



# NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION

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## **Michigan Fallen Firefighters to be Honored at National Memorial Service October 8**

EMMITSBURG, MD – The 36<sup>th</sup> Annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service will honor six firefighters who died in the line of duty from Michigan. They are among the 75 firefighters who died in 2016 and 20 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 8, 2017.

Firefighter Trainee Charles C. Adams, Jr., age 47, of the Spring Arbor Township Fire Department, died on January 2, 2016, after he collapsed and momentarily lost consciousness while participating in search and rescue training.

Captain Fred A. Newton, Sr., age 66, of the Somerset Township Fire Department and EMS, died on December 27, 2016, after he was found unresponsive in his car by station personnel shortly after completing his shift.

Firefighter Dennis E. Rodeman, age 35, of the Lansing Fire Department, died on September 9, 2015, after he was struck by a passing motorist while participating in a fundraising campaign.

Firefighter James Frederick “Jimmy” Shelifoe, Jr., age 23, and Firefighter Alan J. Swartz, age 25, of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Beartown Firefighters died on August 27, 2016, from injuries sustained in a vehicle accident that occurred enroute to assist with wildfires.

Firefighter Thomas G. Walker, age 70, of the Otsego County Fire Department, died on November 27, 2016, after he collapsed at home shortly after responding to an early-morning alarm.

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 [weekend.firehero.org](http://weekend.firehero.org).

