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Groundbreaking To Take Place Tuesday for Greater Cincinnati Firefighter's Memorial Park

CINCINNATI, OH: Groundbreaking ceremonies for the Greater Cincinnati Firefighter's Memorial will take place on Tuesday, June 29, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. on Central Avenue between 5th & 6th Streets, downtown—the site of the new Greater Cincinnati Firefighter's Memorial Park.

The Memorial will honor fallen firefighters from 194 fire agencies within the 12-county Greater Cincinnati region. The Park—scheduled to be dedicated in September— will become the new permanent site of the annual Firefighters Memorial Service held in October.



Groundbreaking ceremony participants include Mayor Mark Mallory, District Fire Chief/Cincinnati Homeland Security Unit Director Edward Dadosky and other dignitaries.

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The Memorial will be a public-use, 33,500 square foot green space constructed on city-owned land on Central Avenue between 5th & 6th Streets. Plans for the Memorial Park—designed by GBBN as an in-kind contribution to the project—feature lawn areas lined with trees; a Maltese Cross (the international sign of a firefighter's badge) in the central garden area; the firefighter's memorial statue (which will be moved from its current location on Central Avenue), and walkways with pavers etched with names of donors to the Memorial. Turner Construction is the in-kind General Contractor and Baker Concrete Construction is the in-kind construction contractor. Turpin Farms is supplying the sod.



The design also includes three flagpoles which will bear the United States flag on the center pole, and alternating city, state and county flags on the outer poles. Should a firefighter within the 12-county region perish in the line of duty, a mourning banner will be raised on the center pole.

A fundraising effort has been underway for the past several months to reach the \$450,000 goal necessary to build the park and provide for its care and maintenance. Thus far, \$350,000 has been raised. "It is inspiring to know that the dream of renovating and expanding our memorial is now going to become a reality," said Scott Schenkel, President of the Greater Cincinnati Firefighter's Memorial Park. "The show of support from citizens and corporate donors alike confirms for me that the men and women of the fire service are appreciated for their commitment to the community and the sacrifices they make everyday."

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Construction is scheduled to begin July 1 and should be completed by September. Tax deductible donations to the Greater Cincinnati Firefighter's Memorial—including the purchase of \$50 and \$100 personal pavers— can be made by contacting Gretchen Hooker: Gretchen.hooker@cincinnati-oh.gov; or at 513.357.2621.

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