

Dogs at Work

CODY By Amy J. Linder, Eugene Fire and EMS Department, OR

Hi. My name is Cody. That is short for Fire Code Inspector. I am the Official Fire Safety Dalmatian of the Eugene Fire and EMS Department in Eugene, Oregon, and my "mom" is Deputy Fire Marshal Amy Linder. I have the greatest job in the world! I teach young children the 5 basic messages of fire safety:

- 1. Smoke Detectors Save Lives
- 2. Crawl Low Under Smoke
- 3. Have an Escape Plan and Meeting Place
- 4. Dial 9-1-1 in case of Emergency and
- 5. Stop, Drop, and Roll if your Clothes Catch Fire

I was destined to be a fire dog. My human mom, grandpa and great-grandpa are all part of the fire service.



The fact that I am white with black spots might have helped too.

When I am not working as a fire dog, I volunteer as a therapy dog and crisis response dog. My mom and I visit people in the hospital, including staff, and travel to different types of crisis or disaster situations, such as the campus shootings at Northern Illinois

University. People say that those affected by crisis will shut down emotionally, stop thinking clearly, or lash out in the midst of crisis or disaster. A dog's presence and, even more so, petting the animal, can help have a calming effect and help a person think more clearly. I hope that is all true. I know people smile when they see me. I am a *continued inside*

5TH ANNUAL FIRE SERVICE SURVIVORS CONFERENCE Schaumburg, Illinois - May 10-14, 2010

Who is invited?

Survivors of firefighters who have died in the line of duty and have been honored at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Is this just for spouses?

No! Parents, spouses, siblings, adult children, and other family members have attended previous conferences, and all are welcome.

Can I bring my children?

The conference is for adults, and we cannot accommodate young children. Teenagers may attend with a parent or guardian.

How much does it cost?

There is no charge for the conference itself. The Foundation will cover the cost of your hotel room and will provide some meals during the conference. You are



responsible for booking and paying for your travel, but the Foundation has funding available to reimburse some of that expense. If you arrive by plane or train, we can arrange for local firefighters to meet you and bring you to the hotel. I'm nervous about attending for the first time. What can I expect?

Remember—everyone was a first-timer once! This is a very friendly group of people who have "been there" and will help you navigate your first experience at the conference. In addition to the workshops, there will be time to socialize and meet in small groups or one-on-one with other survivors. As a 2009 attendee put it: "As a first-timer, I didn't know what to expect, but I was so impressed with the initial warmth and welcome I received. When I sat down to dinner the first evening, the warm smiles and big hugs told me I was at the right place at the right time."

DOGS AT WORK continued

good listener, I can keep secrets, and I love to be petted.

When my mom told me about the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend, I could not think of a better way for us to help the fire service take care of our own. I offer my special services of soft spots to pet, a fuzzy ear to listen or to scratch, a cold nose, and a wet kiss to let families know they are not alone and their beloved heroes

MADDIE By Todd Dyer, McGaheysville Volunteer Fire Company, Rockingham County Fire/Rescue, VA

Maddie has been a blessing since she joined our family nine years ago. Originally, I took her in and found her a home with a fellow firefighter. Maddie and my first Dalmatian, Mack, didn't get along too well, so it was the right thing to do at the time. After a few months, I received a call requesting that we take Maddie back, and we became her 5th home in her short two years of life. It wasn't because she was a problem, just some unfortunate circumstances – a divorce, a family moving cross country, chewing the eyes out of a teddy bear... (She really wanted to come back to live with us!) Maddie and Mack soon became best friends, and my wife, Donna, even forgave me for finding Maddie another home to begin with. We have never regretted bringing her into our family, and we count our blessings every day.

Maddie is 11 years young, and she got her ties to the fire service honestly. She was born during Fire Prevention Week in 1998. As a Public Fire Educator in Rockingham County, Virginia, I began taking Maddie with me when teaching Pub Ed classes. She makes learning fire safety fun and has always been a big hit with the school children. Maddie has will not be forgotten. We met so many wonderful people and heard about many amazing heroes. It is truly an honor to be a part of this event. I am proud to be a fire dog!

To keep up with me the rest of the year, become a fan of Cody, Official Fire Safety Dalmatian on FaceBook, follow CodyFever on Twitter, or check out my website: <u>www.codyfever.com</u>. <u>SEE YOU IN OCTOBER!</u> Woof!



also enjoyed visits to many of our local senior citizens groups, as well as the Mid-Atlantic Burn Camp. She has been adopted by the Virginia State Firefighters Association and The Virginia Fire Chiefs Association and attends their conferences annually.

