

# Miami Valley Firefighter/EMS Memorial Association Memorial Design Project



*The Miami Valley Firefighter/EMS Memorial Association invites you to submit a design for a permanent outdoor memorial that will both honor the Miami Valley's fallen firefighters and paramedics and serve as a living monument to those who risk their lives for that region every day. As well as being a poignant yet inspirational year round visitor attraction for the 9-county region, the memorial will stand as the centerpiece for the Memorial Association's annual memorial event that provides comfort to the survivors while reaffirming those who serve. The memorial will be permanently placed on an approximately 1/2-acre parcel in the City of Centerville's Stubbs Memorial Park, which is located in Montgomery County approximately ten miles south of Dayton and 35 miles north of Cincinnati.*

## **The Project**

The Miami Valley Firefighter/EMS Memorial Association's Juried Arts Committee will select a design for the memorial from an Ohio artist. The design itself is wide open for individual interpretation. Its components will include, but not be limited to a permanent outdoor public artwork that features: the names of the 58 fallen firefighter/paramedics and space for additional names; the names of the nine Miami Valley counties; the names of the Memorial Association's eight to ten top contributors; and the Memorial Association's name/logo. The design will also need to maintain the site's permanent parking spaces and reflect its surroundings within Stubbs Memorial Park.

The Memorial Association will commission the selected finalist to design and fabricate the memorial and install it on site. Working with the City of Centerville, the Memorial Association will be responsible for the expenses involved in the required surveying, excavating and initial site preparation necessary to accommodate the final design. The chosen applicant will forfeit ownership of the memorial to the Miami Valley Firefighter/EMS Memorial Association but will be assigned full credit for the intellectual property in the memorial's design and fabrication.

## **The Process**

The Miami Valley Firefighter/EMS Memorial Association is inviting artists throughout Ohio to submit images of past projects or artwork and resumes for review, along with concept narratives and preliminary concept sketches. The preliminary concept narrative needs to include the types of materials, basic dimensions, construction detail and process, surface treatment and design concept as it pertains specifically to the Miami Valley Firefighter/EMS Memorial. Submitting

applicants will be required to mail in their resumes, images, preliminary concept narratives and sketches by the indicated deadline.

The Miami Valley Firefighter/EMS Memorial Association's Juried Arts Committee is comprised of arts professionals and surviving family members. This Committee will review the resumes, images, concept narratives and preliminary concept sketches and select three applicants to submit scale models and detailed project budgets for design, fabrication, transport and site placement.

The Memorial Association will then contract with the three selected semi-finalists for the sum of \$1,000 each plus travel expenses to personally present their scale model and memorial concept to the Juried Arts Committee for consideration.

The Memorial Association's Juried Arts Committee will then commission one finalist selected from the three semi-finalists to complete a memorial design. The Memorial Association will contract with the selected finalist for the sum of \$80,000 to cover the memorial's fabrication, transport and site placement. Depending on the requirements of the chosen design, some additional pro bono resources may be available to aid in completing the project. The finalist will be given full credit for the intellectual property and receive design recognition in all publications and articles pertaining to the Miami Valley Firefighter/EMS Memorial as well as on the Memorial Association's website.

## **Narrative Description**

The preliminary narrative description should consider the following functional considerations for the memorial. The initial proposals are not required to fully address every item in detail but should indicate the applicant is capable of addressing them through the creative process.

- *Create a poignant and inspirational year round visitor attraction*
- *Create a centerpiece for the annual memorial and other special events*
- *Create a place for private reflection*
- *Incorporate names of the 58 fallen heroes with space for additional names*
- *Incorporate names of the nine Miami Valley counties*
- *Incorporate names of the Memorial Association's eight to ten top contributors*
- *Incorporate the Memorial Association's name/logo*
- *Maintain existing parking spaces*
- *Reflect Stubbs Memorial Park's surrounding architectural/topographical elements*

## **Submission Requirements**

Interested applicants must submit the following by 5:00 p.m. on July 18, 2008:

- *A current resume*
- *Images of three past projects or artwork, with no more than 15 images total*
- *A narrative description of the proposed memorial concept*
- *A conceptual sketch of the proposed memorial concept*
- *An optional self-addressed stamped envelope for return of support materials*

## **Calendar Schedule**

***Deadline for submission of images, resume, and preliminary narrative description and conceptual sketch***  
**July 18, 2008**

