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WICHITA, KANSAS, JULY 25, 1971 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole spoke here this evening honoring the Firefighters of Wichita, Sedgewick County and McConnell Air Force Base.

The Kansas Senator said, "What is true of an effective Fire Department is also true of a Great Nation. The best engines and the most sophisticated alarm system in the world are useless and wasted, unless there are men of courage and purpose at the controls."

"Each of the people we honor today has these two precious commodities -- courage and purpose."

"Besides the people we are honoring today, we are also honoring a principle -- a principle that is as old as America herself and helped to build this great Nation of free men."

"I refer to the principle of community service, and to the community spirit that enables people to live and work together for the common good and betterment."

This was the second annual service of the Firefighters Recognition Service. The meeting was held at the West Side Christian Church in Wichita.