ABOUT THE NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION



The United States Congress created the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) in 1992 to lead a nationwide effort to honor the memories of all U.S. firefighters who died in the line of duty and to provide support to their loved ones. As part of this mission, each October the Foundation hosts the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend, the official national tribute, in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Through activities offered during the weekend the families of the fallen will find reassurance that their loved ones will not be forgotten, and they have a place to find comfort and compassion.

Beyond the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend, the NFFF helps families with similar experiences and interests find each other through the Fire Hero Family Network. We provide college scholarships for spouses and children, and coordinate conferences and workshops for parents, spouses, children and co-workers.

Furthermore, the NFFF established Local Assistance State Teams to support fire departments when a line-of-duty death occurs. These teams also help families who may be eligible to file paperwork for the Public Safety Officers' Benefits program administered by the Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance.

Over the years, the Foundation recognized that another way to honor the fallen and support their families is to work with all branches of the fire service to reduce line-of-duty deaths and injuries.

In 2004, the first Firefighter Life Safety Summit was held to address a need to reduce the number of preventable line-of-duty deaths. More than 200 fire service and industry leaders worked together to develop the 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives. Out of those initiatives, the NFFF created Everyone Goes Home®. This program provides free resources and training opportunities to our nation's firefighters that underscore accepting responsibility for our health and safety.

In addition, the Foundation has provided funding for research that examines coronary heart disease, stroke, and diabetes prevention. The NFFF also sponsors meetings to address evolving needs of the fire service community such as cancer prevention and behavioral health issues.

These are just a few examples of the services and programs offered by the Foundation. A Board of Directors and Advisory Committee guide the Foundation's activities. Members represent the private sector, fire and emergency services, fire hero families, and government. With their input, the NFFF will always be ready to fulfill its mission to honor the fallen, assist their families, and prevent line-of-duty deaths.



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It's an honor to work alongside of such dedicated and giving people.

Without the understanding and support of our sponsors, it would be impossible to support our fallen firefighters' families and co-workers.

— Chief Dennis Compton
Chairman of the Board, NFFF

About Us

ongress created the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation in 1992 to lead a nationwide effort to honor America's fallen firefighters. Our mission is to honor and remember America's fallen fire heroes. assist their families in re-building their lives, and reduce firefighter deaths and injuries.

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation is the only fire service organization that represents every facet of the American fire service—career, contractor, military, volunteer, and wildland.

The Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, located in Emmitsburg, Maryland. It is registered as a corporation in the State of Maryland. When Congress created the Foundation, it did not provide funding or financial assistance, so the Foundation relies on funding through private donations from caring individuals, organizations, corporations, federal grants, and other foundations.



Our Programs

Fire Hero Family Programs Fire Service Programs Fire Hero Family Network Everyone Goes Home® Grief Resources/Publications Local Assistance State Teams Wellness Conference Vulnerability Assessment Program Memorial Weekend • Fire Service Training/ Fire Hero Learning Network Hal Bruno Camps for Children Taking Care of Our Own® of Fallen Firefighters Behavioral Health Support Young Adult Programs Chief-to-Chief Network Scholarships

Fire Hero Family Network

Families of fallen firefighters can provide a unique kind of support to one another. Simply connecting with someone else who has lost a firefighter can offer a sense of hope and understanding.

Members of our Fire Hero Family Network volunteer to provide peer support to newly bereaved families. The Foundation matches members of the Network with family members who face similar circumstances.

Members of this special network of friends remind each other that they are not alone.



Grief Resources/Publications

The Journey is a bi-monthly publication for fire hero families that focuses on issues related to loss and healing and includes the reflections and memories of fire hero family members in their own words.

Our website, *www.firehero.org*, provides information for fire hero families, line-of-duty death related resources, benefits, and programs and events.

Grief brochures for families of fallen firefighters are provided for free. The Foundation also has a Lending Library for our fire hero families. Many of the books are written by family members who know firsthand what it is like to lose a loved one.



Fire Hero Family Wellness Conference

When a firefighter dies in the line of duty, his or her loved ones are left with unique challenges as they begin to rebuild their lives. Fortunately, families of fallen firefighters have a place to go to find the support, comfort, and resources they need. They also make connections and memories that last a lifetime.

This event gives spouses, parents, children, and siblings of fallen firefighters an opportunity to attend workshops related to grief and loss, physical and emotional wellness. The focus is on action steps and daily practices that increase quality of life after loss. Participants build support with others who have experienced similar losses.





Memorial Weekend

Every October, the Foundation sponsors the official national tribute to all firefighters who died in the line of duty during the previous year. The Memorial Weekend offers private activities for families of fallen firefighters and co-workers, along with public ceremonies. Thousands attend the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend in Emmitsburg, Maryland.





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Hal Bruno Camps for Children of Fallen Firefighters



Hal Bruno served as Chairman of the NFFF Board of Directors and was dedicated to helping the families of fallen firefighters. In his memory, the Foundation offers camps for ages 4-6 and 7-17 for children and stepchildren of firefighters honored

at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial.

Structured camp activities give children from around the country a chance to meet others their own age with similar experiences. This interaction helps them feel less alone, talk with others who understand, and find ways to cope with their loss.

Camps provide a therapeutic component in combination with a dynamic camp setting, allowing

campers to process their grief in a fun and safe environment.

The camp is free, and the Foundation helps with travel/lodging expenses for campers and parents/guardians.



Programs for Young Adults

For a child, losing a parent changes life forever, even into adulthood. It shakes the foundation and sense of safety that every child relies on, and it changes the family structure. The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation has established a retreat for young adults, ages 18-24, whose firefighter parent died in the line of duty. Many did not receive counseling as children.

This retreat provides skills to deal with grief, developing increased independence, self-expression, and individual growth. Attendees have an opportunity to meet with others their age who have had similar experiences.





Outward Bound

The Foundation partners with Outward Bound for this exciting life-changing adventure, which is specifically designed for youth coping with the death of a loved one. Outward Bound encourages self-expression in a safe environment and helps participants find healing. It is a course that challenges you to discover your inner strength. Those who have completed the course have reported increased self-confidence, self-esteem, and teamwork skills.

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and Outward Bound have partnered to provide tuition for the program. Lodging costs are covered, and Foundation assists with travel.



Scholarships

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation offers financial assistance for post-secondary education and training to spouses, life partners, children and stepchildren of firefighters honored at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial. Scholarships are awarded for undergraduate, graduate studies, vocational-technical training, and certification and job training programs. They may be used at in-state, out-of-state public and private schools.

Since the program began in 1997, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and its partners have awarded over \$3,741,000 to spouses, life partners, children, and stepchildren of fallen firefighters.













Taking Care of Our Own®

Taking Care of Our Own® training provides senior fire officers specific information about being prepared for a line-of-duty death.

The course includes information about Public Safety Officer Benefits (PSOB) and gives guidance on the resources that should be made available when dealing with a line-of-duty death and what elements should be included when developing a LODD policy.

Each training team includes a chief, members of fallen firefighters' families, and a behavioral health professional.

Local Assistance State Teams (LAST)

Everything that happens immediately after a line-of-duty death effects the way the family, the department, and the community recover from the loss. The Foundation thinks the best place for a

department to turn for support is within its

own state or region.

The primary objective of the Local Assistance State Teams is to assist families and departments after a line-of-duty death and to help with filing for federal, state and local benefits.



Everyone Goes Home®

The *Everyone Goes Home*® Program provides free training, resources, and programs to champion and implement the 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives.

