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Five Indiana 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 five firefighters, who died in the line of duty, from Indiana 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.

Battalion Chief Eric J. Balliet, age 41, of the Fort Wayne Fire Department, died on September 27, 2017, while leading his crew during a commercial training exercise involving physically-demanding maneuvers.

Firefighter Jeffrey A. Blackmer, age 42, of the Hamilton Township Volunteer Fire Company, died on December 20, 2017, after assisting with fighting an early morning barn fire.

Firefighter Scott A. Compton, age 55, of the Greenfield Fire Territory, died on November 11, 2017, after falling ill at home several hours after fighting a three-alarm commercial structure fire at an auto parts store.

Lieutenant David M. Jatczak, age 57, of the Lake Station Volunteer Fire Department, died on June 1, 2017, several hours after responding to a fire call.

Firefighter Kendall J. Murphy, age 27, of the Montgomery Volunteer Fire Department, died on November 10, 2017, after he was struck and killed at the scene of a motor vehicle accident.

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.