Maddie's personality is very unique, and that makes it easy to share her with others. A few

years ago I thought about bringing her to the Memorial Weekend, and I knew that once the Foundation staff met her they couldn't say no. Maddie, my son Brandon and I attended the Tree Lighting ceremony held on campus in December, and the entire staff fell in love with her. In 2008, Maddie attended her first Memorial Weekend, and she made many friends. So many families admitted needing a "pet fix" while being away from home, and I have been honored to meet so many wonderful people while there with her. I look forward to returning to the Memorial Weekend each and every year, and so does Maddie. We sincerely appreciate everything the Foundation does for the Fire Service and the families of our brothers and sisters.

BOOMER By Mike Rehfeld, Maryland LAST Team, Baltimore County Fire Department, MD

Over the last several years a special participant in the Memorial Weekend would arrive and put smiles on the faces of many survivors, family members, staff and firefighters. The only thing he did was wag a tail. Boomer, an 11-year-old yellow Labrador retriever passed on December 5th, 2009. His passing leaves a hole in many hearts.

Boomer had a very storied history. He was a Search and Rescue dog, a pets on wheels participant, a partner, book hero (<u>Dog Heroes of September 11th</u>, Bauer), and most of all a friend to so many that attended the Memorial Weekend. Boomer began his journey on January 28th, 1998, and attended his first search training class in March of that year. Over the years he assisted with the Chandra Levy homicide case in Washington, DC, and the water taxi disaster in Baltimore, worked after the September 11th attack on the Pentagon, and recovered 12 drowning victims.



Boomer loved attending the annual Memorial Weekend. Just the smiles and attention he garnered were a wonderful testament to his ability. For about the last 5 years he was a regular at the Sunday service. Many times he would line the Walk of Honor with his partner, Mike Rehfeld, as the families made their way to their seats. He enjoyed the releasing of the doves very much. (I think it was his retriever side.) On a funny note, some may remember that at one family night, clickers were given to many of the

children. Boomer was most upset. You see, clickers are a training aid used to reward the dog. After a click, the dog gets a treat. Can you imagine how distressed Boomer was when so many clicks and no treats appeared?

Boomer will be missed. On January 7th he was laid to rest with his other K9 coworkers at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens in Timonium, Maryland. Members of the Foundation were in attendance. May he be waiting at that rainbow bridge for a Frisbee toss and a hug.

SURVIVORS CONFERENCE continued

I'm not sure I want to talk about all those sad

memories again.

This conference offers a variety of workshops focusing on wellness, healing, and practical concerns. Workshops planned for 2010 include: parenting, art therapy, yoga & meditation, home maintenance & repair, speech coaching, and self-defense. You choose the topics that suit you best. And don't worry—there will be time for fun



and relaxation. Join others for evening activities, swim in the hotel pool, take the shuttle to nearby shopping and restaurants. The last day we will take a day-long excursion into Chicago.

How do I sign up?

Contact Linda Hurley at <u>lhurley@firehero.org</u> or (301) 447-7693 to ask questions or request registration materials. We hope to see you in May!

"The conference was life changing for me... I literally feel as though I have turned a corner in my healing process. I'm no longer dwelling on what happened to me; now I'm focused on what I can and am going to do to help others."

Many thanks to our corporate sponsor, Motorola, for the use of their facility for this year's conference!

2010-2011 Scholarships



re you the child, stepchild, spouse, or life partner of a firefighter who was honored at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial? Are you getting ready to

graduate from high school? Re-enter the job market? Switch careers?

If so, you may qualify for the Foundation's Sarbanes Scholarship Program. The deadline to apply for a scholarship for the 2010-2011 academic year is April 1. Please visit <u>www.firehero.org</u> today to learn more about this program, as well as other state and national scholarship programs for survivors of firefighters who died in the line of duty.

Spouses and children who received Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) may be eligible for Public Safety Officers' Educational Assistance. Please visit <u>www.psob.gov</u> for specific criteria and additional information.

NFFF Pipes & Drums on St. Patty's Day



very year, the National Fallen Firefighters' Foundation Memorial Pipes and Drums assembles for the Memorial

Weekend in order to provide the stirring sounds

of the pipes and drums to honor our nation's fallen firefighters. Normally, this is the ONLY time of year that all these pipers and drummers from the many different fire service bagpipe bands around the country perform together–but not this year!

