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From: **Phil Burks**
State Commander
Oregon Fire Service Honor Guard

On behalf of the Oregon Fire Service Honor Guard, I would like to request help from the members of your organization with an **annual donation**. This will greatly help us establish a stable budget to operate with from year to year.

The Oregon Fire Service Honor Guard provides ceremonial and funeral support to all Oregon Firefighters. Currently the Honor Guard uses gathered donations to purchase flags and equipment for posting of the colors and casket flags for funeral and memorial services. Our services are provided by members who voluntarily respond to requests, purchase their own uniforms and travel at their own expense.

The Honor Guard is also charged with funding the Oregon Fallen Firefighters Memorial at DPSST and with conducting the annual Oregon Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service held on the third Thursday each September. Again, both the honor guard and Memorial are funded **solely through donations**. Without raising additional funds we may no longer be able to provide funeral service support that Oregon's Fire Service has become accustomed to and to honor our fallen at the annual Memorial.

The role of honor for Oregon is now at 161.

These sacrifices have already been forgotten by the news media and the general public. The loss will always remain for their families, friends and co-workers. It is so important that every year the Memorial Observance in Oregon shows the families of the fallen that they are never forgotten and that their loved ones' sacrifice will always be remembered.

Your donations to the Honor Guard and Memorial are tax deductible, and a donation form has been included.

On behalf of your Oregon Fire Service Honor Guard and the Oregon Fallen Firefighters Memorial, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Phil Burks, State Commander
Oregon Fire Service Honor Guard

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