



NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION

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Ohio Fallen Firefighters to be Honored at National Memorial Service October 8

EMMITSBURG, MD – The 36th Annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service will honor four firefighters who died in the line of duty from Ohio. 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 John R. Fritz, age 48, from the Austintown Fire Department, died on June 27, 2016 after he was found unresponsive in the station by fellow crew members several hours after having run multiple emergency calls during his shift.

Firefighter Adam Le Long, age 43, from the Defense Supply Center Columbus Fire and Emergency Services, died on October 31, 2016, from a heart attack after participating in required physical training during his duty shift at the station.

Firefighter Reuben Mast, age 43, from the Wayne Township Volunteer Fire Department, died on December 19, 2016, from injuries sustained during a crash that occurred as he was responding to the fire station for an EMS call.

Fire Technician Kenny Ray, Jr., age 32, of the Timken Steel Fire & Security, died on March 20, 2016, from asphyxiation in a control room where he was completing assigned fire extinguisher checks.

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.