCR 3518, Forest, MS 39074; or Gideons International, <http://www.gideons.org/>

## Department information

USDA Forest Service, Bienville Ranger District  
3473 Highway 35 South  
Forest, MS 39074  
Chief: District Ranger David Carter

# Sally Renee' Clark

Sally Renee' Clark 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

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Apr 16, 2005 10:30

Date of death: Apr 16, 2005

Cause of death: Stress/Overexertion

Nature of death: Heart Attack

Activity type: Pump Operations

Emergency duty: No

Duty type: Other On-Duty

Fixed property use: Store/Office

Memorial fund information: Memorials may be made to the Renee' Clark Memorial Fund in care of the Pleasant Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, 22 Holly Road, Laurel, MS 39443

## Department information

Pleasant Ridge Volunteer Fire Department  
22 Holly Road  
Laurel, MS 39443  
Chief: Billy Clark

# Franklin W Eubanks

Franklin W Eubanks 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: Firefighter

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Oct 25, 2005 14:25

Date of death: Oct 25, 2005

Cause of death: Stress/Overexertion

Nature of death: Heart Attack

Activity type: Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland)

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use: Outdoor Property

Memorial fund information: Pending

## Department information

Arlington Volunteer Fire Department  
250 Arlington Loop Road  
Beaumont, MS 39423  
Chief: WJ Jordan

# James C. Webb

James C. Webb 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: 41

Rank: Assistant Chief

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Nov 5, 2005 11:30

Date of death: Nov 5, 2005

Cause of death: Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft

Nature of death: Trauma

Activity type: Driving/Operating Vehicle/Apparatus

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: Responding

Fixed property use: Street/Road

Memorial fund information: Donations to the family can be sent to: Panola County Firefighters Relief Fund C/O Asst. Chief James (Jimmy)C. Webb, Jr. P.O. Box 86 Batesville, MS 38606.

## Department information

Bynum Volunteer Fire Department  
13510 Eureka Road 345 Ragon Road  
Courtland, MS 38620  
Chief: Tony Ragon

# Gary Wayne Kistler Sr.

Gary Wayne Kistler 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.

Age: 65

Rank: Firefighter

Classification: Career

Incident date: Jan 30, 2006 22:20

Date of death: Feb 5, 2006

Cause of death: Exposure

Nature of death: Other

Activity type: Extrication

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: After

Fixed property use: Street/Road

Memorial fund information: The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Firefighter Gary Wayne Kistler, Sr. be made to the Saucier Fire Department. Donations which will be used for fire prevention educational materials for school children, a duty Gary was very active in performing. (20121 West Wortham Road, Saucier, MS 39574) Funeral Arrangements: Visitation with funeral services to follow, Saturday, 02/11/2006, 1000-1100hrs at the Saucier Fire Department station house, 23560 Old Till Road, Saucier, MS 39574

## Department information

Saucier Volunteer Fire Department  
23560 Old Still Road  
Saucier, MS 39574  
Chief: Marendra Weems

# Michael Lynn Davenport

Michael Lynn Davenport 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: 39

Rank: Inmate Firefighter

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Mar 8, 2006 00:45

Date of death: Mar 9, 2006

Cause of death: Lost

Nature of death: Asphyxiation

Activity type: Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland)

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use: Residential

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

Mississippi Department of Corrections Fire Department - Parchman Vol FD  
PO Box 202  
Parchman, MS 38738  
Chief: Wesley Knight

# Robert “Bobby” Wallace Edwards

Robert “Bobby” Wallace Edwards 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: Volunteer

Incident date: Jun 23, 2006 23:55

Date of death: Jun 23, 2006

Cause of death: Stress/Overexertion

Nature of death: Heart Attack

Activity type: Other

Emergency duty: No

Duty type: After

Fixed property use: Residential

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

Tunica Volunteer Fire Department  
PO Box 621 1401 Edwards Av  
Tunica, MS 38676  
Chief: Ellis Koonce III

# Ollie Phil Tate

Ollie Phil Tate was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age: 56

Rank: Firefighter

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Aug 8, 2006 20:15

Date of death: Aug 8, 2006

Cause of death: Stress/Overexertion

Nature of death: Heart Attack

Activity type: Riding Vehicle/Apparatus

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: Responding

Fixed property use: Residential

Memorial fund information: Memorials can be sent in memory of Ollie Phil Tate, C/o Thaxton Volunteer Fire Department, 3100 Hunter Road, Thaxton, MS 38871 Visitation Friday, August 11, 2006 5:00PM-9:00PM Viewing Saturday August 12, 2006 9:00AM-11:00AM services beginning at 11:00AM at Thaxton Baptist Church.

