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ROLL OF HONOR

The original memorial plaque was sponsored by The Fire Fighter's Association, Local 36, I.A.F.F., on the occasion of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Department. In a dedication ceremony, it was placed at the entrance of the Mayor's Office at the District Building. During either remodeling or office relocation it was misplaced. On the occasion of the Department's One Hundred and Twenty-Fifth Anniversary, the Department sponsored a replacement plaque to be placed at the entrance of the Training Academy. On this plaque is the name, rank, date of death and badge of each of the members of the Department who have made the supreme sacrifice in their service to the citizens of the District of Columbia. These members gave their lives, not only from the suddenness of a wall or building collapse on the fireground, or in a fatal traffic accident while responding to a fire alarm, but also from the repeated assaults on their physical health brought about by inhalation of smoke, heat, gases and extreme exertion, which taxed their hearts and lungs to the breaking point.

Compiling and updating the list of our heroic dead involved many hours of research into old records and company journals of the Department as well as old newspapers on file in the Public Library Archives. To the best of both Committees' knowledge, all of the members who have sacrificed their lives for the Department have been accounted for.

As you examine this list and the plaque, the first name is that of Benjamin C. Grenup, a young volunteer firefighter, who died in 1856. He fell while helping pull his company's hand pumper to a fire. The heavy pumper ran over him, resulting in fatal injuries. He was a member of Columbia Engine Company #1. This Company was part of the old volunteer fire department that served the City until the Civil War years. The eightieth name is that of William W. Hoake, an auxiliary firefighter assigned to Engine Company #31, who died in 1957. He was struck by the pumper while laying out at Box 7189, inflicting fatal injuries. Civil Defense Auxiliary Firefighters were used by the Department at the start of World War II to supplement manning. Although the remaining names on the list are those of members who served as professional firefighters in the District of Columbia Fire Department, the Committee felt it only proper to include the names of these two brave souls on the ROLL OF HONOR.

A firefighter, regardless of rank or position in the Department, is always on the "FRONT LINE" in the battle against fire. This is the reason that our ROLL OF HONOR includes members of all ranks from Private to Fire Chief. We never know when any one of us will answer that Last Alarm.

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| 1. <u>May 6, 1856</u>
Benjamin C. Grenup
Volunteer Fireman
Columbia Engine Company #1 | Died of injuries, after being run over by the pumper while responding on a Local Alarm to Shreeve's Stables on 7th Street N.W. |
| 2. <u>February 15, 1877</u>
Thomas H. Robinson
Foreman
Truck Company A | Died of injuries sustained on February 7, 1877 when thrown from the apparatus and run over by the rear wheels while responding on a Local Alarm. |
| 3. <u>August 18, 1882</u>
Joseph Daniels
Driver
Engine Company #3 | Died of injuries sustained on August 17, 1882 when the steamer overturned while responding on a Local Alarm, to 3rd & T Streets N.W., Box 296. |
| 4. <u>February 20, 1891</u>
Thomas R. Newman
Private
Truck Company A | Died of injuries sustained on February 19, 1891 when a cable car struck the truck at 7th & D Streets, N.W. while responding to 11th & F Streets, N.W., Box 134. |
| 5. <u>December 12, 1893</u>
Zedock Williams
Foreman
Chemical Company #1 | Suffocated at a fire in the Blau Building, #700 14th Street N.W., Box 146. |
| 6. <u>July 25, 1894</u>
Samuel E. Mastin
Assistant Foreman
Engine Company #1 | Burned to death in a fire at the Knox's Express Stables at 2nd & B Streets N.W., General Alarm on Box 13. |
| 7. <u>July 25, 1894</u>
Michael R. Fenton
Private
Engine Company #1 | Burned to death in a fire at the Knox's Express Stables at 2nd & B Streets N.W., General Alarm on Box 13. |
| 8. <u>July 25, 1894</u>
Dennis O'Donoghue
Private
Engine Company #1 | Burned to death in a fire at the Knox's Express Stables at 2nd & B Streets N.W., General Alarm on Box 13. |

