

THE Hundred Call

***“The Club
with a Heart”***

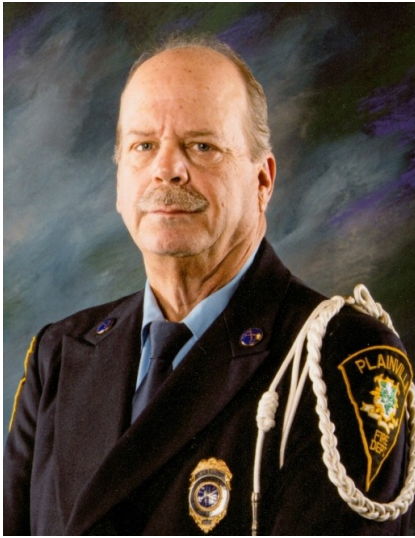
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Remembering a Hero ... Plainville Firefighter, Raymond “Ray” Moreau

Raymond “Ray” Moreau, 60, a beloved member of the Plainville community, died in the line of duty on Sunday July 27, 2025. A hometown hero through and through, Ray dedicated his life to serving others with compassion and courage.



A lifelong resident of Plainville, Ray was a proud product of the very streets he would later protect, settling back into his childhood home 25 years ago with the love of his life, Christine (Emond), and their cherished four-legged “kids.” Together, Ray and Chris built a life marked by devotion, joy, and countless shared adventures—from quiet backyard movie nights to sun-soaked getaways in North Myrtle Beach, a place they returned to faithfully each year. Ray began his long and successful career with United Cable in 1988, which later became Xfinity, serving as a linemen technician. Whether helping a neighbor with a tricky setup or mentoring a new employee, Ray’s helpfulness and good nature extended into every corner of his professional life.

Ray’s service to the Plainville Fire Department spanned more than 35 years, a remarkable tenure that saw him wear many hats: committee member, Treasurer, and most recently, Assistant Treasurer. He was a tireless force behind department events, always stepping up—though never seeking the spotlight—and somehow always ending up at the heart of every gathering. Whether dancing the night away with his signature “Boot Scootin’ Boogie” moves, organizing fundraisers, or simply offering a kind word and a hearty laugh, Ray left an unforgettable mark on all who knew him. Known affectionately as “Uncle Ray” to many, especially the children and grandchildren of his fire department family, he had a rare ability to connect with kids, earning their love with his playful spirit and golden heart. He was a man who loved fiercely, laughed often, and lived fully.

Outside of work and firefighting, Ray lived for the little joys: jet skiing with friends, annual trips to Charlotte Motor Speedway for over 20 years of NASCAR action, competitive bowling leagues where he was always in high demand, and endless games—cards, darts, or whatever brought people together. He loved fun, but more than that, he loved people. His laughter, kindness, and humble heroism will echo through the halls of the firehouse, the lanes of the bowling alley, and the hearts of the countless lives he touched.

Ray is survived by his beloved wife Chris, their treasured rescue dog, Maverick, who had a connection with Ray like none other; his mother, Joyce Moreau; his brother Robert Moreau and his wife Debra; his sisters, Linda Shine and her children Danny and Kelsey, Nancy Gyllenhammer and her children Derek, Brittany and Rachel and Joyce Abele; his brother-in-law, Mel Emond, his wife Candy and their children Morgan and Ethan; along with many nieces, nephews, his Plainville Fire Company family, Comcast family and extended family of friends, colleagues, and a grateful community. He was predeceased by his parents, Eddie and Joan (Hislop) Moreau, and his niece, Molly Shine.

The Connecticut Firefighters Memorial Located At The Connecticut Fire Academy

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The Connecticut Fallen Firefighters and 9/11 Memorial is located at the Connecticut Fire Academy in Windsor Locks, Connecticut. This monument commemorates the bravery and service of our fallen firefighters. The memorial is a place where families, friends, and community members can come to reflect, honor, and remember the lives of those who have died in the line of duty.

The Memorial honors 361 firefighters that have died in the line of duty protecting their Connecticut communities. This includes the five names of fire fighters added to the Memorial in 2025. Their names and end-of-watch date are enshrined on twenty black granite plaques surrounding the Memorial.

The design of the Memorial was conceived by the Connecticut Firefighters Memorial Committee and incorporates a plaza-like setting, featuring a brick patio in the form of a Maltese cross, the universal symbol of the fire service. The centerpiece of the Memorial is a six foot by twelve foot 13-ton polished impala black granite stone bearing the likeness of four firefighters fighting a blaze designed by retired Deputy Chief Paul J. Walsh of the New Britain Fire Department. The Memorial centerpiece rests upon a base of concrete and gray granite to which are affixed stone panels with the engraved names of those Connecticut firefighters who lost their lives in the line-of-duty.



Names of those who paid the supreme sacrifice have been placed in random order. This requires visitors to look through many of the panels in order to locate the name of a colleague or loved one. Each panel is also numbered with a roman numeral to ease the task of locating a specific name.

Atop the base, in front of the centerpiece, there is an eternal flame to acknowledge and honor this group of brave and noble firefighters. It ensures their memory will never be extinguished. Surrounding the Memorial stone are eight granite sitting benches representing the eight counties within Connecticut.

This beautiful Connecticut Firefighters Memorial was unveiled and dedicated on August 18, 2002. As Lieutenant Governor, M. Jodi Rell played a significant role in fundraising efforts. \$250,000 was raised through private donations and state funding to design, construct and maintain the Memorial. In her keynote address during the dedication ceremony, Governor Rell spoke on the value of having a permanent place for honoring Connecticut's fallen firefighters. She also applauded the many dedicated firefighters, residents, and others whose contributions allowed this lasting tribute to become a reality.