***Notification to three selected semi-finalists***  
**August 15, 2008**

***Schedule for three semi-finalist presentations***  
**October 20-31, 2008**

***Notification to selected finalist***  
**November 14, 2008**

***Deadline for completion of design***  
**January 30, 2009**

***Deadline for completion of installation***  
**July 1, 2009**

## **Please mail submissions to:**

***MV Firefighter/EMS  
Memorial Association  
444 W. Third St., Suite 20/231  
Dayton, OH 45402  
Attn: Juried Arts Committee***

## **For additional information contact:**

***Steve King, Secretary  
MV Firefighter/EMS Memorial  
Association Juried Art Committee***

## **Phone**

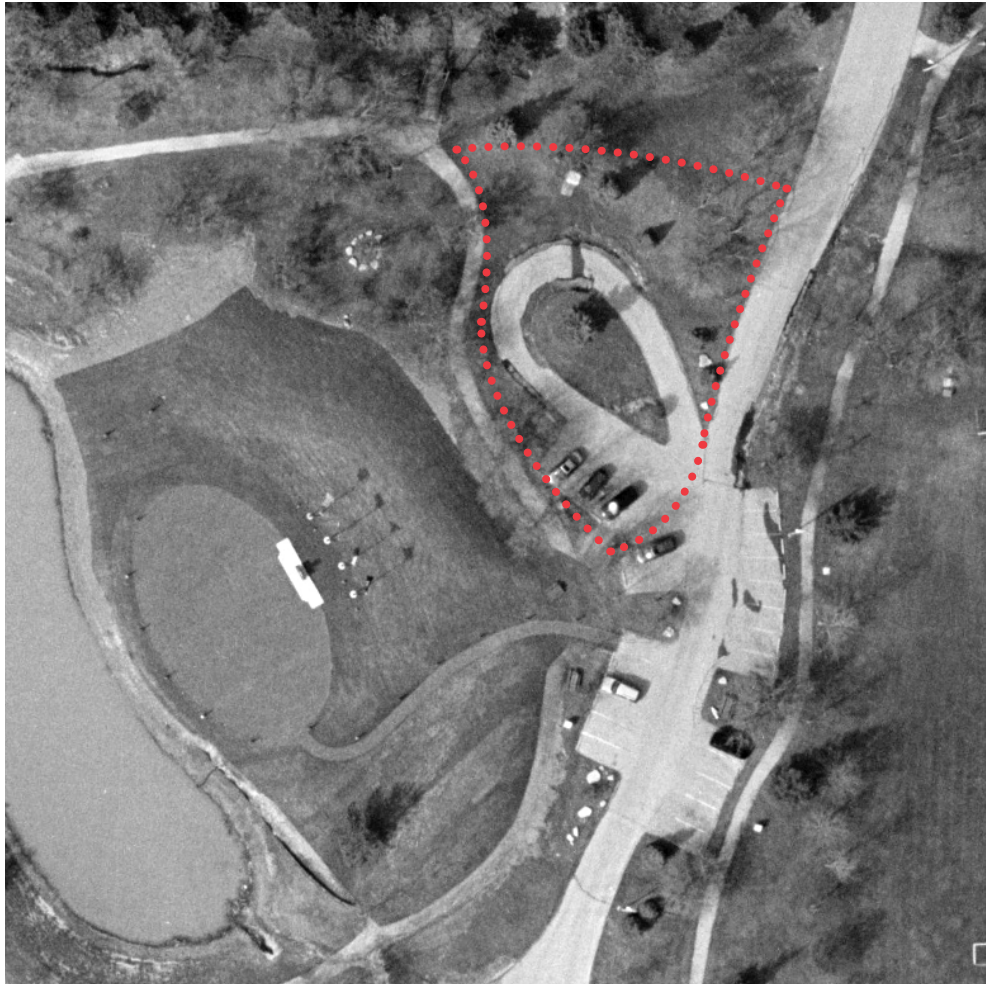
***(937) 623-1812***

## **Email**

***steve.king@mvmemorial.org***

## **Website**

***mvmemorial.org***



This is an aerial photo of Stubbs Memorial Park, showing the approximately 1/2-acre site for the future Miami Valley Firefighter/EMS Memorial outlined in red. To the west the site is bordered by a gravel walking path and an approximately 10-15 foot hill, and to the north it is bordered by another 10-15 foot hill. To the east the site is bordered by a blacktopped road, and to the south by a parking area, which must be maintained. Within the site are a blacktopped turnaround and a number of small trees that can either be removed or incorporated within the artist's design.

*BE A HERO FOR YOUR HEROES.*