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

EMMITSBURG, MD – The 36th Annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service will honor two firefighters who died in the line of duty from Pennsylvania. 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.

Deputy Chief Michael P. Morgan, age 48, from the Garrettford-Drexel Hill Volunteer Fire Company, died on June 26, 2016, after he reported feeling ill shortly after responding to two emergency calls on May 3, 2016.

Firefighter Earl J. Shoemaker, age 68, from the Hanover Fire Department, Eagle Fire Company #2, died on March 12, 2016 in a motor vehicle accident while he was driving the department's mobile air unit to a mutual-aid structure fire.

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.