

ILLINOIS FIREFIGHTER LODD DATABASE

The screenshot shows the IFLODD search interface on the IFSI website. The header includes the IFSI logo and navigation menu. The main content area is titled 'WELCOME TO IFLODD' and 'LEST WE FORGET'. Below this is a search form with the following fields: LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, AGENCY (dropdown), TYPE OF FIREFIGHTER (dropdown), RANK (dropdown), GENDER (radio buttons for Male and Female), AGE RANGE (dropdown), and YEAR OF DEATH (dropdown). There are also checkboxes for 'Only retrieve records with images' and 'Only retrieve records with audio'. A 'Search' button is located below the form. To the right of the search form is a 'Courses' section with a 'Course Search' field and a 'Search' button. Below that is a 'Firefighter Memorial' section titled 'Today's Line of Duty Deaths' listing names and dates: Robert Ely 1990, Clarence Kent 1954, and Thomas Tule 1919. At the bottom of the page, there are four small images with labels: 'Advanced Search', 'Image & Audio Search', 'Browse by County', and 'Interactive Charts'.

<http://www.fsi.illinois.edu/content/library/IFLODD/>

The Illinois Line of Duty Deaths Digital Image Collection Database (IFLODD) was created in 2007 to honor firefighters who have died in the line of duty in Illinois. **During the past 150 years (1857-present), over 150 Illinois fire organizations have experienced LODD tragedies. Over 860 Illinois firefighters have died in the line of duty.**

IFLODD contains detailed, searchable information about Illinois firefighter line of duty deaths, including incident summaries, photographs, departmental records, and oral history interviews. In addition to its purpose of memorializing fallen Illinois firefighters, IFLODD can be used as a powerful teaching tool to study trends in Illinois line of duty deaths. Advanced search options include searching by name, agency, date of death, cause of death, type of duty, and many others. Interactive charts can also be created to visually display trends and are useful as a research and training tool.

For any questions about IFLODD, or to contribute information about a fallen firefighter, please contact IFSI Archivist and Metadata Librarian David Ehrenhart at chrenhal@illinois.edu.

ILLINOIS FIREFIGHTER MEDAL OF HONOR / VALOR DATABASE

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the following elements:

- Top navigation: "Like" button, "Be the first of your friends to like this." text, and "Email" button.
- Header: "ILLINOIS FIREFIGHTER MEDAL OF HONOR OF VALOR" in large, serif font.
- Instructions: "Enter or select your search data in the fields below. You can narrow your search by selecting additional fields. All fields are optional."
- Search Fields:
 - Last Name: [Text Input]
 - First Name: [Text Input]
 - Agency: [Dropdown Menu]
 - Firefighter Type: [Dropdown Menu]
 - Rank: [Dropdown Menu]
 - Gender: Female Male
 - Award: [Dropdown Menu]
 - Year of Award: [Dropdown Menu]
- Type of Duty: Emergency medicalcare Firefighter rescue Firefighting operations
 Hose operations Ladder operations SCBA operations
 Search and rescue operations Vehicle rescue Water rescue operations
- Incident City: [Dropdown Menu] Year of Incident: [Dropdown Menu]
- Incident Location Type: [Dropdown Menu] Incident Attribute: [Dropdown Menu]
- Buttons: "Search" and "Browse All" (separated by "or")
- Definitions:
 - The Medal of Honor** is the highest award given by the state of Illinois to a firefighter for an act of outstanding bravery or heroism, by which the firefighter has demonstrated in great degree the characteristics of selflessness and personal courage above and beyond the call of duty, under adverse conditions, with the possibility of extreme personal risk.
 - The **Medal of Valor** award is given by the state of Illinois to a firefighter for an act of heroism or bravery that clearly demonstrated courage and dedication in the face of danger while in the performance of duty.
- Footer: "Location: IFSI Homepage > Library > Medals" and "Login: Resource Center Webmail"

<http://www.fsi.illinois.edu/content/library/medals/>

The IFSI Library created a digital database of the recipients of the Illinois Firefighter Medal of Honor and Medal of Valor. The Medal of Honor and Medal of Valor are awarded each year in Springfield as part of the Illinois Fallen Firefighter Memorial and Firefighter Medal of Honor Awards Ceremony. Both medals are given for acts of bravery or heroism, and the Medal of Honor is the highest award given to an Illinois firefighter. The Illinois Firefighter Medal of Honor and Medal of Valor Database describes and documents the actions that each firefighter took to receive the award. The database includes the ability to search by agency, name, or other criteria. Over 200 recipients of these awards are included in the database and close to 90 percent of the recipients have taken classes at the Illinois Fire Service Institute.

For any questions about the Illinois Firefighter Medal of Honor and Medal of Valor Database, or to contribute information about a recipient, please contact IFSI Archivist and Metadata Librarian David Ehrenhart at ehrenha1@illinois.edu.