### REMEMBERING CALIFORNIA'S FALLEN WILDLAND FIREFIGHTERS

The California Wildland Firefighter Memorial (CFWM) is a tribute to firefighters that have paid the ultimate sacrifice fighting wildland fires in the State of California.

Conception came about in 1995 when a group of retirees, fire survivors, CAL FIRE, and USDA Forest Service sought to repair and replace missing markers from the Decker Fire of 1959. This fire killed 6 firefighters within the Santa Ana Mountains above Lake Elsinore.

This Memorial is located along its dedicated highway, the Ortega Highway between Elsinore and San Juan Capistrano. A Forest Service picnic area is adjacent to the Memorial, where Highway 74 and the South Main Divide Road intersect.



After the 1995 **ground breaking** ceremony, several concepts for the Memorial arose. All aspects are coordinated partnerships with the USDA Forest Service, CAL FIRE, Orange County Fire Authority and CWFM committee members.

Presently the **Memorial site** consists of a circular area containing a red brick Maltese cross in the center with a rock wall behind in a semi-circle. Picnic benches and tables are placed around the perimeter with native plants integrated into the Memorial area. The serene tree filled area promotes the tranquility that inspires the Memorial and its purpose.

Fire plaques on the rock wall give the fire name, year and number of fatalities for each fire. Engraved paver bricks with private dedications complete the Maltese cross foreground.



Now completed, the Memorial will be funded **perpetually**, ensuring continued maintenance and updating in a partnership with the Historical Society and Museum for the California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection.

All **funding** for the Memorial is derived solely from donations, contributions, and service partnerships. Each phase of the project was done as support came in. Estimated completion costs are \$150,000.

#### CALIFORNIA WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL DONATION FORM

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## Together lets honor and acknowledge California's wildland firefighters that have lost their lives in the line of duty protecting our lives and property. There have been over 200 wildland firefighter fatalities in California.

All donations are welcome for the Memorial. Engraved dedicated paver bricks are available for donations \$100 or more. We appreciate your contribution. Thank you for the help.

One time donations or perpetual monthly donations can be done through PayPal. This is available on our web site: <a href="https://cwfm.info">https://cwfm.info</a> Payroll deductions may also be available. Call to inquire about it at 909-881-6984.

Brick order forms are available on our web site.





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