In 1987, I began researching to find information on the Houston firefighters who died in the line of duty. The results of this eight month project were published in the memorial section of the yearbook, Houston Fire Department 1838-1988. This endeavor helped ignite my passion to keep the stories of these heroic individuals alive. The Houston Fire Department began as an official, paid, department in August 1895.

The first recorded line of duty death occurred on April 27, 1899. Since my tenure as the unofficial “curator” of the fallen Houston firefighter’s memory began, our department has had 15 line of duty deaths. Through my research, I uncovered two additional firefighters who perished and were inadvertently left off the official Houston Fire Department “Line of Duty” list. As of the printing of this book, there have been a total of 67 firefighters (66 paid, 1 volunteer) who gave their lives for the citizens of Houston.

In addition to the 67 line of duty deaths, the International Fire Fighters Association has identified 24 other Houston firefighters whose deaths are attributed to the performance of their jobs. Job-related cancer or heart conditions led to the deaths of these firefighters. Their names are listed on the IAFF Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial in Colorado Springs.

As a firefighter, the loss of a brother or sister is the most difficult part of the job. We know that on any given day a firefighter could be lost. I think that we all have a responsibility to preserve the memories of our fallen Houston firefighters and keep them eternally in our hearts and minds. I feel extremely privileged and honored to be able to continue my quest. I would like to thank all of you who are on this journey with me for your support. I could not do what needs to be done without your help.

F. Scott Mellott
Emil “Ed” Thompson  
_Died April 27, 1899 Age 31_  
**Born:** 1868 in Europe  
**Entered Fire Department:** January 1, 1897  
**Duty:** Firefighter at Fire House 5  
**Cause of Death:** Accident involving Hose Wagon 5 and a Houston & Texas Central Railroad train

Frank W. Medlenka  
_Died November 23, 1901 Age 42_  
**Born:** June 15, 1859 in Louisville, Kentucky  
**Entered Fire Department:** September 21, 1895  
**Duty:** Driver at Fire House 8  
**Cause of Death:** Steamer 8 overturned, killing driver

Clifford W. Johnson  
_Died June 13, 1902 Age 24_  
**Born:** 1878 in Houston, Texas  
**Entered Fire Department:** Early 1899  
**Duty:** Driver at Fire House 8  
**Cause of Death:** Accident involving Assistant Chief’s buggy and a private buggy

Barney C. Moffatt  
_Died April 26, 1908 Age 50_  
**Born:** October 10, 1858 in Houston, Texas  
**Entered Fire Department:** 1895  
**Duty:** Firefighter at Fire House 7  
**Cause of Death:** Building fire

Thomas Andrew O’Leary  
_Died December 24, 1908 Age 48_  
**Born:** 1860 in New Port, Monmouthshire, England  
**Entered Fire Department:** September 1895  
**Duty:** Fire Chief of the Houston Fire Department  
**Cause of Death:** Explosion of a railroad box car

Herman “Dutch” J. Wagner  
_Died May 25, 1912 Age 41_  
**Born:** June 2, 1871 in Chicago, Illinois  
**Entered Fire Department:** 1894  
**Duty:** Captain at Fire House 8  
**Cause of Death:** Building fire

Clifford A. Wiese  
_Died July 14, 1913 Age 22_  
**Born:** June 10, 1891 in Houston, Texas  
**Entered Fire Department:** July 4, 1913  
**Duty:** Firefighter at Fire House 3  
**Cause of Death:** Accident involving horse-drawn Supply Wagon 3 and a Missouri Kansas Texas Railroad work train
Patrick O’Hare  
Died September 21, 1913 Age 35  
Born: March 17, 1878 in Cleveland, Ohio  
Entered Fire Department: 1906  
Duty: Firefighter at Fire House 6  
Cause of Death: Accident/fell off Engine 6

Robert Rutherford Glass  
Died December 1, 1913 Age 31  
Born: September 14, 1882 in Houston, Texas  
Entered Fire Department: 1902  
Duty: Firefighter at Central Fire Station  
Cause of Death: Accident involving Ladder 1 and a Galveston-Houston Railway streetcar

