

# GMIHC LEARNING AND TRIBUTE CENTER

## DONATION FORM

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Check enclosed  
(payable to GMIHC Learning and Tribute Center)

I am interested in volunteering for the center.

Donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

## OUR STORY

The Prescott Fire Department has held in trust all items the community left at Station 7 and sent from around the world mourning the loss of the Granite Mountain Hotshots on June 30, 2013.

The Tribute Fence Preservation Project, led by volunteer directors, Jan Monroe and Dottie Morris, coordinated the effort to remove and preserve over 5,000 items. Katie Cornelius served as volunteer curator. Over a five month period, over 200 volunteers helped to remove, photograph, store, and catalog each item; an additional group spent several months working at the Prescott Public Library uploading 3,625 photos and descriptions of items to the Arizona Memory Project. To view those items online, please visit: <http://azmemory.azlibrary.gov/digital/collection/pgmh>

On the one year anniversary of their deaths, the Prescott Fire Department sponsored “A Fire Department Remembers” in the Hotel St. Michael ballroom. The exhibit recalled the men as firefighters and gave a brief overview of the history of the Granite Mountain Interagency Hotshot Crew. Volunteers from the Granite Mountain Memorial Project helped create and staff the exhibit, which featured over 200 firefighter t-shirts and memorabilia including a forest of live trees provided by Watters Gardening Center. Over 5,000 people visited the one-week exhibit including many alumni of prior Granite Mountain Hotshot teams.

Volunteer and retired Orange Fire Captain, Dennis Bueschel, and Curator, Katie Cornelius, were brought on as City of Prescott volunteers to oversee the collection in the spring of 2014, and they headed up all volunteer efforts as the Granite Mountain Memorial Project through 2018.

The 4-year anniversary of the Hotshots death in 2017, along with the intention of the City to sell Station 7 and the release of the movie, Only the Brave, renewed interest in the items left on the fence. Community members called for action on the items, which had been safely stored on Fire Department property, and asked if Station 7 could be used as a museum (the Station was later sold via auction in the summer of 2017.) Spurred by the public, Fire Chief Dennis Light and the City of Prescott called together approximately 30 stakeholders and community members to a late summer meeting in 2017. Over the ensuing months, a nonprofit group was born: The Granite Mountain Interagency Hotshot Crew Learning and Tribute Center. Board members of the GMIHC Learning and Tribute Center are: Chairman John Marsh (father of Hotshot Eric Marsh), Diane Clevenger, Nancy Christie, Mardi Read, Jason Lohman, Karen Norris (mother of Hotshot Scott Norris), Tom Haney, Tony Shaw, and Dennis Bueschel. Katie Cornelius was retained as curator. Board members are all volunteers, and the center is operated by volunteer docents.

The City of Prescott has partnered with Prescott Gateway Mall to realize the hopes of many with the opening of the Granite Mountain Interagency Hotshot Crew Learning and Tribute Center. We are hopeful that visitors will be inspired by the men who died fighting the Yarnell Hill Fire and also learn more about wildland firefighting and how they can help prevent future tragedies.

## OUR MISSION

Our mission is to establish, operate and maintain a wildland fire learning center that honors the Granite Mountain Interagency Hotshot Crew (GMIHC) by:



Telling their story,



Housing artifacts/memorabilia, and



Educating visitors about wildland fire and firefighting.

## OUR INFO

### Location of GMIHC Learning and Tribute Center:

Prescott Gateway Mall  
3250 Gateway Boulevard  
Prescott, Arizona

### Initial Operating Hours: (check website for updated hours)

Friday: 10 am to 4 pm  
Saturday: 10 am to 4 pm  
Sunday: 11 am to 4 pm

### Website:

[www.gmihc19.org](http://www.gmihc19.org)

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