



# NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION

**Phone:** 301-447-1365 **E-mail:** [FireHero@FireHero.org](mailto:FireHero@FireHero.org) **Web:** [www.FireHero.org](http://www.FireHero.org)

For Immediate Release

Media Contact: Donna Clark 240-723-0615

## **Texas 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 four firefighters who died in the line of duty from Texas. 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.

Driver/Engineer Marco A. Davila, age 45, of the Dallas Fire-Rescue Department, died on March 23, 2016, after collapsing at home several hours after responding to an automobile fire.

Firefighter John Kendall Reynolds, Sr., age 52, of the Buffalo Volunteer Fire Department, died on July 3, 2016, after complaining of head and neck pain shortly after assisting with establishing a medical helicopter landing zone on June 26, 2016.

Firefighter Coby L. Slaughter, age 36, of the Wink Volunteer Fire Department, died on September 7, 2016, when the fire apparatus he was driving was struck head-on.

Firefighter Cadet Steven R. Whitfield, II, age 32, of the Houston Fire Department, died on March 31, 2016, when he collapsed immediately after completing a physically-intense cadet training obstacle course.

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).