



NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION

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NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL WEEKEND WILL HONOR AND REMEMBER 226 FIREFIGHTERS *Eleven Tennessee Fallen Firefighters Among Those Being Honored on May 4-5, 2024*

EMMITSBURG, Md. – The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) will host the **43rd National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend** (Memorial Weekend) on May 4-5, 2024 in Emmitsburg, Maryland. This year's national tribute will honor 89 firefighters who died in the line of duty in 2023 and 137 firefighters who died in previous years. The honorees will include the following Tennessee firefighters:

Firefighter Jeffrey Arick, age 45, of the Memphis Fire Department, suffered a heart attack and died at home on 8/8/20, several hours after responding to and working at an MVA to coordinate an extended patient extrication from the vehicle.

Engineer Malcolm Arrington, age 54, of the Nashville Fire Department died on 9/1/2021 due to complications of COVID-19.

Captain William "Mike" Brooks, age 59, of the Nashville Fire Department, died on 2/1/2022 due to complications of COVID-19.

Lieutenant Roger Estes, age 77, of the South Claiborne Volunteer Fire Department, was directing traffic at a fire department fundraiser on 7/4/22, when he was struck by a passing truck. He was immediately treated and transported to the hospital where he died due to the injuries sustained in the accident. The PSOB Claim was approved in November 2023.

Lieutenant Travis Isabel, age 52, of the Memphis Fire Department, died on 9/14/2021 due to complications of COVID-19.

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Lieutenant Richard "Rick" Miller, age 69, of the Henderson County Fire Department, responded to an alarm activation at a school on Friday, 12/1/2023. Shortly after arriving home after the call, he had a heart attack. He was transported to the hospital where he died.

Firefighter/Driver Jeffrey Norman, age 51, of the Memphis Fire Department, became trapped while fighting a residential structure fire on 7/19/23. He was immediately transported to the hospital where he died due to his injuries. Three other firefighters were injured. Arson was the cause of the fire, which started in a dumpster adjacent to the house.

Lieutenant Darin Pasold, age 52, of the Hohenwald Fire Department, died on 11/27/2021 due to complications of COVID-19.

Lieutenant Roy Sewell, age 27, of the North Tazewell Volunteer Fire Department, died 4/24/2023 while responding to a helicopter landing zone for a medical call. The truck he was driving left the roadway and rolled down a steep embankment. Roy Sewell was fatally injured and was declared dead at the scene.

Captain Clifford Smelcer, age 69, of the Sunnyside Volunteer Fire Department, died on 9/17/2020 due to complications of COVID-19.

Lieutenant Julian "Skill" Wilson Jr., age 59, of the Fayette County Fire Department, died on 1/23/2022 due to complications of COVID-19.

Detailed information about each of the 226 firefighters being memorialized can be found on the [2024 Roll of Honor](#).

“National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend is a time for our nation to pause and reflect on the heroic efforts and selfless service of the fallen firefighters we are paying tribute to this year,” said NFFF CEO Victor Stagnaro. “We will always remember the bravery, commitment, and sacrifices of each of these 226 heroes—and their families.”

There are **two events open to the public** at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park on the grounds of the National Emergency Training Center (NETC) during Memorial Weekend.

- The **National Fallen Firefighters Candlelight Service** is on May 4 at 7:30 pm ET and will be hosted by Fire Captain Garon Mosby of the St. Louis Fire Department.
- The **National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service** is on May 5 at 10:00 am ET and will be hosted by actor Jeremy Holm.

Fire service and government leaders are scheduled to address the thousands of attendees at the Memorial Service on Sunday, May 5. The NFFF will live stream both events on the NFFF’s [website \(firehero.org\)](#), [YouTube channel](#), and [Facebook page](#).

There are additional events during Memorial Weekend provided exclusively for the families and fire departments of honored firefighters. These include small group sessions and other activities throughout Friday and Saturday; they are open to the families and coworkers of newly honored and previously honored firefighters.

Schedule

Saturday, May 4, 2024

Candlelight Service

Time: 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm ET

Streaming begins at 7:00 pm ET

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Memorial Service

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm ET

Streaming begins at 9:30 am ET

The NFFF will provide live satellite feeds of both events. Technical support is being provided by VISTA Worldlink, Comcast Beltway, and INTELSAT. Satellite coordinates can be found at live.firehero.org. Images from the 2023 Memorial Weekend are [here](#).

Location

National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park
National Emergency Training Center (NETC)
16835 S. Seton Avenue
Emmitsburg, MD 21727

Media Information

Members of the media who plan to attend Memorial Weekend are asked to RSVP in advance to gain access to the NETC.

Obtain credentials here: [For the Media - National Fallen Firefighters Foundation \(firehero.org\)](http://firehero.org).

How Communities Can Participate

Those not attending Memorial Weekend in person can also **pay tribute to this year's honored firefighters**. All can participate in [Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters](#) (May 1 – 5) by lighting their homes, businesses, landmarks, or fire departments with red lights. Other ways to remember include [Bells Across America](#), [Sound the Sirens](#), and by signing a virtual [Remembrance Banner](#).

In addition, the **American flag will be lowered to half-staff on all Federal buildings on Sunday, May 5**. The public is also encouraged to lower their American flags that day to recognize the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Public Access And Parking

Public parking for Memorial Weekend is at Liberty Mountain Resort (78 Country Club Trail, Fairfield, PA). Shuttles from Liberty Mountain Resort will begin at 3:30 pm on Saturday, May 4 for the Candlelight Service and at 7:30 am on Sunday, May 5 for the Memorial Service.

Memorial Weekend is supported by individual and corporate donors, a grant from the **Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance**, and in partnership with the **U.S. Fire Administration**, a component of the **U.S. Department of Homeland Security**.

Social Media: #FireHero2024 #NFFF

Website: weekend.firehero.org

LOCATION if inclement weather

PNC Stadium (ARCC)
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ABOUT THE NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION (NFFF)

The United States Congress created the NFFF to lead a nationwide effort to honor America's fallen firefighters. The mission is to honor America's fallen fire heroes; support their families, colleagues, and organizations; and work to reduce preventable firefighter death and injury. The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park includes the National Fallen Firefighters Monument, the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Chapel, a brick Walk of Honor, a September 11th memorial sculpture, and the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Bell of Remembrance. Information about the NFFF and the Memorial Park can be found [here](#).

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