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Belleville Fire Department Sets Ceremony to Honor Fallen Brothers



Belleville, Ill. – November 19, 2019 – The Belleville Fire Department will host its Line of Duty Death Memorial Dedication Dec. 1 at 2 p.m. honoring three fallen firemen who died while on duty in the early 20th Century.

“These men are the only firefighters in the history of the department to lose their lives while on duty, and we thought it proper to acknowledge their service and show our gratitude to their surviving family members,” said Fire Chief Tom Pour.

The three individuals who will be honored are Fire Chief Fred Phillips (1855-1905), Hoseman Ransom Lewis (1878-1911), and Fire Chief Frank Dinges (1876-1926). Their service will be memorialized with a stone placed at Firehouse 4, 1125 S. Illinois St., the same location as the ceremony.

For more information, contact Chief Pour at 618-410-0121.

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The City of Belleville, Illinois, incorporated in 1814, is the St. Clair County seat and the largest city in southern Illinois. With a current population of 44,478 (2010), Belleville is home to the longest contiguous main street in the United States, excellent education and healthcare organizations, and thriving businesses and neighborhoods, including three National Historic Districts. Mayor Mark Eckert runs the municipal government along with elected officials including City Clerk Jennifer Gain Meyer, Treasurer Dean Hardt, and 16 aldermen representing eight city wards. The vision for the City of Belleville is one where all sectors of the community work together to help the city grow and prosper and to become a model for other communities to follow.