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### Malverne F.D. Statement on NYS Fallen Firefighter Memorial Committee Decision

On Sunday July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006, six year veteran Firefighter Paul R. Brady of the Malverne Volunteer Fire Department lost his life in the performance of duty in a tragic accident which occurred at Fire Headquarters. In mourning the loss of Firefighter Brady, his family, friends and brother firefighters attended the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend in Emmitsburg, MD and the Nassau County Fallen Firefighters Memorial Ceremony in East Meadow, NY in 2007, where Paul was memorialized along with many other Firefighters who have sacrificed their lives in the performance of duty.

On Monday April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010, for the fourth time since his tragic passing, the New York State Fallen Firefighter Memorial Committee has chosen to deny Paul his rightful place on the Fallen Firefighters Memorial, citing that his tragic death in the performance of duties as a Firefighter of the Malverne Volunteer Fire Department is not sufficient for inclusion on the New York State Memorial.

The Chief of Department along with Paul's family, friends, thousands of brother and sister firefighters and local lawmakers are stunned by the Committee's actions and also are appalled at several inappropriate comments made by members of this New York State committee with regard to Firefighter Paul R. Brady and the tragic accident that took his life in the line of duty.

The disgraceful actions of the New York State Fallen Firefighter Memorial Committee and the inappropriate comments by some of its members will not be tolerated.

The Department is awaiting official correspondence from Floyd A. Madison, New York State Fire Administrator regarding this issue and will hold all further comments until that time.