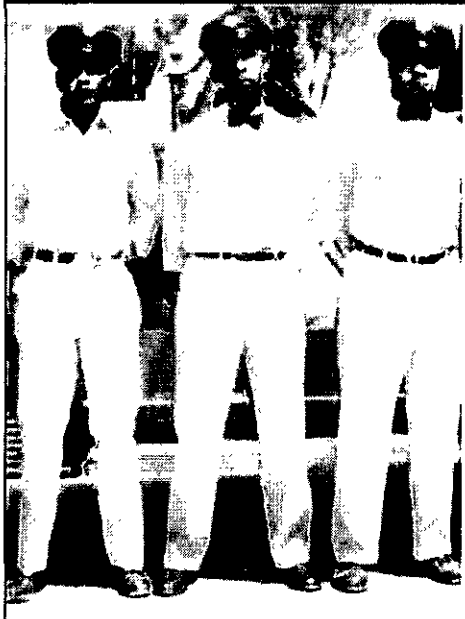


Art in Public Places Program

Cultural Arts Division

Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Office



Willie Ray Davis was the first African American man to be hired by the Austin Fire Department in 1952. Davis rose through the AFD ranks becoming the first African American Lieutenant and Captain, not only in Austin, but the entire State of Texas. Davis retired with honors from the Austin Fire Department in 1983. He was instrumental in launching AFD's "Pass the Torch" academy, which gives African-American men and women hands-on fire service experience.

Roy D. Greene was born in Granger, Texas in April of 1924. He attended Huston-Tillotson College, and in 1952, was one of three African Americans hired by the Fire Department. He had 5 boys and 1 daughter, all of whom attended college. Among his children, there were three Bachelor's Degrees, two Master's Degrees, and one Associates Degree.

Nathaniel H. Kindred Sr. was born in Austin, Texas in November of 1927. He attended Austin public schools and Huston-Tillotson College, and served three years in the Armed Forces. Hired as one of the first three under Civil Service in 1952, Mr. Kindred gave 24 years to the Austin Fire Department. During that time, he was promoted to the rank of Specialist in 1959. In 1977, Mr. Kindred lost his life in the line of duty. During his lifetime, he was a devoted family man to his wife and eleven children.

African American Firefighters Memorial CALL TO ARTISTS Request for Qualifications

Summary

The City of Austin will soon become the first Texas city to honor its African American firefighters. The City Council, Mayor Lee, and the City Manager have approved a resolution to create the African American Firefighters Memorial. The memorial will be a landmark in the heart of the city, a place where the story of these brave men can be told to future generations.

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History

In 1994, the African American Firefighters Memorial was established by the City Council. The memorial was created to honor the brave men who served the City of Austin. The memorial will be a landmark in the heart of the city, a place where the story of these brave men can be told to future generations.

Site

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Goals

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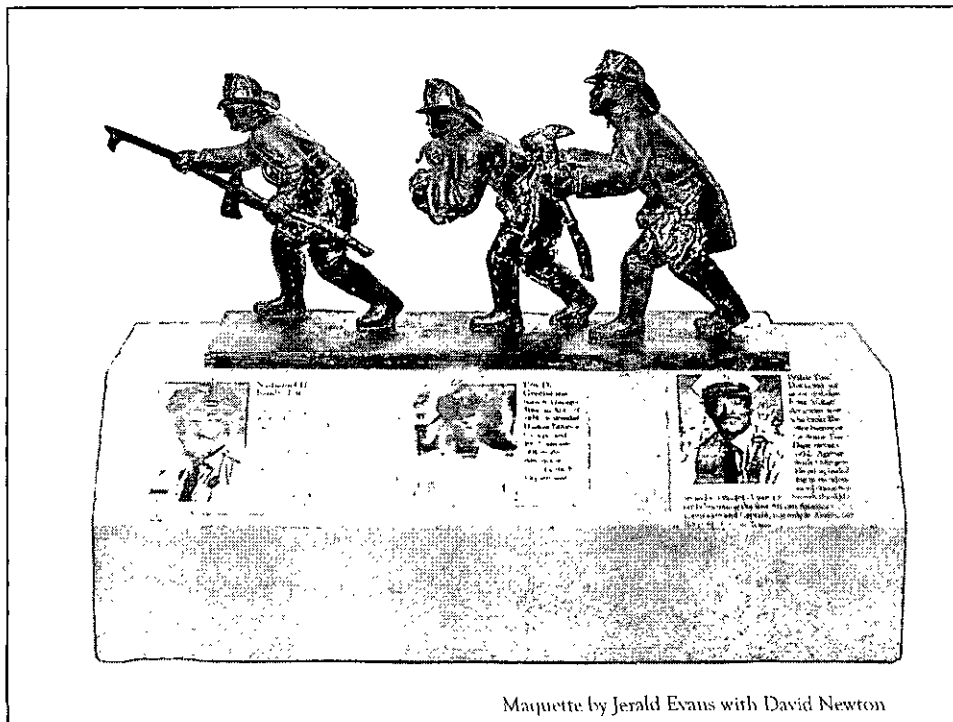
African American Firefighters Memorial

WILLIE RAY DAVIS ROY GREENE NATHANIEL KINDRED

PURPOSE

- To acknowledge tradition and history of firefighters and the event in history
- To provide an opportunity to tell the story of these three men, both their struggle and accomplishments, and how they paved the way for future generations
- To serve as a hallmark of Texas Civil Rights Movement

"They were ordinary men who did an extraordinary thing!"
Rodney Greene, family representative



Maquette by Jerald Evans with David Newton