

## Salisbury-Rowan Firefighters Memorial <sup>[1]</sup>

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Salisbury-Rowan Firefighters Memorial, Salisbury. Photo courtesy of Natasha Smith

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#### Salisbury

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Description: The Firefighters Memorial is a commemorative site consisting of a central obelisk with a fireman's bell mounted atop, a low wall, and benches. The site is dedicated to local fallen firefighters, including Victor Isler and Justin Monroe who lost their lives fighting a fire in 2008. Each side of the obelisk bears an emblem and the word FIREMEN. A nearby flagpole commemorates members of the New York City Fire Department (FDNY) who lost their lives during the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in New York City. A bench at the site is dedicated to the Locke Township Fire Department, and a bronze plaque in the ground and surrounding garden is dedicated to Chief Sam Brady who served in the Salisbury Fire Department for more than thirty years and as chief from 1985 to 2004. The inscribed wall near the flagpole is dedicated to the Salisbury-Rowan Firefighters, and small stones embedded in the garden honor the names of lost firefighters.

Images: [Memorial setting](#) <sup>[4]</sup> |

[Street view](#) <sup>[5]</sup> |

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Inscription:

Front face:

ERECTED TO THE / GLORY OF GOD / AND MEMORY OF / THE DEPARTED / MEMBERS OF / SALISBURY FIRE  
DEPARTMENT /  
FIREMEN /  
1944

Left face:

ERECTED TO THE / GLORY OF GOD / AND MEMORY OF / THE DEPARTED / MEMBERS OF / SPENCER SHOP /  
FIRE DEPARTMENT /  
FIREMEN

Rear face : ERECTED TO THE / GLORY OF GOD / AND MEMORY OF / THE DEPARTED / MEMBERS OF / EAST  
SPENCER / FIRE DEPARTMENT /  
FIREMEN

Right face:

ERECTED TO THE / GLORY OF GOD / AND MEMORY OF / THE DEPARTED / MEMBERS OF / SPENCER / FIRE  
DEPARTMENT /  
FIREMEN

Bronze plaque on the base of the flagpole: FLAG POLE IN MEMORY / OF THE / 343 MEMBERS OF FDNY / WHO  
MADE / THE SUPREME SACRIFICE / ON / SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 / \*\*\*\*\* / W. A. BROWN

On the wall by the flagpole:

SALISBURY - ROWAN / FIREFIGHTERS' MEMORIAL / DEDICATED SEPTEMBER 11, 2002 /  
LAY ME DOWN BESIDE COOL WATERS / AND LAY TO REST MY BODY SORE / SEND THE WORD OUT TO MY  
BROTHERS / THE FIRE IS DOWN, LET IT BURN NO MORE. /  
CHARLES BALL / FIREMAN'S PRAYER

Bench:

LOCKE TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT / IN HONOR OF ALL FIREFIGHTERS, / MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND /  
RESCUE PERSONNEL

Bronze plaque on the ground:

PLANTING IN HONOR OF CHIEF SAM BRADY / SALISBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT 1969 - 2004 /  
FIRE CHIEF 1985 - 2004

Dedication date: The original monument was dedicated in 1944. The flagpole and wall were dedicated on September 11, 2002, and the site was rededicated on March 7, 2011 with the expansion of the site in honor of Isler and Monroe.

Materials & Techniques: Stone, Flag

Sponsor: Fundraising for the rededication was accomplished privately. Battalion Chief Bob Parnell and Mr. Joe Morris lead the campaign to expand the memorial.

Subject notes: Victor Isler Sr. and Justin Monroe died in the Salisbury Millwork fire on March 7, 2008.

Location: The memorial is located on the north side of South Main Street to the right of the fire station.

Landscape: The memorial sits in a garden area surrounded by a brick walkway and plantings. Chestnut Hill Cemetery is located to the right.

City: Salisbury

County: Rowan

Subjects: First Responders, Tragedy

**Latitude:** 35.65756

**Longitude:** -80.48685

**Subjects:**

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**Origin - location:**

Salisbury <sup>[19]</sup>

Rowan County <sup>[20]</sup>

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