

Portland Firefighter Memorial Plaza News

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The Portland Firefighter Memorial Plaza is a place of tribute to Fallen Fire Chief David Campbell combined with a memorial wall sharing the names of all Portland Firefighters who have given their lives in service. The public plaza will be a place of remembrance, reflection, and interpretation of the vigilance of Portland Fire & Rescue's service to Portland.

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Dates of Importance

On January 1, 1883, the city of Portland established the Portland Paid Fire Department. The Portland Volunteer Fire Department had served since August 2, 1853. Although now a paid department, only three members per crew were paid, the others were volunteers. This took the department from about 250 volunteers to 15 paid and probably 35 volunteers.

A "Different" Look

The David Campbell Memorial and the entire triangle of property are sporting a new look. It may not seem ideal, but in the wake of the September vandalism, it was necessary to properly protect the site while renovation plans continue.

The rampant drug dealing that was taking place under the Messenger Bell roof seems to have faded after fencing surrounded the bell. After 14 memorial name plates were pried from the floor and stolen, fencing was erected around the David Campbell Memorial as well. This seems to have discouraged graffiti and vandalism.

These measures are temporary and work continues on the planned renovation of the site. The city permitting process began in earnest in December and the DCMA is confident our plan will move forward.

Signs now grace the fenced areas explaining what is happening and how to find information on the project status. The signs were gen-

erously donated by the grandson of fallen firefighter Oscar Gabriel. After hearing about the problems, "Gabe" Gabriel of "Gabe's Signs" reached out and made the thoughtful donation.

Routine cleanups are now occurring and will continue from this point forward. The public is invited to join in this effort. Together, as a community, we plan to restore this site to its former glory with even more features to both educate the public and honor Portland's Fallen Firefighters. Thank you for your support.



The David Campbell Memorial Service

On Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 10:00 AM, the David Campbell Memorial, located at 1864 SW Alder Street will again play host to the annual remembrance of Portland's Fallen Firefighters. The event will find Portland Firefighters honoring their own with the Portland Fire Honor Guard, the Port-

land Fire Fighters Pipes and Drums Band, and special presentations by the Fire Chief, the Portland Firefighters Association, the David Campbell Memorial Association. And other city dignitaries. Family of fallen members often attend as well. The public is invited to share this moment and pay their respects alongside Portland Firefighters.

www.DavidCampbellMemorial.org

"David Campbell Memorial Association" on Facebook

A Glimpse Of The PFMP Plan

The David Campbell Memorial Association has contracted with Drakes 7 Dees Nursery to create the “Portland Firefighter Memorial Plaza,” pictured here. This rendering shows the memorial plaza to the left (the memorial/interpretive wall follows 18th Avenue to the left side) with the Messenger Bell remaining on an elevated platform to the south. The David Campbell Memorial will remain as is with repairs and improvements to its features. The Lanterns have been removed for restoration after vandalism left them in poor condition.

The design of the site is at the hand of Place Architecture, a landscape architectural firm located in NW Portland. They bring a wealth of experience and a deep appreciation for the honor this site provides to Portland’s Fallen Firefighters.

With the plan now entering the city permitting process, the time has come to step up fundraising efforts. To date, the David Campbell Memorial Association has raised over \$480,000. However, more is needed for this capital project. We are seeking an additional \$1 million dollars to complete the construction of the site and renovation of the David Campbell Memorial and its historic features. We are looking for individuals or businesses who support the heritage of Portland, are invested in the revitalization of the core of Portland, and who wish to honor Portland’s Fallen Firefighters. You can find donation portals at DavidCampbellMemorial.org or by contacting DCMA President Don Porth. Please join us in restoring this piece of Portland heritage to its former glory and creating a proper place to honor Portland’s 76 Firefighters who have died in service. Thank you.



To Learn More...



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The development of the Portland Firefighter Memorial Plaza continues to grow and evolve. You can find additional information on the “David Campbell Memorial Association” Facebook Page. This also includes ways in which you can support this project and bring honor, recognition, and remembrance to all of Portland’s Fallen Firefighters.

The David Campbell Memorial Association web site is another source of information. Find it at DavidCampbellMemorial.org. And to speak to a member of the David Campbell Memorial Association, contact Don Porth, President, 503-805-8482 or Don@PreventThink.com