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South Carolina 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 South Carolina. 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 Christopher Gene Ray, age 42, of the Conway Fire Rescue died on March 20, 2016 from traumatic injuries sustained when he fell off the back of the fire apparatus at the scene of a residential structure fire.

Assistant Chief Jeff A. Worsham, age 45, of the Whitesville Rural Volunteer Fire Department, died on December 10, 2016, after he was found in cardiac arrest after responding to a motor vehicle accident on December 2, 2016.

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.