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REMEMBRANCE.**

**COMMITTED TO THE FUTURE.**

*2025 Impact Report*



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# Our Mission

## A YEAR OF DEDICATION AND DILIGENCE

JANUARY 2026

Dear Friends and Partners,

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation is grounded in a simple yet powerful truth: we are united in remembrance and steadfast in our commitment to the future—advancing firefighter safety, strengthening prevention and training efforts, and ensuring that the families of our fallen heroes are supported not just in moments of loss, but for a lifetime. This principle anchors our 2025 Impact Report, *A Legacy of Honor, Hope, and Prevention*, and reflects the full scope of our mission—honoring the sacred memory of the fallen while actively working to reduce line-of-duty deaths and protect those who continue to serve communities across the nation.

In 2025, our dual national memorials in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and Staten Island, New York, reaffirmed the enduring promise we make to Fire Hero Families: that their loved ones will never be forgotten. These ceremonies, solemn, powerful, and deeply personal, brought families, departments, and communities together in shared remembrance. Their stories fuel our purpose, inspire our work, and remind us that our efforts to improve firefighter safety are rooted in real lives, real families, and genuine sacrifice.

But remembrance alone is not enough. Our mission compels us to look to the future with resolve. Throughout the year, the Foundation expanded vital programs that support behavioral health, enhance firefighter training, and help departments reduce preventable tragedies. We continued to stand beside families rebuilding their lives, peers coping with profound loss, and fire service leaders striving to create safer environments for those who answer the call.

This year's impact report highlights the people, partnerships, and progress that made this work possible. It also demonstrates the trust placed in us by donors, supporters, corporate partners, and the fire service community. Every contribution, whether a gift, a collaboration, or simply showing up, helps advance a mission built on honor, hope, and prevention.

As you read these pages, we hope you feel the strength of the community that surrounds and sustains the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. We are profoundly grateful to those who support us and humbled by the responsibility we share.

United in remembrance. Committed to the future. Together, we carry forward the legacy of our nation's fallen firefighters.

With gratitude,



**VICTOR STAGNARO**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



**TROY MARKEL, CIC, CFM**  
BOARD CHAIR



**WAYS YOU  
CAN HELP**

# OUR IMPACT IN 2025

At the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, we are proud—and humbled—to have **met our mission** in 2025.

## HONORING FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS

We paid tribute to the extraordinary lives and service of **316 fallen heroes**, adding their names to the permanent bronze plaques encircling the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

## SUPPORTING FIRE HERO FAMILIES

We welcomed **1,405 new Fire Hero Family members** to our National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and our NFFF/FDNY Memorial in Staten Island, New York. And throughout the year, we supported these new families as well as families of fallen firefighters honored in previous years via our in-person activities and virtual support and provided education **scholarships to 56 children and partners** of fallen firefighters.

## ENCOURAGING PEERS AND DEPARTMENTS

At the Memorial Weekend, we offered support groups for all colleagues and leadership of the 316 fallen firefighters on 2025's Roll of Honor. Throughout the year, we provided peer support that engaged 150 fire departments. Our Local Assistance State Teams (LAST) made **493 contacts to departments** offering assistance after a firefighter death; we also assisted with over 170 PSOB claims per month. Our hallmark Taking Care of Our Own® **training engaged 561 personnel**.

## REDUCING PREVENTABLE LINE-OF-DUTY DEATHS

Our ongoing effort to reduce preventable line-of-duty deaths was more relevant than ever in 2025, with first responders facing catastrophic challenges like wildfires and hurricanes. NFFF's Fire Programs training events ran from January through December, **reaching 4,126 attendees in-person and 207,833 through virtual trainings**.



## COLLABORATING TO ADVANCE OUR MISSION

Throughout the year, the Foundation also collaborated on various health and wellness initiatives; joined the U.S. Fire Administration and #FireServiceOneVoice partners in national programming and elevated the Foundation's presence through fundraising and communications efforts.

But it's our family and fire service success stories that are the true measure of our impact.

**UNITED IN REMEMBRANCE, *we hold fast to the stories and sacrifices of our fallen heroes.***

**COMMITTED TO THE FUTURE, *we channel their legacy into programs that LIFT FAMILIES, EMPOWER PEERS, and PREVENT FUTURE TRAGEDY.***

# AN ENDURING REMEMBRANCE: MEMORIAL PARK

Located on the campus of the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland, the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park is home to the **National Fallen Firefighters Memorial**, which is surrounded by plaques honoring those who have died in the line of duty since 1981.

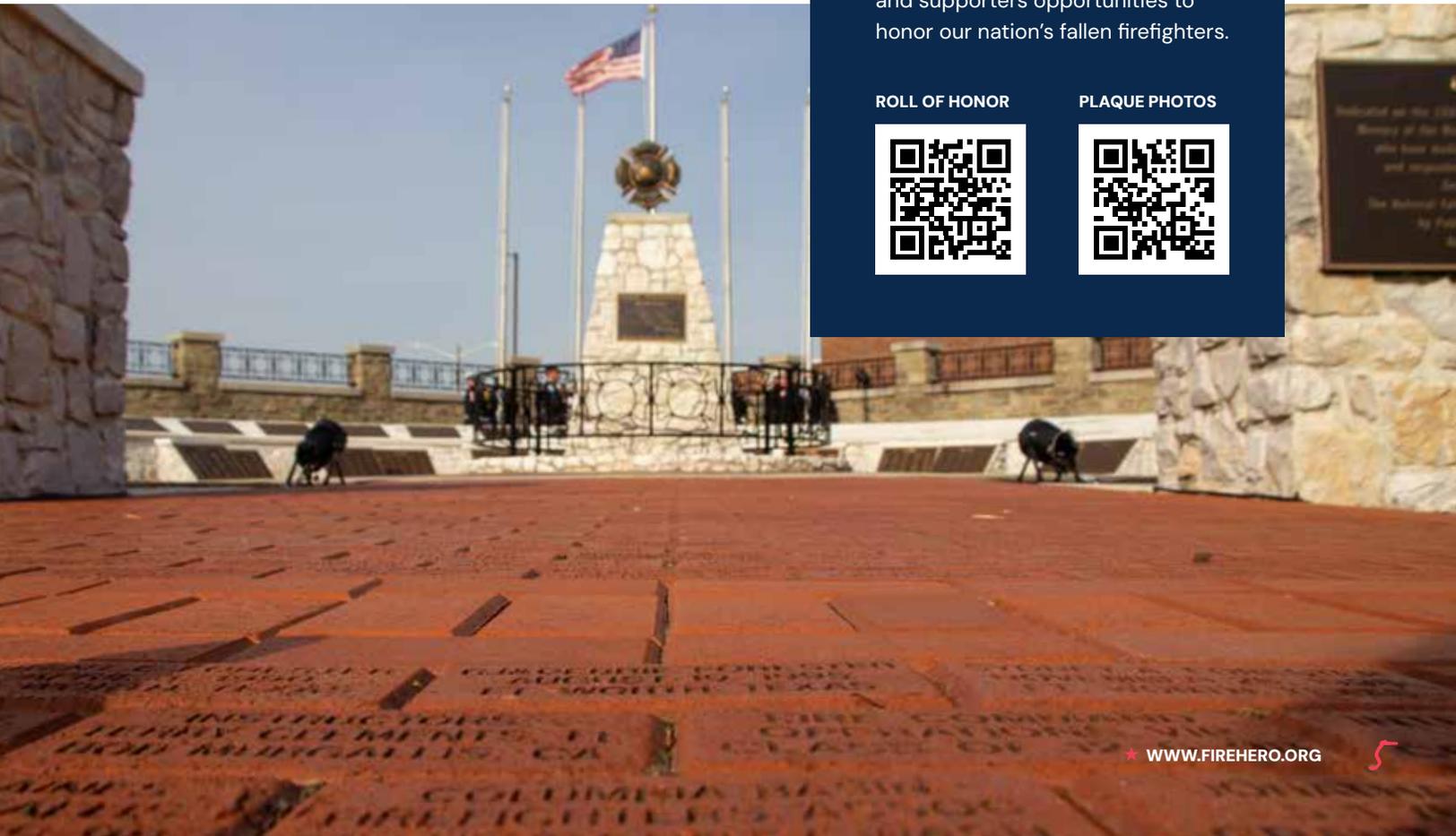
The **Walk of Honor**<sup>®</sup> connects the monument to the historic Fallen Firefighters Memorial Chapel, the 9/11 Memorial Plaza, and *To Lift A Nation*, a statue by Stan Watts honoring the heroes of September 11, 2001.

