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Spring 2023 Newsletter



A Legacy of Pride: On February 15, 2023, Curator Brian Anderson highlighted contributions that African-Americans have made to the fire service and commemorated Black PFD members who died in the line of duty in a presentation at Fireman's Hall attended by Commissioner Adam Thiel and other leaders of the department. See the photo slideshow that accompanied the ceremony on the Fireman's Hall Museum [YouTube](#).



Anderson, a second-generation Philadelphia firefighter, related stories of black firefighters in the city from 1886 through today in this event, highlighting "A Legacy of Pride" of those who have risen through the ranks and who have given their lives. More about this history of African-American service in the PFD can be found on the Fireman's Hall [website](#).

Coming up:

Golf Outing: The 17th Annual Golf Outing returns to Westover Country Club on Wednesday May 24, 2023. Information for signing up as well as for sponsorships and donations can be found on the museum website at <https://www.firemanshallmuseum.org/2023-golf-outing/>.

May Membership Meeting: The next membership meeting, starting 7pm on Thursday May 25, 2023, will be a tour of the new Fire Communications Center at the Police Administrations Building. This unique opportunity is only available for [members](#) of the museum, so join today!

Summer Programming: Keep an eye out for some exciting programs planned for Summer 2023 (including the Wawa Welcome America Festival) which Fireman's Hall Museum and PFDHC is working on and will be announcing more about soon!



Funding for Fireman's Hall is supported by a general operating support grant from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, a state agency funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We are grateful to them for their ongoing support.

Line of Duty Death Kiosk: Long in its preparation, the kiosk for the Line of Duty Death exhibit will be unveiled in a private ceremony at noon on Friday May 12, 2023. The interface will present information on the careers and deaths of those firefighters fallen in action, along with fire safety messages.

Thanks to the long efforts of the researchers and volunteers who pulled together this information, entries on more than 300 fallen heroes have been created telling the stories of their service and sacrifice. Once unveiled, the kiosk will allow families and visitors to the Memorial Wall to search for images and information on the names on the plaques, taken from the records of the PFD and Fireman's Hall Museum.

The project was spearheaded by Jared Floryshak, who worked to engage interest and support. Early funders included Barry and Caryl Frank, who dedicated their contribution in memory of former PFD Commissioner William C. Richmond. Special thanks are owed to Local 22 and the Botstiber Foundation who helped make both the website version of this exhibit and this new kiosk app at the Museum a reality.



New Banners: Thanks to Chip Lillie and Choice Clean Gear LLC for the new banners outside the museum!

Fire Boat Comes Home:

After a decade on loan to the Independence Seaport Museum for their "Disasters on the Delaware" exhibit, artifacts from the *Bernard Samuel* are now back on display in our Fire Boat exhibit.



Social Media: If you haven't checked out the resources on Fireman's Hall [website](http://www.firemanshallmuseum.org) recently, you've missed a lot! Also keep an eye on @firemanshall on [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/firemanshall) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/firemanshall) for the latest news and subscribe to our [Youtube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) channel for the Curator's Corner and other updated offerings!