

Andy Fredericks Scholarship

On September 11, 2001, the fire service lost hundreds of brothers. Among the ranks were some of the most talented firefighters and greatest leaders our profession has ever produced. Fireman Andy Fredericks was one such man. He was inspirational, dedicated and brilliant. The consummate engineman, his utmost passion was for the basic tools of our trade, hose and nozzle. His greatest concern was the most efficient use of these fundamental weapons of fire fighting. At the heart of his message was the superiority of the smoothbore nozzle over the fog nozzle. His research and study and subsequently his teaching and writing on this most basic fireground element, the nucleus around which all other operations revolve, was incredibly detailed and intricate.

Andy's passion for his work as a nationally renowned author, educator, instructor, and trainer resulted in improvements in fireground operational efficiency and safety. These improvements have no doubt saved countless lives of civilians as well as firefighters. This is Andy's legacy to all of us. For those of us in the fire service he is a shining example of dedication, character, professionalism and love for mankind.

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The purpose of this scholarship is to promote education in the fire service and perpetuate the teachings of this great man so that even in his death, Andy's contributions will live on.