

2011 Statewide LODD Memorial Service Georgia Public Safety Training Center



The statewide LODD memorial service honoring firefighters killed in the line of duty in Georgia was held on March 26, 2011 at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth.

The following firefighters were honored for giving the ultimate sacrifice in the performance of their duty:



○ **Cecil Jay Brown**

Gresston Volunteer Fire Department
Date of Death: June 27, 2010

At 5:17 pm on Sunday, June 27, 2010, the Gresston Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to a large tree blocking the roadway following a severe thunderstorm. Chief Jay Brown responded to the scene where he removed a chain saw from the apparatus and began to assist in cutting the tree. At some point after beginning to operate the chain saw Chief Brown began to experience shortness of breath and contacted a fellow firefighter who assisted in getting him to local EMS. On the way to the ER Chief Brown went into cardiac Arrest. Upon arrival at Dodge County Hospital resuscitative efforts were continued by the emergency department staff until such time he was pronounced deceased.



○ **Terrell Gene Nielsen, Sr.**

Bryan County Fire Department
Date of Death: September 9, 2010

Firefighter Nielsen was participating in a training exercise on June 22, 2010 where he injured his left elbow while retrieving breathing apparatus equipment from a department vehicle. Later that night he began having severe arm pain, nausea, and vomiting. Firefighter Nielsen was transported by ambulance to St. Joseph's Hospital in Savannah and approximately 20 hours later was diagnosed with Nerosizing Fasciitis (flesh eating disease). He soon underwent 18 surgeries to remove damaged tissue and implant skin grafts. He was transferred to the Still Burn Center in Augusta where care continued. Early on the morning of September 9th, 2010 Firefighter Nielsen succumbed to the damage from the disease process.



- **Jesse Lloyd Crawford**

Waycross Fire & Rescue

Date of Death: August 7, 1963

On July 26, 1963 the Waycross Fire Department was dispatched to a structure fire. Firefighter Crawford was the driver of the department's aerial truck and arrived on scene shortly after firefighting operations began. An additional 2 1/2" hand line was requested to be deployed to the 2nd floor of the house. Firefighter Crawford was stretching the line to the rear of the house and had pulled the line about half way when he collapsed. Fellow firefighters carried him to the truck and determined he was having a heart attack. He was taken to the local hospital where he died later that day.



- **Linton Cothorn**

Alma-Bacon County Fire Department

Date of Death: September 3, 1966

Mr. Linton Cothorn was a volunteer firefighter for the Alma-Bacon County Fire Department. On September 3, 1966 he, along with 3 other volunteer firefighters, were responding to a house fire when the fire truck they were riding in overturned causing fatal injury to Mr. Cothorn. The three other firefighters were injured but released shortly after the accident.



- **Hugh Hinesley**

Carrollton Fire Department

Date of Death: May 29, 1967

Firefighter Hinesley died on May 29, 1967 after he assisted in fighting an apartment fire. He was working in a small room heavily filled with smoke from a burning cotton mattress. After the fire was extinguished Firefighter Hinesley came downstairs with what was left of the mattress. As he reached the porch he collapsed and died from what was later determined to be smoke inhalation.