H. A. “Ace” Harris  
Died February 14, 1921 Age 48  
Born: October 24, 1873 in Calvert, Texas  
Entered Fire Department: November 1920  
Duty: Firefighter at Fire House 10  
Cause of Death: Building fire

Harry Dodd  
Died July 26, 1923 Age 40  
Born: November 17, 1883 in Kinney, Texas  
Entered Fire Department: January 1, 1921  
Duty: Firefighter at Central Fire Station  
Cause of Death: Accident involving Truck 1, a passenger car and a streetcar

John “Bob” A. Boyd  
Died August 4, 1923 Age 53  
Born: November 3, 1870 in Galveston, Texas  
Entered Fire Department: 1895  
Duty: First Assistant Chief of the Houston Fire Department  
Cause of Death: Accident involving Chemical 1 hitting a telephone pole

Harold A. Denny  
Died May 1, 1924 Age 19  
Born: September 6, 1905 in Houston, Texas  
Entered Fire Department: 1924  
Duty: Firefighter at Fire House 9  
Cause of Death: Accident involving Engine 9 and a street car

George L. Bishop  
Died March 1, 1926 Age 42  
Born: 1884 in Houston, Texas  
Entered Fire Department: 1916  
Duty: Captain at Fire House 4  
Cause of Death: Building collapse
Claude W. Edmonds  
*Died August 19, 1926 Age 32*  
**Born:** September 25, 1894 in Mississippi  
**Entered Fire Department:** December 16, 1916  
**Duty:** Captain at Central Fire Station  
**Cause of Death:** Fell off ladder while training on Ladder 1

Rudolph “Rudy” L. Hendicks  
*Died June 22, 1929 Age 23*  
**Born:** September 29, 1906 in Colorado County, Texas  
**Entered Fire Department:** January 4, 1928  
**Duty:** Firefighter at Fire House 25  
**Cause of Death:** Electrocuted at a house fire

Edgar H. Grant  
*Died July 2, 1929 Age 27*  
**Born:** March 20, 1902 in Houston, Texas  
**Entered Fire Department:** February 18, 1928  
**Duty:** Firefighter at Fire House 18  
**Cause of Death:** Accident involving Engine 18 and a Gulf Coast Line Railroad train

Harry “Red” L. Oxford  
*Died July 3, 1929 Age 34*  
**Born:** July 3, 1895 in Dallas, Texas  
**Entered Fire Department:** November 16, 1928  
**Duty:** Firefighter at Fire House 18  
**Cause of Death:** Accident involving Engine 18 and a Gulf Coast Line Railroad train

John Sellis Little Sr.  
*Died July 11, 1929 Age 46*  
**Born:** November 19, 1883 in Knoxville, Tennessee  
**Entered Fire Department:** June 4, 1913  
**Duty:** Captain at Fire House 18  
**Cause of Death:** Accident involving Engine 18 and a Gulf Coast Line Railroad train

Aaron Layola O’Brien  
*Died December 20, 1929 Age 23*  
**Born:** September 15, 1906 in Texas  
**Entered Fire Department:** July 12, 1929  
**Duty:** Firefighter at Fire House 19  
**Cause of Death:** Accident involving Engine 19 and a Southern Pacific Railroad train
Michael J. Ward  
*Died December 21, 1929 Age 34*  
*Born:* 1895 in Evansville, Indiana  
*Entered Fire Department:* 1928  
*Duty:* Firefighter at Fire House 14  
*Cause of Death:* Accident involving Engine 19 and a Southern Pacific Railroad train

Charles Roland Rusk  
*Died June 8, 1932 Age 52*  
*Born:* June 3, 1880 in Akron, Ohio  
*Entered Fire Department:* April 24, 1918  
*Duty:* Firefighter at Fire House 14  
*Cause of Death:* Accident involving Ladder 14 and a streetcar

Esker Jackson Rogers  
*Died August 22, 1934 Age 28*  
*Born:* May 18, 1906 Buckshot, Texas  
*Entered Fire Department:* September, 1929  
*Duty:* Firefighter at Fire House 17  
*Cause of Death:* Accident involving Engine 24 and a streetcar

