

Cornelius Frederichs & John Toohey - Minneapolis FD

Cornelius Frederichs, Assistant Chief - December 4, 1881

John Toohey, Ladderman, Ladder 3 - December 4, 1881

Frederichs and Toohey died in action fighting a blaze that destroyed four flour mills on 1st Street and 6th (Portland) Avenue South. Flames starting in the Pillsbury "B" Mill had spread to the Excelsior Mill south of it and were threatening the Minneapolis Mill to the north. Frederichs and Toohey were on 1st Street when a violent dust explosion in the Minneapolis Mill blew out its walls, burying them in the debris.

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