



NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION

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California Fallen Firefighters to be Honored at National Memorial Service on October 6

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EMMITSBURG, MD – The U.S. Fire Service will honor eight firefighters, who died in the line of duty, from California during the 38th National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service on Sunday, October 6, 2019. They are among the 92 firefighters who died in the line of duty in 2018 and 27 firefighters who died in previous years who will be remembered at the official national service at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Heavy Fire Equipment Mechanic, Andrew J. Brake, age 40, of the CAL-FIRE, died on August 9, 2018, when the CAL-FIRE support vehicle he was driving ran off the road. Andrew was on his way to work the Carr Fire.

Inmate Firefighter, Anthony “Tony” Colacino, age 33, of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, died on April 21, 2018, after collapsing while participating in a training hike.

Captain Brian Hughes, age 33, of the Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, died on July 29, 2018, after being stuck by a tree while engaging in tactical operations on the east side of the Ferguson Fire in Mariposa County, California.

Captain David T. Moorman, age 50, of the Los Angeles Fire Department, died on February 5, 2017, after feeling ill while working a 36-hour shift during which he ran multiple calls. He collapsed at home a short time later.

Captain David R. Rosa, age 45, of the Long Beach Fire Department, died on June 25, 2018 after being shot while responding to a reported structure fire at a senior living community.

Firefighter/Bulldozer Operator Donald Ray Smith, age 82, of the CAL-FIRE, died on July 26, 2018, while operating his bulldozer and being overtaken by flames while battling the Carr Fire in Northern California.

Fire Prevention Inspector Jeremiah Stoke, age 37, of the Redding Fire Department, died on July 26, 2018, after becoming entrapped by a massive fire tornado while helping residents evacuate during the Carr Fire in Northern California.

Firefighter Braden G. Varney, age 36, of the CAL-FIRE, died on July 14, 2018, after the bulldozer he was operating overturned and rolled down the ridge while he was working the 130-acre Ferguson Fire in the Sierra National Forest.

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.