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Bells Across America
For Fallen Firefighters

Sound off in support of fallen firefighters in your community
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What is Bells Across America for Fallen Firefighters?
Bells Across America for Fallen Firefighters is a way for communities to remember firefighters who have made the ultimate sacrifice. This annual tradition is held during the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend.

What time should the bells ring?
Bells can be rung at any time of the day. You can determine what works best for your congregation or group. We don’t expect all organizations to ring their bells at the same time. Time zones, timing of local services, and other factors play a role.

Is there a program or script that we need to follow?
Each organization should decide what is best for their event. Some suggested service ideas could include: a moment of silence, a brief prayer, a hymn, a bell toll by members of the fire department, or any combination of these.

My congregation doesn’t have bells. What can we do instead?
We want everyone to participate in some way. Your congregation can still have a moment of silence, prayer, song or other form of remembrance during your worship service. You can also ring a ceremonial bell during the service. Work with your clergy to decide what’s right for the congregation.

My church has multiple services on Sundays and can’t ring the bells at each one. Can we just ring the bells once?
Absolutely. You may want to have a moment of remembrance at each service and inform the congregants that the bells will ring in honor of the fallen firefighters at a certain time. Work with your clergy to decide what is best.

Do we have to ring the bells a certain number of times?
You can ring the bells in any manner.