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### **The San Bernardino County Fire Department honors Fire Engineer Ron “Ronbo” Reed at The California Firefighter’s Memorial**

This year marked the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the California Professional Firefighters Memorial in Sacramento, California in which, the names of 40 firefighters who died in the line of duty were added. San Bernardino County Fire Engineer Ron “Ronbo” Reed whose life was cut short on August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 after a courageous battle with job related kidney cancer was added to the wall.

More than 20 San Bernardino County Firefighters including Honor Guard and IAFF Local 935 Pipes and Drums made the journey to Sacramento on Saturday October 20, 2012 to honor Ron’s sacrifice. The event included a memorial march to the State Capitol ending at Capitol Park honoring the fallen. The memorial march included numerous Honor Guards, Pipes and Drums and well over a thousand firefighters from throughout the state.

The limestone walls of the memorial honor the fallen dating back to San Francisco Firefighter James Welsh of Engine Company 6 who died in the line of duty in 1850. Since that date over 1,100 men and women have made the ultimate sacrifice and are forever enshrined on the monument. The site also includes 2 bronze statues, one that depicts 4 firefighters on a team fighting fire and the other that represents an injured firefighter being carried by a fellow firefighter. The California Firefighters Memorial is a lasting tribute to the men and women who gave their lives to help protect their fellow Californians

Photos of the ceremony are available at:  
[http://sbcfire.org/news\\_releases/default.aspx](http://sbcfire.org/news_releases/default.aspx)

More information on the California Firefighter’s Memorial:  
<http://www.cafirefoundation.org/go/cff/about-ca-fire-foundation/california-firefighters-memorial/>