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The 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives were jointly developed by representatives of major fire service constituencies during the 2004 Firefighter Life Safety Summit. The initiatives serve as a blueprint to reduce firefighter line-of-duty



deaths and injuries.

Fire Service Training

The Foundation offers training programs to departments to assist and to reduce risk of a fatality or serious injury, prepare for a potential LODD or serious injury, to assist firefighters with behavioral health support, and to reduce risks in the community.

Fire Hero Learning Network Online Training

The Fire Hero Learning Network serves as a central hub and allows registered users to access free, multimedia training modules that can all be done on your own time, at your convenience.

The following courses and more are available at www.fireherolearningnetwork.com:

- Courage to Be Safe®
- Leadership, Accountability, Culture and Knowledge
- After Action Review
- Creating Change in the Fire Service
- Curbside Manner—Stress First Aid for the Streets
- Stress First Aid for Fire and EMS Personnel
- Taking Care of Our Own®
- Communication & Mentoring for Company Officers
- Company Officer's Health & Safety Responsibilities
- Saving Lives: Inspiring Stories in Community Risk Reduction
- 3D Fire Attack Scenario
- Automatic Fire Sprinklers and Alarm Systems



Vulnerability Assessment Program (VAP)

Now, every department has a free online tool to help assess their risk of losing or injuring a firefighter. The Vulnerability Assessment Program looks at everything from fireground operations to daily activities in the station such as assessing station organization, resource allocation and management. It begins with the chief or other department officials answering a series of questions based on the six root causes of firefighter line-of-duty deaths and injuries. Based on those answers, the program identifies potential risks within the department or individual stations. Guidance is provided to take corrective steps to reduce those risks.

This tool can also help department leaders justify budget requests, by offering the resources needed to address identified risks.

Wildland Fire Service Initiative

NFFF has been honoring wildland firefighters since its inception. Through a series of listening sessions, we discovered many members of the wildland community did not consider themselves part of the fire service because of their primary function as land managers. This inspired the Foundation to develop a comprehensive plan to include the wildland fire service community.

The Foundation is forging relationships with the wildland firefighting community and identifying opportunities for program outreach. Existing Fire Service Programs are being reviewed and modified to include content relatable to wildland firefighters. Additionally, the NFFF has partnered with the Wildland Firefighter Foundation (WFF) in an effort to mutually support each other.

Fire Service Programs transcends whether a firefighter is a structural "blue shirt" or wildland "yellow shirt." "Everyone Goes Home" is equally applicable to every firefighter regardless of what protective clothing they wear.

Chief-to-Chief Network

The Chief-to-Chief Network grew out of a need expressed by chiefs who had lost firefighters in the line of duty. The Foundation has established a network of senior fire officers who have one thing in common: They have all experienced the death of a firefighter in the line of duty and understand what



a department goes through. Network members share information on issues such as:

- Incident follow-up and investigations
- Support for the fallen firefighter's family and co-workers
- Funeral and memorial service arrangements
- Requests for information from media and community
- Personal feelings of loss

Seatbelt Pledge

To help encourage more individuals and departments to use their seatbelts at all times, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation has revamped the International First Responder Seatbelt Pledge website, making it easier than ever to use. The system is completely automated for those who wish to begin a seatbelt campaign in their departments. You can take the pledge at www.seatbeltpledge.com.



First Responder Center for Excellence for Reducing Occupational Illness, Injuries and Deaths, Inc. (FRCE)

Our nation's first responders answer their call to duty without hesitation. While they train and prepare tactically for their daily responses, they must also be physically and mentally prepared for those calls.

In 2016, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation created the First Responder Center for Excellence to provide increased awareness, training and research to ensure that first responders have the correct tools and information to build and maintain a healthy foundation to reduce injuries and fatalities related to behavioral health, cardiac and cancer, as well as improve overall health and wellness. The

First Responder Center for Excellence is committed to promoting quality educational awareness and research in five main programmatic areas: Cancer Prevention and Awareness, Behavioral Health, Firefighter Physical Initiative, Cardiac and Health and Wellness.



Cancer Prevention and Awareness

- Firefighting is inherently dangerous work. There is an unseen, and less recognized, danger firefighter's face the risk of developing cancer. Building materials introduced over the last 40 years, such as engineered thermoplastics and laminated veneer lumber, significantly contribute to the release of cancer-causing agents during structure fires.
- Firefighters have a greater number of certain types of cancer diagnoses than the general U.S. population.
- Cancer is a leading cause of firefighter deaths in the United States.
- Studies have shown that firefighters have increased risk of certain cancers the longer they spend working in the fire service.

Fire Service Occupational Cancer Alliance

THE FRCE manages the activities of the Fire Service Occupational Cancer Alliance and develops resources for cancer awareness and prevention, such as the Fire Service Occupational Cancer Toolkit. Alliance members include representatives from fire service



organizations, government partners and other like-minded entities. The Alliance focuses on key topics including awareness and prevention, presumptive legislation, research, and recognition of firefighter cancer deaths as LODDs.

Behavioral Health Support for First Responders

First responders are faced with a myriad of stressors that go beyond what the general population may experience. The phrase "fit for duty" for first responders has historically only accounted for good physical health for the duties related to one's job. However, recent evidence-based research indicates that maintaining one's behavioral health is equally important. The effects of first responder stress events can factor into behavioral health issues such as post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse and depression. Resources available today, like Stress First Aid, address the unique stressors related to first responders and build on the strengths of first responders, including a sense of belonging, support from one another and a strong sense of purpose.

Fire Dynamics Boot Camp

Fire Dynamics Boot Camp is a train-the-trainer, intensive three day program designed to empower and prepare fire service leaders and instructors to incorporate the most current research findings about fire behavior and firefighting tactics into their training programs. Participants gain an improved understanding of fire dynamics and a digital tool kit to support their training efforts at home. Students also develop a network of instructional support from instructors who are implementing this material at their fire training academies.

www.firehero.org

Cardiac Awareness, Research, and Resources for First Responders

Cardiovascular disease is a leading cause of line-of-duty deaths among U.S. firefighters and an important and costly cause of morbidity. Firefighter cardiovascular events are largely due to Coronary Heart Disease (CHD), with Sudden Cardiac Death (SCD) accounting for most line-of-duty fatalities. The FRCE develops resources to educate first responders on the cardiac risks, as well as strategies to reduce the probability of a cardiac event.

Firefighter Physical Program Implementation Tools

The best way to diminish the effects of any diseases, illnesses or injuries is to detect them as early as possible. This is especially true for firefighters who, in many cases, are at greater risk for certain diseases, illnesses, and injuries than the general population. Annual physicals, based upon testing criteria for the increased health risks faced by firefighters, have proven to lead to early detection and prevention of long term illnesses. In conjunction with the International Association of Fire Chiefs the FRCE provides resources to firefighters and clinicians on the types of physicals and how to best implement a physical program.

National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park



National Fallen Firefighters Memorial

Constructed in 1981, the seven-foot stone monument features a sculpted Maltese Cross, the traditional symbol of the fire service. At the base of the monument an eternal flame symbolizes the spirit of all firefighters—past, present and future. Plaques encircling the monument list the names of the men and women of the fire service who have died in the line of duty since 1981.

Each year, America honors its fallen fire heroes during a National Memorial Service at the monument site. The ceremony includes the placing of a Presidential Wreath at the monument and dedication of a plaque honoring those who died in the line-of-duty during the previous year.

