



## NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION

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### **National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and FDNY to Hold Special Tribute for Heroes Lost to Post-9/11 Illnesses**

**EMMITSBURG, MD (August 4, 2025)** More than two decades after the tragic events of September 11, 2001, the legacy of that day continues to live on in the unwavering courage and devotion to duty shown by FDNY firefighters. These American heroes answered the call without hesitation, standing in defense of our nation during one of its darkest hours. In the years that followed, many faced devastating health challenges due to their work at Ground Zero—sacrifices made in the line of duty that serve as a lasting testament to the true meaning of heroism.

On October 18, 2025, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF), in partnership with the Fire Department of the City of New York (FDNY), will host a heroic tribute on Staten Island, New York, to honor FDNY firefighters who died as a result of post-9/11-related illnesses. These firefighters, until now, had not been formally recognized at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

The tribute will ensure that their names are etched alongside their fellow fallen heroes, permanently remembered by a grateful nation.

“These firefighters exemplified unwavering courage and devotion to duty—not just on 9/11, but in the days, months, and years that followed,” said FDNY Fire Commissioner Robert Tucker. “Their sacrifices must never be forgotten, and this tribute ensures their place in history is secured with honor and dignity.”

The event on Staten Island will include a formal memorial service, the unveiling of a commemorative plaque, and the reading of each firefighter’s name. Family members, colleagues, and supporters from across the country will gather to pay tribute and remember these heroes.

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The following FDNY firefighters will be honored during the ceremony and their names permanently added to the National Memorial:

Firefighter Vincent J. Albanese	Supervising Fire Marshal James E. Devery
Firefighter Michael J. Arriaga	Firefighter Robert F. DiGiovanni
Firefighter Alfred J. Artesona	Firefighter Robert W. Dillon
Lieutenant Stephen Asaro	Lieutenant James K. Donohue
Firefighter Keith E. Atlas	Firefighter Richard N. Driscoll
Firefighter Christopher J. Bach	Firefighter Michael L. Duffy
Firefighter William Bartholomew	Firefighter John A. Dunn
Captain Steven Berube	Lieutenant Kevin C. Dunn
Battalion Chief Kevin S. Blaine	Lieutenant Martin K. Farrell
Lieutenant Andrew M. Borgese	Firefighter Thomas J. Farrell
Firefighter Daniel C. Bove	Lieutenant Peter J. Farrenkopf
Firefighter Ronald R. Brenneisen	Fire Marshal Michael J. Federowski
Firefighter Russell C. Brinkworth	Lieutenant Cruz A. Fernandez
Lieutenant Joseph Brosi	Captain Neil R. Ferro
Lieutenant Richard M. Burke	Firefighter Albert A. Filosa
Firefighter Timothy J. Burke	Firefighter Robert B. Fitzgibbon
Lieutenant James J. Burns II	Firefighter Robert A. Ford
Battalion Chief Kevin R. Byrnes	Firefighter Willie T. Franklin Jr.
Firefighter Frank A. Caputo	Firefighter Robert V. Fulco
Captain Peter J. Casey	Captain John J. Galvin
Captain Kevin J. Cassidy	Firefighter Andrew S. Gargiulo
Firefighter Anthony J. Catapano	Firefighter Frank J. Gasparino
Firefighter Peter A. Chiodo	Lieutenant Gary J. Gates
Firefighter Michael J. Cioffi	Firefighter Thomas H. Gavitt Jr.
Firefighter James J. Cody Jr.	Battalion Chief Stephen J. Geraghty
Firefighter John F. Connolly Sr.	Captain Dennis M. Gilhooly
Lieutenant James S. Cooney Sr.	Lieutenant Thomas J. Greaney
Firefighter Michael T. Costa	Firefighter Paul J. Greco
Battalion Chief James N. Costello	Lieutenant John K. Gremse
Firefighter Joseph P. Costello	Lieutenant Michael G. Hance
Firefighter Brent G. Crobak	Battalion Chief James J. Hanley
Firefighter Andrew D. Dal Cortivo	Firefighter Joseph A. Hatzelman
Lieutenant Arthur J. Darby	Firefighter Thomas D. Healy
Firefighter Harry L. Davis	Firefighter James M. Hicks
Rev. Monsignor John E. Delendick	Firefighter Jose L. Hickson
Firefighter Nicholas J. DeMasi	Lieutenant Michael J. Higgins
Lieutenant Paul W. Deo Jr.	Firefighter William Hodgens