To draw attention to the good works of the Foundation, The NFFF Memorial Pipes and Drums are

performing this year in the Savannah (GA) St. Patrick's Day Parade, the Second Largest St. Patrick's Day parade in the US! The Northern Virginia Firefighters' Emerald Society Pipe Band is honored to be the coordinating band for the Memorial Pipes and Drums. The parade is on March 17, and the Pipes and Drums have the distinct



honor of being the Grand Finale of the parade! The Foundation staff have arranged with some survivors and firefighters to march carrying the band banner in

front of the band, stepping along the 3-mile parade route to the sounds of the band's 80 pipers and drummers from as far away as Idaho, Maryland, New Jersey---all points of the compass! This will be a historic get-together for the band members in a first-time performance for an event other than the Memorial Weekend.

Survivor families are certainly invited to come along and march

with us! The Northern Virginia Firefighters' Emerald Society Pipe Band is honored to be the coordinating band for the Memorial Pipes and Drums. The band tentatively has a step-off time of 1:30PM on March 17th. If you are interested in marching, please contact Linda Hurley (<u>lhurley@firehero.org</u>) at the Foundation.

REMEMBERING FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS

10TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL SERVICE By Sharon Purdy, wife of Lee A. Purdy (2000-OH)

January 8, 2010, marked the tenth anniversary of my husband's death. In December, my dear, sweet survivor

friend Tina Hauk asked me what I was going to do on that important day. I told her I was planning to spend a quiet day alone and just try to get through the day. She told me that she and Dave wanted to come to Ohio and spend the day with me. Tina and Dave understood that I needed someone with me to remember Lee.

Later that week, I got a call from our

local newspaper and our department chief, Paul Lee. They told me they were planning to celebrate Lee's life with an open house and memorial service on the tenth anniversary. I immediately broke into tears. I actually thought that no one else had remembered. How wrong I was!!

OH MY!! What a beautiful night it was. Despite one of the worst snow storms of the season, so many residents

MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE By Melinda LeMaster & Melanie Davis, mother & friend of Christa Burchett (2008-KY)

I just wanted to share with you the way we honor our fallen hero, Christa Burchett. We have a blood drive and then end the day with a candlelight service for her. We plan on having blood drives each year as our way of ensuring that Christa's death is not in vain. Christa was all about saving lives. She always gave blood and was a full organ donor.

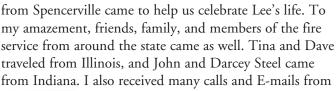
On January 22, 2010, the 3rd blood drive was held in Christa's honor. During the blood drive we had 56 individuals sign up to give, with some giving Double Red. In total, we collected 65 units of blood. Each unit of blood

PICTURE WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS By Doris Neilson, wife of Peter Neilson (2007-MI)

I know that all of us survivors have lost a "hero," and we don't usually talk about what specific heroic actions our loved one might have done. But this picture touched me greatly. Pete and I did not have grandchildren, but I think part of him lives on in this little boy.

About five years ago, Peter responded to an emergency call by POV. He found an unresponsive infant, gray in color, six

weeks premature and only two weeks old. He took the infant in his hands back and forth tapping the chest and



special friends who were not able to attend.

That night, I realized that I was truly not alone. Friends and family who were there with me in the beginning of this journey have always been there, and I am truly grateful. That empty space in my heart has also been filled with new friends from the Foundation's staff and Survivor Support Network. Members of the fire service have

come into my life who will be lifelong friends. I hold each and every one close in my heart.

Lee had always told me he would be there to take care of me. He may be gone, but through his death he has been able to fill my life with special people who understand, care and support me. I am so fortunate and truly grateful. Lee would be proud.



helps save three lives, which means Christa has made a difference to 195 people this year. In the past two years, we have collected enough blood to help 300 individuals in Christa's name. It is our goal to keep getting bigger each year. We would like to reach a goal of 106 units, since 106 is Christa's unit number.

