



# NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION

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Good Day:

On behalf of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, I want to invite you and members of your community to attend the 30th Annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend on October 14-16, 2011. During this Weekend, a grateful nation will honor 72 firefighters who died in the line of duty in 2010, and 17 from previous years. We will have public affairs specialists available to help you tell this important story of how we pay tribute to your community's firefighter(s).

In addition to your reporting, and for those who are unable to make it in person to the Memorial Weekend, we are providing live television coverage of both the Candlelight Service on Saturday and the Memorial Service on Sunday. You can access our telecast free of charge by satellite and via the Internet. Besides using the telecasts to gather video for television newscasts, we encourage you to rebroadcast these signals on your TV stations, secondary digital channels, cable channels and stream it on your website.

Please see our website at: [Weekend.FireHero.org](http://Weekend.FireHero.org) for information on how to access these broadcasts. If you have any questions on how this can be done, please contact PrepNet at (800) 500-5164.

The loss of a firefighter is felt deeply by the Nation's fire service family. I hope you can join us in honoring America's fallen firefighters and their families and in paying tribute to all those who carry on the tradition of service.

Sincerely,

Chief Ronald J. Siarnicki  
Executive Director

Chief Dennis Compton, Chair  
Board of Directors



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## **Fallen Firefighters to Be Honored on October 16, 2011**

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) and the U.S. Fire Administration will honor 89 firefighters who died in the line of duty at the 2011 National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend. These firefighters will be featured in the National Fallen Firefighters Tribute Widget on July 12, 2011. For more information on how you can include the tribute on your website, visit:

<http://weekend.firehero.org/widget/>

Emmitsburg, MD – The 30th Annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend will be held at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg on October 15-16, 2011. The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) and the Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Fire Administration will honor 72 firefighters who died in the line of duty in 2010. A bronze plaque containing their names will be added to the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial, located here on the National Fire Academy campus. Seventeen firefighters who died in previous years will also be honored. The plaques surrounding the Memorial, which was established in 1981, will contain the names of more than 3,500 firefighters.

Twenty-seven states experienced line-of-duty deaths in 2010. Deaths resulted from vehicle accidents while en route to or returning from emergency calls, building collapses, natural disaster response, falling, drowning, heart attacks, and burns/smoke inhalation. Three multiple fatality incidents accounted for six deaths. One multiple fatality occurred during a flashover at a structural fire; one incident resulted from an apparatus accident, and one involved a building collapse at a commercial structure fire. Illinois had the nation's greatest number of firefighter line-of-duty deaths in 2010 with 8, followed by New York and Pennsylvania with 7; and Kansas had 6.

"Firefighters are called upon to face danger on a daily basis," said Chairman of the NFFF Board of Directors, Chief Dennis Compton. "In October, a grateful Nation will honor their dedication and remember their sacrifice. The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend brings their loved ones and the fire service together to let their families, coworkers, and friends know that they will never be forgotten."

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## National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service to Honor Two Alabama Firefighters

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Firefighter Steven F. Bouchard, age 19, of the Snowdown Volunteer Fire Department died in a motor vehicle accident while responding to a mutual aid fire call on November 11, 2008.

Firefighter John E. Lee III, age 39, of the City of Pelham Fire Department died while assisting at the scene of an accident when he fell from an overpass on September 30, 1986.

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Firefighter/Ranger Christopher Wayne Adams, age 25, of the Arkansas Forestry Commission died in an apparatus accident while moving his unit from one fire to another on August 2, 2010.

Lieutenant David A. Curlin, age 40, of the Pine Bluff Fire Department died of traumatic injuries he sustained earlier in a structural collapse at a commercial building fire on May 22, 2010.

Firefighter Henry Sandy, age 52, of the Northside Volunteer Fire Department died after suffering a heart attack on the scene of a structure fire on January 26, 2010.

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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.

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Firefighter/Paramedic James M. “Jimmy O” Owen, age 56, of the Orange County Fire Authority died after suffering a heart attack during a training exercise on September 16, 2010.

Inmate Firefighter Fernando J. Sanchez, age 25, of the California Department of Corrections died in a motor vehicle accident while returning from a wildfire on November 23, 2010.

Firefighter James C. Saunders, age 52, of the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District died on October 7, 2010 after he collapsed while fighting a brush fire on October 3, 2010.

Operations Chief Bryan K. Zollner, age 44, of CAL Fire died in a motor vehicle accident while enroute to a department meeting on April 12, 2007.

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Lieutenant Bruce M. Bachinsky, age 47, of the Waterbury Fire Department died after he collapsed within 24 hours of responding to several emergency calls on October 26, 2010.

Firefighter Michel Baik, age 49, of the Bridgeport Fire Department died after becoming trapped while fighting a residential structure fire on July 24, 2010.

Fire Police Captain Kevin J. Swan, age 68, of the Beacon Hose Co. #1 died after suffering a heart attack while responding to a structure fire on March 10, 2010.

