

Oregon Fallen Firefighter Memorial Staff



Ladies and Gentlemen:
Please stand and remain standing
Out of respect for the fallen.

I present to you,
The Oregon Fallen Firefighter's Memorial Staff.

(Let the team with the staff get underway then continue)

The Oregon Fire Service Honor Guard
Created the Memorial staff in 2012 to bring the names of the
Oregon Fallen Firefighter's Memorial to more people.
It is the most important ceremonial item the team has.

There are 168 ribbons on the Memorial Staff and each
represent a line of duty death of an Oregon structural or
wildland firefighter.

The name and date of each Line Of Duty Death is written in
yellow gold and placed on a ribbon made of black turnout
cloth with a purple border.

These are the colors for mourning the death of a firefighter.

The ribbons are randomly hung on the rings at the top of the
Memorial Staff with the exception of the oldest ribbon for James Reed dated 1881,
and the most recently added ribbon, which are both aligned with the point of the
ceremonial pike hook.

The staff was created from a single rough piece of wood and was shaped entirely by
hand to fit the ceremonial pike head and ribbon rings.

The base was custom made of aluminum powder coated black, with stainless steel
overlays that have the words from the memorial wall.

BRAVERY, COURAGE, HONOR, SACRIFICE.

These words are cut into each blade of the Maltese Cross with the state of Oregon in
the center, where the staff is placed.

This is the Oregon Fallen Firefighter's Memorial Staff.

Thank you for your attention and respect.

(Please be seated after the ceremony)



For more information or to request the Memorial Staff
Please contact the
Oregon Fire Service Honor Guard
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