

# Remembering our Fallen

## Annual Tri-City Fallen Firefighter Memorial Ride

Please join us in paying our respects to our fallen brothers

• **Saturday, July 4, 2026** •

• **Staging at 0730** • **Kick stands up at 0800** • **Return 1200-1300** •

**Where:** Meet in the parking lot of the 9/11 Memorial:4898 Hildebrand blvd, Kennewick Wa 99338

**Route:** Kennewick to College Place via HWY 12, College place to Milton -Freewater via HWY 125. Milton - Freewater to Athena Via HWY 11. Cold Springs Canyon to HWY 730, and back to the Tri-Cities. Distance is about 150-175 miles, fuel up in Milton -Freewater if needed



• We will also stop in Milton-Freewater for their Fire Department's annual fund raiser pancake breakfast •

Every July 4th, the anniversary of Paul Bjorklund's death, a group of firefighters from BCFD#1 commemorates his legacy by embarking on a special ride in his honor. This event, now known as the "Tri-City Fallen Firefighters Memorial Ride," has become a tradition within the Tri-City community, honoring the memory and sacrifice of fallen firefighters. Recognizing the invaluable contributions of each one of them who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. This event not only commemorates the life of Paul Bjorklund, but also the countless others who have dedicated their lives to protecting and serving their communities. The bike ride serves as a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by these brave individuals. The journey to Paul's final resting place in Athena, Oregon, is symbolic of visiting each one of the fallen Tri-City firefighters.



**Lawrence A. Matthias**  
Fire Chief, Pasco Fire  
Department  
LODD February 21, 1954



**Glenn R. Smith**  
Firefighter, Benton  
County Fire District 5  
LODD June 30, 1974



**Ronald S. Riggs**  
Firefighter, Benton  
County Fire District 5  
LODD June 30, 1974



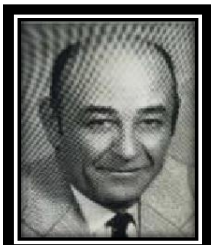
**L. Eugene Roseberry**  
Firefighter, Benton  
County Fire District 5  
LODD June 30, 1974



**Donnie E. Offield**  
Firefighter, Benton  
County Fire District 5  
LODD July 4, 1974



**John V. Barber**  
Firefighter, Benton  
County Fire District 5  
LODD July 15, 1974



**Arthur C. Shrives**  
Station Chief, Benton  
County Fire District 1  
LODD July 8, 1977



**Paul K. Bjorklund**  
Firefighter, Benton  
County Fire District 1  
LODD July 4, 1992



**Eric R. Lyons**  
Firefighter, Kennewick  
Fire Department  
LODD July 5, 2007



**Chet D. Bauermeister**  
Fire Chief, Franklin  
County Fire District 4  
LODD June 23, 2010



**Steven S. Bailie**  
Firefighter, Kennewick  
Fire Department  
LODD July 17, 2020