

ONTARIO TO HELP RESTORE FIRE FIGHTER MEMORIAL*Bartolucci Announces Contribution to Fund to Repair Damage Done By Vandals***NEWS**

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Ontario is contributing \$100,000 to help restore the Ontario Fire Fighter Memorial that was defaced by vandals last May. Community Safety and Correctional Services Minister Rick Bartolucci announced the government's contribution to the fundraising effort launched today by the Ontario Professional Fire Fighters' Association.

The Memorial honours firefighters killed in the line of duty in the province. Each year, the names of fallen firefighters are added to the memorial in a special ceremony of remembrance.

Built by the Fire Fighter Memorial Foundation in 2005 with funding from the Ontario government, the Memorial was severely damaged by vandals last May.

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"We cannot allow the memory of these brave firefighters to be dishonoured by cowardly and depraved vandals," Community Safety and Correctional Services Minister Rick Bartolucci said. "Our contribution to restoring this memorial is a measure of our gratitude to those firefighters who paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community and to their colleagues who continue to risk their lives for us every day."

"Ontario's firefighters are determined to restore this memorial to our fallen colleagues," said Fred LeBlanc, president of the Ontario Professional Fire Fighters' Association. "We are grateful to Premier McGuinty, Minister Bartolucci and the government of Ontario for this generous contribution to that goal."

QUICK FACTS

- The names of 483 Ontario firefighters who lost their lives in the line of duty are engraved on the memorial.
- Dedicated on June 5, 2005, by Premier McGuinty, the memorial is located at the northeast corner of College and University Avenue in downtown Toronto.

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