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CAL FIRE Local 2881 to Honor the Fallen at California Firefighter Memorial

Sacramento – This Saturday, CAL FIRE Local 2881 (leadership) along with the CAL FIRE Local 2881 Honor Guard will be honoring six of our fallen brothers at the 16th Annual California Firefighters Memorial in Capitol Park. We will be standing in solidarity alongside the California Fire Foundation and 27 other fire departments who we be memorializing their fallen brothers and sisters.

“Unfortunately, every year CAL FIRE adds names to the wall which sadly confirms just how dangerous firefighting is. By commemorating our fallen on the wall, we continue to honor those we have lost in the line of duty who will not be forgotten,” said President Cliff Allen, CAL FIRE Local 2881.

The CAL FIRE firefighters whose names will be added to the wall are:

- ***Joseph Edward Hunter*** – State Forest Ranger from the San Jacinto Ranger Station in Riverside. He passed away on 4/4/1932 and left behind his parents and two siblings.
- ***John Robert Francois*** – Fire Captain from the Monte Vista Unit. He passed away on 4/1/2013 and leaves behind a wife, two children and three grandchildren.
- ***Jerold Albert Bonner*** – Forestry Fire Pilot from the Santa Clara Unit. He passed away on 3/6/2015 and leaves behind a wife, two children and two grandchildren.
- ***Michael R. Spear*** – Battalion Chief from the Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit. He passed away on 8/12/2016 and leaves behind a wife and two children.
- ***Edward Paul Clayton*** – Fire Captain from the Fresno-Kings Unit. He passed away on 12/6/2016 and leaves behind a wife and two sons.
- ***Cory David Iverson*** – Fire Apparatus Engineer from the Monte Vista Unit. He passed away on 12/14/2017 and leaves behind a wife and two young children.

The ceremony begins at 11:30 am and a live stream to the ceremony is available [here](#) for those on duty or unable to attend. To see the full list of names being added to the wall, click [here](#).

The last alarm came for our brothers but their memories of selfless dedication will live on forever.

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