

Late firefighter honored at Gladiator's game

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On June 30, 2013, 19 firefighters with the Prescott Fire Department's interagency Granite Mountain Hotshots were overrun and killed by a wildfire near Yarnell, Ariz., ignited by lightning on June 28, 2013 in what was the greatest loss of life of firefighters in a wildfire since 1933; the deadliest wildfire of any kind since 1991; and the greatest loss of firefighters in the United States since the September 11 attacks.

At their exhibition game Feb. 25, the family received this hand painted fire helmet by retired Fire Captain Danny Parker of the Chino Valley Fire Department. Parker's son, Wade Parker, 21 years of age, was among the 19 heroes that gave their life to their community on that fateful day.

The team honored Wade and his service along with Danny and his family for their sacrifice. The helmet is a reminder of the support and love of the Duke City Gladiators organization and the support and love of the Duke City community.