Alford Henry Schutze  
*Died August 21, 1938 Age 51*  
*Born:* September 22, 1887 in Hannibal, Missouri  
*Entered Fire Department:* November 5, 1917  
*Duty:* Battalion Chief at Fire House 7  
*Cause of Death:* Accident involving Battalion Chief’s car hitting an esplanade

Walter “Molly” William Walker  
*Died July 1, 1940 Age 59*  
*Born:* October 23, 1881 in Millican, Texas  
*Entered Fire Department:* March 1, 1914  
*Duty:* Driver at Fire House 2  
*Cause of Death:* Accident involving Engine 17 and a Houston Transit Company bus

Horrace Oscar Gassoway  
*Died August 6, 1941 Age 37*  
*Born:* July 18, 1904 in Winsboro, Texas  
*Entered Fire Department:* September 28, 1928  
*Duty:* Firefighter at Fire House 10  
*Cause of Death:* Accident involving Service Truck 1 and Engine 2
James Edward Lowth  
* Died March 31, 1947 Age 24  
* Born: June 26, 1923 in Houston, Texas  
* Entered Fire Department: January, 1946  
* Duty: Firefighter at Fire House 26  
* Cause of Death: Accident involving Engine 26 and a Port Terminal Railroad train

John “Red” Benjamin Adams  
* Died March 7, 1948 Age 49  
* Born: February 25, 1899 in Wheelock, Texas  
* Entered Fire Department: January 22, 1941  
* Duty: Firefighter at Fire House 18  
* Cause of Death: Heart attack

Vernon John Dorsett  
* Died January 21, 1949 Age 47  
* Born: November 15, 1902 in Nacogdoches, Texas  
* Entered Fire Department: December 5, 1919  
* Duty: Assistant Chief of the Houston Fire Department  
* Cause of Death: Accident involving Assistant Chief’s car and a passenger car

Robert “Bobby” Weir Milburn  
* Died April 14, 1949 Age 38  
* Born: March 31, 1911 in Palestine, Texas  
* Entered Fire Department: September 4, 1933  
* Duty: Driver at Fire House 7  
* Cause of Death: Accident involving District Chief’s car and a passenger car

Joseph “Bull” Earl Connor  
* Died January 31, 1951 Age 51  
* Born: April 1900 in Houston, Texas  
* Entered Fire Department: January 1, 1922  
* Duty: Chauffeur at Central Fire Station  
* Cause of Death: Heart attack

Rufus “Bullock” John Templet  
* Died March 12, 1951 Age 57  
* Born: October 5, 1894 in New Iberia, Louisiana  
* Entered Fire Department: January 1, 1922  
* Duty: Captain at Fire House 5  
* Cause of Death: Heart attack

Charley Albert Middlekauf  
* Died March 10, 1953 Age 65  
* Born: February 7, 1888 in Canton, Illinois  
* Entered Fire Department: January 1, 1910  
* Duty: Assistant Chief of the Houston Fire Department  
* Cause of Death: Heart attack
Joseph “Joe” James Solito  
*Died July 29, 1953 Age 39*  
**Born:** August 24, 1914 in Lake Charles, Louisiana  
**Entered Fire Department:** 1938  
**Duty:** Chauffeur at Fire House 8  
**Cause of Death:** Accident involving Engine 8 and Ladder 1

Fidel Chabolla  
*Died July 29, 1953 Age 35*  
**Born:** April 24, 1918 in Moore, Texas  
**Entered Fire Department:** October 4, 1951  
**Duty:** Firefighter at Central Fire Station  
**Cause of Death:** Accident involving Engine 8 and Ladder 1

Frank Catino  
*Died January 7, 1954 Age 62*  
**Born:** February 10, 1892 on the boat from Sicily, Italy  
**Entered Fire Department:** May 15, 1911  
**Duty:** Firefighter at Central Fire Station  
**Cause of Death:** Accident involving Ladder 1 and a passenger car where the occupants died

Woodrow Wilson Erwin  
*Died February 24, 1954 Age 40*  
**Born:** March 2, 1914 in Palestine, Texas  
**Entered Fire Department:** July 8, 1940  
**Duty:** Chauffeur at Fire House 24  
**Cause of Death:** Heart attack