Each Walk of Honor<sup>®</sup> brick bears a personal inscription honoring individual firefighters, families, and supporters. Nearby stands the Bell of Remembrance, which was first rung during the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend in 2022. Throughout the year, the Memorial Park hosted multiple events, both on-site and virtual, providing families, departments, and supporters opportunities to honor our nation's fallen firefighters.

ROLL OF HONOR



PLAQUE PHOTOS



## WALK OF HONOR® PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### INCREASING BRICK DONATIONS

Over 200 new bricks were purchased this year, bringing the total to more than 14,000 inscribed bricks. Each brick can be located using numbered sections along the Walk, ensuring donors and visitors can find their special tributes.

### HONORING FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS

In recent years, firefighters who died in the line of duty prior to 1981—the year the Memorial was built—have been added to the Walk through the Project Roll Call program. All 50 states and the District of Columbia have placed bricks commemorating these firefighters.

### RESERVING ORGANIZATION SECTIONS

Several organizations reserved sections of the Walk of Honor® this year, including the Eastern Division of the IAFC, FEMSA, and the FCSN, highlighting strong community and department-level support for remembrance.

### RECOGNIZING MAJOR DONORS

A dedicated crosswalk section honors the Foundation’s major donors with bricks commemorating more than 800 corporations, organizations, and individuals whose contributions help sustain the Walk and the Foundation’s mission.



SEARCH FOR A WALK OF HONOR® BRICK



*Every brick moves our mission forward*

Proceeds from the sale of engraved bricks help sustain the NFFF’s mission to honor America’s fallen firefighters and provide support to their families. Order yours at [firehero.org](http://firehero.org).



PURCHASE A WALK OF HONOR® BRICK



# TOGETHER IN TRIBUTE

For the first time, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation held **two Memorial Services** to honor the lives firefighters lived and support the families they loved.

May 3–4 was the 2025 National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend in Emmitsburg, Maryland, where we paid tribute to **140 fallen firefighters**. The event was attended by **715 new and 172 returning Fire Hero Family members**, and they were joined by **478 members of the Honor Guard, Pipes & Drums and 208 Firefighter Escorts** as we recognized the tremendous sacrifice of these courageous men and women.

2025 MEMORIAL SERVICE VIDEO



2025 CANDLELIGHT SERVICE VIDEO



*2025* NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL WEEKEND

## EMMITSBURG, MARYLAND

### Alabama



**WILLIAM ANTHONY "TONY" BAUMGARTNER**  
Lawrence Mill Volunteer Fire Department



**BRICE JORDAN**  
Georgia Mountain Volunteer Fire Department



**JERRY L. LEVERETT**  
U.S. Army Garrison Redstone Arsenal Fire and Emergency Services



**SHANNON M. MCDONALD**  
Georgia Mountain Volunteer Fire Department

### Arizona



**ERIC JAMES FLANNERY**  
Daisy Mountain Fire and Medical



**MARK FOWL**  
Glendale Fire Department



**NOLBERTO GEM**  
Phoenix Fire Department



**STEVEN K. KEFFER**  
Adventure Medics



**MICHAEL C. MARTIN**  
Phoenix Fire Department



**THOMAS M. MCNAMARA**  
Tucson Fire Department



**BRIAN W. MILLER**  
Arizona Fire & Medical Authority



**KORY MICHAEL YULE**  
Scottsdale Fire Department

### Arkansas



**PHILIP P. CHRISTENSEN**  
Fort Smith Fire Department



**JIM MCCAMMON**  
Harrison Fire Department

### California



**MIGUEL CERVANTES**  
Rancho Cucamonga Fire Protection District

*Indiana*



**ULYSSES DURAN**  
Los Angeles County Fire Department



**HEATH JOSEPH O'SHEA**  
Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department



**KENNETH DWIGHT CALDWELL**  
LaCrosse Volunteer Fire Department



**W. CHRIS MERTZ**  
Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District



**JASON C. TUCKER**  
Pasco County Fire Rescue



**JAMES M. HATHAWAY**  
City of Muncie Fire Department



**ANDREW L. PONTIOUS**  
Los Angeles County Fire Department



**ROBERT D. DAVIS**  
Dobbins Air Reserve Base Fire and Emergency Services



**MICHAEL E. KREPS JR.**  
Dunkirk Fire Department

*Connecticut*



**ROBERT E. SHARKEVICH SR.**  
Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department

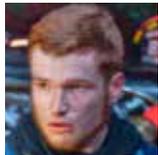


**VERNON LEON DAVIS**  
Blackshear Fire Department



**RODRICK SHANE LAMBERT**  
Wayne Township Fire Department

*Delaware*



**THOMAS WILSON BERRY III**  
Georgetown Fire Company Inc.



**CHRISTOPHER ROBERT EDDY**  
Greene County Fire and Rescue



**RALPH F. MEYER**  
Napoleon Volunteer Fire Company

*Florida*



**ANDY EYSTER**  
Melbourne Fire Department



**KENT B. GILBERTSON**  
Boise Fire Department



**RICHARD C. POTTER**  
Wayne Township Fire Department



**JOSEPH "JAY" GELD**  
Melbourne Fire Department



**CRISTIAN SERGIO MEDRANO**  
Aurora Fire Department



**RICK SANDERS**  
Winchester Fire Department



**JAMES NATHAN LEONARD**  
Coral Springs-Parkland Fire Department



**JULIANA TURCHETTI**  
Dauntless Air, contracted by Idaho Department of Lands

*"I wasn't sure exactly what to expect at the Memorial Weekend. It turned out to be a touching and emotional experience that I could never have imagined. In addition to everything else, the care and kindness shown to the families was deeply moving to me."*

**2025 FIRE HERO FAMILY MEMBER**



*Iowa*



**BRAD ALLAN SHERWOOD**  
Cedar Falls Fire Rescue



**MARK R. HERNANDEZ**  
Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport Fire Department

*Maryland*



**RICHARD E. BLANKENSHIP JR.**  
Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services



**MATTHEW LAWRENCE TOBBEN**  
Boone County Fire Protection District

*Kansas*



**TY MONTGOMERY VOTH**  
Wichita Fire Department



**TRAVIS L. RANSOM**  
Union Fire Protection District



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Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department

*Montana*



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Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation



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Red Bush Volunteer Fire Department



**ROBERT A. "BOBBY" JONES**  
Reese and Community Volunteer Fire Company

*Kentucky*



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Nicholasville Fire Department



