

08-27-1995 Mebane NC – James Hinson – FF Rescue Attempt Flood

James Hinson

<https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/firefighter-fatalities/fatalityData/detail?fatalityId=328>

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Department Information

Mebane Volunteer Fire Department

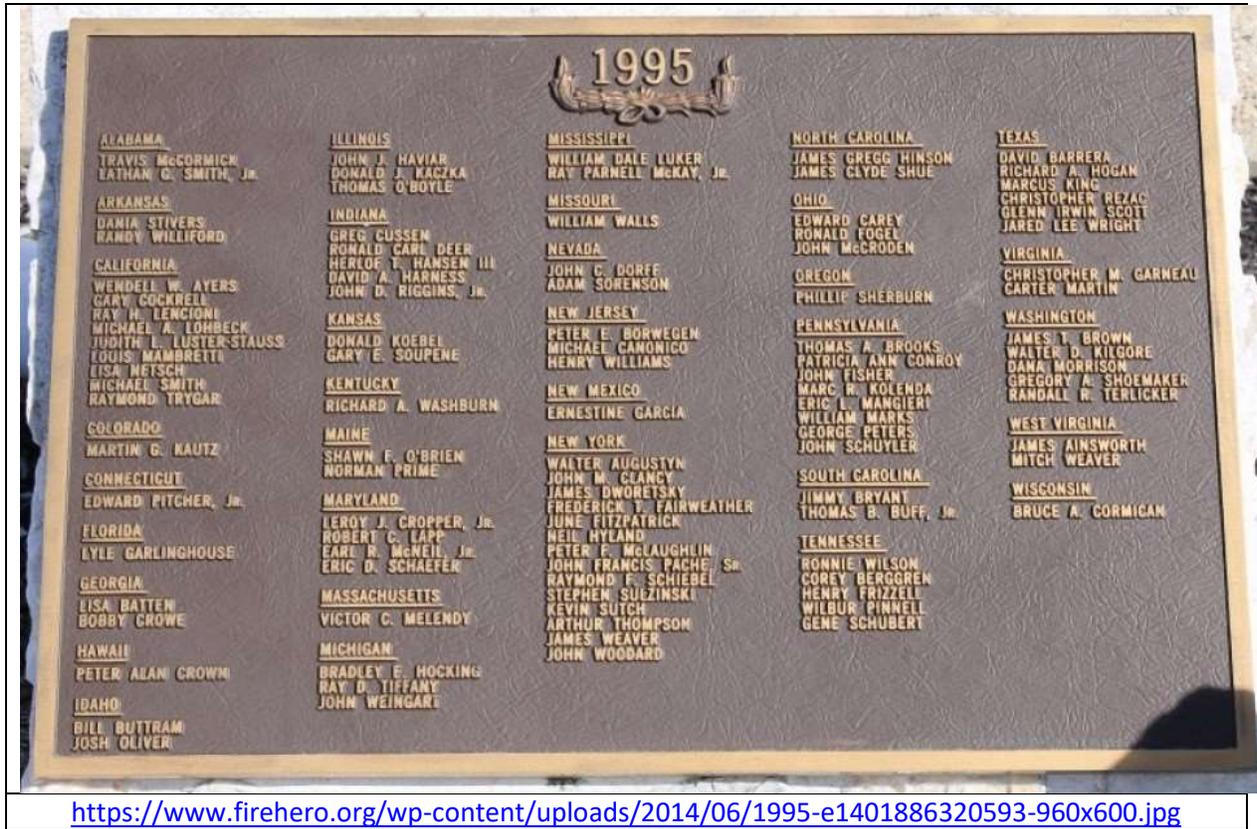
P.O. Box 725

Mebane, North Carolina 27302

Chief: James Jobe, Jr.

James Hinson was honored on the [National Fallen Firefighters Memorial](#) in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report

Age:	
Rank:	Secretary
Classification:	Volunteer
Incident Date:	Aug 27, 1995
Date of Death:	Aug 27, 1995
Cause of Death:	Caught or Trapped
Nature of Death:	Asphyxiation
Activity Type:	Search and Rescue
Emergency Duty:	Yes
Duty Type:	On-Scene Non-Fire
Fixed Property Use:	N/A



<https://www.firehero.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/1995-e1401886320593-960x600.jpg>

Firefighter Fatalities in the United States in 1995

https://books.google.com/books?id=wEeU1FUKN94C&pg=PA57&pg=PA57&dq=James+Hinson+mEBANE+fire+dEPARTMENT&source=bl&ots=oOQZ7YD3WH&siq=Swms3Mz60XNiU9b8DMB9CaOURRU&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEw_i6oqbCzOTVAhVB7iYKHQQTcVYQ6AEIOTAE#v=onepage&q&f=false

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James Gregg Hinson

http://www.geocities.ws/retcop_99/emsemt.htm

**James Gregg Hinson
of Mebane Fire and Rescue Department of Mebane, NC
who died in the line of duty of drowning while
participating in a water rescue on
August 27th, 1995.**

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**In the Matter of Hinson, I.C. No. LH-0249
(N.C. Indus. Comm. 1995)**