National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park

Walk of Honor®

The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park features a *Walk of Honor®* that connects the monument, the historic Fallen Firefighters Memorial Chapel, and memorial plazas. Each brick on the walkway bears a personal inscription. Separate sections in the crosswalks also recognize the Foundation's major donors. These special sections include corporations, organizations, and individuals for their support. Proceeds from the sale of these bricks help to finance construction of the Memorial Park.

Pre-1981 Section

Project Roll Call identifies and honors firefighters who died in the line of duty prior to the creation of



the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in 1981. A special section of bricks on the Walk of Honor® has been created so that departments and loved ones can remember these firefighters.



National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Chapel

The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Chapel is special to America's firefighters and our fire hero families. A Chapel Vigil is held, during the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend, so families can light a candle and place a rose in honor of their loved ones. During the holidays, the Chapel is decorated with trees bearing ornaments sent by our families.

The Chapel was built in 1839 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In 1997, it was designated as the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Chapel and formally dedicated in 1998 in memory of Chief A. Marvin Gibbons. Chief Gibbons was instrumental in building the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial. In 2006, the Chapel was restored by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and the offices of the Foundation are located there.

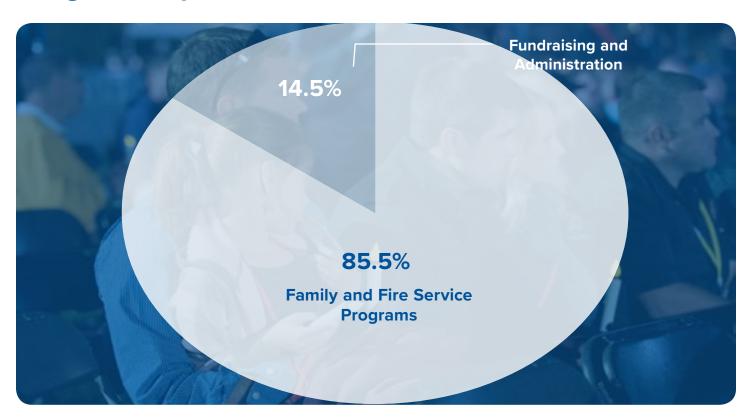
National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park

To Lift a Nation 9/11 Memorial

This 40-foot-tall bronze monument recreates the famous photo taken by Bergen Record photographer, Thomas E. Franklin, of three FDNY firefighters raising the American flag at Ground Zero. The monument stands 40 feet high, six feet deep and eight feet wide. Each of the three firefighter's statues weigh more than 5,000 pounds and were formed from approximately 160 bronze sections weighing between 60 to 80 pounds each. The monument sits beside a brick plaza that connects it to the Walk of Honor® in the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park.



Program Expenditures



Caring for the families
of those who died
in the line of duty is the
least we can do
for those who have given
so much.

— Chief Ron Siarnicki

Executive Director NFFF

Recognizing Those Who Care for the Fire Service Family

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation has established awards to honor individuals and organizations that support the mission of the Foundation and for those who show a commitment to the health and safety of firefighters throughout the country.

- Senator Paul S. Sarbanes Fire Service Safety Leadership Award
- Arthur J. Glatfelter Distinguished
 Service Award
- Seal of Excellence Award



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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD



In 1992, the United States Congress created the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) as the only national organization dedicated to honoring all of the nation's fallen firefighters and offering comfort and support to their loved ones and fellow firefighters.

To mark our 25th anniversary in October 2017, we were joined in Washington, DC by leaders of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus and other members of Congress, representatives from throughout the fire service industry, and many of our partners. It was a privilege to gather, in the halls where the NFFF was first envisioned, to recognize this anniversary with so many friends and supporters who understand and appreciate the critical role of the Foundation.

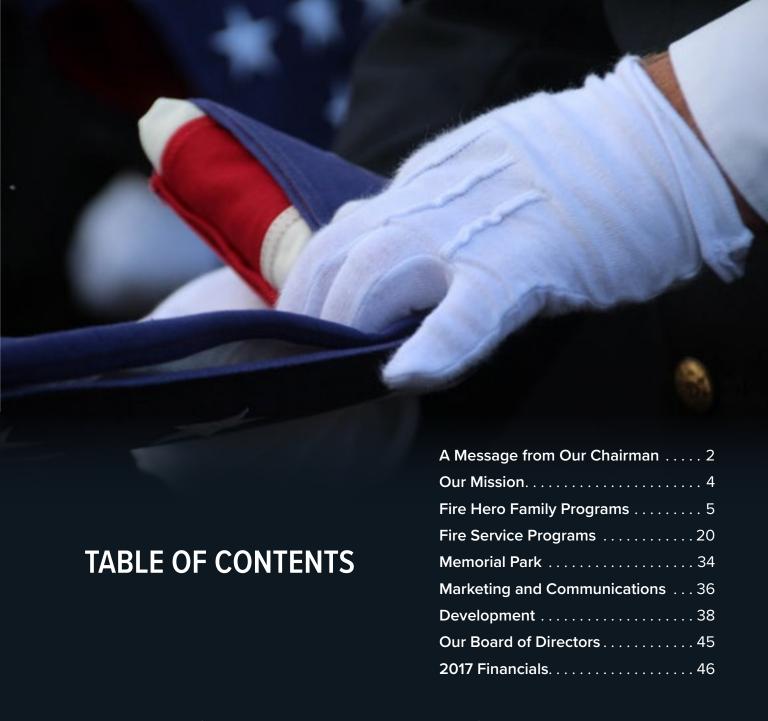
It was also an opportunity for me, and I believe many others, to reflect on the Foundation's mission and our progress. I'm proud of the enhancements the Foundation has implemented over the years creating a more holistic approach to our family programs. We listened to their needs and implemented new programs and activities that focus on wellness, one of the important steps along their journey of healing.

Another point of pride for the NFFF is the facilitation of the Fire Service Occupational Cancer Alliance. The members of the Alliance have joined together to strengthen firefighter cancer research, prevention, detection, treatment and support priorities. The Fire Service Occupational Cancer Symposium conducted in September 2017 in Phoenix, Arizona was a huge success and set the stage for continued dialogue, research and advancements.

What you'll read and see in the following pages is not just a culmination of NFFF accomplishments over the past year. It's a reflection of where we began and a road map to where we're headed – an ongoing journey. None of which would be possible without the staff, volunteers, affiliates, and many partners who believe strongly in the mission of the NFFF.

Sincerely,

Dennis Compton





Our mission is to honor and remember America's fallen firefighters, provide assistance to their families and coworkers, and work to prevent firefighter deaths and injuries.

Since its creation by Congress in 1992, the non-profit National Fallen Firefighters
Foundation (NFFF) has developed many programs to fulfill its Congressional mandate.
Federal grants and donations from individuals, organizations, corporations, and
foundations fund the Foundation's programs.





FIRE HERO FAMILY NETWORK

The Fire Hero Family Network is a group of family members of fallen firefighters who provide peer support to newly-bereaved families.

Members of the Foundation's Fire Hero Family Network provided emotional support and grief information to the surviving family members of 95 fallen firefighters in 2017. Matches are made based on similarities between the newlybereaved family members. For example, widows who were pregnant when their firefighter died were matched with widows from previous years who had been pregnant when their firefighter died.

FIRE HERO FAMILY WELLNESS CONFERENCE

Charleston, South Carolina, May 7 – 9, 2017 Workshops that provide ideas on creating a happy, healthy, productive life even when dealing with the long-term stresses that come with grief.



