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State Chiefs to Honor S.C. Fallen Firefighters

The S.C. State Association of Fire Chiefs, and other members of the state's fire service, will honor two firefighters, Wednesday, April 13, 2022, who died in 2021 while serving their communities. Also being remembered are 18 firefighters who died between 1863 and 1999.

The 11 a.m. ceremony will be held at the S.C. Fallen Firefighters Memorial, which is housed on the grounds of the S.C. Fire Academy, 141 Monticello Trail in Columbia.

The 2021 line of duty deaths are:

Chief William Edward "Eddie" McNeill, Jr., Campobello Fire Department

Chief McNeill, 69, died March 4, 2021, in the line of duty shortly after responding to a fire call that was canceled en route. He was a 44-year veteran of Campobello Fire Department and served 25 years as its fire chief.

Firefighter/ EMT Brian Stephen Mixson, Jasper County Fire-Rescue

Brian Mixson, 32, experienced an acute onset headache while on duty. Two days later, he was admitted to the hospital. The headache he experienced while on-duty was the inception of a stroke. He died nine days later on March 17, 2021. He served Jasper County Fire-Rescue for more than 14 years.

The 18 firefighters who died between 1863 and 1999 in the line of duty include:

Charleston Fire Department

- John Doscher, German Fire Engine Co., unknown, Dec. 25, 1863
- Assistant Engineer Theodore Goff, unknown, May 26, 1901
- Driver George H. Sanders, 46, June 4, 1902
- Firefighter Edward Parson, 34, Oct.10, 1902
- Engineer William Nelson, unknown, Nov. 29, 1902
- Chief Otto G. Marjenhoff, 61, Dec. 28, 1906
- Firefighter Albert L. Knickmeyer, 54, Oct.6, 1910
- Acting Chief Michael Morris, 63, July 17, 1915
- Firefighter Joseph F. Brainovich, 25, Sept. 4, 1915
- Firefighter George H. Zwingmann, 45, Sept. 5, 1915
- Engineer Markley L. Prince, 31, May 27, 1916
- Chief Louis Behrens, 72, Oct. 12, 1932
- Firefighter James W. Hendricks, Sr., 69, May 7, 1957
- Engineer Francis W. Sheppard, 52, Dec. 9, 1985
- Engineer Robert Dale Morris, 37, June 29, 1991
- Firefighter Aubrey R. Tillman, Jr., 58, April 2, 1999

Rock Hill Fire Department

- Firefighter Frank H. Hamilton, 53, March 18, 1939

Greenville Fire Department

- Chief John G. Scott, 65, May 10, 1946