## Department information

Thaxton Volunteer Fire Department  
3100 Hunter Road  
Thaxton, MS 38871  
Chief: Zane Moody

# Jeffrey Jeans

Jeffrey Jeans 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: Volunteer

Incident date: May 11, 2007 14:15

Date of death: May 11, 2007

Cause of death: Stress/Overexertion

Nature of death: Heart Attack

Activity type: Other

Emergency duty: No

Duty type: Training

Fixed property use: Store/Office

Memorial fund information: The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in memory of Firefighter-EMT Jeffrey Jeans to the Eudora Fire Department, 9341 HWY 304 W, Hernando, MS 38632

## Department information

Eudora Fire Department  
9341 HWY 304 W  
Hernando, MS 38632  
Chief: Johnny McGhee

# Walter Clyde Walker, Jr.

Walter Clyde Walker, 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: 68

Rank: Fire Chief

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Jan 26, 2008 01:25

Date of death: Jan 26, 2008

Cause of death: Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft

Nature of death: Trauma

Activity type: Driving/Riding Personal Vehicle

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: Responding

Fixed property use: Street/Road

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

Collinsville Volunteer Fire Department  
9137 Old HWY 19 N. PO Box 106  
Collinsville, MS 39325  
Chief: Clyde Walker

# Charles Carter Fraley Jr.

Charles Carter Fraley 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: 65

Rank: Fire Chief

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Apr 12, 2008 06:01

Date of death: Apr 12, 2008

Cause of death: Stress/Overexertion

Nature of death: Heart Attack

Activity type: Incident Command

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use: Educational

Memorial fund information: Please make all memorials to the Macon Fire Department, Macon City Hall, Attn: Pam Norris, P.O. Box 29, Macon, MS 39341.

## Department information

Macon Fire Department  
PO Box 29 605 W Pearl ST.  
Macon, MS 39341  
Chief: Pending

# Richard Lee Montgomery

Richard Lee Montgomery 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: 54

Rank: Firefighter

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Dec 31, 2008 17:59

Date of death: Dec 31, 2008

Cause of death: Stress/Overexertion

Nature of death: Heart Attack

Activity type: Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland)

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use: Residential

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

Hobo - Big V Volunteer Fire Department  
633 Hwy 4 East USNG: 16S CD 5568 3914  
Booneville, MS 38829  
Chief: Randel Livingston

# Robert Andrew France

Robert Andrew France was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age: 45

Rank: Firefighter/EMT-Training Officer

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Mar 30, 2009 20:30

Date of death: Mar 30, 2009

Cause of death: Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft

Nature of death: Trauma

Activity type: Driving/Riding Personal Vehicle

Emergency duty: No

Duty type: Other On-Duty

Fixed property use: Street/Road

Memorial fund information: In honor of Firefighter/EMT Robert Andrew France, c/o Stateline Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 411, Stateline, MS 39362

## Department information

Stateline Volunteer Fire Department  
PO Box 411  
Stateline, MS 39362  
Chief: Joey Young

# George Albert Wimberly

George Albert Wimberly 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: 63

Rank: Firefighter

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Apr 1, 2009 21:26

Date of death: Apr 1, 2009

Cause of death: Stress/Overexertion

Nature of death: Heart Attack

Activity type: Driving/Riding Personal Vehicle

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: Responding

Fixed property use: Residential

Memorial fund information: Donations in honor of Firefighter George A. Wimberly may be made to Stonewall Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 657, Stonewall, MS 39363

## Department information

Stonewall Volunteer Fire Department  
PO Box 657, 734 S Erwin RD USNG: 16SCA30245758  
Stonewall, MS 39363  
Chief: Shane Harper

# John D. Thurman

John D. Thurman 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: 52

Rank: Captain

Classification: Career

Incident date: Oct 21, 2009 17:19

Date of death: Oct 21, 2009

Cause of death: Stress/Overexertion

Nature of death: Heart Attack

Activity type: Fitness Activity

Emergency duty: No

Duty type: Training

Fixed property use: Outdoor Property

Memorial fund information: In honor of Captain John Thurman, c/o Clinton Fire Department, 1234 Clinton-Raymond RD, Clinton, MS 39056