After the blood drive, a memorial was held. There were more than 80 people in attendance,

many of them uniformed officers and EMTs. It has meant a lot to Christa's family to know that there are so many people who think about Christa and miss her as much as they do. The memorial was concluded by a candle lighting ceremony and the release of 33 balloons, in honor of the fact that we had Christa with us for 33 years.

back – infant CPR. Joey was breathing again when the rescue rig arrived with oxygen. The Kenockee Township

Fire Department had several more runs on Joey Hagel during his first year. It was exciting when the whole fire department was invited to Joey's first birthday party. It was held in Joey's yard with two fire trucks in the driveway. Joey is now in kindergarten and has been to the fire hall for fire prevention lessons with his class. There has been a bond between

my family and Joey's family. Joey and his mom came over yesterday with this photo for me, taken at the Fireman's Memorial in Roscommon, Michigan.

REMEMBERING FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS continued

TRUCK DEDICATION By MaryRose McNamee, wife of Steve McNamee (1993-IL)

Here's a photo of my son, Steven, and me with the truck that is dedicated



to Steve and assigned to the Chicago Fire Academy. We were attending Roll Call at the Fire Academy on November 23, 2009, the anniversary of Steve's accident 16 years ago. Steve was remembered, and we were presented with a commemorative badge. Quite an honor.



2009 Memorial Weekend Keepsakes

Our photographers took hundreds of photos during the Memorial Weekend, and we would like to share them with you. To view and order prints, go to: http://www.firehero.org/photos Enter the following information to access the photos: User: MWphotos Password: myfirefighter Visit the Foundation's online store at www.firehero.org to purchase DVDs of the Candlelight and Memorial Services, t-shirts, pins, and patches.

A LETTER TO THE FOUNDATION



wanted to take this time to write to you and express my feelings on the events of this year's [Memorial Weekend] celebration.

My son, Robert Henry, was honored

in 1992. We have not been back since that time. I was, as was my family, absolutely amazed at what your foundation has done over these years.

I don't want to use the word "improvements," as I thought you were great in 1992, but everything was so perfect. Every detail. The water supply scattered about the campus to ensure hydration. The meals and cafeteria staff were great. The clowns are a very nice touch. All the staff, every single person, most of which work behind the scenes that the families don't see, are all to be commended for their great efforts to carry out such a monumental feat.

The year that Robert died, my daughter was pregnant with my first grandchild. Justin was born in October 1991, and we brought him with us. He never got to know his Uncle Robert, but he said he felt so connected to him by being there.

I took many, many pictures and took them to work to share your hard work with my nursing staff. Most of them had no awareness of your foundation.

I am so truly grateful to all of you at the foundation and to all the volunteer workers who come back year after year. You folks are truly angels here on earth.

Barbara Taitt, Mother of Robert Henry (1991-MD)

Fred Benzel Goes Above and Beyond



irefighter Fred Benzel was honored recently during the annual meeting of the Nebradra Serious

of the Nebraska Serious Injury and Line-of-Duty Death Response Team.

Benzel was honored for helping to save the life of another firefighter who had suffered a heart attack.

Benzel was assisting with a fundraiser to raise money for the Nebraska Fire & Rescue Memorial when he received a call from Chief Hughes of the Grand Island Fire Department (GIFD), advising him that there was a 24-year-old firefighter at a local restaurant in cardiac arrest. GIFD units were

en route. Knowing Benzel was involved with the Response Team, Chief Hughes asked him to respond to the local hospital to see if he could be of any assistance. FF Benzel assisted the hospital staff, performing CPR on the downed firefighter, and acted as a liaison between the ER staff

and the firefighter's family and fellow firefighters. Happily, FF Benzel continues to keep in contact with the firefighter, who made a complete recovery.

And that's not all! Here's what Chief Gary Doxon of the Maywood VFD had to add about Fred Benzel:

"I wish to take this opportunity to pad Fred's resume a little more. Even through all the things Fred is involved in, he has still found the time to come out here and help train our volunteer department. Fred's dad, Steve, is one of our firemen. Through Fred's

efforts, we have the support of the GIFD to better ourselves as firefighters. We feel very privileged to have young men like Fred involved in our communities."

Way to go, Fred Benzel! You make us all proud.



AND NOW, A WORD FROM OUR SPONSORS...



everal of the Foundation's corporate sponsors attended the Dover NASCAR race and wrote to us about that experience.

By Barry Balliet, Provident Agency

How do we at Provident Agency feel about our experience as a sponsor of the Dover NASCAR race?

We feel a bit depressed, almost distressed due to the fact that the featured NFFF driver, Kevin Harvick, did not win! All kidding aside, we at Provident Agency could not have been more pleased and excited about the day's festivities.

