Call to Action

One of the Foundation’s strongest programs is our Fire Service Survivors Network. Members of this Network send letters to survivors who have recently lost a firefighter. Often the two people follow up with phone calls, letters, or e-mail. There is just something special about support from someone else who has “been there.” We try to match people who have similar circumstances so that they have more in common. Usually we match by relationship, so that parents are matched with other parents, sisters with sisters, wives with wives. If possible, we match people from the same region of the country or a similar community, or whose children are about the same ages.

The more people we have in the Network, the closer the matches can be and the greater number of people we can reach. If you are not a Network member and you feel ready to reach out to others, please let us know. We would like to add people to this important group. We especially need fathers, husbands, brothers, and sons to reach out to other men. We also encourage young adults, extended family members, and friends to join the Network. If you are interested, please contact Linda Hurley at the Foundation at:

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Remembering…

For the past six years, one of the traditions at the Memorial Weekend has been the signing of special Remembrance banners. Families and coworkers leave personal messages to their special firefighters, and there is rarely any space left on the banners by the end of Family Day. They are a symbol of the shared grief of so many who have lost beloved firefighters in the line of duty.

During the year, these banners travel the country and are displayed at fire service conferences and meetings. Your words tell more about the loss of a firefighter than anything we at the Foundation could write.

On the other side are some of your words from the 2003 Memorial Weekend banners.

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