



REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN FIRE FIGHTERS

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LINE-OF-DUTY DEATH ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE:

June 8, 1932
RUSK, CHARLES ROLAND
Fire Fighter - Station 14

June 13, 1902
JOHNSON, CLIFFORD W.
Driver - Station 8

June 22, 1929
HENDRICKS, RUDOLPH "RUDY"
Fire Fighter - Station 25

June 30, 1962
HOPKINS, CLAUDE JACKSON
Chauffeur - Station 2

RETIREEES WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:

DOUGLAS "DOUG" L. HOLMES
Served HFD 1965 to 1988 - Died June 8, 2003

ROCCO R. RAO
Served HFD 1971 to 2001 - Died May 16, 2003

MICHAEL T. SMITH
Served HFD 1971 to 1987 - Died April 23, 2003

B. J. MCDANIEL
Served HFD 1949 to 1976 - Died April 2, 2003

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*For more information, refer to:
<http://www.houstonfirememorial.org>*

Several months ago, I wrote about lost Houston Fire Fighters that served the Houston Fire Department in the late 1800's and the early 1900's. Their names were not part of any roster, it appeared that they seemingly disappeared from the earth's surface.

I recently discovered some of them and have included them in this month's article.

The Fire Fighters are listed by name, rank, fire station and the year they began service in the HFD.

The following text is taken word-for-word from the Houston City Directories: 1897-1897, 1900-1901, 1903-1904 and 1920-1921.

S. P. COMPTON-Engineer-Chemical Engine No. 4 located at the Central Fire Station 119 San Jacinto corner Prairie Ave. 1897.

JOSEPH BALL-Captain-Central Fire Station located 119 San Jacinto corner Prairie Ave. 1897.

JOSEPH A. BAMMEL-Pipeman-No. 7 Engine Company located 2403 Milam and McIlhenny. 1900.


WILLIAM BURNETT-Truck Lieutenant-No. 9 Hose, Hook and Ladder and Engine Company located 702 Hogan corner Freeman. 1920

JOHN H. GRACE-Pipeman-No. 5 Fire Station-Hose Company No.5 and Steamer No. 13 located 910 Hardy. 1903.

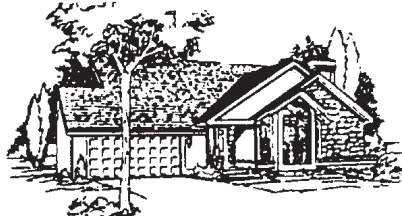
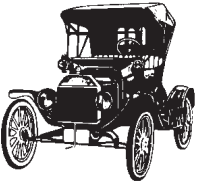
The Fire Fighters mentioned above may not have been long-term employees of the fire department, but none-the-less they are our brother Fire Fighters.

Hopefully by listing these fellow Fire Fighters in the article, my web site, and hopefully one day on the memorial wall at the pension office we can make up for "losing" them all those years.

Each month I will continue to list others like them who were also lost in time.



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