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Inductee #18

Chief Ralph J. Scott

Los Angeles City Fire Department

Los Angeles, California

Born: April 1, 1884

Died: September 17, 1958

Ralph J. Scott was born in Minneapolis. He joined the Los Angeles Fire Department in 1905, and rose rapidly through the ranks. He was appointed Battalion Chief on July 17, 1919, and the very next day was appointed Chief Engineer. He held that position until his retirement in 1940, a record unequaled before or since.

Chief Scott became internationally-known as an authority on fire department administration, fire protection and fire prevention. He served as president of the International Association of Fire Chiefs in 1930-31.