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## Four Michigan 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 four firefighters, who died in the line of duty, from Michigan 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.

Firefighter Kevin V. Ramsey, age 50, of the Detroit Fire Department, died on July 29, 2017, after feeling ill shortly after returning from the second commercial building fire during his shift.

Firefighter Terry M. Raymond, age 55, of the Summerfield Township Volunteer Fire Department, died on August 15, 2016, after responding to several emergency calls within 24-hours and complaining of chest pains.

Firefighter/EMT Ron Savage, age 63, of the Milford Fire Department, died on February 25, 2017, after suffering a cardiac event immediately after participating in a search and rescue training drill.

Fire Chief Edward A. Switalski, age 55, of the Comstock Township Department of Fire & Rescue, died on June 14, 2017, after being struck by a passing motorist at the scene of an MVA.

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 <a href="https://www.firehero.org">www.firehero.org</a>.