



NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION

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Nation to Honor 140 Fallen Firefighters During 44th National Memorial Weekend in Emmitsburg, MD May 3-4, 2025

Emmitsburg, MD — April 24, 2025 — The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) will host the 44th National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend on May 3–4, 2025, in Emmitsburg, Maryland. This solemn national tribute will honor 140 firefighters who died in the line of duty—70 who died in 2024 and 70 from previous years.

“This weekend is a powerful reminder of the extraordinary courage and commitment of those who put their lives on the line to protect others,” said Troy Markel, Chair of the NFFF Board of Directors. “We come together not only to remember the fallen, but to stand in solidarity with their families and departments, letting them know their loved ones will never be forgotten.

“Each of these 140 firefighters made the ultimate sacrifice in service to others – a profound sacrifice that defines true heroism,” said Victor Stagnaro, CEO of the NFFF. “Memorial Weekend is a time for our nation to come together to honor their bravery, to stand beside their families, and ensure their legacy lives on in every community they so selflessly served.”

Two public ceremonies will be held at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park on the grounds of the National Emergency Training Center (NETC):

- **Candlelight Service:** Saturday, May 3 at 7:30 pm ET (Streaming begins at 7:00 pm ET)
- **Memorial Service:** Sunday, May 4 at 10:00 am ET (Streaming begins at 9:30 am ET)

Both events will be live-streamed at weekend.firehero.org and on the [NFFF YouTube channel](#), allowing viewers to take part in the tribute Sunday’s Memorial Service, attended by thousands each year will feature remarks from prominent fire service and government leaders offering powerful reflections on the sacrifices of Americas fallen heroes.

In addition to public events, Memorial Weekend includes private programming for the families and departments of the honored firefighters, including small group sessions and remembrance activities.

How Communities Can Honor Fallen Firefighters

Communities across the nation are invited to participate in the [Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters](#) tribute from April 27 through May 4 by illuminating homes, landmarks, fire stations, and buildings with red lights. Additional remembrance opportunities include:

- [Bells Across America](#)
- [Sound the Sirens](#)
- [Virtual Remembrance Banner](#)

In recognition of the sacrifices made by these heroes, the President of the United States will request that the American flag flown at half-staff on all federal buildings on May 4th. The public is encouraged to join in this national act of remembrance.

Public Access & 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 6:30 am on Saturday, May 3 and at 6:30 am on Sunday, May 4.

Media Information

Media planning to attend Memorial Weekend are asked to RSVP in advance to gain access to the NETC campus. Obtain credentials here: [For the Media – National Fallen Firefighters Foundation](#). The NFFF will provide a live satellite feed of both events. Technical support is being provided by VISTA Worldlink, Comcast Beltway, and Peak Uplink. Satellite coordinates can be found at [here](#). Images from the 2024 Memorial Weekend are [here](#).

Location

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

Social Media

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More Info

Please visit weekend.firehero.org

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About the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF)

The United States Congress created the NFFF to lead a nationwide effort to remember America's fallen firefighters. Since 1992, the non-profit foundation has developed and expanded programs to honor fallen fire heroes and assist their families and co-workers. The NFFF also works with our affiliate organization the First Responder Center for Excellence (FRCE) and the fire service to help prevent and reduce line-of-duty deaths and injuries.

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