"I liked the fact that the conference was geared toward achieving personal wellness. Grieving is tough on the mind, body, and spirit."

HAL BRUNO CAMPS FOR CHILDREN OF FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS

Ward, Colorado, July 21 – 23, 2017 The loss of a parent affects children throughout their childhood.

The 6th annual Hal Bruno Camps for Children of Fallen Firefighters took a new approach in 2017. For the first time, the camp for the 7-17 age group and the camp for the 4-6-year-olds were held simultaneously in Ward, CO from July 21-23. This made it easier for parents who have children in both age groups to participate.

Partnering with Comfort Zone Camps, older campers stayed at the Glacier View Ranch with "Big Buddy" volunteers, who support their camper while providing the ultimate experience. Little campers stayed at the hotel with their parent or guardian and participated in activities led by a play therapist. All campers participated in the camps' closing ceremonies.



"I will remember everybody and everything that I have done.

I will also remember everything I have learned about grief and friendship."



YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT

Linthicum Heights, Maryland, August 3 – 5, 2017
The retreat helps young people understand and deal with grief and builds support as they move forward into full independence.

When a parent or sibling dies, the relationship doesn't end. As the family member continues to live, the bonds and connections continue. The Young Adults Retreat for children and siblings, ages 18 – 25, of fallen firefighters focuses on continuing those bonds and carrying the best of that relationship and that person forward, even while grieving the loss. The Retreat provides the opportunity to meet and share with others who have had similar experiences.

This year's retreat featured Baltimore-based mental health professionals, founders and co-authors of *What's Your Grief*. After being faced with the early death of a parent, and with over 10 years of experience in grief and bereavement, *What's Your Grief* was created in response to the lack of resources and support for this age group. The organization's mission is to promote grief education, exploration, and expression in both practical and creative ways.



YOUNG ADULTS
BETWEEN THE AGES OF

18 - 25
ATTENDED
THE RETREAT



"This retreat offered me a valuable opportunity to share my story and meet others facing the same struggle. I have learned from them and gained an amazing group of people to lean on."

OUTWARD BOUND

Delaware Water Gap, June 10 - 16, 2017
Week-long adventure encourages self-expression and healing.



The week of adventure challenged participants' inner strength and built their confidence and self-esteem. Participants departed Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to canoe and learn high rope skills.

"I've battled depression and anxiety much of my life and losing my dad has only heightened my feelings of being lost and purposeless. Upon my return, multiple people commented that I was 'like a different person,' that I seemed happy and social and comfortable."

ATTENDED

PARENTS AND SIBLINGS RETREAT

Linthicum Heights, Maryland, November 2 – 5, 2017
Participants learned about the emotional and physical aspects of grieving and discovered techniques to help them along their journey.



Families of firefighters who died from 1998 to 2016 supported one another. Participants connected with their peers that provide them support, hope and strength from knowing they are not alone. Time was spent making creative memories and celebrating the lives of their loved ones.

"This was not as overwhelming as the larger groups have been. It is very comforting and personable. It was very uplifting, and I will attend again."

STATES



The Foundation offers financial assistance for post-secondary education and training to spouses, life partners, children and step-children of firefighters honored at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial.

Scholarship recipients were from 26 different states. New York had the greatest number of recipients with 20. Of those, 9 recipients are family members of firefighters killed on 9/11. New Jersey had the second highest number

of recipients with 8. Recipients are attending institutions in 26 states. Recipients include 26 family members of volunteer firefighters and 52 family members of career firefighters.

2017 - 2018 ACADEMIC YEAR SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORTERS

NFFF, with a generous donation from the Motorola Solutions Foundation, Inc., awarded \$195,627 to 78 recipients.	ICMA-RC awarded \$16,000 to 16 recipients.	Global Health & Safety awarded a total of \$8,000 to 4 recipients.
National Association of State Fire Marshals awarded scholarships a total of \$10,000 to 10 recipients.	For the fourth year, The College Board contributed \$10,000 toward scholarships.	The Steel Family Charitable Foundation, Inc. awarded \$2,500 to 5 recipients.

THE FOUNDATION AND ITS PARTNERS AWARDED \$242,127

36TH ANNUAL NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL WEEKEND

Every October, the Foundation sponsors the official national tribute to all firefighters who died in the line of duty during the previous year.

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FIREFIGHTERS
WHO DIED IN 2016

20 FROM PREVIOUS YEARS

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FAMILY MEMBERS
PREVIOUSLY HONORED
RETURNED TO ASSIST
NEW FAMILIES

481
NEW FAMILY
MEMBERS ATTENDED

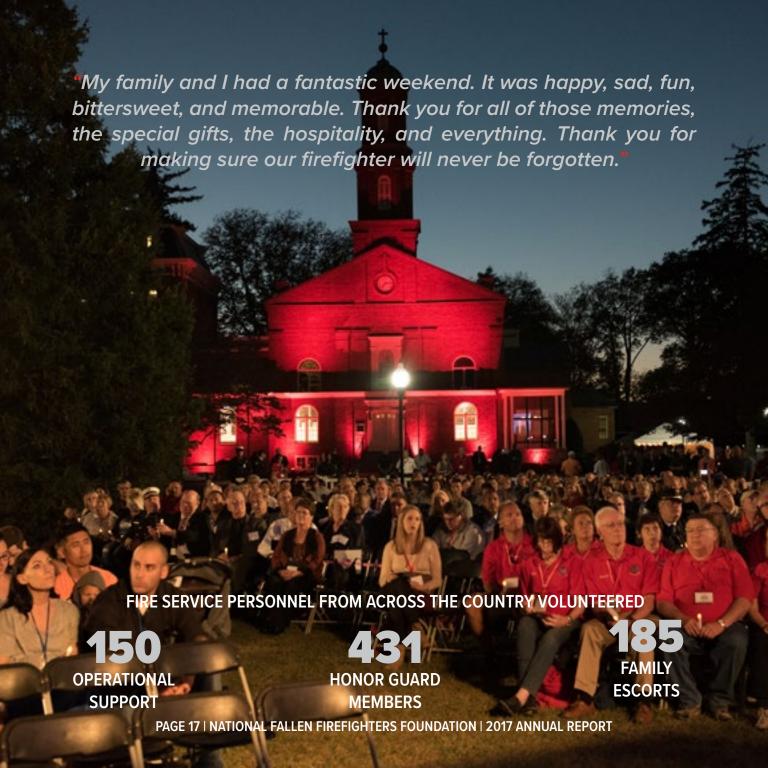
The families of the fallen were welcomed by the Foundation and other Fire Hero Families whose loved ones had been honored in previous years during a special dinner on Friday, October 6, 2017. On Saturday, October 7, 2017 they met in special groups based upon their relationship to their firefighter, learned about the services offered by the NFFF and talked with others. Our Fire Hero Families also made luminaries, memory boxes, and Christmas ornaments to honor and remember their firefighters. That evening, everyone gathered on the grounds of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial for the annual Candlelight Service.

The firefighters were honored during the National Memorial Service on Sunday, October 8, 2017 at Mt. Saint Mary's University.

A bronze plaque bearing the names of the fallen was officially added to the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial.

Each family received a folded flag, a special badge and a rose.





2017 FIRE HERO FAMILY OUTREACH

It is very important for families to know that their loved ones are not forgotten.

