



City of Charleston
South Carolina

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Firemen's Fund Detailed

Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr. announced today that the South Carolina State Firemen's Association Endowment, a 501(c) (3) organization, will begin accepting donations honoring the 9 fallen firefighters. There are organizations whose charters require that charitable contributions be directed through a 501 (c) (3) organization. Mayor Riley said "This statewide organization is ideally suited to receive such contributions and will work directly with the City to ensure that all funds donated are received by the beneficiaries of these fallen heroes." Organizations and individuals wishing to contribute through the Association can do so by directing contributions as follows:

South Carolina State Firemen's Association Endowment (Tax ID # 56-2254232)
(Charleston Firefighters)
South Carolina State Firefighter's Association, Attention: James Bowie
P.O. Box 211725
Columbia, SC 29221

Mayor Riley asked that those who do not legally require tax deductibility, but wish to contribute do so through the city's previously established fund. The address of this fund is as follows:

City of Charleston Firemen's Fund
P.O. 304
Charleston, SC 29402

This fund and the Association's Endowment will distribute all funds donated to the beneficiaries of the fallen firefighters.

Mayor Riley expressed his appreciation to Charleston's Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy which, in addition to the ministry and counseling provided since the tragedy, had also previously agreed to receive initial 501(c) (3) contributions honoring the firefighters before the arrangements with the South Carolina Firemen's Association Endowment could be made.

Mayor Riley said, "The Chaplaincy's willingness to help in all ways has been tremendously helpful. With the fund being handled by the SCFA, the Chaplaincy will be able to concentrate on the critical ministry and counseling that they do."

Mayor Riley expressed his thanks to the thousands of people who have contributed to date in excess of \$500,000 to the City fund for the beneficiaries of our heroes over the last week.

Any citizen having a question on the City's Firemen fund raising efforts can contact the Office of the CFO at 843-579-7529.

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