Consider these highlights:

- 1. A special tour of the Monster Mile.
- 2. The opportunity to address a crowd of 2,000 fire service personnel and friends in the NFFF Hospitality Tent.
- 3. The emotion and thrill of standing on the infield stage with fellow sponsors for a special presentation in which a check in excess of \$98,000 was presented.
- 4. An incredibly passionate and vocal crowd of 100,000.
- 5. The Fire Service joining the throng in the stands as the clouds literally parted.

A DAY AT THE RACES, By Gina Mattern, Fetha Styx

On September 26th, 2009, I had the pleasure of joining staff members from the NFFF (and a couple thousand firefighters) for the race at Dover Speedway. Wow! What an experience! And I'm not just talking about the race—which, by the way, was an exhilarating experience.

I am very familiar with the bond and brotherhood between firefighters, as my husband is a firefighter. However, not even that prepared me for the depth of the bond that is shared throughout each and every department across the country. Also astounding was the level of support that is provided to these men and women, and to their families, by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

The pre-race function was held in a tent that was filled to overflowing with firefighters. The morning passed quickly with giveaways, door prizes, barbecue, & beer. We all 6. The deafening and spine tingling roar of the race.

What a great day, but evermore important was the opportunity to support the NFFF <u>mission</u>. Provident Agency is privileged to partner with a variety of fire service organizations. Under the guidance of Chief Ron Siarnicki and his dedicated staff, the NFFF is a vital player in the fire service field.

The Foundation performs the admirable tasks of honoring our Fallen Heroes and assisting their families and co-workers. With grave importance, they serve as a focal point and a coalition builder in the role of addressing and preventing line-of-duty deaths and injuries.

Provident Agency has sought since 1928 to provide America's Heroes with insurance benefits; we know all too well their realities and needs. It is apparent that work certainly remains in the implementation of the firefighters' life safety initiatives.

We are resolute in our mission to serve America's Heroes; our continued partnership with the NFFF is a dynamic aspect of our plan.

listened to heartwarming and heartbreaking stories from survivors. All of the stories shared one common theme–the support that they received from the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

Our main reason for attending this function was to help raise money for the NFFF. Another reason, which ties to the first, was to promote our True Hero Series line of fishing rods. The True Hero Series was designed in honor of firefighters and police officers. Fetha Styx is donating \$10 from the sale of every rod in the fire series to the NFFF and \$10 from the sale of every rod in the police series to the NLEOMF.

We achieved both of our goals that day by introducing our True Hero series at the function, and by helping raise over \$98,000 for the NFFF!

Our company is truly honored to have partnered with the NFFF.

NFFF GOLF TOURNAMENTS



n 2004, the first National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Golf Tournament was held in Fairfield, Pennsylvania.

Now in its seventh year, the tournament has evolved into an annual event where members of the fire service, the local business community, survivors of fallen firefighters, and others join together for a fun day of golf and fellowship in support of the NFFF.



Encouraged by the success of the tournament, many individuals across the country have stepped forward to host similar events in their areas. In 2010, approximately 45 Golf Tournaments will be held; proceeds from this outreach are expected to net more than \$250,000 in operating funds for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

The NFFF Golf Tournaments have become an important source of revenue for the Foundation. Proceeds directly support

GRIEF CAMPS FOR CHILDREN

AMERICA'S CAMP

America's Camp celebrated its 8th Anniversary this summer and is still going strong. For a second year, our attendance reached over 250 children. Parents and campers alike are singing their praises of yet another great summer.

Thank you for a great year at America's Camp. The food, the people, woodshop, the lake, and Polar Bear were all great. How do you make everything so special? We look forward to camp every year, and wish it was more than a week. The best part of my summer was seeing everyone at camp. Can't wait to see everyone next year. - Abigail, Junior Camper

For the third time, America's Camp was held at Camp Danbee in Western Massachusetts. Buses were provided for all campers to ride from the New York City and Boston areas to camp, although some families chose to drive their children to camp so they could get a look at the facilities and meet some of our staff.

This summer, campers enjoyed activities such as the annual *Carnival*, which included giant inflatable rides, dunk tank, cotton candy, games, and prizes. New this year was a 30-pad *Dance Dance Revolution* video game contest. As a special surprise this year, recording artist JAICKO served as the grand finale as he performed for the camp.