Lieutenant Thomas J. Hodges  
Firefighter Andrew J. Hornbuckle  
Firefighter Edward V. Hronec  
Firefighter Robert Hughes  
Firefighter William M. Hughes  
Firefighter James J. Hurson  
Firefighter Anthony R. Iraci  
Firefighter James B. Johnsen  
Firefighter Robert W. Johnson  
Firefighter Harold J. Johnston  
Firefighter Richard B. Jones  
Lieutenant Donald J. Kelly  
Firefighter Kevin R. Kelly  
Lieutenant William J. Kelly  
Firefighter Sean D. Kenny  
Lieutenant Richard Kobbe  
Firefighter Dennis J. Komar  
Captain Thomas S. Labarbiera  
Battalion Chief Arthur S. Lakiotes  
Firefighter Gregory J. LaManna  
Firefighter Patrick J. Lauro  
Firefighter Gregg Lawrence  
Firefighter Kevin E. Lennon  
Firefighter Timothy G. Lockwood  
Lieutenant Keith M. Loughlin  
Captain Luke M. Lynch  
Firefighter Thomas A. Lynn  
Captain Michael J. Lyons  
Battalion Chief Vincent G. Lyons  
Lieutenant Baudon C. Malmbeck  
Deputy Chief Vincent J. Mandala  
Lieutenant Charles J. Maniscalco  
Firefighter John H. Marr  
Firefighter Anthony F. Mastrelli  
Supervising Fire Marshal John J. McCauley  
Firefighter Dennis B. McClean  
Firefighter Christopher W. McCormack  
Firefighter John F. McDonnell  
Firefighter Thomas J. McDougall  
Lieutenant Gerard C. McGibbon

Firefighter Walter E. McKee  
Battalion Chief Joseph A. McKie  
Firefighter Paul A. McManaman  
Battalion Chief Robert P. Miuccio Sr.  
Firefighter William E. Moreau  
Firefighter Joseph A. Morstatt  
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Lieutenant Reinaldo Natal  
Firefighter Richard E. Nogan  
Firefighter Kevin J. Nolan  
Captain Gary A. Nybro  
Firefighter John B. O'Brien  
Firefighter Adolfo Otaño  
Firefighter Edward R. Pecoroni  
Pilot Thomas P. Phelan  
Firefighter William H. Quick  
Firefighter Peter A. Quinn  
Firefighter Steven G. Radich  
Firefighter Edward F. Reilly Jr.  
Firefighter Dennis J. Reilly  
Firefighter Stephen J. Reilly  
Firefighter Robert R. Reynolds  
Lieutenant Thomas G. Roberts  
Firefighter Stephen E. Russack  
Firefighter James J. Ryan  
Firefighter Thomas E. Ryan  
Firefighter Paul F. Santoro  
Battalion Chief Christopher D. Scalone  
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Lieutenant John A. Vigliotti

Firefighter Walter Voight  
Firefighter Michael A. Wallace  
Firefighter James Walsh  
Lieutenant Harry Wanamaker Jr.  
Firefighter Robert E. Welsh III  
Firefighter Charles Williams  
Fire Marshal William Wilson Jr.  
Firefighter George H. Wilton Jr.  
Firefighter James P. Wind Sr.  
Lieutenant James J. Winters  
Firefighter Keith R. Young

“Each firefighter we honor today exemplifies the true spirit of sacrifice and dedication,” said Troy Markel, Board Chairman of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. “This tribute is our solemn commitment to ensure their stories live on, their families are supported, and their legacies inspire future generations.”

“Honoring these brave firefighters is more than recognition—it’s a promise that their sacrifice will never be forgotten and their families will always have our support,” said Victor Stagnaro, CEO of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

This recognition is made possible through the generosity of our supporters. Your contribution helps us continue to honor these fallen heroes and support their families at no cost. To join us in this effort, visit <https://www.firehero.org/donate/>.

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### **About the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF)**

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) was established by the United States Congress in 1992 to lead a national effort in honoring America’s fallen firefighters. Since then, the Foundation has created powerful programs that pay lasting tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while providing meaningful support to their families and colleagues. Through its close partnership with the fire service and its affiliate, the First Responder Center for Excellence (FRCE), the NFFF is also deeply committed to reducing firefighter line-of-duty deaths and injuries. To learn how you can support this important mission, visit [www.firehero.org](http://www.firehero.org).