



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Robert Sapien, Jr.

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: August 28, 2023

Approved

Date

8/30/23

INFORMATION

SUBJECT: THREE SAN JOSÉ FIRE DEPARTMENT SWORN PERSONNEL TO BE ADDED TO THE FALLEN FIRE FIGHTER WALL OF HONOR AT THE 2023 INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS FALLEN FIRE FIGHTER MEMORIAL

The 36th International Association of Fire Fighters Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2023, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The International Association of Fire Fighters will add fallen firefighters to the Wall of Honor from both the United States and Canada. Among them, three have served in the ranks of the San José Fire Department.

Fire Captain Robert E. Francis: (Cancer – Brain) Fire Captain Robert Francis joined the San José Fire Department in 1968, was promoted to the rank of Fire Engineer in 1970, and served as Fire Captain from 1974 until his retirement in 1999.

Fire Captain Richard M. Wardall: (Cancer – Other) Fire Captain Richard “Rick” Wardall joined the San José Fire Department in 1981 and retired in 2011. He began his public safety service as a Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff and later joined the San José Fire Department in 1981.

Fire Engineer Scott M. Fey: (Other/Miscellaneous – Unknown) Fire Engineer Scott Fey joined the San José Fire Department as a Firefighter Recruit on February 21, 1995. He served in the Fire Engineer rank for most of his 25-year career until his retirement on March 5, 2021.

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Members of San José Fire Fighters – International Association of Fire Fighters Local 230 Executive Board, San José Fire Department Honor Guard, and San José Fire Chief Robert Sapien, Jr. will be in attendance in Colorado Springs for the memorial services.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Sapien, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

ROBERT SAPIEN, JR.
Fire Chief, Fire Department

For questions, please contact Fire Chief Robert Sapien, Jr. at robert.sapien@sanjoseca.gov or (408) 794-6952.

