



# NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION

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## **Six Texas 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 six firefighters, who died in the line of duty, from Texas 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 Daryl Dene Barber, age 56, of the Brazoria Fire Department, died on December 13, 2017, after complaining of feeling ill immediately after exiting the structure during an apartment building fire.

Firefighter Scott P. Deem, age 31, of the San Antonio Fire Department, died on May 18, 2017, from injuries sustained after becoming trapped in a structural collapse during a four-alarm shopping center fire.

Captain William “Iron Bill” Dowling, age 43, of the Houston Fire Department, died from complications of burns/traumatic injuries suffered when he was trapped in burning debris after the roof collapsed at a motel fire on May 31, 2013. As a result of his injuries, both legs were amputated and he suffered anoxic brain damage that left him unable to communicate. He remained under medical care until his death on March 7, 2017.

Firefighter Shane Michael Hennessey, age 34, of the USAF Joint Base San Antonio, died on September 9, 2015, after providing documented exposure to his commanding officers, of extensive black mold in his sleeping quarters and an adjoining room at the station. He subsequently died from health complications related to this exposure.

Firefighter Jarrell Bradford Hinkie, II, age 61, of the Silsbee Volunteer Fire Department, was struck and killed by a passing motorist while he was operating at the scene of a single-vehicle rollover on August 2, 2017.

Firefighter Charles Edward Patterson, age 60, of the Bowie Rural Fire Department, collapsed in the front yard of a residence while operating at a structure fire on December 1, 2017. He was transported to the hospital, where he died of his injuries on December 7, 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).