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**Fellow Fire Service Professionals:**

When a firefighter dies in the line-of-duty, their loved ones are left with unique challenges as they begin to rebuild their lives. Finding others who can empathize with their loss can be a struggle in itself. Fortunately, survivors of fallen firefighters have a place to go each year to find support, comfort, and resources they need as well as the chance to make friends and create memories that will last a lifetime.

In spring 2014, the Missouri Fire Service Funeral Assistance Team, with cooperation from the City of Clayton Fire Department have been selected to host of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) annual Survivors Conference. This is truly an honor to be selected to showcase our wonderful city, region and state – and show the survivor families that WE WILL NEVER FORGET.

This conference will bring hundreds of surviving family members of our Nations Fallen Firefighters to St. Louis, where they will share memories and find comfort being among others who share their loss. They will also attend workshops geared toward taking those painful steps toward rebuilding their lives.

While official dates have not yet been determined, we are beginning our capital campaign, raising funds to offset the costs associated with hosting this conference. Over the next 15 months, we will be soliciting our fire service friends, businesses, corporations, along with our firefighters and fire departments to raise funds to offset many of the planned activities for that week.

To kick off our campaign, we are reaching out to our Fire Agencies with a simple sponsorship request – Help Patch A Broken Heart. For a *suggested* \$150 donation and 2 agency patches, your agency can sponsor a quilt spot featuring one of your patches. Sponsored patches will be sewn into quilts, which will in turn, be given as gifts to a survivor family. Funds raised through the Help Patch A Broken Heart campaign will be used for the various activities associated with the conference. The other patch will be placed in gift baskets that will also be given to our survivor family members.

Attached, please find the Help Patch A Broken Heart Sponsorship Form, and I thank you in advance for supporting the families of our Nations Fallen Firefighters.

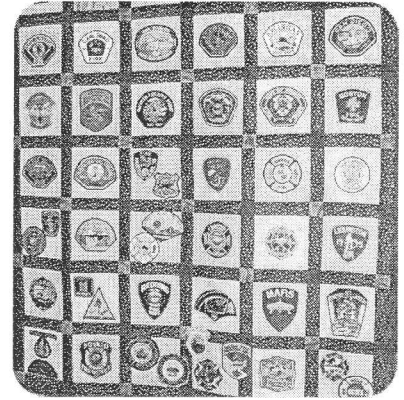
Thank you for your consideration,

*Brian Zinanni*

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# Help Patch A Broken Heart

*Supporting the 2014 National Fallen Firefighters  
Survivors Conference, St. Louis Missouri*



Please register our agency as a supporting member of the 2014 National Fallen Firefighters Annual Survivors Conference.

Enclosed, please find 2 patches along with a donation in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

*(Suggested \$150 minimum donation.)*

Our check is made payable to **NFFF Survivors Conference.**

Mail patches, form, and payment to:

- Clayton Fire Department
- c/o NFFF Conference
- 10 North Bemiston
- Clayton, MO 63105

We are unable to donate at the Help Patch A Broken Heart Campaign funding level, but please accept our donation to assist with this cause.

in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to the **NFFF Survivors Conference** and mail to the address shown above.

Please contact me.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

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