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| 9. | <u>June 3, 1895</u>
Thomas J. Martin
Engineer
Engine Company #6 | Overcome by heat and died while working at a stable fire at #710 North Capitol Street N.W., Box 62. |
| 10. | <u>May 18, 1896</u>
Thomas A. Griffen
Assistant Foreman
Truck Company B | Killed when the walls collapsed at the Commission House fire on Louisiana Ave. between 9 th & 10th Streets N.W., General Alarm on Box 139. |
| 11. | <u>May 18, 1896</u>
Daniel Conway
Private
Engine Company #9 | Killed when the walls collapsed at the Commission House fire on Louisiana Ave. between 9 th & 10th Streets N.W., General Alarm on Box 139. |
| 12. | <u>May 18, 1896</u>
George H. Giles
Assistant Foreman
Engine Company #9 | Killed when the walls collapsed at the Commission House fire on Louisiana Ave. between 9 th & 10th Streets N.W., General Alarm on Box 139. |
| 13. | <u>May 18, 1896</u>
Joseph Mulhall
Private
Engine Company #8 | Killed when the walls collapsed at the Commission House fire on Louisiana Ave. between 9 th & 10th Streets N.W., General Alarm on Box 139. |
| 14. | <u>May 18, 1896</u>
George W. Kettler
Assistant Foreman
Engine Company #8 | Killed when the walls collapsed at the Commission House fire on Louisiana Ave. between 9 th & 10th Streets N.W., General Alarm on Box 139. |
| 15. | <u>August 12, 1896</u>
John D. Angell
Engineer
Engine Company #5 | Stricken and died while on duty in the quarters of Engine Company #5. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 16. | <u>March 4, 1897</u>
John A. Merriman
Assistant Foreman
Engine Company #6 | Was struck and killed by a B&O Railroad switching locomotive while returning from the fireground at #308 13th Street N.W., Box 151. |
| 17. | <u>July 2, 1900</u> | Killed in a collision between apparatus and a street |

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| | Martin J. Niland
Substitute Private
Engine Company #7 | car at 9th & R Streets N.W., Box 232. |
| 18. | <u>February 7, 1901</u>
Charles A. Keefe
Private
Truck Company B | Killed in a collision between apparatus and a street car at Connecticut Ave. & M Street N.W., Box 35. |
| 19. | <u>October 15, 1904</u>
Arthur H. Gibbins
Private
Truck Company G | Died of disease contracted in the line of duty.
Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 20. | <u>November 15, 1905</u>
Joseph H. McGinnis
Driver
Engine Company #1 | Killed when thrown from apparatus and run over while responding to 21st & F Streets N.W., Box 313. |
| 21. | <u>December 13, 1908</u>
William T. Belt
Chief Engineer | Died of a heart attack at home. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 22. | <u>January 10, 1909</u>
Francis M. Smith
Lieutenant
Engine Company #11 | Died of heart disease incurred in the line of duty.
Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 23. | <u>February 14, 1910</u>
William Caton
Driver
Engine Company #18 | Killed when thrown from the apparatus while responding on a Local Alarm to #1308 1st Street S.E., Box 531. |
| 24. | <u>July 27, 1910</u>
Stewart K. Rosenberger
Private
Engine Company #10 | Fell from a ladder and was killed while working on a fire at 14th & H Streets N.E., Box 654. |
| 25. | <u>June 17, 1911</u> | Killed when thrown from a horse. While exercising |

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| | Lee Beall
Driver
Engine Company #22 | the horse, it shied and collided with a street car in front of Engine 22's quarters. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 26. | <u>October 14, 1911</u>
Michael A. Downs
Private
Engine Company #4 | Killed when the roof collapsed at Washington Tobacco Co. fire, #618 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., 4th Alarm on Box 16. |
| 27. | <u>October 14, 1911</u>
Timothy J. Brown
Captain
Engine Company #4 | Killed when the roof collapsed at Washington Tobacco Co. fire, #618 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., 4th Alarm on Box 16. |
| 28. | <u>November 10, 1916</u>
Fred Koch
Sergeant
Engine Company #2 | Died of a heart attack while on duty. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 29. | <u>December 18, 1916</u>
Charles A.E. Watt
Captain
Truck Company #6 | Died of injuries sustained from a fall off a step ladder while repairing a harness assembly in quarters. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 30. | <u>December 28, 1917</u>
Simon F. Holohan
Private
Truck Company #2 | Killed when thrown from the apparatus while responding to 17th & S Streets N.W., Box 244. |
| 31. | <u>October 11, 1918</u>
William H. Richards
Private
Engine Company #11 | Died of influenza, contracted in the line of duty. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 32. | <u>October 12, 1918</u>
Frank O. Markward
Lieutenant
Truck Company #4 | Died of influenza, contracted in the line of duty. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 33. | <u>October 15, 1918</u>
William T. Byram
Private
Engine Company #24 | Died of influenza, contracted in the line of duty. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 34. | <u>October 18, 1918</u> | Died of influenza, contracted in the line of duty. |

