



NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION

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U.S. Landmarks and Fire Departments to Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters

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Nearly everyone knows a firefighter. They're our family, friends and co-workers. They respond to a stranger's call for help without hesitation, and serve with pride and compassion. They're our community heroes. When a firefighter dies in the line of duty, an entire community grieves.

As dusk turns to dark during the first weekend of October, more than 80 iconic buildings, landmarks and fire departments across the country will glow in respect to the fallen and their families for Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters. Participants include One World Trade Center in New York City, the Miami Tower in Miami, the Willis Tower in Chicago, LAX in Los Angeles, and the Bank of America Plaza in Dallas. This nationwide lighting is part of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend, October 6 and 7, in Emmitsburg, Maryland and sponsored by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF).

"We hope that this magnificent display of lights throughout the country will allow the families of the fallen to see that the nation is with them in spirit as they reflect on cherished times with their firefighters," explained Chief Dennis Compton, Chairman of the Board of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

On Sunday, October 7, the lives of 80 firefighters who died in the line of duty in 2017 and 23 firefighters who died in previous years will be honored during the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service. A bronze plaque bearing the names of the fallen will be officially added to the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial. These firefighters will also be remembered in a special Candlelight Service on Saturday, October 6 at 6:30 p.m. (ET).

For a complete list of lightings, please visit <http://www.firehero.org/light-the-night>. For more information about the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend and the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, go to weekend.firehero.org.