GRIEF & PROGRAM
RESOURCES SENT TO
NEW FAMILY MEMBERS

23,520
THE JOURNEY
NEWSLETTERS SENT

4,077

FAMILY MEMBERS RECEIVED
REMEMBRANCE CARDS FROM 290
FIRE HERO FAMILY NETWORK MEMBERS

Fire Hero Family volunteers send Remembrance Cards near the anniversary of each firefighter's death to let families know that others remember and care.

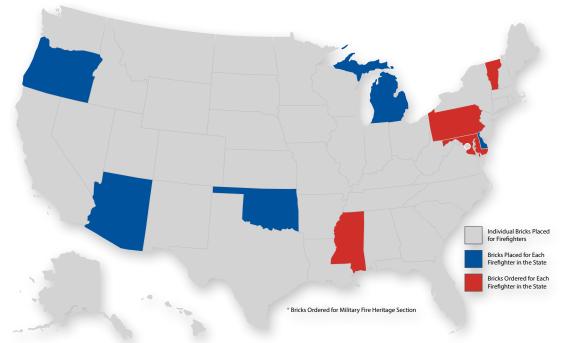
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FAMILY MEMBERS WERE ASSISTED IN FINDING LOCAL GRIEF COUNSELORS

The grief specialist researched local counseling services and provided that information to the family members and co-workers. Follow-up calls were made to offer additional help.

PROJECT ROLL CALL

The program identifies and honors firefighters who died in the line of duty prior to 1981 when the National Memorial was established.



Following a special dedication on the Walk of Honor® in June 2016, we continued to work diligently with state fire service organizations to purchase and place Pre-81 bricks in 2017. We have placed and/or ordered bricks for Pre-1981 line-of-duty deaths from: Oregon, Oklahoma, Arizona, Maryland, Michigan, Delaware, Mississippi, New Hampshire,

Pennsylvania, and Vermont. Numerous other fire service organizations are also working to honor firefighters in their state sections.

In 2017, we received biographies and photos from state associations, departments, and individuals. We began to add these firefighter profiles in a special section on our website.

FIRE SERVICE PROGRAMS

Supporting America's Firefighters and Preventing Line-of-Duty Deaths

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation's Everyone Goes Home® program continues to offer up-to-date fire training to help assure that everyone does go home after each tour of duty. The Fire Hero Learning Network (fhln. net) launched in the last quarter of 2012, has seen more than 65,000 registered users with more than 80,000 certificates. In 2017, the Saving Lives: Inspiring Stories in Community Risk Reduction was launched.

In December 2017, the Everyone Goes Home® program released a 30-minute documentary highlighting the San Diego Fire Department. The documentary features some critical incidents the department faced where the leadership didn't envision the difficult path it would take them. The lessons learned from these incidents and how the department addresses these gaps provide a forthright approach to leadership and considering the well-being of its firefighters and paramedics.

EVERYONE GOES HOME® ADVOCATES

On November 3 – 6, 2016, the Everyone Goes Home® Regional Advocates, along with the Everyone Goes Home® Advocate leadership team, met in Pflugerville, Texas, to create a five-year strategic plan to be Advocate operations specific. The results of the plan were implemented in April of 2017. The focus to this point has been to meet the goals and tasks needed to build for the next layer.

A robust Everyone Goes Home® Advocate life cycle program has been developed. It consists of a clearly defined recruitment and development program that identifies a complete communication plan for each life cycle of the advocate.

Recruitment has increased within the regions. Using newly established communication pathways engages agencies to participate in the Everyone Goes Home® program. Managing a comprehensive state/agency email and phone contact list establishes communication pathways throughout the country.



The success we have with the advocates and communication pathways has been at a measurable level. The group has been able to add fifteen advocates across the country, two in a state that did not have prior advocate representation.

Another great success story is the State of South Dakota. Two advocates, along with the support of the State Fire Marshal's office, have been able to build a network of Everyone Goes Home® instructors who are dedicated to reducing preventable line-of-duty deaths and injuries. The state has worked with the Local Assistance State Team (LAST) to build a robust system within their vast borders.

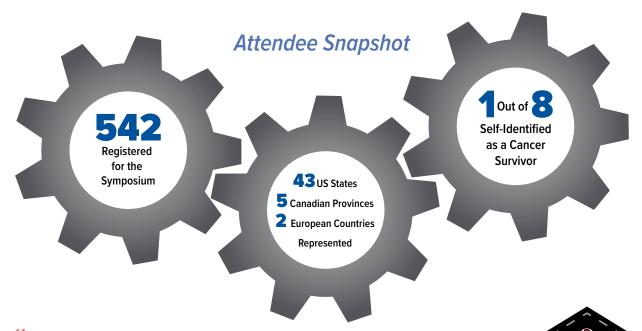
FIRE SERVICE OCCUPATIONAL CANCER SYMPOSIUM

Phoenix, Arizona, September 7 – 8, 2017
Landmark event discussed the latest in research, prevention strategies, best practices, and support related to firefighter occupational cancer.



The Fire Service Occupational Cancer Alliance (FSOCA) hosted the Fire Service Occupational Cancer Symposium to share the latest research, prevention strategies, best practices, and support from the nation's leading experts. The goal was not simply to present information, but to inspire attendees to affect change and help reduce the incidence of occupational cancer.

The two-day event drew more than 500 attendees from across the United States, Canada, and Europe, representing a broad cross section of volunteer, career, and combination departments, as well as fire industry representatives, workers' compensation insurance providers, state and local governments, and federal agencies.



"I returned home wholly encouraged, knowing that fire service members across the nation have committed to work together to solve this growing problem."

In its fourth year, the FSOCA continues to lead the nation's efforts to address firefighter occupational cancers. A collaboration of 54 individuals representing fire service leaders, constituency organizations, occupational medicine practitioners, manufacturers, and others with a vested interest in the subject, the Alliance continues to work on multiple projects addressing the impact of firefighter occupational cancer.

Since its inception, the Alliance has been facilitated by Chief Dennis

Compton, Chairman of our Board of Directors, National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. The FSOCA is now transitioning and will be jointly overseen by the NFFF and its affiliate, the First Responder Center for Excellence for Prevention of Occupational Illnesses, Injuries, and Deaths.

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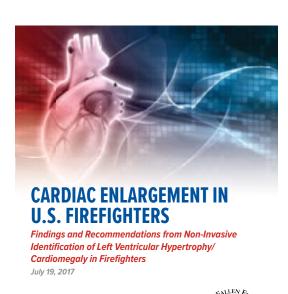
CARDIAC HEALTH IN THE FIRE SERVICE

Institute occupational health programs and develop effective methods to implement and communicate about these wellness programs.

It's widely acknowledged in the fire service that cardiac events account for roughly 45 percent of all firefighter line-of-duty deaths. Autopsy reports showed many of these incidents occurred in people who had underlying heart problems, and most of the research has focused on firefighters with existing coronary heart disease. But this doesn't tell the bigger story.

A new white paper released by the Foundation "Cardiac Enlargement in U.S. Firefighters," shows research finding a direct relationship between an enlarged heart and an increased risk for cardiovascular events, including sudden death, among firefighters. Furthermore, studies indicate an enlarged heart may be the only abnormality, which often is undiagnosed.

Understanding this relationship can help the fire service expand research to help determine how common heart enlargement is among working firefighters, the best methods of measuring its presence, and which firefighters are at highest risk and, therefore, should be screened. This is especially good news since many effective treatments for an enlarged heart are available, including weight loss through diet and exercise.



