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Canton Station Memorial Flagpole Raised in Honor, Respect & Remembrance

Canton, CT July 17, 2005.... Last year, Canton Station 1st Fire Lieutenant Steve LaPointe was seeking a way to honor individuals who volunteer their time, energy and talents for the betterment of their community.

“I have a number of friends in the military serving in Iraq, in addition to my brothers and sisters in Canton’s Fire & EMS Department. First Responders and other public servants” stressed LaPointe, “not only talk about making a difference, they take action – action that, at times, may endanger or cost them their lives. I wanted to find a way to shine a light on their service and sacrifice.”

With this basic vision LaPointe, a musician, set out to transform an old lamp post which stood in front of the Canton Fire Station; one of the three stations that make up the Town of Canton Fire & EMS Department.

On May 31, 2005, this vision was realized when the Canton Station Memorial Flagpole, flying the flags of the United States, the State of Connecticut and the Fire Service was erected at the site. With the help of local businesses, the commemorative Flagpole was further enhanced with new lighting and landscaping.

“This project represents a way to honor, respect and remember the courage and sacrifice for the greater good by all of Canton’s public servants. It’s a small way to acknowledge the depth and breath of their work.”

LaPointe noted that in addition to a cash donation from the Canton Volunteer Fire Company Corporation, (hosts of the annual Lobster Festival), the Canton Station Memorial Flagpole was made possible by the generosity of the following businesses: Allen Thomas Electric, Canton Village Construction, Riverside Nursery Garden Center, Stone Man Masonry Company and Winding Brook Turf.