**GREGORY T. VANHOOSE**  
Rockhouse Volunteer Fire Department



**CRAIG E. RALSTON**  
Ellicott City Volunteer Fire Department

*New Hampshire*



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Rye Fire Rescue



**MITCHELL T. CHRISTIAN**  
Ashland Fire Department



**JOHN T. VICKERS JR.**  
Zoneton Fire Protection District



**MICHAEL T. WARFEL**  
Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Services



**JEFFREY M. WHITCOMB**  
New Hampshire Department of Safety, Division of Fire Standards and Training and EMS



**GERALD G. COX**  
Priceville Volunteer Fire Department



**ROY FRANKLIN "FRANK" WHITT**  
Route 504 Volunteer Fire Department

*Minnesota*



**ADAM LOREN FINSETH**  
Burnsville Fire Department



**JESSICA L. WYMAN**  
Nashua Fire Rescue



**DARRELL KEITH HELTON**  
Belfry Volunteer Fire Department



**CHARLES WILBURN**  
Kentucky Department of Forestry

*Missouri*



**JAMES LOUIS COVA**  
Affton Fire Protection District



**BRIAN F. ELLERSON**  
Jersey City Fire Department



**ARTHUR "BUTCH" HENLEY**  
Rolling Fork Fire Department



**TAD NOLAN RUSSELL**  
Brumley Fire Protection District



**MARQUES HUDSON**  
Plainfield Fire Department



**CRAIG M. KONKLE**  
South Bound Brook Fire Department

*"Beautiful ceremony that far exceeded my expectations. Thank you."*

**2025 FIRE HERO FAMILY MEMBER**



*New York*



**ROBERT R. BOIRE**  
Cumberland Head Fire Department



**NICHOLAS J. MOROSCO**  
Yorkville Fire Department



**NATHAN CLARK BURGESS**  
Raleigh Fire Department



**DAVID SCOTT MERRITT**  
Durham Fire Department



**DANIEL S. DEWOLF**  
Fairville Volunteer Fire Department



**ROMANO PETRUCCO**  
Homer Fire Department



**TONY RAY GARRISON**  
Fairview Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.



**RONNIE BUREN METCALF**  
Lexington Fire Department



**NIEL G. "SKIP" FRAZIER**  
Ellington Volunteer Fire Department



**GEORGE E. SNYDER JR.**  
Fire Department City of New York



**THOMAS M. LEE SR.**  
Kill Devil Hills Fire Department



**ROBERT PAUL NORDMAN**  
Northern Wake Fire Department



**DEO LALL JR.**  
Fire Department City of New York



**THOMAS J. WUTZ SR.**  
New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control



**JEFFREY M. LYONS**  
Asheville Fire Department



**THOMAS RAY PATTERSON**  
Louisburg Fire Department



**RODERICK JOHN MACLEOD**  
New Hackensack Fire District



**JOHN ALEXANDER BOWEN**  
Fayetteville Fire Department



**ANTHONY BRYANT "TONY" MAULDIN**  
Town of Fuquay-Varina Fire Department



**TROY THOMPSON**  
Seven Springs Volunteer Fire Department

*North Carolina*

*“It was the most beautiful event I’ve ever attended. Everyone there was kind and compassionate. So well organized. I’m so grateful to all who made the weekend so special.”*

**2025 FIRE HERO FAMILY MEMBER**

*Oregon*



**WILLIAM J. "B.J." MCCALE**  
Vermilion Township Fire & Rescue Department



**DANIEL RICHARD FOLEY**  
United States Forest Service – Bly Ranger District



**DANIEL E. STACK**  
Highland Volunteer Fire Department



**RICHARD D. RICHARDSON**  
Columbus Division of Fire



**MAURICE "MO" STADEL**  
Salem Fire Department



**JOHN P. WALSH**  
Pittsburgh Bureau of Fire



**DANIEL R. RITCHEY**  
Reno Volunteer Fire Department



**BRIAN ROBERT WOLGAMOTT**  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

*Rhode Island*



**JOHN N. CARNEGIS**  
North Providence Fire Department



**ALAN VAN KRAMER**  
Madison Fire District

*Pennsylvania*



**J. WILLIAM BUNARDZYA**  
Rostraver Central Volunteer Fire Department



**ALLAN P. LEPAGE**  
Kingston Fire Department



**GREGORY ALAN WARNER**  
Porter Township Volunteer Fire Department



**JOHN PAUL KALYNYCH**  
Lower Saucon Fire Rescue

*South Carolina*



**LONDON CALE BODIE**  
Circle Fire Department – Saluda County Fire Service



*Oklahoma*

**GREGORY CROSS**  
Altus Fire-EMS



**DERRICK L. NESTER**  
Wyomissing Fire Department



**CHAD SATCHER**  
Circle Fire Department – Saluda County Fire Service

*Ohio*



**SHAWN P. CALVEY**  
Cleveland Fire Department



**JAROD F. KAMMEIER**  
Noble Township Fire Department



**ROBERT BRYAN "RB" ELLIS**  
Tulsa Fire Department



**STEPHEN M. PAVETTI**  
Kiski Township Fire Department #1



**MICHAEL "MIKE" VINSON**  
Clinton Fire Department



**AMANDA KARDUCK**  
Painesville City Fire Department



**MARK EUGENE MEYER**  
Tulsa Fire Department



**BRIAN K. PEEK**  
Goldsboro Fire Company

*Tennessee*



**JAMES STEPHEN LAMP**  
Newport Volunteer Fire Department



**HARRISON E. MOSEBY**  
Tulsa Fire Department



**LELAND WARREN ALEXANDER**  
Milledgeville Volunteer Fire Department





**CLOIS CEARLEY**  
East Polk Fire & Rescue Department (now Copper Basin Fire & Rescue)



**DANIEL R. "DAN" POTTS SR.**  
City of Whitney Fire & Rescue



**JAMES BAILEY MAXWELL**  
Aerial Timber Applicator, contracted by U.S. Bureau of Land Management



**DEAN G. WARREN**  
South Snohomish County Fire and Rescue Regional Fire Authority



**JASON MATTHEW EDMISON**  
Williamson County Office of Public Safety



**ZEBULUN EARL "ZEB" SMITH**  
Fritch Volunteer Fire Department



**RYAN T. PLEASANTS**  
Walla Walla Fire Department

*Wisconsin*



**GARY EDWIN BERG**  
North Prairie Fire Department



**SCOTT D. JENKINS**  
Nashville Fire Department

*Vermont*



**CHARLES R. "CHARLEY" PARKER**  
Chittenden Volunteer Fire Department



**LESLEE DENISE SMITH**  
North Whatcom Fire & Rescue



**ROBERT A. STEVENS**  
Fremont-Wolf River Fire Department



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*Virginia*



**TREVOR BROWN**  
Sterling Volunteer Fire Company



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Port of Seattle Fire Department

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Flower Mound Fire Department



**GARY CLARK CAMPBELL**  
Spotsylvania County Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Management



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**JAMES CARSON WARD JR.**  
Virginia Department of Forestry



**MARCELO "OX" GARCIA III**  
Houston Fire Department

*Washington*



**RON CATO**  
Pend Oreille County Fire District 2



**SCOTT GLASS**  
Perryton Fire and EMS



## Spotlight

### MEMORIAL WEEKEND FIREFIGHTER ESCORT



My name is Tori Downing and my dad, Sam Downing, served as a Captain with the City of Mobile, Alabama Fire Department. The world lost his light in 2007. In the years since his passing, I have worked to become someone he would be proud of. I followed in his footsteps by entering emergency services in 2016 as a rescue technician and later transitioned to the fire service in 2020.

To honor his legacy further, I chose to attend the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation's annual memorial as a family escort. Through this role, I hope to show families that meaningful opportunities exist to keep the memories of our loved ones alive. I believe that people only die when we stop talking about them.

I remember when my dad was honored and how overwhelming it felt to be part of something so much larger than myself, even at only ten years old. As a family escort, I hope to ease that burden for others and offer a sense of safety and support as families step into their new and difficult reality.

Although I can no longer live my life alongside my dad, his legacy continues to live through me. My dad loved the fire service but more importantly, he loved us.

*“I’m grateful to be a part of the NFFF and I’m thankful for the new friends and family I have made through this organization.”*

**TORI DOWNING**  
**MEMORIAL WEEKEND FIREFIGHTER ESCORT**

The NFFF/FDNY Memorial Service was a special **one-time event on October 18** honoring the brave firefighters who died from 9/11-related illnesses.

That weekend, **176 fallen firefighters** were honored. Along with **690 new and 20 returning Fire Hero family members**, **129 members of the Honor Guard, Pipes and Drums** and **172 Firefighter Escorts** were in attendance.

*2025* NFFF/FDNY MEMORIAL SERVICE  
**STATEN ISLAND,  
 NEW YORK**



2025 FDNY  
 MEMORIAL VIDEO



VINCENT  
 JOSEPH  
 ALBANESE



WILLIAM R.  
 BARTHOLOMEW



RUSSELL C.  
 BRINKWORTH



FRANK A.  
 CAPUTO



MICHAEL J.  
 ARRIAGA



STEVEN  
 BERUBE



JOSEPH  
 BROSI



PETER J.  
 CASEY



ALFRED J.  
 ARTESONA



KEVIN S.  
 BLAINE



RICHARD M.  
 BURKE



KEVIN J.  
 CASSIDY



STEPHEN A.  
 ASARO



ANDREW M.  
 BORGES



TIMOTHY J.  
 BURKE



ANTHONY J.  
 CATAPANO



KEITH E.  
 ATLAS



DANIEL C.  
 BOVE



JAMES J.  
 BURNS II



PETER A.  
 CHIODO



CHRISTOPHER  
 J. BACH



RONALD R.  
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KEVIN R.  
 BYRNES SR.