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| | Frederick W. Cheeney
Private
Truck Company #6 | Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 35. | <u>October 23, 1918</u>
Thomas A. Binaco
Private
Engine Company #8 | Died of influenza, contracted in the line of duty. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 36. | <u>December 29, 1918</u>
John F. Farr
Private
Engine Company #11 | Died of influenza, contracted in the line of duty. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 37. | <u>December 29, 1918</u>
Charles B. Proctor
Battalion Fire Chief
3rd Battalion | Stricken in quarters and died while on duty. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 38. | <u>August 27, 1925</u>
James L. Mann
Private #606
Engine Company #21 | Killed in a collision between apparatus and a street car while responding to 14th and Harvard Streets, N.W., Box 86. |
| 39. | <u>March 2, 1926</u>
Edward F. Laughton
Private #258
Engine Company #25 | Killed when the chimney fell during a fire at a farm house in Gibson Point, 4th & Portland Streets, S.E. Box 944. |
| 40. | <u>March 18, 1927</u>
James Mowatt
Captain
Engine Company #2 | Died of a heart attack on the fireground at #420 Oakdale Street N.W., Box 8213. (Acting First Battalion Fire Chief) |
| 41. | <u>June 22, 1927</u>
Harry L. Stout
Private #303
Truck Company #2 | Fell down a pole hole while turning out on Box 62, on April 23, 1927, and fractured right leg. Later died of blood clot in the lung caused by leg fracture. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 42. | <u>July 26, 1927</u> | Killed when a car driven by bootleggers, which was |

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| | Samuel L. Gallahan
Lieutenant
Engine Company #26 | being chased by the police, struck apparatus at Bladensburg & Queens Chapel Roads N.E., while responding on a Local Alarm, Box 6384. |
| 43. | <u>October 27, 1928</u>
Albert J. Greiner
Private #108
Engine Company #27 | Killed when struck on the head by a falling timber in the alley at the rear of the Fox Theater. Member was on theater detail at the time. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 44. | <u>May 26, 1930</u>
Harry W. Swann
Captain
Engine Company #12 | Killed in a fall down the elevator shaft during a fire at Stein's Store Fixture Factory, #120 Q Street, N.E. Box 664. (Acting First Battalion Fire Chief) |
| 45. | <u>June 13, 1930</u>
Peter R. Davis
Battalion Fire Chief
4th Battalion | Killed when ladder broke and he fell to the ground at Rudolph & West Hardware Store fire, #1332 New York Ave. N.W., 4th Alarm on Box 163. (Acting Deputy Fire Chief) |
| 46. | <u>July 5, 1931</u>
John H. Virnstein
Battalion Fire Chief
3rd Battalion | Killed when the roof of a church collapsed during a fire at #2564 Nichols Ave. S.E., Box 9545. |
| 47. | <u>February 19, 1932</u>
Maurice P. Corbett
Private #535
Truck Company #4 | Killed in a collision between apparatus and a street car at 11th & P Streets N.W., Box 236. |
| 48. | <u>February 23, 1933</u>
Robert G. Anderson
Captain
Engine Company #22 | Collapsed and died while on duty in quarters of a heart attack. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 49. | <u>October 18, 1934</u>
Myron W. Thayer
Fire Inspector
Fire Prevention Division | Stricken by a heart attack while on duty; died enroute to the hospital. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 50. | <u>December 18, 1934</u> | Died of coronary occlusion. Certified line of duty by |

