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Two Illinois Fallen Firefighters to be Honored at National Memorial Service on October 7

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EMMITSBURG, MD – The U.S. Fire Service will honor two firefighters, who died in the line of duty, from Illinois during the 37th National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service on Sunday, October 7, 2018. They are among the 80 firefighters who died in the line of duty in 2017 and 23 firefighters who died in previous years who will be remembered at the official national service at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Firefighter John M. Cummins, age 46, of the Homer Fire Protection District, died on February 8, 2017, after responding to the scene of a motor vehicle accident shortly before midnight on February 7, 2017.

Firefighter Lawrence Matthews, Jr., age 35, of the Village of Dolton Fire Department, died on June 10, 2017, while operating at a mobile home fire where he collapsed.

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.

More than 5,000 people, including families, friends, members of Congress, Administration officials and firefighters are expected to attend on Sunday. Firefighter Honor Guards and Pipe & Drum units from across the U.S. will participate in this national remembrance.

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 www.firehero.org.