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Four Missouri Fallen Firefighters to be Honored at National Memorial Service October 9

EMMITSBURG, MD – The 35th Annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service will honor four firefighters who died in the line of duty from Missouri. 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.

Engineer Larry Lawhorn, age 60, of the Orchard Farm Fire Protection District died after responding to a mutual-aid call on May 3, 2015.

Fire Apparatus Operator Larry J. Leggio, age 43, and Firefighter John V. Mesh, age 39, of the Kansas City Fire Department died in a building collapse during an apartment fire on October 12, 2015.

Battalion Chief Christopher A. Tindall, age 41, of the South Metropolitan Fire Protection District died on January 8, 2015, after responding to multiple calls.

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.