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| | Patrick J. Sullivan
Battalion Fire Chief
7th Battalion | the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 51. | <u>November 29, 1936</u>
Albert F. Gauvreau
Private #312
Truck Company #4 | Died of coronary thrombosis. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 52. | <u>December 3, 1936</u>
William H. Hill
Private #395
Truck Company #11 | Died of a heart attack while on duty in quarters. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 53. | <u>January 16, 1937</u>
Gilbert W. Fletcher
Lieutenant
Engine Company #20 | Died of Lobar pneumonia. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 54. | <u>March 10, 1937</u>
Vernon C. Richardson
Sergeant
Engine Company #17 | Killed in a collision between apparatus and a taxicab at 13th & Irving Streets N.E., Box 6293. |
| 55. | <u>March 29, 1938</u>
Walter W. Imboden
Private #233
Engine Company #5 | Died of a heart attack while on duty in quarters. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 56. | <u>April 11, 1938</u>
Twyman S. Jones
Battalion Fire Chief
5th Battalion | Died of carcinoma and arteriosclerosis. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 57. | <u>February 27, 1939</u>
Charles E. Schrom
Chief Engineer | Died of heart disease. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 58. | <u>April 5, 1939</u>
George N. Haller
Fire Inspector
Fire Prevention Division | Died of heart disease. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |

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| 59. <u>July 30, 1939</u>
Samuel T. Walters
Private #587
Engine Company #15 | Died as a result of a heart attack while on duty in quarters July 18, 1939. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 60. <u>July 10, 1940</u>
Raymond E. Oden
Captain
Engine Company #17 | Died of a heart attack incurred in the line of duty. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 61. <u>October 4, 1940</u>
John R. Gray
Fire Inspector
Fire Prevention Division | Died of a heart attack incurred in the line of duty. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 62. <u>July 28, 1943</u>
Everett L. Owens
Private #599
Truck Company #1 | Killed in a collision between apparatus and a tractor trailer truck at 6th & E Streets N.W., Box 172. |
| 63. <u>November 2, 1943</u>
William E. Caton
Private #278
Truck Company #8 | Died of a heart attack suffered on November 1, 1943 while participating in a drill at the Training School. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 64. <u>July 4, 1944</u>
Joseph A. Carter Jr.
Private #447
Engine Company #4 | Died of back injuries suffered on the fire ground at #2214 Georgia Ave. N.W., on October 19, 1943 on Box 822. |
| 65. <u>December 6, 1944</u>
Thomas S. Baber
Captain
Engine Company #15 | Died of a heart attack. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 66. <u>December 24, 1944</u>
Dewey W. Neil
Private #324
Fireboat #1 | Died of heart disease. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 67. <u>February 11, 1945</u>
Maurice T. Hizer | Stricken ill in quarters on January 3, 1945. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and |

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| | Private #238
Truck Company #4 | Fire Surgeons. |
| 68. | <u>December 27, 1946</u>
Earl O. Negley
Private #583
Truck Company #5 | While detailed to Truck Company #2, died of a heart attack suffered on the fireground at #1100 25th Street N.W., Box 352. |
| 69. | <u>September 29, 1947</u>
Albert E. Mitchler
Private #669
Rescue Squad #2 | Died of illness incurred in the line of duty. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 70. | <u>December 4, 1947</u>
Lloyd A. Irwin
Private #402
Engine Company #25 | Died of a heart attack in quarters after returning from alarm. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 71. | <u>December 30, 1947</u>
Leon M. Nevitt
Private #100
Truck Company #2 | While detailed to Engine Company #6, died while fighting a fire at #711 G Street N.W., 3 rd Alarm on Box 165. |
| 72. | <u>August 15, 1949</u>
Edward G. Williams
Private #209
Truck Company #12 | Died of a heart attack while on duty in quarters. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 73. | <u>May 4, 1950</u>
Ernest W. Howard
Private #473
Communications Division | Died of heart disease. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 74. | <u>September 20, 1952</u>
Allen Lewis
Private #596
Engine Company #31 | Stricken by a heart attack in quarters after returning from a Local Alarm at #3524 Connecticut Ave. N.W. Box 735. Died at the hospital. |
| 75. | <u>November 2, 1954</u>
Barton M. Ewers
Sergeant
Truck Company #1 | Stricken by a heart attack in quarters after returning from alarm. Died at the hospital. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 76. | <u>December 19, 1954</u>
Millard F. Coxen | Died of a heart attack while on duty in quarters. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and |