## Department information

Clinton Fire Department  
1234 Clinton-Raymond RD USNG: 15S YR 5044 8023  
Clinton, MS 39056  
Chief: Barry Burnside

# Jerry W. Thompson

Jerry W. Thompson 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: Firefighter

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Jan 14, 2010 13:15

Date of death: Jan 14, 2010

Cause of death: Stress/Overexertion

Nature of death: Heart Attack

Activity type: Other

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use: Residential

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

Linwood Volunteer Fire Department  
10060 Road 248 USNG: 16S CB 0199 1369  
Union, MS 39365  
Chief: Gerald Spears

# Joshua “Josh” Jay Wilkes

Joshua “Josh” Jay Wilkes 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: 26

Rank: Firefighter

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Feb 13, 2011 16:00

Date of death: Feb 13, 2011

Cause of death: Stress/Overexertion

Nature of death: Heart Attack

Activity type: Other

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: Returning

Fixed property use: Store/Office

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

Unity Fire Department  
367 Road 2216 USNG: 16S CD 5496 0759  
Guntown, MS 38849  
Chief: Karry Williams

# Larry Cleveland Gressett, Sr.

Larry Cleveland Gressett, 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.

Age: 33

Rank: Firefighter

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Feb 17, 2011 17:30

Date of death: Feb 17, 2011

Cause of death: Caught or Trapped

Nature of death: Asphyxiation

Activity type: Search and Rescue

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Non-Fire

Fixed property use: Outdoor Property

Memorial fund information: Pending.

## Department information

Toomsuba/Alamucha Volunteer Fire Department  
51 Will Garrett RD (USNG: 16S CA 5836 8760)  
Toomsuba, MS 39364  
Chief: Billy Stuckey

# Jacob Anthony Carter

Jacob Anthony Carter 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: 18

Rank: Firefighter

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Apr 17, 2011 11:55

Date of death: Apr 17, 2011

Cause of death: Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft

Nature of death: Trauma

Activity type: Driving/Riding Personal Vehicle

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: Responding

Fixed property use: Street/Road

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

Becker-Athens Volunteer Fire Department  
PO Box 60, MS USNG: 16S CC 621 557  
Becker, MS 38825  
Chief: Doug Buchanan

# Charles Edward Foster

Charles Edward Foster 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: 59

Rank: Firefighter

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Apr 25, 2011 23:30

Date of death: Apr 29, 2011

Cause of death: Stress/Overexertion

Nature of death: Heart Attack

Activity type: Support

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Non-Fire

Fixed property use: Street/Road

Memorial fund information: In honor of Firefighter Charles Foster, c/o Barton Volunteer Fire Department, 5135 Hwy 302, Olive Branch, MS 38654.

## Department information

Barton Volunteer Fire Department  
5135 Hwy 302 USNG: 16S BD 35 72  
Olive Branch, MS 38654  
Chief: Jerry Culver

# Nolan Ervin Pittman

Nolan Ervin Pittman 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: Fire Chief

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Mar 4, 2012 03:17

Date of death: Mar 4, 2012

Cause of death: Stress/Overexertion

Nature of death: Heart Attack

Activity type: Incident Command

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use: Residential

Memorial fund information: Memorials in honor of Fire Chief Nolan "Goat" Pittman may be made to the Melisa "Missy" Pittman Memorial Fund, United Mississippi Bank, 494 Highway 24 E, Centreville, MS 39631 ([www.unitedmsbk.com](http://www.unitedmsbk.com)).