Lieutenant Steven J. Velasquez, age 40, of the Bridgeport Fire Department died after becoming trapped in a collapse after a flashover while fighting a residential structure fire on July 24, 2010.

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Assistant Chief Victor B. Scott, age 61, of the Otter Creek Volunteer Fire Department died after suffering a heart attack within 24 hours of a training exercise on March 17, 2004.

Firefighter Michael Allan Trullinger, age 50, of the Chattahoochee Volunteer Fire Department died after suffering a heart attack within 24 hours of responding to a vehicle fire on April 23, 2006.

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Chief Cecil Jay Brown, age 42, of the Gresston Volunteer Fire Department died after suffering a heart attack while clearing trees with the fire department following severe storms on June 27, 2010.

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Firefighter Steven S. Crannell, age 47, of the Guthrie Center Fire Department died after suffering a heart attack within 24 hours of participating in a department training exercise on April 22, 2010.

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Firefighter Brian C. Carey, age 28, of the Homewood Fire Department died after being overcome by rapid fire progress during search and rescue operations at a residential structure fire on March 30, 2010.

Firefighter Gary Lowell Cummins, age 61, of the Brocton Fire Protection District died after suffering a heart attack within 24 hours of responding to a reported structure fire on October 31, 2010.

Lieutenant Frank William Fouts V, age 37, of the City of Kankakee Fire Department died on July 1, 2010 after suffering a heart attack within 24 hours of responding to multiple calls on June 30, 2010.

Assistant Chief Thomas Dale Innes, age 61, of the Hindsboro Community Fire Protection District died after collapsing within 24 hours of responding to an EMS call on October 3, 2010.

Deputy Chief Mark P. Johnson, age 55, of the Hinsdale Fire Department died after he collapsed while conducting fire department training after responding to a medical emergency on September 20, 2010.

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Lieutenant Rick Drake, age 39, of the German Township Fire Department died after suffering a heart attack within 24 hours of a EMS response on November 1, 2010.

Firefighter/Paramedic Chad L. Null, age 33, of the Sullivan Fire Department died after suffering a heart attack following two EMS responses on December 16, 2010.

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Captain Urban A. Eck, age 51, of the Wichita Fire Department fell ill at a structure fire and was hospitalized on the following shift. He died from complications of surgery for a cardiac problem on January 1, 2010.

Chief Stanley L. Giles, age 69, of the Linn Valley Lakes Fire Department died in an accident following a response on February 10, 2010.

Firefighter John Bradford Glaser, age 33, of the Shawnee Fire Department was separated from his crew and later found deceased inside the structure during a fire on May 22, 2010.

Captain Harold Reed, Sr., age 74, of the Peru Fire District #3 died of smoke inhalation on scene of a grass fire training exercise on April 11, 2010.

Chief Jonathan L. Siemers, age 44, of the Clay Center Fire Department died after suffering a heart attack within 24 hours of responding to a fire on February 21, 2010.

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Major Terry L. Cannon, age 51, of the Buechel Fire Protection District died after suffering a heart attack within 24 hours of responding to a residential structure fire on January 17, 2010.

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Battalion Chief Tommy L. Adams, age 52, of the Shreveport Fire Department died after falling from a truck while returning the truck to service after a parade on December 12, 2009.

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Firefighter Kenneth D. Marshall, Jr., age 33, of the Rehoboth Fire Department died after suffering a heart attack while responding to a residential structure fire on November 25, 2010.

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Chief Brian J. Rowe, age 67, of the West Fork Volunteer Fire Department died after suffering a heart attack while responding to a snowmobile accident on March 5, 2010.

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Chief Thomas G. Hardy, age 68, of the Athens Township Fire Department died on December 31, 2010, after suffering a head injury while returning from a fire call on December 24, 2010.

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Firefighter Randall S. Davenport, age 37, of the Marshall Fire Department died several hours after responding to two structure fires on October 24, 2010.

Firefighter Donald Duaine Schaper, age 53, of the Timber Knob Volunteer Fire Department died after suffering a heart attack on the scene of a roadside incident on April 9, 2010.

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Firefighter Jerry Thompson, age 55, of the Linwood Volunteer Fire Department died after suffering a heart attack on the scene of a structure fire on January 14, 2010.

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Firefighter Richard Adam Miller, age 24, of the Belmont Fire Department died after collapsing during physical fitness training at department headquarters on December 29, 2009.

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Captain Kenneth Adamo, age 48, of the Elmwood Park Fire Department died after suffering a heart attack within 24 hours of responding to an emergency on December 28, 2010.

Firefighter Edward J. Eckert, age 71, of the Stafford Township Fire Department died on June 6, 2010, after collapsing while responding to a call on June 1, 2010.

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Fire Police Captain William E. Akin, Jr., age 54, of the Ghent Volunteer Fire died in a motor vehicle accident while responding to assist at the scene of a motor vehicle accident on October 19, 2010.

