



**CARL WILLIAM SHOEMAKER**

**Brother's Passing Proven to be Line of Duty**

**By Bryan Jeffries, President Local 2260**

**On June 30th, 1986 a 26 ton sand truck struck Mesa Truck 1, at Lindsay and University. Captain Jack Stevens died and Engineer, Carl Shoemaker suffered very serious injuries. Carl suffered for years after the collision, as he was never able to heal from his injuries and he ultimately passed away on February 7, 2001.**

**Thanks to some tenacious work by several members from our organization, as well as several Doctors and our City Attorney, Joe Padilla, the case for line of duty death was made and proven. We recently received notice from the U.S. Department of Justice that Carl will receive the honor and his family will receive the benefits they deserve.**

**Carl is survived by his wife Faie and his children Stacy, David, Rebecca, Douglas and Rustin. Carl loved being a Mesa fire fighter and he is dearly missed greatly by his brothers and sisters.**

**Many of us were not here to know Carl; however remembering and honoring our fallen is of utmost importance. The following pictures should serve as a reminder of the pain and suffering, which ensued on and beyond that tragic day. The photos should also serve us all by reminding us of the everyday hazards of our beloved profession.**

**There will be more information to come as Carl's Name will be added to the IAFF memorial wall in September at the annual Fire Fighters Memorial.**