MICHAEL J.  
 CIOFFI



**JAMES J. CODY JR.**



**HARRY L. DAVIS**



**ROBERT W. DILLON**



**MARTIN K. FARRELL**



**JOHN F. CONNOLLY SR.**



**JOHN E. DELENDICK**



**JAMES K. DONOHUE**



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**JAMES S. COONEY**



**NICHOLAS J. DEMASI**



**RICHARD N. DRISCOLL III**



**PETER J. FARRENKOPF**



**MICHAEL T. COSTA**



**PAUL W. DEO JR.**



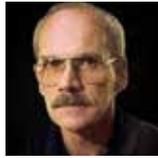
**MICHAEL L. DUFFY**



**MICHAEL J. FEDEROWSKI**



**JAMES N. COSTELLO**



**JAMES E. DEVERY**



**JOHN A. DUNN**



**CRUZ A. FERNANDEZ**



**JOSEPH P. COSTELLO**



**ROBERT F. DIGIOVANNI**



**KEVIN C. DUNN**



**NEIL R. FERRO**



**BRENT G. CROBAK**



**ANDREW D. DAL CORTIVO**



**ARTHUR J. DARBY**



*“My children and I are extremely grateful to all that have made this memorial such a special memory to all of us.”*

2025 FIRE HERO FAMILY MEMBER



**ROBERT V. FULCO**



**PAUL J. GRECO**



**WILLIAM HODGENS**



**JOHN J. GALVIN**



**JOHN K. GREMSE**



**THOMAS J. HODGES**



**ANDREW S. GARGIULO**



**MICHAEL G. HANCE**



**ANDREW J. HORNBUCKLE**



**FRANK J. GASPARINO**



**JAMES J. HANLEY**



**EDWARD V. HRONEC**



**GARY J. GATES**



**JOSEPH A. HATZELMAN**



**ROBERT M. HUGHES**



**ALBERT A. FILOSA**



**THOMAS HENRY GAVITT JR.**



**THOMAS D. HEALY**



**WILLIAM M. HUGHES**



**ROBERT B. FITZGIBBON**



**STEPHEN J. GERAGHTY**



**JAMES M. HICKS**



**JAMES J. HURSON**



**ROBERT A. FORD**



**DENNIS M. GILHOOLY**



**JOSE L. HICKSON**



**ANTHONY R. IRACI**



**WILLIE T. FRANKLIN JR.**



**THOMAS J. GREANEY**



**MICHAEL HIGGINS**



**JAMES B. JOHNSEN**



**ROBERT W. JOHNSON**



**SEAN D. KENNY**



**PATRICK J. LAURO**



**THOMAS A. LYNN**



**HAROLD J. JOHNSTON**



**RICHARD KOBBE**



**GREGG E. LAWRENCE**



**MICHAEL J. LYONS**



**RICHARD B. JONES**



**DENNIS J. KOMAR**



**KEVIN E. LENNON**



**VINCENT G. LYONS**



**DONALD J. KELLY**



**THOMAS S. LABARBIERA**



**TIMOTHY G. LOCKWOOD**



**BAUDON "COOKIE" MALMBECK**



**KEVIN R. KELLY**



**ARTHUR S. LAKIOTES**



**KEITH M. LOUGHLIN**



**VINCENT J. MANDALA**



**WILLIAM J. KELLY**



**GREGORY J. LAMANNA**



**LUKE M. LYNCH**



**CHARLES J. MANISCALCO**



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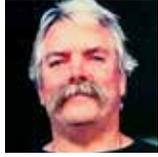
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**ROBERT R. REYNOLDS**



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**THOMAS E. RYAN**



**GERARD "RODDY" MCGIBBON**



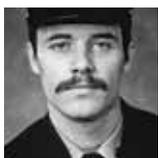
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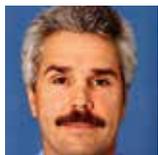
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**MICHAEL A. WALLACE**



**KEITH YOUNG**



**ROBERT J. STEGMEIER**



**RICHARD C. TOSHACK**



**JAMES WALSH**



**RONALD P. STORTZ**



**GEORGE J. TRIPPTREE**



**HARRY WANAMAKER JR.**

# STANDING BY FAMILIES

Everyone's grief journey is different. We strive to meet individuals and families where they are with a range of programs, including in-person events, virtual support, a bi-monthly newsletter with family-created content, one-on-one counseling, and ongoing grief support. Our Fire Hero Family members' feedback is critical as we work to continue enhancing the services we offer.



## IN-PERSON EVENTS

### MEMORIAL WEEKEND

The Memorial Weekend is typically a Fire Hero Family member's first in-person introduction to the Foundation. This year, our Family Programs team served and supported **1,405 new Fire Hero Family members** at our two Memorial events, including the children, spouses, partners, parents, siblings, and extended families of fallen firefighters. We also welcomed back **192 returning Fire Hero Family members**, who provided a total of **852 volunteer hours** in support of new Fire Hero Families.

### HAL BRUNO KIDS CAMP GLEN ALLEN & GOOCHLAND, VA

Campers: 62

### FIRE HERO FAMILY WINTER RETREAT EMMITSBURG, MD & FAIRFIELD, PA

Attendees: 120

## VIRTUAL EVENTS

### WEEKLY PEER SUPPORT

**43 SESSIONS**

Total Attended: 810

### WEEKLY FACILITATED SUPPORT

**41 SESSIONS**

Total Attended: 346

### MONTHLY REMEMBRANCE GROUP

**12 SESSIONS**

Participants: 47

### MONTHLY MEN FORGING AHEAD GROUP

**12 SESSIONS**

Participants: 30

### NEW IN 2025! HOLIDAY SUPPORT GROUP

**2 SESSIONS**

Participants: 15



# ENCOURAGING FAMILIES THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS

The NFFF Scholarship Program awarded **56 scholarships** for the 2025–26 school year **totaling \$535,109** to family members of fallen firefighters. Our scholarships are based on financial need and academic performance, emphasizing those studying science, technology, engineering, math (STEM), and public safety. NFFF and its scholarship partners are proud to support these families and honor the memory of their fallen heroes.

## THE PROGRAM IS MADE POSSIBLE BY GENEROUS DONATIONS FROM:

- ★ MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS FOUNDATION
- ★ BURTON A. ZIPSER AND SANDRA D. ZIPSER FOUNDATION
- ★ MISSIONSQUARE RETIREMENT
- ★ NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE FIRE MARSHALS
- ★ ALAN PATRICK SONDEJ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
- ★ GLOBAL HEALTH & SAFETY
- ★ KENNETH M. HEDRICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
- ★ FIRE ENGINE NUMBER 5 CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
- ★ SANDER COHEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
- ★ THE ANN & FRANK CAHOUE FOUNDATION
- ★ CHIEF ELWOOD BANISTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

LEARN HOW TO APPLY FOR AN NFFF SCHOLARSHIP

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE NFFF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



# Scholarship Recipients



**KRISTEN ADAMS**  
Louisiana State University Health Science Center Shreveport  
*Medicine*



**MIRANDA BRAKE**  
Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine  
*Medicine*



**RYLEE FOURNIER**  
University of La Verne  
*Photography and Marketing*



**KAYLA GUISE**  
Messiah University  
*Nursing*



**CASEY ADDICKS**  
University of Southern California  
*Business Administration with a minor in Real Estate Development*



**OWEN CURRY**  
Daytona State College  
*Manufacturing Engineering Technology*



**GRANT FOUTS**  
University of Iowa  
*Business*



**NATALIE JONES**  
Ithaca College  
*Occupational Therapy*



**GABRIELLA AMBELAS**  
DeSales University  
*Nursing*



**KENSLEY DICKEY**  
Trevecca Nazarene University  
*Management and Leadership*



**HALLEY FRITZ**  
NEOMED School of Dentistry  
*Dentistry*



**PARKER JONES**  
Western Welding Academy  
*Welding*



**LEZLEE ARMES**  
Ohio University  
*Family Nurse Practitioner*



**CAYLA FENWICK**  
Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine  
*Veterinary Medicine*



**CAMERON GERACE**  
University of New Haven  
*Fire Science - Administration*



**SEAN JORDAN**  
Iona University  
*Marketing*



**KIERAN BELLEW**  
Penn State University  
*Film Production*



**STEPHANIE FIANDACA-STRICKLER**  
University of Virginia - School of Nursing  
*Nursing*



**GRACELYN GONSIOROSKI**  
Montana State University  
*Nursing*



**FINLAY KEFFER**  
Grand Canyon University  
*Business Management*

*“Receiving this scholarship has been a life-changing experience—not only for me, but also for my entire family...In the difficult aftermath of losing my father, your support has shown me that I’m not alone.”*

