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### **FIREFIGHTER'S MEMORIAL MONUMENT COMMUNITY UPDATE**



The molds have been created using our carved wood sculptures as a base, the bronze has been heated to a liquid state, and what you see is the pouring of the bronze at the foundry which will soon be transformed into our new Monument figures. Sculptor Brian Hanlon reports from Toms River, NJ that the figures (which are currently composed of over 20 pieces of bronze) have all been poured and soon they will commence constructing the replicas of Richard Kron's artwork to be ready to return to Brockport this summer. He tells us, and we have seen some of his work, that when the artisans re-assemble them and weld them back together, you will be hard-pressed to see the seams in the sculpture.

This has been a long and involved task, and everyone at the Fire Department is waiting with anticipation for the return of the "men". The mold pictured here was cast and separated from the wood sculpture. The artist then adds wax to the mold to allow for the "lost wax" process where the molten bronze is poured, the wax is melted away and replaced by the bronze within the mold, creating the shell of bronze that we will see upon their return to town.



We knew this was quite an undertaking when we signed the contract and lifted the wood sculptures from their base last September. We also discovered that the wood below grade was seriously deteriorating beyond expectation and that our timing to have them bronzed could not have been better. The new bronze figures will stand on granite bases that have recently arrived from China and will be inserted in the holes where the wood bases formerly stood. We thank the community for their never ending support of this project and we wanted to keep you up to date as to where "our" project and "our men" stand.

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