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**STATE FIRE MARSHAL GALLAGHER UNVEILS DESIGN
FOR FLORIDA FALLEN FIREFIGHTER WALL OF HONOR**

TALLAHASSEE-Florida's Chief Financial Officer and State Fire Marshal Tom Gallagher today unveiled the design for the Florida Fallen Firefighter Wall of Honor. The wall will list the names of 126 firefighters who have died in the line of duty since Florida became a state.

"Firefighters demonstrate tremendous bravery in their dedication to preserving human life," Gallagher said. "Unfortunately, sometimes they lose their own life in doing so. But what would be more unfortunate is if their lives and their sacrifices were ever forgotten."

Gallagher was joined at the unveiling of the design by Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services Charles Bronson, who has experienced the loss of firefighters in the department's Division of Forestry, and members of the Florida Joint Council of Fire and Emergency Services Organizations, which is funding the project.

The Wall of Honor will include a handmade bronze statute of two firefighters and bronze plaques to display the names of fallen firefighters. The wall will be located on the plaza level of the Capitol, to the right of the entrance to the CFO's office. Bronze by Cooley will create the bust, and the name plaques will be produced by Metal Deco of Springfield, Ill.

"Having this wall located in the Capitol means countless Floridians and visitors will have the opportunity to reflect on the meaning of the sacrifices these firefighters made," said Commissioner Bronson. "The design is dignified and makes a fitting tribute to their courage and dedication."

Governor Jeb Bush approved of the design at a Cabinet meeting earlier this year.

A Fallen Firefighter Memorial is also located at the Florida State Fire College in Ocala, and will continue to be the site of an annual ceremony to honor those who have fallen in the line of duty.

To view the design plans for the Wall of Honor, visit www.fldfs.com/SFM.