Firefighter Scott W. Davis, age 46, of the Oswego Fire Department died after suffering a heart attack within 24 hours after several emergency responses on June 20, 2010.

Captain Vincent A. Iaccino, age 64, of the Roosevelt Fire District Engine Company #1 died after suffering a heart attack during fire department training on April 12, 2010.

Firefighter John P. Kelly, age 51, of the Tarrytown Fire Department died after being overcome by fumes during a confined space rescue in sewer drain September 6, 2010.

Firefighter LeRoy A. Kemp, age 81, of the Tioga Center Fire Department died in a motor vehicle accident while enroute to a mutual aid EMS call on January 13, 2010.

Firefighter Erich "Mickey" Lachmann, age 74, of the Washington Heights Fire Department died on January 28, 2007, after suffering a stroke within 24 hours of responding to an emergency on January 15, 2007.

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Lieutenant Joseph M. McCafferty, age 59, of the Lancaster Fire Department died on January 16, 2010, after he collapsed while in command of a residential structure fire on January 2, 2010.

Firefighter Gregory A. Northup, age 55, of the Gallipolis Fire Department died after becoming ill while standing by at special work detail on September 3, 2008.

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Firefighter Ryan Neil Seitz, age 26, of the McArthur Fire Department died after being struck by debris from a ruptured pressurized tank at a brush fire on September 24, 2010.

Firefighter/Driver Sammy R. Smith, age 64, of the Village of Antwerp Fire Department died in an apparatus accident while transporting patients to the hospital on July 20, 2007.

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Chief Paul Johnson, age 63, of the Crow Roost Fire Department died after suffering a heart attack while operating the pumper at a structure fire on May 19, 2010.

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Forestry Technician Steven A. Uptegrove, age 52, of the USDA Forest Service in Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, died after being struck by a falling tree while assisting with cleanup in a wilderness area on August 20, 2009.

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Firefighter Richard A. Burns, age 43, of the Pittsburgh Bureau of Fire was found deceased at the station on May 24, 2008 after responding to multiple calls during his shift.

Firefighter Douglas Farrington, age 44, of the Delta-Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company died after suffering a heart attack within 24 hours of responding to a barn fire on August 23, 2010.

Firefighter James C. Gumbert, age 63, of the North Irwin Volunteer Fire Department died after suffering a heart attack while responding to a house fire on November 10, 2010.

Engineer Charles Hornberger, age 60, of the Milmont Park Fire Company Station #49 died after suffering a heart attack within 24 hours of responding to the station for a commercial building fire alarm on July 12, 2010.

Fire Police Captain Donald G. Mellott, age 62, of the Woolrich Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 died after being struck on the scene of a motor vehicle accident on February 12, 2010.

Firefighter John Polimine, age 51, of the Scalp Level & Paint Volunteer Fire Company #1 died after suffering a heart attack during live fire training on May 1, 2010.

Firefighter Douglas L. Smith, age 50, of the Liberty Hose Company No. 1 died after suffering a heart attack while responding to a fire on July 9, 2010.

Firefighter Richard Lawrence Springman, age 20, of the Trout Run Volunteer Fire Company died in a motor vehicle accident while responding to assist at the scene of a motor vehicle accident on July 14, 2010.

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Lieutenant Dillon C. Denton, age 64, of the Charlotte Road/Van Wyck Fire Department died after suffering an aneurysm during hose testing on December 7, 2010.

Firefighter Chance Hyatt Zobel, age 23, of the Columbia Fire Department died after being struck by a vehicle at the scene of a median grass fire on November 13, 2010.

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Second Lieutenant Timothy A. Byrd, age 46, of the Dover-Stewart County Rescue Squad died after suffering a heart attack within 24 hours of searching for a drowned boater on February 9, 2009.

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Captain Thomas T. Araguz III, age 30, of the Wharton Volunteer Fire Department died after becoming trapped at the scene of a poultry farm fire on July 3, 2010.

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Firefighter William “Danny” Altice, age 67, of the Rocky Mount Fire Department #1 died in an apparatus accident while enroute to a residential structure fire on July 26, 2010.

Firefighter William Harold “Hal” Clark, age 54, of the Atlantic Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company died after collapsing while fighting a woods fire on September 24, 2010.

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Firefighter Peter James Coe, age 43, of the Shoreham Volunteer Fire Department died after being struck by a vehicle while investigating a possible motor vehicle accident on December 27, 2009.

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Chief Chet D. Bauermeister, age 47, of the Franklin County Fire District 4 died in an apparatus accident while fighting a wildland/grass fire on June 23, 2010.

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Firefighter Donald “Donnie” Adkins III, age 32, of the Glasgow Volunteer Fire Department died after his boat struck submerged material and capsized while performing water rescues during flooding conditions on March 13, 2010.

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**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](mailto:dstatter@firehero.org) to make arrangements.**