



NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION

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National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service to Honor Two Fallen Arizona Firefighters

EMMITSBURG, MD. – The 30th Annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service will honor two Arizona firefighters who died in the line of duty in 2010. They are among the 72 firefighters who died in 2010 and 17 firefighters who died in previous years who will be remembered at the official national service held at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Captain David J. Irr, age 48, of the Yuma Rural/Metro Fire Department died within hours of responding to an EMS call on May 23, 2010.

Captain Dennis Wayne Robinson, age 61, of the Three Points Fire District died after becoming ill after a training exercise on March 31, 2010.

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) and the Department of Homeland Security will sponsor the official national tribute on October 16, 2011.

As first responders to all natural and manmade emergencies, fire service personnel are in constant danger. During 2010, 72 firefighters died in the line of duty, making firefighting one of the nation's most dangerous occupations.

More than 5,000 people, including Members of Congress, Administration officials and other dignitaries, members of the fire service, and families and friends of the fallen firefighters will attend the event. Families will receive flags flown over the U. S. Capitol and the National Memorial. Members of the fire service, honor guard units and pipe and drum units from across the U.S. will participate in this national tribute.

Many fire departments across the country will also conduct simultaneous services, lower flags to half-staff, sound sirens, and observe a moment of silent tribute. For the first time in Memorial Weekend history, departments will also participate in *Bells Across America for Fallen Firefighters*, a national moment of remembrance, in local places of worship to honor those who died in the line of duty. For more information *Bells Across America for Fallen Firefighters* visit: www.BellsAcrossAmerica.com.

For more information visit Weekend.FireHero.org which includes a complete list of this year's fallen firefighters being honored, Memorial Weekend related videos, photos, media and broadcast information, and more.

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About the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF)

The United States Congress created the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation to lead a nationwide effort to remember America's fallen firefighters. Since 1992, the nonprofit Foundation has developed and expanded programs to honor fallen fire heroes and assist their families and coworkers. For more information on the Foundation and its programs contact us at 301-447-1365 or visit www.FireHero.org.

We encourage your news organization to come to Emmitsburg to cover the Memorial Weekend events. For those who can't make it, NFFF has multiple options for you to receive video from the weekend events. There are live satellite feeds of both the Candlelight Service on Saturday and the Memorial Service on Sunday that can also be streamed on your website. [Click here for details](#).

NFFF will, in some cases, be able to provide interviews and b-roll with the survivors of fallen firefighters. You can receive the video either via satellite or through an FTP site. The availability is completely dependent upon survivors volunteering to participate.

If your news organization is interested in receiving this material or attending the services please contact Dave Statter at dstatter@firehero.org to make arrangements.