



# NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION

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## **Two Missouri 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 Missouri 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.

Captain John Kemper, age 59, of the St. Louis Fire Department, complained of severe shoulder pain during a structure fire on July 5, 2017, and was transported to the hospital from the scene. At the hospital it was determined he was actually suffering a heart attack and he immediately underwent surgery. He was discharged from the hospital a few days later to continue recovery at home. He died at home on July 12, 2017.

Firefighter Jeffery Mason Sanders, age 55, of the Mayview Fire Protection District, died on June 19, 2017, from injuries sustained when fire apparatus was struck along the highway by a passing motorist. The apparatus rolled over him and down an embankment, trapping him underneath.

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).