Delbert Harvey Sherfy  
*Died October 31, 1954 Age 41*  
**Born:** April 19, 1913 in Houston, Texas  
**Entered Fire Department:** June 25, 1941  
**Duty:** Chauffeur at Fire House 17  
**Cause of Death:** Accident involving Engine 17 and a passenger car

William Henry Kersten  
*Died December 18, 1954 Age 40*  
**Born:** November 6, 1914 in Houston, Texas  
**Entered Fire Department:** December 11, 1941  
**Duty:** Chauffeur at Fire House 19  
**Cause of Death:** Accident involving District Chief’s Car and a city bus

D. H. “Spud” Chandler  
*Died November 9, 1959 Age 27*  
**Born:** December 13, 1932 in Rusk, Texas  
**Entered Fire Department:** July 1, 1958  
**Duty:** Firefighter at Fire House 19  
**Cause of Death:** Ship fire/Drowned in gasoline
Willis Neal McWhorter  
_Died November 6, 1959 Age 32_  
_Born_: April 17, 1927 in Madisonville, Texas  
_Enter Fire Department_: June 1, 1953  
_Duty_: Firefighter at Fire House 30  
_Cause of Death_: Accident involving Engine 30 and a transport truck loaded with steel beams

Charles Alponse Jedlicka  
_Died November 17, 1959 Age 37_  
_Born_: September 27, 1922 in Cameron, Texas  
_Enter Fire Department_: June 1, 1953  
_Duty_: Firefighter at Fire House 30  
_Cause of Death_: Accident involving Engine 30 and a transport truck loaded with steel beams

Dominic “Don” Joseph Contorno  
_Died May 21, 1962 Age 51_  
_Born_: March 12, 1911 in Houston, Texas  
_Enter Fire Department_: December 16, 1941  
_Duty_: Firefighter at Fire House 37  
_Cause of Death_: Heart attack

Claude Jackson Hopkins  
_Died June 30, 1962 Age 30_  
_Born_: January 20, 1932 in Bryan, Texas  
_Enter Fire Department_: November 1, 1956  
_Duty_: Chauffeur at Fire House 2  
_Cause of Death_: Accident involving Ladder 2 and a transport truck

Steve Charlie Baranowski  
_Died February 3, 1969 Age 62_  
_Born_: July 9, 1907 in Chappell Hill, Texas  
_Enter Fire Department_: December 11, 1941  
_Duty_: Captain at Fire House 37  
_Cause of Death_: Heart attack

James Louis Walls  
_Died May 3, 1971 Age 26_  
_Born_: March 8, 1945 in Langleyfield, Virginia  
_Enter Fire Department_: May 5, 1969  
_Duty_: Firefighter at Fire House 51  
_Cause of Death_: Accident involving Ambulance 51 and a passenger car

Truxton Joseph Hathaway Jr.  
_Died October 19, 1971 Age 31_  
_Born_: January 9, 1940 in Houston, Texas  
_Enter Fire Department_: February 15, 1961  
_Duty_: Fire Inspector assigned to the Training Academy  
_Cause of Death_: Train derailment/explosion

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Lewis “Moe” Washington Richardson  
* Died February 3, 1973 Age 57  
* Born: January 18, 1916 in Groveton, Texas  
* Entered Fire Department: August 1, 1941  
* Duty: Captain at Fire House 7  
* Cause of Death: Heart attack

Jackie Dunham Ludwick  
* Died February 4, 1977 Age 44  
* Born: August 17, 1933 in Austin, Texas  
* Entered Fire Department: July 16, 1956  
* Duty: Senior Captain at Fire House 7  
* Cause of Death: Heart attack

Thomas Norwood Cooper  
* Died September 23, 1982 Age 23  
* Born: February 17, 1959 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas  
* Entered Fire Department: February 8, 1982  
* Duty: Probationary Fire Fighter at Fire House 1 “C” Shift  
* Cause of Death: Accident/fell off tailboard of Engine 1

Lonnie Louzette Franklin  
* Died January 4, 1983 Age 54  
* Born: November 23, 1929 in Houston, Texas  
* Entered Fire Department: August 5, 1950  
* Duty: District Chief at Fire House 7 “B” Shift  
* Cause of Death: Accident involving District Chief’s car and a passenger car

