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Kentucky 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 five firefighters, who died in the line of duty, from Kentucky 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.

Firefighter Jeffrey L. Crossfield, age 54, of the City of Paris Fire Department, died on December 8, 2018, from complications of cancer. His death was ruled a line-of-duty death by the Kentucky Fire Commission.

Captain James K. Donnelly, age 63, of the Bowling Green Fire Department, died on February 14, 2018, from complications of liver cancer. His death was ruled a line-of-duty death by the Kentucky Fire Commission.

Captain Richard F. Gossman, age 51, of the McMahan Fire Protection District, died on August 17, 2018, from complications of cancer. His death was ruled a line-of-duty death by the Kentucky Fire Commission.

Firefighter Ronald K. Helton, age 64, of the Firebrick Volunteer Fire Department, died on October 29, 2018, after suffering a fatal heart attack at the scene of a motor vehicle accident while setting up traffic control.

Lieutenant Ray Hollingsworth, age 60, of the West Knox Volunteer Fire Department, died on November 7, 2018, from complications of cancer. His death was ruled a line-of-duty death by the Kentucky Fire Commission.

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.