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Fire Dept. holds Memorial for Louis Salado

The Fire Department remembered last year's death of Division Chief Louis Salado with a memorial service on July 31.

The memorial was a quiet gathering of friends and family. At the end of the memorial, Battalion Chief Brian Dean described a permanent memorial that was purchased in honor of Chief Salado to his wife, Tina.



Pictured at Station 61 before a memorial service held for Division Chief Louis Salado are: (l to r) Firefighter/EMT Byron Cravey, Engineer/Firefighter Joe Powell; Lt. Gene Rodriguez; Engineer/Firefighter Ron Ryan; Firefighter/EMT Jimm Walsh and Lt. Rick McGarity.

Department members purchased a brick at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Walk of Honor in Emmitsburg, Maryland to pay tribute to their teacher and friend. In addition, stickers honoring Chief Salado's career with the department have been placed on department vehicles.

An 18-year veteran with the department, Salado began his career as a volunteer firefighter with the Casselberry Fire Department. He began with the City in 1981 as a firefighter/paramedic and was promoted to Medical Training Officer in 1985 and Lieutenant in 1990. In 1992, he was promoted to Division Chief of Training.