Robert Munguia Reyes  
* Died December 1, 1984 Age 32  
* Born: August 30, 1952 in Houston, Texas  
* Entered Fire Department: January 26, 1981  
* Duty: Firefighter at Fire House 62 “A” Shift  
* Cause of Death: Accident/fell off Engine 15

Ruben Lopez  
* Died December 4, 1996 Age 42  
* Born: October 12, 1957 in Victoria, Texas  
* Entered Fire Department: 1987  
* Duty: Houston Fire Department Volunteer District Chief  
* Cause of Death: Heart attack

Steven Clyde Mayfield  
* Died December 2, 1998 Age 47  
* Born: October 5, 1951 in Pasadena, Texas  
* Entered Fire Department: March 31, 1975  
* Duty: Firefighter at Fire House 92 “A” Shift  
* Cause of Death: Heart attack during a training exercise
Lewis Evans Mayo III
_Died February 14, 2000 Age 45_
_Born: December 13, 1955 in Florida_
_Entered Fire Department: June 29, 1981_
_Duty: Firefighter at Fire House 76 “A” Shift_
_Cause of Death: Building fire_

Kimberly Ann Smith
_Died February 14, 2000 Age 30_
_Born: November 20, 1969 in El Paso, Texas_
_Entered Fire Department: April 11, 1994_
_Duty: Firefighter at Fire House 76 “C” Shift_
_Cause of Death: Building fire_

William “Bill” Ernest Bandy
_Died March 8, 2001 Age 49_
_Born: December 28, 1951 in Houston, Texas_
_Entered Fire Department: January 22, 1973_
_Duty: Firefighter at Fire House 57 “C” Shift_
_Cause of Death: Cancer_

Jay Paul Jahnke
_Died October 13, 2001 Age 40_
_Born: September 16, 1961 in Houston, Texas_
_Entered Fire Department: December 2, 1981, Class 81C_
_Duty: Captain at Fire House 2 “B” Shift_
_Cause of Death: High Rise fire_

Eugene “Duke” Cornelius Jahnke
_Died September 14, 2003 Age 69_
_Born: July 23, 1934 in Houston, Texas_
_Entered Fire Department: August 8, 1955_
_Duty: Assistant Chief of the Houston Fire Department, Retired 1995_
_Cause of Death: Cancer_

Kevin Wayne Kulow
_Died April 4, 2004 on Palm Sunday Age 32_
_Born: November 2, 1971 in Bellville, Texas_
_Entered Fire Department: Class 23-Graduated November 17, 2003_
_Duty: Probationary Firefighter at Fire House 50 “A” Shift_
_Cause of Death: Building fire_

Grady Don Burke
_Died February 19, 2005 Age 39_
_Born: January 31, 1966 in Houston, Texas_
_Entered Fire Department: March 3, 1993_
_Duty: Captain at Fire House 46 “B” Shift_
_Cause of Death: House fire_
James Gordon Miller Jr.
_Died April 10, 2006 Age 61_
_Born_: July 4, 1945 in Temple Springs, Texas
_Entered Fire Department_: March 18, 1968
_Duty_: Sr. Captain at Fire House 78 “A” Shift, Retired 2003
_Cause of Death_: Cancer

Gary Lynn Goodlett
_Died July 2, 2006 Age 59_
_Born_: June 2, 1947 in San Angelo, Texas
_Entered Fire Department_: February 10, 1969
_Duty_: Engineer Operator at Fire House 31 “B” Shift, Retired 2004
_Cause of Death_: Cancer

Richard Frank Smith
_Died April 28, 2007 Age 53_
_Born_: January 26, 1954 in Houston, Texas
_Entered Fire Department_: December 19, 1977
_Duty_: Engineer Operator at Fire House 52 “C” Shift
_Cause of Death_: Heart attack

Jose Salvador Mendoza
_Died October 16, 2007 Age 47_
_Born_: July 2, 1960 in Houston, Texas
_Entered Fire Department_: November 17, 1980
_Duty_: Firefighter at Fire House 71 “A” Shift
_Cause of Death_: Cancer

