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Thirty New York Fallen Firefighters to be Honored at National Memorial Service October 9

EMMITSBURG, MD – The 35th Annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service will honor 30 firefighters who died in the line of duty from New York. 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.

Battalion Chief Richard Arazosa, age 65; Captain Sheldon Barocas, age 61; Firefighter Michael Behette, age 55; Battalion Chief John Cassidy, age __; Firefighter Roy Chelsen, age 51; Battalion Chief John Corcoran, age 70; Firefighter Kevin Delano, age 54; Lieutenant Martin Fullam, age 56; Captain John Gallagher, Sr., age 70; Lieutenant John Halpin, age 61; Supervising Fire Marshal Emil Harnischfeger, age 71; Lieutenant Robert Hess, age 46; Firefighter Stephen Johnson, age 47; Firefighter Robert Leaver, age 56; Firefighter James Marshall, age 62; Firefighter Eugene McCarey, age 60; Firefighter Sean McCarthy, age 35; Firefighter Michael Mongelli, age 64; Lieutenant John Murray, age 53; Firefighter John O’Neil, age 59; Firefighter Jacques Paultre, age 52; Lieutenant Steven Reisman, age 54; EMT Joseph Schiumo, age 47; and Lieutenant Randy Wiebicke, age 54; of the Fire Department of New York, died of diseases related to the recovery efforts at the World Trade Center after September 11, 2001.

Firefighter Floyd E. Coon, age 54, of the Horseheads Fire Department died on the scene of a mutual-aid barn fire on July 20, 1982.

Firefighter Timothy T. Gunther, age 54, of the City of Poughkeepsie Fire Department died on May 5, 2015, after he experienced cardiac related symptoms while fighting a residential structure fire.

Assistant Chief of EMS/Firefighter Barry G. Miller, age 50, of the Bergen Fire Department died when the ambulance he was responding in collided with a backhoe on September 23, 2015.

Captain Jack H. G. Rose, age 19, of the Mount Marion Fire Department died after he became separated from his crew and was found unresponsive on December 19, 2015.

Firefighter Lawrence G. Sesso, age 40, of the Sayville Fire Department died of a heart attack several hours after he responded to a commercial structure fire on August 22, 2015.

Firefighter Charles V. Wallace, age 74, of the Montgomery Volunteer Fire Department died after being struck by a vehicle while directing traffic during a mutual-aid structure fire response on February 3, 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.