The Connecticut Fire Service honors each of our fallen colleagues with a Memorial Service held annually on the last Sunday in September. This September, the names of five firefighters that have made the ultimate sacrifice will be added to the Memorial. Connecticut has suffered four firefighter's line of duty deaths within the last year, and one honoree from 1933.

Connecticut firefighters that die in the line of duty are never forgotten.



Immediately adjacent to the Connecticut Firefighters Memorial is the 9/11 Memorial. The Connecticut Commission on Fire Prevention and Control, in cooperation with the Connecticut Firefighters Memorial Foundation, was honored to be selected to receive an artifact of the World Trade Center steel from the Port Authority of New York. On July 21, 2011, the steel was transported to the Connecticut Fire Academy.



The 1248 pound of structural steel was erected next to the Firefighter Memorial through the generous donation of the Folsom Construction firm located in South Windsor. They generously donated the labor and materials needed to erect the 9/11 steel. The vertical steel remembrance was designed to showcase the strength and perseverance of all first responders. The steel was formally dedicated at the Connecticut State Firefighters Annual Memorial Service on September 25, 2011.



The Connecticut Fallen Firefighters Memorial and the 9/11 Memorial are open to the public, year-round, twenty-four hours a day.

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Legislative Updates



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
GOVERNOR NED LAMONT

Governor Lamont Signs Legislation Establishing the Fallen Hero Fund, Making Survivor Benefits Available for Families of All First Responders

6/26/2025

(HARTFORD, CT) – Governor Ned Lamont announced that he has signed into law legislation (Public Act 25-61) modifying the state's Fallen Officer Fund, which was created last year and provides survivor benefits to the families of fallen police officers, by expanding its availability to include the families of all first responders, including firefighters, emergency medical technicians (EMTs), and paramedics, and correspondingly renames it the Fallen Hero Fund.

The legislation also modifies state law to allow the surviving family members of firefighters, EMTs, and paramedics who were covered by that first responder's health insurance at the time of their own death to remain on that coverage for up to five years, similar to existing state law concerning fallen police officers.

"All first responders – police officers, firefighters, EMTs, and paramedics – face dangers as part of their job duties that put their lives at risk, and whenever we may be faced with a tragedy it is our responsibility as a state to support their families during that horrific time," Governor Lamont said. "It is my hope that we never have to use this fund, but I appreciate that it is available should the unthinkable happen. I thank Comptroller Sean Scanlon and all the advocates who worked to get this legislation to my desk so that I could sign it into law. Connecticut is proud to support first responders and their families."

Comptroller Sean Scanlon was one of the leading proponents of this legislation. His office is responsible for administering the fund.

"Connecticut's first responders put their lives on the line for us each and every day, often without recognition and always without hesitation. In the tragic event where one of our police officers, firefighters, EMTs, or paramedics loses their life in the line of duty, the Fallen Hero Fund will support their families, providing immediate monetary support and access to healthcare coverage," Comptroller Scanlon said. "I am beyond honored to administer this fund and thank the members of the legislature for their support and passage, as well as Governor Lamont for signing this into law."

Established in May 2024 through legislation signed by Governor Lamont, the Fallen Officer Fund provides a lump sum, non-taxable payment of \$100,000 to the surviving family members or beneficiaries of any Connecticut state or local police officer killed in the line of duty or who sustained injuries that are the cause of an officer's death. That 2024 legislation also created a law allowing the surviving family members of police officers killed in the line of duty who were covered by that officer's health insurance at the time of their own death to remain on that coverage for up to five years.

Public Act 25-61, which expands these benefits to include the surviving families of fallen firefighters, EMTs, and paramedics, became effective July 1, 2025.



From the Desk of the Managing Director

Summer has come and gone and we hope our members have enjoyed their summer months spending time with family and friends.

Unfortunately, we added another Fallen Hero to our ranks, Firefighter Raymond Moreau of the Plainville Volunteer Fire Department. Like all of Connecticut's brave public servants who have made the supreme sacrifice in the Line of Duty, The Hundred Club of Connecticut will continue to honor Firefighter Moreau and support his surviving spouse during the most difficult weeks, months and years ahead.

Our Annual Audit was recently completed, and after a comprehensive review I am pleased to report that the financial status of The Hundred Club is strong and business operations are in excellent shape. This is attributed to our thriving membership, oversight of our Board of Directors and the excellent work of the office staff.

Effective November 1, 2025, Vehicle Shields will rise in price from \$35 to \$40. each. We have a limited supply of shield adhesives for sale at \$5.00 each. Due to increases in manufacturing costs, once the supply of adhesives is exhausted, we will no longer carry them. An alternative is automotive trim tape which can be purchased at any local automotive parts or supply store. Other double-sided tape options are available at your local hardware store.

To date this year, your membership dues have supported the following benefits to our Fallen Hero Families:

\$256,160.00 in scholarships.

\$29,321.00 for birthday remembrance, holidays and special assistance.

Please regularly check our website (www.hundredclubofct.org) and Facebook page for upcoming events, club news and Hundred Club apparel purchases.

The Office Team stands by to assist with membership and Fallen Hero Family needs! Our winter hours are Monday - Friday.



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Reminder ...

INVOICE NOTICE

To reduce operating costs, this is the last year you will receive a mailed invoice.

Due to increases in US Postage, all future invoices will be emailed to you. Should you not use email, please contact the Office to make other arrangements.

Effective immediately, all late payment notices will be sent electronically to your email address on file.

Thank you,
Dale P. Hourigan - Managing Director