Dwayne Frances Guillory
_Died May 18, 2008 Age 35_
_Born_: September 3, 1972 in Houston, Texas
_Entered Fire Department_: April 22, 1996
_Duty_: Captain at Fire House 55 “B” Shift
_Cause of Death_: Cancer

Michael Allen Mays
_Died June 24, 2008 Age 29_
_Born_: December 11, 1978 in Pasadena, Texas
_Entered Fire Department_: November 27, 2001
_Duty_: Firefighter at Fire House 46 “C” Shift
_Cause of Death_: Cancer

Rodney Dale Waters
_Died January 31, 2009 Age 43_
_Born_: July 6, 1965 in Pasadena, Texas
_Entered Fire Department_: June 5, 1989
_Duty_: Firefighter at Crash Rescue Station 54 IAH “D” Shift
_Cause of Death_: Heart attack
James Arthur Harlow  
*Died April 12, Easter Sunday, 2009 Age 46*  
*Born:* May 18, 1958 in Beeville, Texas  
*Entered Fire Department:* December 29, 1979  
*Duty:* Captain at Fire House 26 “B” Shift  
*Cause of Death:* House fire

Damion Jon Hobbs  
*Died April 12, Easter Sunday, 2009 age 30*  
*Born:* December 24, 1978 in Galveston, Texas  
*Entered Fire Department:* Class 2008C Graduated March 3, 2008  
*Duty:* “Rookie” at Fire House 26 “B” Shift  
*Cause of Death:* House fire

Kyle Quincey Raney  
*Died April 16, 2009 Age 56*  
*Born:* January 16, 1953 in Houston, Texas  
*Entered Fire Department:* January 8, 1973  
*Duty:* District Chief at Fire House 8 “A” Shift, Retired 2008  
*Cause of Death:* Cancer

Thomas “Crusher” Gabriel Collins  
*Died April 23, 2010 Age 75*  
*Born:* April 17, 1935 in Brooklyn, New York  
*Entered Fire Department:* 1959  
*Duty:* District Chief at Fire House 28 “D” Shift, Retired 2003  
*Cause of Death:* Cancer

Cohnway Matthew Johnson  
*Died May 4, 2009 Age 26*  
*Born:* October 4, 1982 in Austin, Texas  
*Entered Fire Department:* April 2009  
*Duty:* Cadet at Val Jahnke Training Facility, Class 2009C  
*Cause of Death:* Complications of hyperthermia and dehydration related to environmental heat exposure

Randy Bill Surratt  
*Died April 27, 2010 Age 35*  
*Born:* September 8, 1974 in Houston, Texas  
*Entered Fire Department:* March 21, 2000  
*Duty:* Firefighter at Fire House 19 “B” Shift  
*Cause of Death:* Cancer

Dennis Bryn Waters  
*Died May 25, 2010 Age 51*  
*Born:* November 14, 1958 in Houston, Texas  
*Entered Fire Department:* June 19, 1978  
*Duty:* Engineer Operator at Crash Rescue Station 81 “C” Shift  
*Cause of Death:* Heart attack
Dwayne William Norris  
* Died July 11, 2010  Age 46  
* Born: April 2, 1964 in Houston, Texas  
* Entered Fire Department: October 14, 1985  
* Duty: Engineer Operator at Fire House 77 “D” Shift  
* Cause of Death: Heart attack  

Anthony “Tony” Joseph Tortorice  
* Died January 4, 2011  Age 58  
* Born: September 20, 1952 in Houston, Texas  
* Entered Fire Department: January 22, 1973  
* Duty: Rescue Captain at Fire House 10 “A” Shift  
* Cause of Death: Cancer  

Travis Lynn Sattiewhite Sr.  
* Died March 14, 2011  Age 58  
* Born: July 20, 1952 in Houston, Texas  
* Entered Fire Department: January 20, 1975  
* Duty: Firefighter at Fire House 70, Retired 2002  
* Cause of Death: Cancer  

Randy M. Cadena  
* Died April 19, 2011  Age 33  
* Born: January 12, 1978 in Houston, Texas  
* Entered Fire Department: Class 19, Graduated June 4, 2004  
* Duty: Firefighter at Fire House 45 “B” Shift  
* Cause of Death: Cancer  