**SON OF A FALLEN FIREFIGHTER**



**GRADY GONSIOROSKI**  
Montana Technological University  
*Mechanical Engineering*



**JAMES KEGLEY**  
University of South Carolina  
*Athletic Training*



**AIDAN GUERNSEY**  
Full Sail University  
*Recording Arts*



**ERIN LAIRD**  
Goucher College  
*Political Science/ Law*



**JACKSON LUKAS**  
Michigan State University  
*Journalism*



**HAYLEY NUNLEY**  
Ohio University  
*Entrepreneurship*



**JAIDYN SCHOFFSTALL**  
Indiana State University  
*Elementary Education*



**MICCAEL SONNER-CRANNEY**  
Lewis-Clark State College  
*Wildlife Biology*



**MADISON MANGER**  
University of Minnesota Medical School, Duluth Campus  
*Medicine*



**CHANDLER PARKER**  
Chattahoochee Technical College  
*Automotive Technology*



**DESERAE SCHWINDT**  
Pittsburg State University  
*Workplace Development - HR*



**RYENN SOVICH**  
Ursinus College  
*Psychology*



**BRIANNA MARSHALL**  
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences  
*Premedical Health Studies*



**COURTNEY QUIROZ**  
Pacific University  
*Clinical Psychology*



**BRENNAH SCOTT**  
Wilmington University  
*Criminal Justice*



**MADISON TIPTON**  
University of Idaho  
*Criminology with a minor in Psychology*



**JACK MCNAMARA**  
Eastern Kentucky University  
*Fire Science*



**KAYLEIGH RANSOM**  
Eastern Kentucky University  
*Special Education & Elementary Education*



**LAINI SCOTT**  
Arcadia University  
*Criminology/ Criminal Justice with a minor in Forensic Investigation*



**JOE WACH**  
Wayne State College  
*Professional Accountancy*



**MARTY MCNAMARA**  
Quinsigamond Community College  
*Nursing*



**JOSTIN RASMUSSEN**  
Washington State University  
*Kinesiology*



**LILY SHAFFREY**  
St. Louis University  
*Pre-med*



**MATT WACH**  
Southeast Community College  
*Business*



**TAYLOR MORAN**  
Western Governors University  
*Digital Marketing*



**NATALIE REISMAN**  
Fordham University School of Law  
*Law*



**SARAH SHOUP**  
Northeast Mississippi Community College  
*Radiologic Technology*



**KATIE WELLS**  
Walden University  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*



**PATRICK MORLAN**  
University of Maryland, College Park  
*Criminology & Criminal Justice*



**AVA SANCHEZ**  
Blinn College  
*Nursing*



**EDWARD SINGLETON II**  
DePaul University  
*Business Analytics*



**SAMUEL WESTFALL**  
University of Cincinnati  
*Nursing*



**CATHERINE NORRIS**  
Belmont University  
*Entrepreneurship*



**MARISSA SAYLES**  
Ferris State University  
*Nursing*



**MOLLIE SKIPPER**  
University of South Dakota  
*Communication Sciences and Disorders*



**EMMA WOLNEWITZ**  
Florida State University  
*Social Science Education*

# PROVIDING COMFORT TO KIDS

In June 2025, NFFF sent 62 children of fallen firefighters to camp in Glen Allen and Goochland, Virginia, offering an avenue for them to heal and have fun with other kids.



## OUR CAMPS ARE BROKEN OUT INTO TWO AGE GROUPS:

The younger group (4–6 years old) was sent to Camp HAL (Healing After Loss), which is led by licensed therapists who specialize in helping young children who are grieving. The program, with support from NFFF staff and volunteers, uses play therapy to help children express themselves. Children stayed with their parent overnight.

NFFF partnered with Comfort Zone Camp to provide a weekend-long experience to the older group (7–17 years old). Campers were paired one-on-one with Big Buddies, many of whom are current or former firefighters, and participated in healing circles, challenge courses, games, and other outdoor camp activities.

*“Camp allowed my children to connect with others who understand their grief. It fostered a safe place where they were able to learn ways to help navigate their grief journey in a healthy way.”*

PARENT OF CAMPER

# Spotlight

## KIDS CAMP BIG BUDDY



Chad Hoefle brings heart, humor, and unwavering dedication to Kids Camp as one of our cherished Big Buddies. Known for his easygoing nature and ability to connect with campers of all ages, Chad creates a safe and joyful space where kids feel seen, supported, and celebrated. Whether he’s offering a listening ear, or sharing stories that spark laughter, Chad embodies the spirit of compassion and community that makes Kids Camp so special.

His commitment goes beyond the campfire—Chad shows up with genuine care and a deep understanding of the healing journey these children are on. With every high-five, encouraging word, and shared moment, he helps build lasting memories and meaningful bonds. We’re proud to spotlight Chad Hoefle for the incredible impact he makes as a Big Buddy and the light he brings to our camp family.

*“Camp gives you a front-row seat to watch kids open up, grow, try new things, and discover what they’re capable of when they step out of their comfort zone. Being a Big Buddy is an honor because you’re trusted to walk alongside them, encourage them, and help them feel seen.”*

*It’s one of those roles where you end up learning just as much from them as they do from you. My own children have grown up with me going to Comfort Zone Camp and have had to realize what it truly means. This has inspired them each to take on the role of Big Buddy. There is nothing more rewarding in my 30 years in the fire service than to be able to serve these families.”*

**CHAD HOEFLE, BIG BUDDY  
FIRE CHIEF – STILLMAN FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**PAST PRESIDENT – ILLINOIS FIRE  
CHIEFS ASSOCIATION**





# NAVIGATING THE HOLIDAYS AS ONE FAMILY

The holidays can be especially difficult for those who have lost a loved one in the line of duty. At our annual **Fire Hero Family Winter Retreat**, we strive to make the season a little easier by welcoming family members of all ages to focus on service, self-care, reflection, and fellowship.

*“Before I arrived, I was dreading the holiday aspect of the retreat. After it was over, it felt like I spent some holiday time with my firefighter and it was a sweet time. Thank you for that.”*

**WINTER RETREAT ATTENDEE**



Held from December 3-6, 2025, the event in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and Fairfield, Pennsylvania, was attended by 120 Fire Hero Family

members who were able to encourage one another and join together for our annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Fallen Firefighters Memorial Chapel. The trees are decorated with personalized ornaments that represent firefighters who have been honored at the Memorial.



## PEER SUPPORT TRAINING

The **Fire Hero Family Winter Retreat** also featured our **one-day peer support training**. Created in 2012, this training provides new Peer Support Network members additional information and skills that help them to be there for newly bereaved and struggling members of our community in a big way.



TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY VIDEO



# DELIVERING NEW AND INNOVATIVE TRAINING PROGRAMS

Fire Service Programs works to reduce preventable line-of-duty death and injury through a variety of education and outreach efforts. The success of these programs is made possible with the help of our nearly **300 NFFF Life Safety Advocates** who volunteer their time and energy to support our mission.

Our Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives (LSI) are the cornerstone of all program activities, understanding that embedding the LSI into the mainstream fire service will improve firefighter survivability and quality of life. In 2025, the Final Report for the 20th Anniversary Life Safety Summit was released, introducing the new condensed LSI Matrix that can be molded to fit any department type or individual position.



[VIEW FULL FINAL REPORT](#)



NFFF FELLOWS AT LION MFG, DAYTON, OHIO

## NFFF FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The NFFF Fellowship Program seeks to prepare emerging fire service leaders to champion firefighter survivability and quality of life through academic seminars, staff rides, case studies, and networking.