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PHYSICAL & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STANDARDS

Fire Service Behavioral Health Management Guide

A Fire Service Behavioral Health Management Guide was created to help fire departments in their efforts to implement a comprehensive behavioral health plan or to enhance their existing behavioral health program.

The ACT Campaign

This campaign was launched to help firefighters help other firefighters who may be struggling with suicidal thoughts. The acronym ACT encourages firefighters to Ask how someone is feeling, show the person you Care about them and Take them to get help if needed.

Checking In: A Behavioral Health Size-Up

A podcast series focused on behavioral health was released. It provided a foundation for a discussion on leadership's role in behavioral health, managing the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder and tips on how to work with peer support groups and clinicians.

Primary Care Physicians – Fire Service Health & Wellness

In conjunction with the HOPE (Health Research Institute, Kansas City, MO) the NFFF surveyed primary care physicians across the country to ascertain what they know about firefighter medical examinations. The survey also looked at the attitudinal priorities of these physicians regarding the delivery of fire service health and wellness material among each other and to their fire service patients. These primary care doctors were asked to reflect on how they discover their patients are in the fire service and what this information prompts in terms of testing and treatment. They were also asked general knowledge regarding the occupational diseases associated with firefighting (primarily, cardiac and cancer) and to comment upon how they would like to receive more information and prospective training on these special topics.

FIRE DYNAMICS BOOT CAMP

Howard County, Maryland, April 3 - 6, 2017

Pilot course provided fire service instructors and leaders with clear examples of the principles of fire dynamics to apply on the fireground.



We're not trying to tell firefighters how to fight fires. We're going to give them the information they need to apply the fire dynamics concepts to their local environment with what they see, their resources, their staffing, (and) their equipment, so they can get the best outcome possible."

This will help rewrite text books and ensure the next generation of firefighters will be better educated. Manufacturing has changed, and we need to change with it. UL has done a great job of being advocates for us."

For more than a decade, unlocking the how and why of fire behavior has been a key research priority for UL's Firefighter Safety Research Institute (UL-FSRI). To help get the science into the hands of firefighters, the NFFF, partnering with UL-FSRI, hosted Fire Dynamics Boot Camp for fire service instructors and leaders. The pilot course was held at the Howard County (MD) Department of Fire and Rescue Services Training Academy. We provided attendees with the tools and information they need to integrate the science into their daily operations, and to train others in their departments.

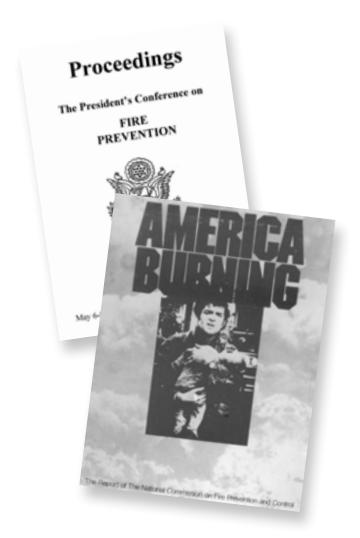
The three days included classroom discussions and hands-on activities to illustrate how different materials, such as wood, cotton, synthetics, and polystyrene burn, along with the effect water, flow path, and ventilation have on a fire. Live burn demonstrations on small-scale (doll house) models and actual sized structures provided clear examples of fire dynamics principles.



Photo by Howard County, MD, Department of Fire and Rescue Services

FIRE SERVICE HERITAGE MINI-SUMMIT

Historical documents were reviewed to determine what principals have guided the American Fire Service over the last 70 years.



Since 1947, scores of reports and white papers have generated hundreds of recommendations for improving the fire service. In December 2017, the Foundation hosted a mini-summit to review the over-riding priorities from the recommendations and discussed how they have benefitted the fire service and the communities served over the past 70 years.

This review helped to reveal how the roots of technology advancement and policy prioritization at the national level have been part of the fire service since its early days of national conversation. Likewise, the discussion illustrated how forward-thinking many fire service leaders were, some of whom were "borrowed" from the military, to incorporate technologies developed during World War II into the fire service. The Mini-Summit developed a series of its own recommendations which will become part of the NFFF strategic plan.

EVERYONE GOES HOME® – WILDFIRE

Wildfire Listening Sessions planned and held to develop wildlandspecific Everyone Goes Home® resources and materials

As the incidence of wildfires across the nation continues to rise, so do the numbers of wildland firefighters and their families affected by occupational accidents, injuries, and deaths. To counter this trend, the NFFF has begun the process of introducing the effective Everyone Goes Home® program to the wildland fire community, but within a context that specifically addresses the health and safety risk factors of this population.

Chief Tom Harbour, with more than 40 years of wildland fire experience and recently retired as Director of National Fire and Aviation for the U.S. Forest Service, is coordinating this effort. As an initial step, the NFFF hosted several regional listening sessions across the country for stakeholders to explore questions, answers, and approaches to the problem of reducing wildland fire line-of-duty deaths and injuries.

Sessions were held in 6 cities:

Phoenix, Arizona

Denver, Colorado

Portland, Oregon

Boise, Idaho

Sacramento, California

Orlando, Florida

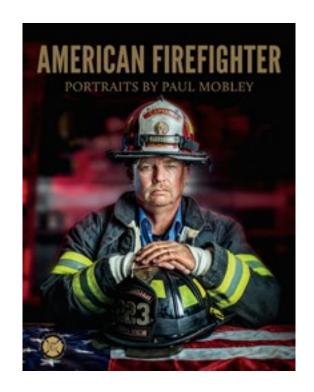
The input from these sessions will be used to develop wildland-specific Everyone Goes Home® resources and materials, that will be disseminated to individual firefighters through collaborative efforts and partnerships.

AMERICAN FIREFIGHTER

New book by premier portrait photographer Paul Mobley showcases the diversity of the American Fire Service.

In cooperation with Rizzoli Publishing, the NFFF released American Firefighter (2017) which celebrates the diverse lives of 53 American firefighters. Acclaimed portrait photographer Paul Mobley captured the spirit of these extraordinary men and women who represent career, volunteer and seasonal wildland, and military firefighters who work for a wide spectrum of departments and organizations within the fire service community.

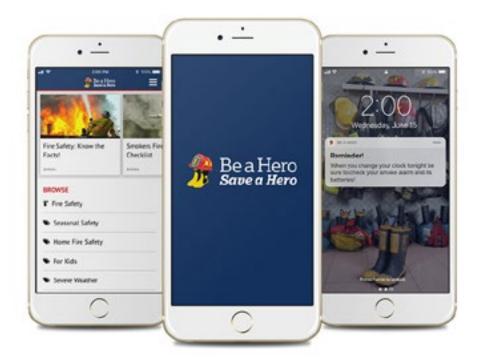
The project was made possible through the support of Kidde.



"Heroes come in all shapes and sizes, but few are as important as America's first responders. These men and women choose to run toward danger while most flee. In the recently released American Firefighter, photographer Paul Mobley captures portraits of some of the country's bravest citizens — firefighters, EMTs and paramedics."

COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION AND ADVOCACY

Free app provides valuable fire prevention information, special weather and seasonal notifications, and more.



The free Be a Hero, Save a Hero ® mobile app was launched in October of 2017. The app provides the fire service and the public with tips on fire prevention including smoke alarm testing reminders and holiday safety messages. Safety tips on the app include information from the U.S. Fire Administration, the National Fire

Protection Association and other partners working together to help prevent home fires. The Be a Hero, Save a Hero® app can be downloaded on the Google Play Store or the App Store through links on the redesigned website, www.beaherosaveahero.org.

