



# NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION

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## **Three Maryland 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 three firefighters, who died in the line of duty, from Maryland during the 37<sup>th</sup> 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.

Deputy Chief Sander Benjamin Cohen, age 33, from the Office of the Maryland State Fire Marshal, died on December 8, 2017, after he was struck and killed by a vehicle while assisting at the scene of a previous crash involving an off-duty FBI agent.

Firefighter Charles “Rick” Gentilcore, age 52, of the Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Services, died on April 7, 2017, after he was found unresponsive at the station during his shift, which involved multiple emergency responses.

Firefighter Christopher Allen Staley, age 22, of the Cobb Island Volunteer Fire Department & EMS, died on August 6, 2011, while attempting to rescue a drowning victim.

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](http://www.firehero.org).