Beginning in Washington, DC, at the CFSI Annual Dinner & Symposium, the fellowship concludes with a practicum to benefit the fire service. The NFFF has over 40 Fellow alumni, with 16 in the 2025 Cohort #4.

*Thank you*

to LION for providing our Fellows with the opportunity to tour your facility in Dayton, Ohio, and learn about the production process.



NFFF FELLOWS COHORT #4 AT THE 2025 ANNUAL CFSI DINNER & SYMPOSIUM

## IMPACT SURVEY

**86%**

reported improved knowledge on handling an Incident or on the topic presented

**26%**

reported informal changes (at the individual or company level) in specific practices

**14%**

reported they generated a revision to an existing Department SOG/SOP

**12%**

reported they generated a new Department SOG/SOP

## FIRE HERO LEARNING NETWORK

The Fire Hero Learning Network (FHLN) is the NFFF’s online training platform and hosts over 30 high-end continuing education programs. Both FHLN and our classroom-delivered courses were highly successful in 2025, further contributing to our impact on firefighters seeking to learn and grow.

FHLN  
LEARNING  
HOURS  
SINCE 2012  
FOUNDING:

**303,786**

2025  
FHLN AND  
CLASSROOM  
LEARNING  
HOURS:

**48,078**

2025  
ACTIVITY  
LEVEL:

**+12%**



EXPLORE THE  
FIRE HERO  
LEARNING NETWORK



FIRE PROGRAMS DIRECTOR DANNY KISTNER AND EDUCATION & OUTREACH COORDINATOR JOHN KANE ADDRESS THE FIRE SERVICE PROGRAMS TEAM DURING A RECENT BROWN BAG PLANNING SESSION

## STRONGER TOGETHER – WILDFIRE PLANNING WORKSHOP

The purpose of the Stronger Together – Wildfire Planning Workshop is to heighten awareness of all threats associated with wildfire and to coach the community into developing their own action plans for mitigation and suppression. Inspired by listening sessions in which structural and wildfire firefighters discussed mutual concerns about responding to the wildland-urban interface, the workshop made its debut in March 2025 in Hays, Kansas, and was attended by various stakeholder groups.



USING A SAND TABLE, HAYS, KS, FIRE CHIEF RYAN HAGANS EXPLAINS THE TRAJECTORY OF A HISTORICAL AREA WILDFIRE TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE NOVEL STRONGER TOGETHER – WILDFIRE PLANNING WORKSHOP

*“It is a serious problem...we can’t ignore it or not address [the wildfire threat]. Thanks for your [NFFF] help.”*

**BARBARA WASINGER**  
KANSAS STATE REPRESENTATIVE

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community engagement was identified as a critical and often overlooked component influencing firefighter survival. This was identified and provided for in the revised Life Safety Initiatives matrix (Pillar IV). The Stronger Together – Wildfire Planning Workshop embraced this construct, demonstrated by significant contributions from community members in Hays, Kansas.

Collectively, the community of Hays and the State of Kansas contributed to an action plan impacting wildfire resiliency. Consequently, the NFFF is engaged in a study on community expectations. The final deliverable will be educational programs for the community and state and local government.

# LINE-OF-DUTY DEATH OUTREACH

The purpose of the NFFF LODD Outreach Program is to help prepare organizations for an LODD and to provide assistance to families and departments should one occur.

**THERE ARE FOUR MAIN COMPONENTS OF LODD OUTREACH, ALL OF WHICH DELIVERED MEANINGFUL IMPACT:**

**1**

**TAKING CARE OF OUR OWN® (TCOOO)**

Prepares departments to deal with a LODD or serious injury

Personnel Trained: **561**

**2**

**LOCAL ASSISTANCE STATE TEAMS (LAST)**

Assists departments and families immediately after an LODD

Assistance Calls Answered: **493**

**3**

**UNIFORM PEER SUPPORT GROUPS**

Connects firefighters involved in LODDs with others who have experienced the same

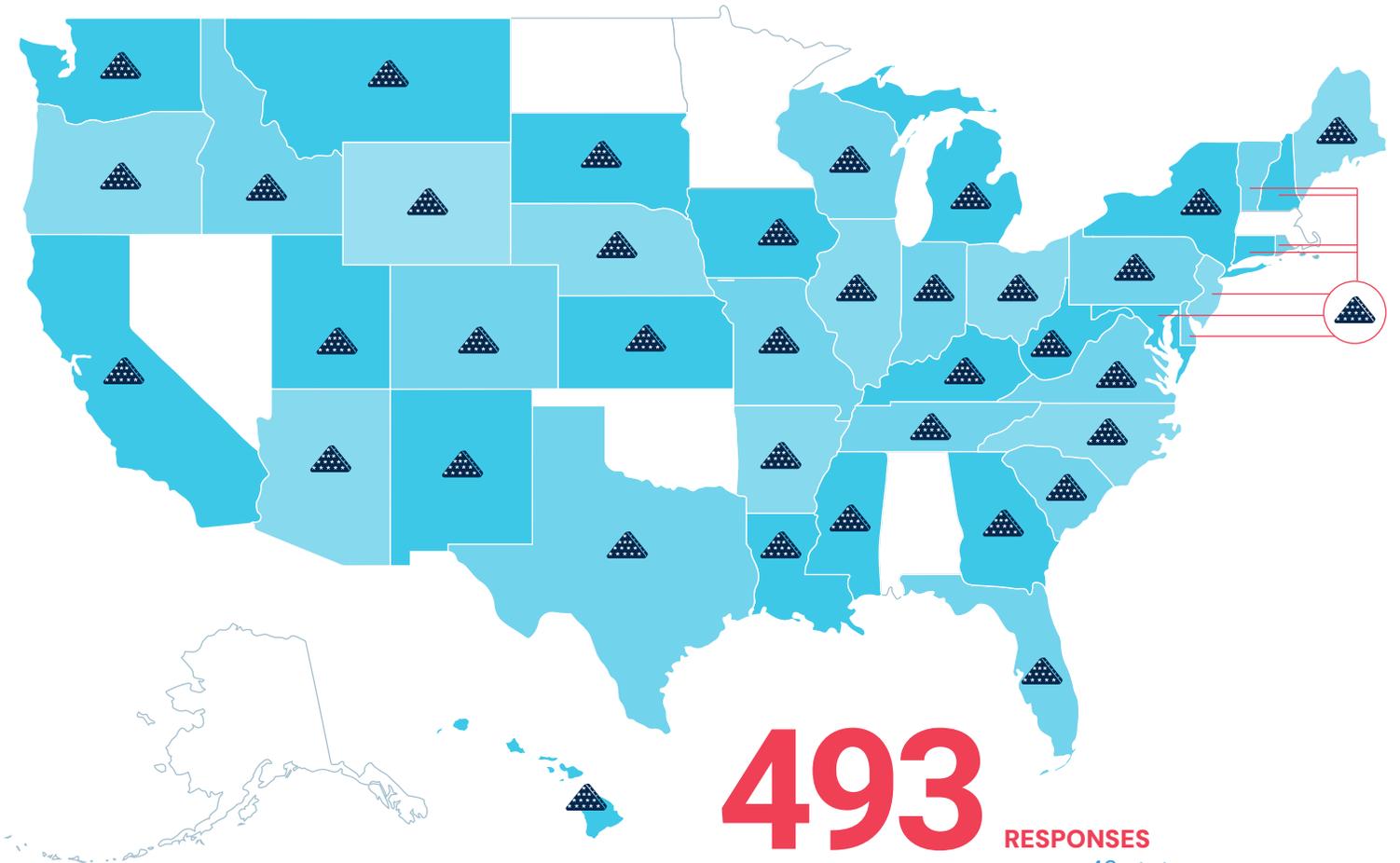
Outreach to Fire Departments: **150**

**4**

**PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS' BENEFITS**

Provides outreach and assistance with filing claims

PSOB Workshop Participants: **757**



**493**

**RESPONSES**  
across 43 states  
in 2025

## ENHANCED STAFF RIDES

Used by the military to teach personnel important lessons on the battlefield, Staff Rides have become a valuable tool for firefighters as well. The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation has embraced this concept of immersive learning while further expanding the experience. Staff Rides are carried out where firefighter line-of-duty death events took place and combine case studies with walking tours at the event location. In contrast to the military, our Staff Rides incorporate in-person narrative from those intimately involved with the LODD, including firefighter and family survivors, for a highly emotional experience that helps drive improvement. Personal narrative provides detail typically not provided in sterile reports and often includes human factors that contributed to the LODD. For many, the Staff Ride is the first opportunity to share their story publicly, and it can be therapeutic for those involved. In 2025, Staff Rides were held in Asheville, North Carolina; New York City, New York; Bryan, Texas; and Cincinnati, Ohio.