LOCAL ASSISTANCE STATE TEAM PROGRAM

Teams provide critical services and support to families and departments who have suffered a line-of-duty death.

The Foundation trains fire departments to prepare for a line-of-duty death through the Taking Care Of Our Own® (TCOOO) program and provides immediate support to departments and families of fallen firefighters by the Local Assistance State Team (LAST) program. The LAST program is funded by the Department of Justice (DOJ) – Bureau of Justice Assistance.

The program's primary mission is to assist families and departments in preparing Public Safety Officers Benefits (PSOB) claims after a line-of-duty death. While the principle focus is to oversee the accurate and timely submission of these claims, the program also offers immediate logistical, administrative and emotional support after a fatality. Support may include funeral and memorial service planning, logistical assistance with benefits administration and connect surviving co-workers and immediate families with behavioral health resources.

The LAST participated in the implementation of the new automated PSOB 2.0 submission process which is a secure web-based system, completely paperless. This user-friendly system makes it easier to submit the PSOB claim, track its progress, make inquiries regarding benefits and receive communications from the PSOB office. The system has eliminated many documents that had been required with each claim submission making it much easier to submit.

Training will be provided to all Local Assistance State Teams on the new PSOB web-based system to ensure all members are prepared to assist families and departments in submitting the PSOB claims. PSOB office Director will participate in all upcoming training sessions across the country.





WALK OF HONOR®

There were 886 bricks placed into the Walk of Honor® during 2017, bringing the total of engraved bricks to more than 14,000.

To help sustain the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park, bricks can be ordered in honor of fallen firefighters or to commemorate a significant event in the life of a firefighter still serving his community, such as a promotion, retirement, birthday or holiday gift. Members often purchase bricks in honor of their departments or co-workers.







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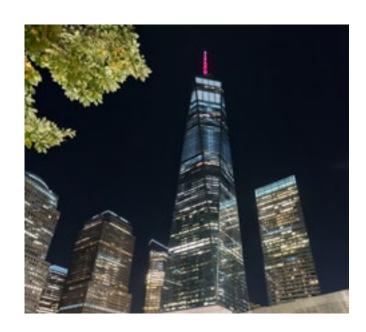
RAISING AWARENESS – FOUNDATION MARKETING

Effective communication is vital to fulfilling the Foundation's mission.

We continued building on our relationships with traditional media outlets, and expanded our social media presence through Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram and Pinterest. We provided live coverage through Facebook Live of the Fire Dynamics Boot Camp with UL and the Fire Service Occupational Cancer Symposium to further engagement about these important issues.

During the 2017 National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend, our Communications and Marketing team was supported by an extraordinary group of volunteers. Both the Candlelight Service and Memorial Service were live-streamed through VISTA Worldlink's generous donation of equipment, facilities and expertise. Likewise, Comcast generously provided technical assistance and additional equipment. These valuable partnerships allowed news websites and TV stations around the world to share the events with the fire service and the public.

Additionally, we created "Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters" to raise more awareness of the Foundation's mission and the Memorial Weekend. More than 40 iconic buildings and landmarks across the country were lit in respect to the fallen and their families. Participants included One World Trade Center in New York, the Prudential Tower in Boston, the Willis Tower in Chicago, LAX in Los Angeles, and the Bank of America Plaza in Dallas.





OUR REACH IN 2017

855,173 FIREHERO.ORG VISITORS

382,486 NFFF FACEBOOK PAGE LIKES

21,268
NFFF TWITTER
FOLLOWERS

2,210INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS

3,953YOUTUBE FOLLOWERS

2,600,148 EMAILS DELIVERED

934,318
TEXT AD IMPRESSIONS

288,437
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VISITORS

9,398
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FACEBOOK PAGE LIKES

3,332
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TWITTER FOLLOWERS

STAIR CLIMBS – SUPPORTING THE MISSION





50 Climbs in 29 States Raised \$599,987

2017 STAIR CLIMBS

9/11 Memorial Hill Stair Climb at Fallbrook

9/11 Memorial Stair Climb at Lambeau Field

Alabama Remembers 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb

Binghamton 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb

Blackhawk 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb

Brawley Fire Fighters Association 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb

Charlotte Firefighters 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb

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FDIC 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb

Firehouse Expo 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb

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Kalamazoo 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb

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Lancaster 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb

Maine 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb

Misawa AB Japan 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb

Missouri State Fire Marshal Memorial Stair Climb

Nashville 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb

National Capital Region 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb/5k Walk hosted

by Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department

Nebraska 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb

New Hampshire 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb

National Stair Climb for Fallen Firefighters

North Dakota 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb

NYSAFC FIRE 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb

Ocean City Memorial Stair Climb

Panama City Beach 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb

Pelican Products and Baltimore City Fire Department 9/11 Memorial

Stair Climb

Philadelphia 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb

Richmond 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb

Roanoke 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb

Rochester 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb/Walk

Salt River 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb

San Diego 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb

Southwest Louisiana 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb

Springfield Area 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb

Tri-Cities 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb

VCOS 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb and Walk

West Virginia 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb

Wildwood City FD 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb

Yellow Springs 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb



2017 GOLF TOURNAMENTS

Inaugural Never Forgotten Colorado National Fallen Firefighters Golf Tournament
Inaugural Upstate National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Golf Charity
3rd Annual Greater Pittsburgh National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Golf Tournament
3rd Annual Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association Golf Tournament
5th Annual Missouri Fire Service Funeral Assistance Team Golf Tournament
5th Annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Golf Tournament of Connecticut

5th Annual Play It Forward Golf Tournament

5th Annual Protectowire Open benefiting the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation

5th Annual Southeast Wisconsin National Fallen Firefighters Golf Tournament

7th Annual Fort Wayne and Allen County National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Memorial Golf Tournament

8th Annual Hawaii Fire Chiefs Association National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Golf Tournament

9th Annual Chicagoland Memorial Golf Tournament

9th Annual Geneva National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Golf Tournament

9th Annual Greater Cincinnati Regional National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Golf Fundraiser

10th Annual SEPA Regional Fallen Firefighters Foundation Memorial Golf Outing

11th Annual Central Ohio Fallen Firefighters Golf Tournament

11th Annual National Fallen Firefighters Golf Tournament hosted by Raleigh Fire Department

11th Annual Rochester, New York National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Golf Tournament

FASNY 4th Annual Fallen Firefighters Golf Tournament

St. Johns Professional Firefighters Local 3883 Golf Outing

The 10th Wasatch Front and 14th Annual National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Memorial Golf Tournament

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Annual events continued to raise much needed funds for the Foundation.

NASCAR RACES **\$74,552** \$10P, DROP, ROCK N ROLL \$79,400

BOOT SCOOTIN' BOOGIE \$60,478

OTHER EVENTS **\$592,810**

Some of the highlights included Stop, Drop, Rock 'n' Roll at FDIC and Firefighter Appreciation Day at Dover International Speedway. The Foundation partnered with Carry the Load to raise awareness and funds over the Memorial Day weekend. In October 2017, the Foundation also held its second annual Boot Scootin' Boogie during Firehouse Expo. Volunteer coordinators held an additional 50 fundraising events around the country in 2017.