This summer was full of music! Amy Kuney, a singersongwriter from Los Angeles, visited us for the second year for an evening concert and stayed through camp to run songwriting workshops for the campers. The older campers have reported one of their favorite activities at camp was the trip to Six Flags New England, which was topped off in the evening by a stop at Interskate 91, which was reserved for America's Camp only. Campers and staff skated, bowled, and played games all evening together, and everyone requested that we go

back again next year.

We are already beginning to make plans for summer number nine to be held once again at Camp Danbee from August 17 - 24, 2010. Early enrollments are being accepted for new families who wish to send their children and join in this fun-filled event.



America's Camp is a free one-week summer camp experience for children who lost a parent in the attacks on September 11th or who have lost a parent in the line of duty at any time. Proof of qualification will be required for all new campers, so visit our website and see whether your child(ren) qualify to join us for this experience. If your family is already participating in America's Camp, spread the word! We love new campers, and we are always accepting new applications.

For more information visit our website at <u>www.americascamp.org</u>, or contact our coordinator, Beth Griffin, at <u>beth@americascamp.org</u> or 1-800-548-6295.

fund, develop and grow Camp Erin. These community-

CAMP ERIN

The Moyer Foundation was founded in 2000 by MLB All-Star pitcher Jamie Moyer and his wife, Karen,

with a mission to help children in distress. The Moyer Foundation's furthest reaching initiative is Camp Erin, the largest national network of youth bereavement camps in the country.

Camp Erin is a free bereavement camp designed for children and teens ages 6-17 that have experienced the death of someone close to them. It is a weekend-long camp filled with traditional, fun, outdoor activities combined with grief education and emotional support.

Bereavement professionals, licensed counselors and trained volunteers lead age appropriate groups through clinical activities such as art therapy, journaling, planned discussions and remembrance ceremonies. These activities give grieving youth the opportunity to process and validate their feelings while forming bonds and friendships with their peers also dealing with loss.

The Moyer Foundation partners with healthcare and bereavement organizations in local communities to help



based organizations also offer year-round grief support outside of camp weekend. With 36 Camp Erins in 23 states and one in Canada, there is likely a camp location near you.

To learn more about Camp Erin, find additional grief resources in your area, or to find a camp location near you, please visit <u>www.moyerfoundation.org</u> or call (206) 298-1217.

> "My children ages 8, 12, and 17 suffered the deaths of five family

members in a thirteen month period. Not only was Camp Erin able to provide true peer relationships that individual counseling could not, but my children gained reassurance that they are not the only ones who have lost a loved one. I am truly grateful." -Tami Reichel, Camp Erin Parent

"I had a blast here at camp. It was amazing. For 5 years I've been carrying the death of my dad, but during the ceremony we did here at camp, now I think I am ready to let go and remember the good times. I loved my time here. Thank you." - Jessica, age 15



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NFFF GOLF TOURNAMENTS continued

- Golf at an NFFF tournament, or attend a
- tournament dinner

Volunteer at a local tournament

- involved:

- to make a difference. There are several ways to get
- and volunteers that the NFFF Golf Tournament program has grown so rapidly. Please consider donating your time and talent, and help us continue

the upkeep and future expansion of the National Fallen

of fallen firefighters, and enable the Foundation to provide

support to fire departments coping with a line-of-duty

fatality. Additional financial support empowers the Foundation to commit significant resources toward

It is through the hard work and dedication of

our tournament coordinators, committee members,

the prevention of firefighter line-of-duty deaths.

Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and

• Become an individual, business, or corporate sponsor; sponsorships may be dedicated to the memory of a fallen family member or coworker

For more information, locations, and dates of the golf

tournaments, visit http://golf.firehero.org or contact Tricia

(Check www.baskinrobbins.com for locations.)

Dinner & Seminars, Washington, DC

Dover International Speedway, Dover, DE

Hurlbutt at golf@firehero.org or (410) 353-0216.

SAVE THE DATE!

April 28-29, 2010 - 22nd Annual Congressional Fire Services Institute

May 10-14, 2010 - Fire Service Survivors Conference, Schaumburg, IL

September 26, 2010 - Firefighter Appreciation Day/Sprint Cup Race at

April 1, 2010 - Deadline for NFFF scholarship applications

Emmitsburg, MD

April 28, 2010 - 31¢ Scoop Night at Baskin-Robbins

enable surviving family members of fallen firefighters to attend the Memorial Weekend each October. These funds • Donate an auction item or prize for a tournament also help to provide scholarships to spouses and children