



# NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION

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## **Three New Jersey 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 New Jersey 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 Edward James Frenenski, age 31, of the Stanhope Fire Department, collapsed and died from an apparent seizure while participating in a vehicle extrication drill on October 23, 2017.

Firefighter William F. Gerace, age 55, of the Gibbsboro Fire Company No. 1, suffered a spiral leg fracture during mandatory live burn training on April 10, 2017. He died on April 28, 2017, after he began having trouble breathing and was transported to the hospital. There it was found he had suffered a pulmonary embolism that originated at the site of the original leg fracture.

Firefighter Frank Matagrano, age 75, of the New Milford Volunteer Fire Department, suffered a stroke while responding to an emergency call on December 13, 2017. He was transported to the hospital where he died 10 days later, on December 23, 2017.

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).