## Department information

Centreville Volunteer Fire Department  
Box 578, 1 Municipal DR USNG: 15R XQ 8484 4020  
Centreville, MS 39631  
Chief: Pending

# Mickey Lewis Yates

Mickey Lewis Yates 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: Fire Chief

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Jul 6, 2013 20:45

Date of death: Jul 6, 2013

Cause of death: Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft

Nature of death: Trauma

Activity type: Responding

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: Responding

Fixed property use: Street/Road

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

Greenfield Volunteer Fire Department  
41 Blake RD USNG: 16S CA 0932 7745  
Hickory, MS 39332  
Chief: Pending

# Dwight Reid Hilton

Dwight Reid Hilton 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: Firefighter

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Feb 1, 2014 12:30

Date of death: Feb 1, 2014

Cause of death: Stress/Overexertion

Nature of death: Heart Attack

Activity type: Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland)

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use: Outdoor Property

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

East Central Volunteer Fire Department  
4342 East Newman RD U.S. National Grid: 15R YA 1901 5369  
Liberty, MS 39645  
Chief: Campbell (Cam) Sharp

# Kevin Lee Johnson

Kevin Lee 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.

Age: 50

Rank: Master Sergeant / Equipment Operator

Classification: Career

Incident date: Apr 6, 2012 14:40

Date of death: Apr 6, 2012

Cause of death: Stress/Overexertion

Nature of death: Heart Attack

Activity type: Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland)

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use: Outdoor Property

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

Mississippi Air National Guard, Combat Readiness Training Center

Gulfport, MS

# John Liming Shoup

John Liming Shoup 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: Volunteer

Incident date: Mar 6, 2015 22:00

Date of death: Mar 15, 2015

Cause of death: Stress/Overexertion

Nature of death: Heart Attack

Activity type: Scene Safety

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use: Residential

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

Ashland Volunteer Fire Department  
PO Box 246, 15870 Boundary Drive U.S. National Grid: 16S BD 9978 5618  
Ashland, MS 38603  
Chief: Chris Shoup

# Brandon S Ricks

Brandon S Ricks 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: Pilot

Classification: Wildland Contract

Incident date: Mar 30, 2015 14:57

Date of death: Mar 30, 2015

Cause of death: Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft

Nature of death: Asphyxiation

Activity type: Not On Scene

Emergency duty: No

Duty type: Other On-Duty

Fixed property use: Outdoor Property

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

United States Forest Service - National Forests in Mississippi  
Suite 500-N, 200 S Lamar ST U.S. National Grid: 15S YR 6496 7703  
Jackson, MS 39201  
Chief: Forest Supervisor Gretta Boley

# Steve Cobb

Steve Cobb 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: Forest Service Engineering Technician

Classification: Wildland Full-Time

Incident date: Mar 30, 2015 14:57

Date of death: Mar 30, 2015

Cause of death: Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft

Nature of death: Trauma

Activity type: Not On Scene

Emergency duty: No

Duty type: Other On-Duty

Fixed property use: Outdoor Property

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

United States Forest Service - National Forests in Mississippi  
Suite 500-N, 200 S Lamar ST U.S. National Grid: 15S YR 6496 7703  
Jackson, MS 39201  
Chief: Forest Supervisor Gretta Boley

# Dwight Greer

Dwight Greer 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: 44

Rank: Captain

Classification: Career

Incident date: May 6, 2015 18:30

Date of death: May 6, 2015

Cause of death: Stress/Overexertion

Nature of death: Heart Attack

Activity type: Fitness Activity

Emergency duty: No

Duty type: Training

Fixed property use:

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

Philadelphia Fire Department  
907 Herman Alford Memorial HWY U.S. National Grid: 16S CB 0251 3079  
Philadelphia, MS 39350  
Chief: Pierce Clark

# Willie B Ratliff

Willie B Ratliff 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: 66

Rank: Captain

Classification: Career

Incident date: Dec 21, 2015 19:30

Date of death: Dec 21, 2015

Cause of death: Stress/Overexertion

Nature of death: Heart Attack

Activity type: Not On Scene

Emergency duty: No

Duty type: Other On-Duty

Fixed property use:

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

City of Clarksdale Fire Department  
221 Desoto AVE U.S. National Grid: 15S YT 2404 8736  
Clarksdale, MS 38614  
Chief: Obert Douglas

# Eric C. Gustafson

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

Age: 40

Rank: Senior Firefighter

Classification: Career

Incident date: Sep 9, 2016 09:00

Date of death: Sep 9, 2016

Cause of death: Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft

Nature of death: Trauma

Activity type: Driving/Operating Vehicle/Apparatus

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: Responding

Fixed property use: Street/Road

Memorial fund information:

## Department information

Meridian Fire Department  
2500 14th Street, Meridian, MS 39301  
Meridian, MS 39301  
Chief: Anthony Clayton

