

Fund raising for the Richard Johnson on-campus memorial has begun. I am working with a monument company out of Thurmont on the actual memorial design which should be completed in the next week or so. The stone marker will be placed in the courtyard area in front of “J” building.

The NFA Alumni Association has graciously agreed to handle the actual funds collected for this project. Checks are to be made out to the NFAAA with a note that it is for the “Richard Johnson Memorial”. Checks can be sent to:

Chief John Buckman, NFAAA – Financial Secretary
4800 Detroy Road
Evansville, IN 47720

Richard touched many fire service lives with this leadership and guidance over his many years of teaching and active fire service career. This monument will serve as a reminder to all of his dedication and professionalism.

The proposed marker will contain the following:

RICHARD T. JOHNSON
THE ELDER STATESMAN OF FIRE PREVENTION
1934 – 2008
A TRUE GENTLEMAN
WHO DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO THE SERVICE OF OTHERS
AND AMERICA’S FIRE SERVICE
MEMPHIS FIRE DEPARTMENT 1955-1980
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT NFA 1980- 1983
TENNESSEE STATE FIRE MARSHAL 1983-1987
CHIEF - CONWAY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT (NC) 1994-1999
NFA ADJUNCT FACULTY 1983 - 2008
“WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR OURSELVES ALONE DIES WITH US;
WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR OTHERS AND THE WORLD REMAINS AND IS IMMORTAL”
JUST PLAYING THROUGH