



# NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION

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## **Four Ohio Fallen Firefighters to be Honored at National Memorial Service October 9**

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

Fire Apparatus Operator Daryl E. Gordon, age 54, of the Cincinnati Fire Department died after he fell down an elevator shaft while operating at an apartment fire on March 26, 2015.

Captain Charles H. Horning II, age 54, of the Townsend Township Fire Department died after he responded to a fire call on October 13, 2015.

Lieutenant David C. Knapke, age 56, of Williamsburg Township Emergency Services suffered a sudden cardiac event while operating at a mutual-aid structure fire and later died on June 5, 2015.

Firefighter Patrick R. Wolterman, age 28, of the Hamilton Fire Department died after he became trapped in a residential structure fire on December 28, 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](http://www.firehero.org).