

Charleston County News Release

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Charleston County Coroner Releases Names of Fire Victims

At a 2 p.m. press conference on Tuesday, June 19, Charleston County Coroner Rae Wooten released the names of the nine firemen who died in the fire in the City of Charleston, SC.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Years w/ Fire Department</u>
William "Billy" Hutchinson	48	Captain	30 years
Mike Benke	49	Captain	29 years
Louis Mulkey	34	Captain	11.5 years
Mark Kelsey	40	Engineer	12.5 years
Bradford "Brad" Baity	37	Engineer	9 years
Michael French	27	Asst. Engineer	1.5 years
James "Earl" Drayton	56	Fire Fighter	32 years
Brandon Thompson	27	Fire Fighter	4 years
Melven Champaign	46	Fire Fighter	2 years

All firemen were employed by the City of Charleston Fire Department.