North Carolina Industrial Commission

Filed: November 15th, 1995
Precedential Status: Precedential
Citations: None known
Docket Number: I.C. No. LH-0249
Judges: DECISION AND AWARD FOR THE FULL COMMISSION BY J. HOWARD BUNN, JR. CHAIRMAN

Based upon information contained in I.C. File LH-0249 and upon an investigation made by the State Treasurer's Office, the Full Commission make the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The deceased, James Gregg Hinson, was an eligible fireman with the Mebane Fire Department on August 27, 1995.
2. The deceased came to his death as a result of drowning while in the course and scope of his official duties and while in the discharge of his official duties as a fireman with the Mebane Fire Department. He was responding to a dispatch call and attempting a rescue when swept away by flooding creek waters.
3. He was survived by his wife, Mrs. Lisa Pawlik Hinson.

Based upon the foregoing findings of fact, the Full Commission make the following

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The deceased, James Gregg Hinson, was an eligible fireman as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. Section 143-166.2(d) at the time of his death on August 27, 1995.

2. The deceased was killed in the line of duty, as defined by N.C. Gen. Stat. Section 143-266.2(c).
3. The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lisa Pawlik Hinson, who meets the definition of spouse contained in N.C. Gen. Stat. Section 143-166.2(e).
4. The State of North Carolina is obligated to pay the wife the sums called for in N.C. Gen. Stat. Section 143-166.3.

AWARD

There is hereby awarded to Mrs. Lisa Pawlik Hinson the sum of \$10,000.00, said payment to be made from funds appropriated to the State Treasurer for that purpose. Hereafter, Mrs. Hinson shall be paid the sum of \$5,000.00 annually until the total sum, including the initial payment, reaches \$25,000.00, provided she remains unmarried during said time.

A copy of this Award shall be furnished the Office of the State Treasurer for the purpose of having compliance with this Award, and the Commission shall be advised of the date or dates of payments pursuant hereto.

No costs are assessed before the Commission.

This the 14th day of November, 1995.

S/ _____ J. HOWARD BUNN, JR. CHAIRMAN
CONCURRING:

S/ _____ THOMAS J. BOLCH COMMISSIONER

S/ _____ LAURA K. MAVRETIC COMMISSIONER

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11/08/95

Memorial dedication honors local fallen heroes

<http://www.thetimesnews.com/20130511/memorial-dedication--honors-local-fallen-heroes/305119876>

May 11, 2013 By Steve Huffman / Times-News Updated May 11, 2013

GRAHAM — Lisa Hinson's husband, James, a volunteer Mebane firefighter, died in 1995 while saving a motorist whose car had plunged into a rain-swollen stream. In the years since, Lisa and her family have visited memorials across the state and nation that honor emergency workers who died in service to others.



Andrew Krech / Times News

There is none better, Lisa said Saturday morning, than the Alamance County Fallen Heroes Memorial. Lisa and her daughter, Ciara, and son, Alex, now a Mebane firefighter, were among the hundreds who turned out for the memorial's dedication. "It's one of the nicest there is," Lisa said. "Being here in the county means a lot."

The memorial — five years in the making — was dedicated on a morning full of sunshine and promise. It honors 17 Alamance County residents who died in service to others.

The brick-and-granite monument, located beside the Children’s Museum of Alamance County at 217 S. Main St., includes the names of police officers, firefighters, EMS employees and emergency communicators who died in the line of duty since 1934. The site also features prayer plaques, a 75-foot brick walkway, flags and places for contemplation.

It’s well-manicured and attractive — very inviting.

“It’s more than I imagined,” said Scott Wicker, one of the individuals responsible for the memorial’s creation.

Wicker — neither a police officer, firefighter or EMS worker — nonetheless received plenty of congratulations during Saturday’s dedication. Wicker said he and Gerald Donley Jr., a Swepsonville firefighter who died in 2007, were both members of the Red Knights Motorcycle Club.

Wicker and a few others traveled not long after Donley’s death to Raleigh to view a state memorial to fallen firefighters. He said after returning to Alamance County, he suggested a memorial be erected locally that would honor not only firefighters, but all emergency workers who died helping others.

“I got the idea rolling,” Wicker said. “It grew from there.”

Capt. Steve Lineberry of the E.M. Holt Fire Department received special recognition Saturday for his work to seeing the memorial become reality. Representatives from every county law enforcement agency and fire department, as well as Alamance County EMS and Alamance County Communications were on hand.

Helicopters from East Care Life Flight and Duke Life Flight — both organizations that lost members honored at the memorial — performed a fly-over toward the end of the dedication.

Lineberry reminded those in attendance that lots of individuals played roles in seeing the memorial built. More than 100 fundraisers were held and more than \$180,000 raised for its creation. Twelve people served on a committee that planned the memorial.

The last portion of Saturday’s dedication involved a reading of the names of those honored by the memorial. A portrait of each individual was carried and hung on a bordering fence. Representatives of the agencies those individuals worked for accompanied family members as the portraits were hung.

“We know every day when we go to work there’s a chance we won’t come home,” Graham police chief Jeff Prichard reminded those in attendance.