



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 (October 9, 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.

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

Firefighter Vincent J. Albanese
Firefighter Michael J. Arriaga
Firefighter Alfred J. Artesona
Lieutenant Stephen Asaro
Firefighter Keith E. Atlas
Firefighter Christopher J. Bach
Firefighter William Bartholomew
Captain Steven Berube
Battalion Chief Kevin S. Blaine
Lieutenant Andrew M. Borgese
Firefighter Daniel C. Bove
Firefighter Ronald R. Brenneisen
Firefighter Russell C. Brinkworth
Lieutenant Joseph Brosi
Lieutenant Richard M. Burke
Firefighter Timothy J. Burke
Lieutenant James J. Burns II
Battalion Chief Kevin R. Byrnes
Firefighter Frank A. Caputo
Captain Peter J. Casey
Captain Kevin J. Cassidy
Firefighter Anthony J. Catapano
Firefighter Peter A. Chiodo
Firefighter Michael J. Cioffi
Firefighter James J. Cody Jr.
Firefighter John F. Connolly Sr.
Lieutenant James S. Cooney Sr.
Firefighter Michael T. Costa
Battalion Chief James N. Costello
Firefighter Joseph P. Costello
Firefighter Brent G. Crobak
Firefighter Andrew D. Dal Cortivo
Lieutenant Arthur J. Darby
Firefighter Harry L. Davis
Rev. Monsignor John E. Delendick
Firefighter Nicholas J. DeMasi

Lieutenant Paul W. Deo Jr.
Supervising Fire Marshal James E. Devery
Firefighter Robert F. DiGiovanni
Firefighter Robert W. Dillon
Lieutenant James K. Donohue
Firefighter Richard N. Driscoll
Firefighter Michael L. Duffy
Firefighter John A. Dunn
Lieutenant Kevin C. Dunn
Lieutenant Martin K. Farrell
Firefighter Thomas J. Farrell
Lieutenant Peter J. Farrenkopf
Fire Marshal Michael J. Federowski
Lieutenant Cruz A. Fernandez
Captain Neil R. Ferro
Firefighter Albert A. Filosa
Firefighter Robert B. Fitzgibbon
Firefighter Robert A. Ford
Firefighter Willie T. Franklin Jr.
Firefighter Robert V. Fulco
Captain John J. Galvin
Firefighter Andrew S. Gargiulo
Firefighter Frank J. Gasparino
Lieutenant Gary J. Gates
Firefighter Thomas H. Gavitt Jr.
Battalion Chief Stephen J. Geraghty
Captain Dennis M. Gilhooly
Lieutenant Thomas J. Greaney
Firefighter Paul J. Greco
Lieutenant John K. Gremse
Lieutenant Michael G. Hance
Battalion Chief James J. Hanley
Firefighter Joseph A. Hatzelman
Firefighter Thomas D. Healy
Firefighter James M. Hicks
Firefighter Jose L. Hickson

Lieutenant Michael J. Higgins
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
Firefighter Lawrence T. Murphy
Lieutenant Reinaldo "Ruben" 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
Captain Paul W. Schmalzried
Firefighter Mark R. Senno
Firefighter Michael J. Shagi
Lieutenant Michael J. Shanley
Firefighter James D. Shaughnessy
Firefighter Michael Sofia
Lieutenant Joseph R. Stach Jr.
Lieutenant Robert J. Stegmeier
Firefighter Ronald P. Stortz
Firefighter John P. Sullivan Jr.

Lieutenant Vincent J. Tancredi II
Firefighter Edward D. Thompson
Captain Thomas J. Thompson
Battalion Chief Edward J. Tierney
Firefighter John A. Tiska Jr.
Firefighter Michael J. Toal
Firefighter Richard C. Toshack
Firefighter George J. Trippree
Firefighter Joseph F. Tumulty
Firefighter John Tyrell Jr.
Battalion Chief John J. Vaughan
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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/>.

The weekend of remembrance continues on Sunday, October 19, with the [2025 New York City 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb & Run/Walk](#) at Icahn Stadium on Randall’s Island. Participants will climb, walk, and run in honor of FDNY firefighters and all first responders who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The NFFF also invites landmarks, homes and communities across the Tri-State area to take part in [Shine On, Heroes: NFFF & FDNY Post-9/11 Tribute](#) by lighting buildings in red on the evening of October 18—a powerful citywide display of remembrance and solidarity with the families of the fallen. More than a dozen iconic New York City landmarks will be participating, including One World Trade Center, Grand Central Terminal, Moynihan Train Hall, and the Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge.

Media interviews with NFFF leadership and FDNY officials will be available. To coordinate access or request additional information, please contact:

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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.

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