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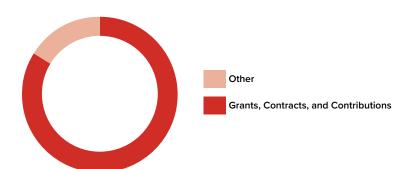
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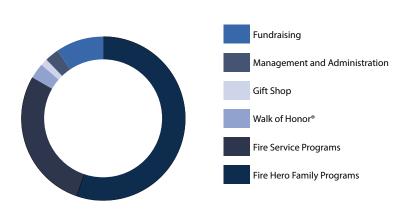


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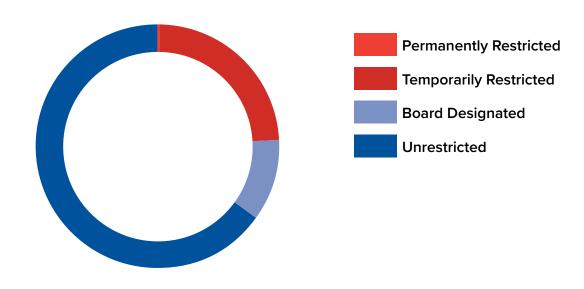
Total	\$7,396,174
Other	\$1,189,448
Grants, Contracts, and Contributions	\$6,206,726

2017 PROGRAM EXPENSES

Fire Service Programs \$1,875,6 Walk of Honor® \$211,5 Gift Shop \$92,6 Management and Administration \$173,3 Fundraising \$629,9	30
Walk of Honor® \$211,5 Gift Shop \$92,6 Management and \$173.3	54
Walk of Honor® \$211,5	24
	64
Fire Service Programs \$1,875,6	92
	27
Fire Hero Family Programs \$3,709,5	69



2017 YEAR-END FINANCIALS



2017 NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	\$7,106,402
Board Designated	\$1,161,416
Temporarily Restricted	\$2,595,013
Permanently Restricted	\$ 25,000
Total	\$10,887,831



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The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation values our strategic alliances with our corporate sponsors to raise awareness and funds. Without your support and involvement we could not accomplish our mission to honor and remember America's fallen fire heroes, provide resources to assist their families in rebuilding their lives, and work within the fire service community to reduce firefighter deaths and injuries.

Potential new corporate partners are invited to join us in developing strategic alliances or cause-related marketing programs. Participating companies receive a portfolio of benefits that demonstrate our appreciation, create awareness, and highlight their commitment across multiple platforms.

Level of Support

What Your Donation Means to Our Families & Fire Service

Legacy Sponsorship \$100,000	 ★ National Memorial Park Visitors Center ★ Memorial Weekend Travel for All Fire Hero Families
Platinum Sponsorship \$75,000	 ★ Development of Foundation Programs ★ Fire Hero Family Wellness Conference
Gold Sponsorship \$50,000	 ★ National Memorial Park Expansion ★ National Memorial Tribute Video and Satellite Broadcast
Silver Sponsorship \$25,000	 ★ Retreat for Fire Hero Family Members by Relationship ★ Line-of-Duty Death Prevention Course Development/Hosting
Bronze Sponsorship \$10,000	 ★ Outreach to Fire Service Organizations and Departments ★ Memorial Weekend Keepsakes for All Fire Hero Families
Pewter Sponsorship \$5,000	 ★ Grief Publications and Educational Materials ★ Fire Hero Family Scholarships and Job Training
Brass Sponsorship \$2,500	★ Fire Hero Family Support Network★ Hal Bruno Bereavement Camp for One Child
Supporter Sponsorship \$1,000	 ★ Chief-to-Chief Network ★ Memorial Weekend Travel for One Family *Funds may be directed to specific programs or wherever needed most

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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



In 2016, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) recognized the need to create an affiliate organization, the First Responder Center for Excellence (FRCE) to provide increased awareness, education and training to ensure that first responders have the correct tools and information to stay healthy and well. FRCE serves the nation's first responders.

FRCE is developing relationships with corporate partners to raise funds specifically supporting its work in cancer prevention and awareness, behavioral health, the Firefighter Physical Initiative, cardiac care and overall health and wellness. Corporate Partners can work with us in designing the portfolio of benefits that best meet their marketing goals. These strategic alliances will create a high-return, distinguishing each company while supporting the first responders in local communities and nationwide.

Level of Support

What Your Donation Means to First Responders

Legacy Sponsorship \$100,000	★ Delivery of Cancer Seminars to First Responders Cancer Seminars will provide training on prevention strategies for cancer, as well as some of the steps to take if diagnosed with cancer, with a focus on occupational cancer in the fire service
Platinum Sponsorship \$75,000	★ Delivery of a Behavioral Health Symposium to First Responders The Behavioral Health Symposium will bring together eminent researchers and the first responder community to share the latest information science can tell us about behavioral health issues facing the fire service and best practices for identifying and treating behavioral health conditions
Gold Sponsorship \$50,000	★ Cardiac Program Support FRCE continues NFFF's work in improving firefighters' cardiac health, mitigating cardiac disease, preventing heart attacks and expands efforts to reach all first responders
Silver Sponsorship \$25,000	★ Advancement of the Firefighter Physicals Initiative The Firefighter Physicals Initiative promotes annual firefighter physicals by developing a unified branding message across stakeholder organizations, as well as additional awareness materials demonstrating the effectiveness of such physicals and develops an implementation guide for fire departments
Bronze Sponsorship \$10,000	★ Outreach to First Responder Organizations and Departments FRCE shares information through its website, social media platforms, print publications and educational materials
Pewter Sponsorship \$5,000	★ Advancement of the FRCE Health and Wellness Program Providing evidence-based research and recommendations for nutrition and exercise programs specific to first responders
Brass Sponsorship \$2,500	★ Advancement of Online Resources Online toolkits provide on-demand training and education resources that can be modified and used by fire departments
Supporter Sponsorship \$1,000	★ Awards Program Support Seal of Excellence sponsorships will recognize fire departments' success in reducing injuries and fatalities through work in FRCE's programmatic areas

* Programs and anticipated expenses are subject to change

Walk of Honor









Donation Levels Recommended

Individuals \$100

Fire Companies \$150 NFA Classes \$250

Metro Departments \$500

Your donation is tax deductible.

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City	State	Zip
Phone#	Email	
Total Amount Donated	Date	
If this brick is in honor or memory of someone, please let us know to whom you would like a letter and certificate sent:	whom you would like a	letter and certificate sent:
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Who Belongs On The Walk of Honor®?

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Join thousands of others in the fire service family by sponsoring a brick on the Walk of Honor® located on the National Fire Academy campus in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The brick walkway links the official National Fallen Firefighters Monument, honoring all fallen fire heroes, to the historic firefighters chapel as it winds its way through the new National Memorial Park, site of the annual national memorial service.

Bricks can be inscribed with a name or short message. Some departments and fire service organizations have purchased special sections to honor their members or those who have answered the final call. The bricks are a great way to say "thank you" or to remember a loved one. When you sponsor a brick, you will receive a customized certificate recognizing your support.

Work is currently underway on the next three sections of the walk. Fill out the order form to secure your place on the permanent tribute to America's fire service. Or go to our web site, www.FireHero.org, to order online and to find bricks already in place.

Congress created the Foundation in 1992 to honor all fallen firefighters and to assist their survivors in rebuilding their lives. Show your support by donating a brick to build a permanent Memorial Park to all firefighters — past, present, and future.



Reserve Your Place On The Walk of Honor[®] National Memorial Brick Inscription Order Form

Each brick is limited to 5 lines with 18 characters per line. Spaces and punctuation count as characters

Brick Two: Brick One:

Please complete both sides of this form, detach and mail to:

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