

Nevada Firefighters Memorial, Inc.

Line of Duty Death Criteria

The guideline criteria to determine line of duty death eligibility for inclusion on the Nevada Firefighters Memorial follows that of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial which includes the following:

1. Line-of-duty deaths shall be determined by the following standards:
 - (a) Deaths meeting the Department of Justice's Public Safety Officers Benefits (PSOB) program guidelines, and those cases that appear to meet these guidelines whether or not PSOB has adjudicated the specific case prior to the name being placed on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial; and
 - (b) Deaths from injuries, heart attacks or illnesses directly attributable to a specific emergency incident or training activity. A state industrial insurance ruling or determination may be the deciding factor in determining eligibility for a line of duty death plaque on the Nevada Firefighters Memorial.
2. While PSOB guidelines cover only public safety officers, the Nevada Firefighters Memorial criteria also includes private firefighters, such as those in an industrial fire brigade or contract firefighting air operations program, provided the deaths meet the standards listed above.
3. Some specific cases will be excluded from consideration, such as deaths attributable to suicide, alcohol or substance abuse, and other gross abuses.
4. The fallen firefighter must have been an active member of a Nevada fire department or fire organization based in Nevada at the time of death; the death must have occurred on a specific incident in Nevada, but may have occurred on an incident in another state provided the firefighter was representing a Nevada fire department or Nevada-based fire organization on the incident at the time of death.

Review Process

Using this criteria, the Nevada Firefighters Memorial, Inc. Board of Directors at a meeting prior to September 1 (usually in June), prepares a list of eligible firefighters, including reasonable documentation on the reasons for inclusion. The Board of Directors reviews the nominations and votes on the eligibility based on the documentation. Individuals may submit requests for reconsideration of eligibility or for consideration of names previously omitted.