*“You can read the report, but hearing the stories and walking the ground is mind-changing.”*

STAFF RIDE HONORING CINCINNATI FIREFIGHTER OSCAR ARMSTRONG

## 2025 FIRE SERVICE MENTAL WELLNESS AND SUICIDE PREVENTION SYMPOSIUM

This groundbreaking event, dedicated to addressing mental wellness and suicide prevention within the fire service community, was held in March in Nashville, Tennessee. The event was hosted in conjunction with the NFFF’s affiliate organization, the First Responder Center for Excellence, and provided opportunities for fire service professionals, mental health experts, and advocates to come together and make a real difference. This inaugural event had over 350 attendees and 20 sessions.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FIRST RESPONDER CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE FOR REDUCING OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS, INJURIES AND DEATHS



### THE TOPICS INCLUDED:

- ★ FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO FIRE SERVICE SUICIDE
- ★ MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS & REDUCING STIGMA
- ★ IMPLEMENTING SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS
- ★ ENHANCING PEER SUPPORT NETWORKS
- ★ SELF-CARE AND RESILIENCE PRACTICES
- ★ BEST PRACTICES AND LESSONS LEARNED
- ★ ADVOCATING FOR CHANGE WITHIN THE FIRE SERVICE



**FIRE SERVICE**  
Mental Wellness & Suicide Prevention  
Symposium



## Spotlight

### THE IMPACT OF TRAINING



*“In 1997, I was a firefighter, and the other firefighter on the company was killed in the line of duty when the roof collapsed on us. I was the attack firefighter, and I should have been on the nozzle. **I SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE ONE WHO WAS KILLED.** By luck, providence, divine intervention, the Captain on the company sent me out to deal with a problem with the pump, and the other firefighter took the nozzle. **I HAVE ALWAYS WONDERED WHY IT WAS HIM AND NOT ME.** I believe I was a better Captain, District Chief, Deputy Chief because of the experience of that night. I figured that was my ‘Saving Private Ryan,’ ‘Earn This,’ payment for living. I believe now that I might have been mistaken. I think that maybe getting exposed to the NFFF, becoming an advocate, and preaching the gospel of ‘Everyone goes home’ could be the reason I have been spared. I will be proud to ‘Earn This,’ representing the NFFF as an Advocate and teaching your classes. Thank you.”*

DAVID CASTLE, NFFF ADVOCATE

#### SEAL OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

Cy-Fair Fire Department received the coveted Ronald J. Siarnicki Seal of Excellence Award in recognition of incorporating the spirit of the Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives within their organizational culture and programs.



READ THE ARTICLE

# HONORING THE FALLEN WITH IMPACTFUL EVENTS

## 2025 NFFF 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMBS

NFFF's 9/11 Memorial Stair Climbs included 13,992 in-person climbers and 803 virtual climbers, for a total of 14,795 participants at 47 events. The 9/11 Memorial Stair Climbs are a way to honor and remember the firefighters who died on September 11, 2001.

Donations raised by participants and sponsors support the programs of the NFFF and the FDNY Counseling Service Unit. Stair climb participants climb the equivalent of the 110 stories of the World Trade Center wearing an honorary badge of an FDNY firefighter who died on 9/11 or in subsequent years due to a 9/11-related illness.

**TOGETHER, THE NFFF'S 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMBS RAISED \$1,422,015 TO SUPPORT THE ONGOING PROGRAMMING OF THE FOUNDATION**



- ★ 850 HEROES 4 HEROES 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB
- ★ 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB AT LAMBEAU FIELD
- ★ BALTIMORE 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB
- ★ BINGHAMTON FIRE 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB
- ★ BISHOP 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB
- ★ BISMAN 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB
- ★ BLACK HAWK 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB
- ★ BRYANT 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB
- ★ CHARLOTTE 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB
- ★ CHEYENNE 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB
- ★ CINCINNATI 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB
- ★ COLORADO 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB
- ★ COLUMBUS 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB
- ★ COLUMBUS, GEORGIA 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB
- ★ CROSBY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB
- ★ DENVER 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB
- ★ DICKINSON 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB
- ★ EFFINGHAM COUNTY 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB
- ★ ESTES VALLEY 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB
- ★ FAYETTEVILLE 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB
- ★ FDIC 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB
- ★ FOUR CORNERS 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB AND WALK
- ★ GAITHERSBURG 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB
- ★ GLOBE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB
- ★ GRAND RAPIDS 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB
- ★ GREENVILLE CITY 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB
- ★ KNOXVILLE 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB

- ★ LANCASTER 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB
- ★ LION GEM CITY 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB
- ★ MORONGO RESERVATION FIRE DEPARTMENT 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB
- ★ NASHVILLE 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB
- ★ NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION 9/11 STAIR CLIMB AND WALK
- ★ NEBRASKA 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB
- ★ NEW HAMPSHIRE 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB
- ★ NEW JERSEY 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB
- ★ NEW YORK CITY 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB, WALK AND RUN
- ★ NYSAFC FIRE 2025 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB AND WALK

- ★ OCEAN CITY 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB
- ★ PHILADELPHIA 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB
- ★ ROANOKE 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB
- ★ ROCHESTER 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB, WALK AND BIKE RIDE
- ★ SALT RIVER FIREFIGHTERS 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB
- ★ SOUTHEAST TEXAS 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB
- ★ TRI-CITIES 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB
- ★ UNION CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB
- ★ VCOS 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB AND WALK
- ★ WIREGRASS 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB



*“As the wife of a firefighter, I feel it is important to honor the memory and sacrifice of those who were lost that day and to let their families know that we will never forget them.”*



*“Doing the Stair Climb is the least we can do to thank the guys who gave all. We stand on their shoulders.”*



FDIC 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB VIDEO

## Spotlight

### 2025 STAIR CLIMBER



*“A few years after 9/11, I was challenged to participate in a National Fallen Firefighters Foundation 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb. I have had the opportunity to climb with firefighters and firefighter families in several climbs from NYC to Branson, Missouri. At each event, participants carry tags with the images of the **343 FIREFIGHTERS AND OTHER***

*RESPONDERS who passed on 9/11 and from related illnesses.*

*As a child, I grew up with a disability. With the encouragement of doctors, as well as friends and family, I became a firefighter/EMT to help others in their time of need. When 9/11 occurred, I wanted to do more for my brothers, sisters, and their families. Through the help of NFFF, I FOUND A WAY THAT I COULD HELP OTHERS, from the Counseling Service Unit of FDNY to the educational support of the children of Fire Heroes. I know that my efforts are helping others like I have been helped.”*

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**CAPTAIN BLAKE A. MAYO**  
**ALFRED STATION FIRE COMPANY**

2025

# NFFF MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENTS



*“In an effort to honor the sacrifice and provide support for our Fire Hero Families, we come together each year to host the National Fallen Firefighters Golf Tournament to celebrate their lives and reaffirm our commitment to train and educate our members to prevent the preventable.”*

CHIEF CLINT SMITH  
DRAPER CITY, UTAH  
NFFF GOLF TOURNAMENT  
COORDINATOR

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FIREFIGHTER CLASSIC

16TH ANNUAL GENEVA  
NATIONAL FALLEN  
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TOURNAMENT

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OHIO FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS  
ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

18TH ANNUAL NATIONAL  
FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS GOLF  
TOURNAMENT HOSTED BY  
RALEIGH FIRE DEPARTMENT

SOUTH EAST PENNSYLVANIA  
FIREFIGHTERS OPEN

UTAH ANNUAL NATIONAL  
FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS GOLF  
TOURNAMENT

The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Golf Tournaments raise awareness and help sustain the programs of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. In 2025, there were **6 golf tournaments** with **850 participants**, raising **\$234,460** to support the NFFF’s initiatives.