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| Private #514
Truck Company #16 | Fire Surgeons. |
| 77. <u>February 24, 1955</u>
George R. Flaherty
Captain
Engine Company #1 | Died of smoke inhalation at the Union Hardware Store fire, #709 D Street N.W., 5th Alarm on Box 124. |
| 78. <u>April 21, 1955</u>
Preston T. Garrison
Private #222
Truck Company #13 | Died of burns and smoke inhalation after falling through a roof in the 1300 block of Linden Court N.E., 3rd Alarm on Box 6283. |
| 79. <u>March 15, 1956</u>
Albert M. Hazel
Private #157
Engine Company #12 | Died of a heart attack on the fireground at #2525 Minnesota Ave. S.E., 3rd Alarm on Box 9247. |
| 80. <u>July 19, 1957</u>
William W. Hoake
Auxiliary Fireman
Engine Company #31 | Killed when struck by the pumper while laying out at the Bureau of Standards Building, Connecticut Ave. & Van Ness Street N.W., Box 7189. |
| 81. <u>December 18, 1957</u>
John B. Richards
Sergeant
Engine Company #20 | Died after heart surgery; had 2 previous heart attacks April 21, 1957 at Box 7152, and July 10, 1957. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 82. <u>October 30, 1960</u>
James B. Curtin
Private #34
Engine Company #14 | Stricken by a heart attack while on duty in quarters, died at home. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 83. <u>November 13, 1961</u>
Joseph I. Looney
Private #724
Engine Company #26 | Found dead at the watch desk; suffered a heart attack. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 84. <u>March 21, 1962</u>
William E. Schaffner
Private #113
Rescue Squad #2 | Died of a heart attack after response to #768 Morton Street N.W., Box 8312. |
| 85. <u>March 1, 1965</u>
Charles M. Chamberlin | On February 28, 1965 had a heart attack on the fireground at #3433 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Box |

- Private #332 (Aide)
Engine Company #28
758. Died at the hospital.
86. April 29, 1965
Eugene B. Davis
Lieutenant
Fire Prevention Division
- Died of a heart attack while on duty. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons.
87. August 2, 1968
Hunter L. Vaughan
Private #424
Rescue Squad #1
- Suffered a heart attack on the fireground at #2210 4th Street N.E., Box 685. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons.
88. January 7, 1970
Earl C. Kite
Private #766
Truck Company #10
- Died of illness caused by inhalation of fumes from burning chemicals on January 6, 1970, at Building #213 Washington Navy Yard, S.E., Box 5178.
89. October 20, 1970
Joseph R. Criscuolo
Private #61
Rescue Squad #1
- Died at the hospital after an incident in quarters while on duty. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons.
90. February 15, 1971
Vance T. Bartley
Deputy Fire Chief
Apparatus Division
- Died of heart disease. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons.
91. June 26, 1971
Maurice T. Turner
Private #362
Engine Company #16
- Killed when struck by a falling wall at the warehouse fire, #472 L Street N.W., 4th Alarm on Box 298.
92. November 23, 1983
Calvin L. Steve
Firefighter #657
Engine Company #12
- Killed after falling from apparatus on November 12, 1983 while responding to #1300 Vermont Ave. N.W. Box 252.
93. December 19, 1984
John T. Williams
Firefighter #1001
Rescue Squad #1
- Fell through the roof and was killed while searching for reported trapped victims at #1401 H Street N.W. 2nd Alarm on Box 144.

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| 94. <u>December 1, 1987</u>
Clifford R. Oliver
Firefighter #564
Rescue Squad #3 | Died of cerebrovascular accident during a water rescue training course. Certified line of duty by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons. |
| 95. <u>October 24, 1997</u>
John M. Carter
Sergeant
1 st Battalion | While detailed to Engine Company # 14, fell through the first floor and was killed while attempting to extinguish the grocery store fire at #400 Kennedy Street N.W., 3 rd Alarm on Box 872. |
| 96. <u>May 30, 1999</u>
Anthony S. Phillips, Sr.
Firefighter
Engine Company #10 | Died of burns and smoke inhalation while attempting to extinguish townhouse fire at #3146 Cherry Road N.E., 2nd Alarm on Box 6178. |
| 97. <u>May 31, 1999</u>
Louis J. Matthews
Firefighter
Engine Company #26 | Died as a result of burns received while attempting to extinguish townhouse fire at #3146 Cherry Road N.E., 2 nd Alarm on Box 6178. |
| 98. <u>July 9, 1999</u>
Costello N. Robinson
Firefighter #967
Engine Company #2 | Died suddenly in the hospital as a result of injuries sustained on July 7, 1999 at #50 Temple Court N.W., on Box 6812. |
| 99. <u>July 7, 2007</u>
James McRae, III
Firefighter #698
Truck Company #12 | Died at the hospital after experiencing shortness of breath while on duty in quarters. |