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THE STRAND THEATRE

Site of 1941 Tragic Fire

THIRTEEN FIREFIGHTERS KILLED

The recorded lease shown below between Sanford and Ella Gurney and Proven Pictures Incorporated of Massachusetts was for the operation of the Strand Theatre, a motion picture theatre at the corner of Main Street and School Street in downtown Brockton. The Strand Theatre fire is known for the significant loss of life due to a collapsing roof in a fire on March 10, 1941. Thirteen firefighters were killed in that tragic fire.

This event has been recognized every year as a remembrance of those deceased firefighters who answered the call of duty. It is also a continuing reminder of the potential dangers that firefighters face every day as protectors of the public's safety.

The Strand Theatre Firefighters Memorial Monument was dedicated on May 10, 2008 at Brockton City Hall Plaza, adjacent to the site of the former Strand Theatre.

Compliments of Register of Deeds John R. Buckley, Jr. and
Archie Gormley, President, Brockton Firefighters Local 144
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