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Three Illinois Fallen Firefighters to be Honored at National Memorial Service October 9

EMMITSBURG, MD – The 35th Annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service will honor three firefighters who died in the line of duty from Illinois. They are among the 79 firefighters who died in 2015 and 33 firefighters who died in previous years who will be remembered at the official national service at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland on Sunday, October 9.

Firefighter Daniel V. Capuano, age 43, of the Chicago Fire Department died of injuries sustained when he fell down an elevator shaft in heavy smoke conditions during a warehouse fire on December 14, 2015.

Chief Kenneth J. Lehr, age 59, of the Medora Community Fire Protection District died after being struck by apparatus while setting up a landing zone on February 5, 2015.

Firefighter/Paramedic Mark A. Zielinski Sr., age 49, of the Matteson Fire Department died after he collapsed while performing CPR on December 4, 2015.

Their names will be added to the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial on the Academy grounds. The national tribute is sponsored by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) and the Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Fire Administration.

Thousands are expected to attend the service, including families and friends of the fallen firefighters, members of Congress, Administration officials and other dignitaries. 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 country will participate in this national tribute.

For a complete list of fallen firefighters being honored and a widget to display their information on your website, along with Memorial Weekend related videos, photos, media and broadcast information go to www.firehero.org.