Michael Emmanuel Hebert  
* Died July 6, 2011  Age 73  
* Born: April 24, 1938 in Houston, Texas  
* Entered Fire Department: May 20, 1963  
* Duty: Engineer Operator at Fire House 74, Retired 1993  
* Cause of Death: Cancer  

Teddy Doyle Itzen  
* Died October 12, 2011  Age 72  
* Born: September 23, 1939 in Houston, Texas  
* Entered Fire Department: May 20, 1961  
* Duty: Captain at Fire House 62 “A” Shift, Retired 1986  
* Cause of Death: Cancer  

Jimmy Doyle Ussery  
* Died December 11, 2011  Age 61  
* Born: November 1, 1950 in Houston, Texas  
* Entered Fire Department: August 8, 1977  
* Duty: Firefighter at Fire House 96 “C” Shift, Retired 2005  
* Cause of Death: Cancer
Daniel Joseph Search  
*Died March 10, 2012 Age 27*  
*Born:* August 17, 1984 in Houston, Texas  
*Entered Fire Department:* Class 2011A, Graduated July 14, 2011  
*Duty:* Firefighter at Fire House 16 “C” Shift  
*Cause of Death:* Heart attack

Thomas William “Bill” Dillon  
*Died March 4, 2012 Age 49*  
*Born:* March 25, 1962 in Houston, Texas  
*Entered Fire Department:* June 5, 1989  
*Duty:* Sr. Captain at Fire House 69 “B” Shift  
*Cause of Death:* Heart attack

Patrick Joseph “Bubba” Kasper  
*Died April 4, 2012 Age 57*  
*Born:* July 24, 1954 in Houston, Texas  
*Entered Fire Department:* December 31, 1973  
*Duty:* Engineer/Operator at Fire House 3 “C” Shift, Retired 2004  
*Cause of Death:* Cancer

Elmer “Red” Wayne Blevins  
*Died May 10, 2012 Age 80*  
*Born:* January 29, 1932 in Mahan, West Virginia  
*Entered Fire Department:* March 1, 1951  
*Duty:* Captain at Fire House 62 “A” Shift, Retired 2002  
*Cause of Death:* Cancer

Joe Hector Delgadillo  
*Died September 30, 2012 Age 59*  
*Born:* June 20, 1953 in Houston, Texas  
*Entered Fire Department:* December 18, 1978  
*Duty:* Firefighter at Fire House 6 “D” Shift, Retired 2011  
*Death:* Cancer

Keith Joe Schoenberg  
*Died November 12, 2012 Age 50*  
*Born:* October 4, 1961 in Bryan, Texas  
*Entered Fire Department:* June 28, 1982  
*Duty:* Firefighter at Fire House 29 “B” Shift  
*Cause of Death:* Cancer

Matthew Rena Renaud  
*Died May 31, 2013 Age 35*  
*Born:* July 2, 1977 in Houston, Texas  
*Entered Fire Department:* October 30, 2001  
*Duty:* Captain at Fire House 51 “A” Shift  
*Cause of Death:* Building fire
Robert Ryan Bebee  
*Died May 31, 2013 Age 41*  
**Born:** January 19, 1972 in Corpus Christi, Texas  
**Entered Fire Department:** August 6, 2001  
**Duty:** Engineer Operator at Fire House 51 “A” Shift  
**Cause of Death:** Building fire

Robert Herman Garner IV  
*Died May 31, 2013 Age 28*  
**Born:** June 14, 1984 in Port Arthur, TX  
**Entered Fire Department:** Class 2010B, Graduated June 9, 2011  
**Duty:** Firefighter at Fire House 68 “A” Shift  
**Cause of Death:** Building fire

Anne McCormick Sullivan  
*Died May 31, 2013 Age 24*  
**Born:** December 4, 1988 in Houston, Texas  
**Entered Fire Department:** Class 2013B, Graduated April 11, 2013  
**Duty:** Probationary Firefighter at Fire House 68 “A” Shift  
**Cause of Death:** Building fire
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