

Firefighters' Memorial Plaza Project Fact Sheet

- A 27-year-old idea of a firefighter memorial is now starting to become a reality. This project is coming to fruition due to the efforts of the neighborhood residents, Elgin firefighter retirees, the past and present museum members and the steering committee for this project.
- The theme of the firefighter plaza will be to recognize past, present and future firefighters from Elgin and many surrounding communities. It is intended to have the firefighter monument carry a presence of a proud and strong firefighter serving their community.
- The firefighters' memorial plaza will memorialize all of Illinois' line of duty firefighter fatalities. In addition, the plaza will memorialize all firefighters (active or retired) who pass each year.
- The project steering committee is confirming that all permits and permissions have been and will be addressed through Elgin City Hall.
- Estimated Costs range from \$160,000 to \$170,000. In addition, funding for the plaza and monument maintenance will be determined and included at a later date.
- It is anticipated that all plans for the firefighters' memorial plaza will be finalized by the October 12th, 2019 Elgin Fire Department Open House.
- Construction Schedule. As of this date, it is planned that construction will begin once the total amount of funds is raised. A means to communicate the fund-raising progress will be established so the various communities may be updated as to the beginning of the construction timeline.
- Donors and any donations are being sought after in public and private sources. Donations may be made in cash, check, or PayPal. Checks should be made out to the Elgin Fire Barn No. 5 Museum, with 'Memorial' on the memo line. It is still being determined how donors will be recognized in the plaza. This decision will be communicated as soon as it is determined.
- It is anticipated that family or friends of firefighters would be able to purchase a brick or plaque of some type for their loved ones. These specifics will be worked out and decided by the time of the Elgin Fire Department Open House in October.