# MAXIMIZING SUPPORT THROUGH SPORTS

## SPORTING EVENTS

Families and friends of the NFFF gathered at ballparks and arenas across the country to show support and raise money.

### JANUARY 18, 2025

Portland Trail Blazers First Responder Night

### MARCH 30, 2025

Washington Capitals' First Responders Appreciation Night 2025

### JUNE 14, 2025

3rd Annual NFFF Fundraiser with Super Bowl Champion Grant Calcaterra

### JULY 6, 2025

Seattle Mariners Firefighter Appreciation Day

### AUGUST 7, 2025

Dayton Dragons Fire Night Presented by LION

### SEPTEMBER 5-7 & 9-11, 2025

New York Yankees Firefighter Appreciation Nights

### SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

20th Annual Fire Hero 5K Sponsored by Runner's Depot

### SEPTEMBER 15-17, 2025

2025 Pittsburgh Pirates First Responders Series

### OCTOBER 4, 2025

NASCAR Xfinity Series Race at Charlotte Motor Speedway

### DECEMBER 28, 2025

Washington Wizards 2025-26 First Responders Night



VIEW UPCOMING EVENTS ON OUR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## HONORING FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS ON A NATIONAL STAGE

During the NASCAR Xfinity Series race at Charlotte Motor Speedway on October 4, our partners helped bring national attention to the bravery and sacrifice of America’s fallen firefighters. Richard Childress Racing driver Jesse Love carried the names of 140 firefighters on the No. 2 Whelen Chevrolet Camaro, a special tribute car featuring the NFFF logo.



Prior to the 5:00 p.m. race, the vehicle was unveiled in the Fan Zone, where families of the fallen gathered to see their loved ones honored. Through the generosity of Whelen Engineering, these families were also welcomed as guests at the race, creating a meaningful and memorable experience of recognition and support.

Now in its fourth year, this partnership between NFFF, Whelen Engineering, and Richard Childress Racing continues to elevate national awareness of firefighter sacrifice. Together, we ensure that the legacy of our fallen firefighters is honored on one of motorsports’ most visible and respected stages.



*“Having the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation on the No. 2 Whelen Chevrolet was an honor. I got a challenge coin from one of the families today, from a wife with a little boy and a little girl who don’t have their father anymore. It puts it in perspective how little this stuff actually means, how much more to life there really is. I’m really grateful to have a sponsor like Whelen that gives back to the people that service it the most.”*

**JESSE LOVE**  
NASCAR DRIVER

*“This tribute at Charlotte Motor Speedway is a powerful reminder of the courage of our fallen heroes. We are grateful to Whelen Engineering, Richard Childress Racing, and Jesse Love for their continued commitment to honoring the fire service and supporting our families.”*

**VICTOR STAGNARO**  
CEO, NFFF



# RECOGNIZING GENEROSITY THROUGH GIVING SOCIETIES

We are proud to introduce our newly established Giving Societies—an inspiring framework that honors the generosity and commitment of those who support our mission at every level. From the prestigious Eternal Flame Society recognizing gifts of \$100,000 and above to the Friends of the Fallen for contributions up to \$999, each society reflects a meaningful tier of impact and celebrates donors whose dedication fuels our ability to serve, protect, and remember. These giving levels—Eternal Flame, Maltese Cross, First Due, Bell Ringer, Fire Watch, Honor Guard, Fire Wall, and Friends of the Fallen—create a clear and heartfelt way to acknowledge the vital role every donor plays in advancing our work and strengthening our community.

- ETERNAL FLAME SOCIETY.....\$100,000 PLUS**
- MALTESE CROSS SOCIETY ..... \$50,000 – \$99,999**
- FIRST DUE SOCIETY ..... \$25,000 – \$49,999**
- BELL RINGER SOCIETY .....\$10,000 – \$24,999**
- FIRE WATCH SOCIETY .....\$5,000 – \$9,999**
- HONOR GUARD SOCIETY.....\$2,500 – \$4,999**
- FIRE WALL SOCIETY .....\$1,000 – \$2,499**
- FRIENDS OF THE FALLEN .....\$999 AND UNDER**

In the Honor Roll of Donors, the NFFF recognizes individuals and family foundations who have joined our giving groups. Membership in these groups is based on levels of annual giving in 2025.



**DONATE TO JOIN A GIVING SOCIETY**

<p><b>ETERNAL FLAME SOCIETY</b> <b>(\$100,000 +)</b></p> <p>Mrs. and Mr. Mary J. Purcell (Estate)</p> <p><b>FIRST DUE SOCIETY</b> <b>(\$25,000–\$49,999)</b></p> <p>Jacqueline and Michael Casey Foundation Johnson Family Charitable Fund Chief and Mrs. Thomas Richardson</p> <p><b>BELL RINGER SOCIETY</b> <b>(\$10,000–\$24,999)</b></p> <p>Cedarwood Family Foundation, Inc. The Arthur J. and Lee R. Glatfelter Foundation Robert and Marylou McGee Louis Romero</p>	<p><b>FIRE WATCH SOCIETY</b> <b>(\$5,000–\$9,999)</b></p> <p>Dan Anderson Kent Bruce The Nicole and Chad DeMartini Fund Megan Farmer Maurice Florence Gail M. Fowler Antonio Hearn David Hill Kinworthy Family Foundation Kevin and Cheryl Kuntz Gary P. McGinnis The Powell Foundation Jeffrey Pritchett Vickie Pritchett Romano Family Foundation Fund Derain and Brad Roper Rowe Family Charitable Foundation Samantha Snyder Stauffer Goldberg Family Foundation Fire Engine Number Five Charitable Foundation Szekely Family Fund</p>	<p><b>HONOR GUARD SOCIETY</b> <b>(\$2,500–\$4,999)</b></p> <p>Jay Baldauf Janice Butler Sandra Clinton Gary and Colleen Cole Stephen Duckworth Sam Grulke Matthew Kehoe and Jeanne M. Kirchner Stacey Kuehner Frank Leeb Dr. KT Moyer Kora Nan Lynne and Bill Pauly Alex J. Renfro Allan and Kelly Rice Leila Rice Karl and Barbara Ristow Matthew Sayen Chief Anthony Segars Brett Trent Gavin Turner Mariah VanCalbergh</p>
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**FIRE WALL SOCIETY  
(\$1,000 – \$2,499)**

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 William Amess  
 JoAnn T. Atlas  
 Barry Augus  
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 Linda Baroldy-Clifton  
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## LAST ALARM LEGACY SOCIETY

### ENSURING THE MISSION CONTINUES BEYOND THE FINAL CALL

Making a planned gift is a meaningful way to support the NFFF’s mission far into the future.

By including us in your will, trust, or overall estate strategy, you can create a lasting legacy that reflects your values and often provides financial and tax advantages. Your planned gift ensures that the programs we offer to Fire Hero Families, like Diane’s, continue to thrive, making a positive impact for generations to come. Please visit our webpage to learn more about how you can help secure the future of the NFFF for all who need us.



LEARN MORE ABOUT PLANNED GIVING

## Spotlight PLANNED GIVING



*“I tell people the foundation saved my life – I felt alone and lonely and this family welcomed me with open hearts. Until 2013, I had never heard of the NFFF. After my husband was honored at Emmitsburg in 2014 and then at the Rochester Golf Outing in 2015, I found out how special a group it was. I thought I did not need any help moving forward – you just ‘suck it up’ and move on. But thanks to the persuasion of two survivors I met in Rochester, I attended my first survivor’s conference in Portland, Oregon. What a difference it made! I met many people who have walked this path before me and realized I am not alone; there is hope in moving forward. I have attended a number of conferences since then and I have learned something about myself each time. I continue to move forward. As a fellow survivor likes to say – **THIS IS A FAMILY YOU NEVER WANT TO BE A PART OF BUT ONCE YOU ARE IN, WE NEVER LET YOU GO.**”*

*I try to pay it forward to newer members of the ‘family’ and hope to become more involved once I stop working full time. Knowing first-hand the good the NFFF does to honor the fallen and support the family members who are left behind, I have named the NFFF in my will to help the mission continue. I want to ensure that future survivors have the same life-changing opportunities that I have had.”*

**DIANE TURNER**  
LAST ALARM LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBER

# A Mission

## HONORED ACROSS GOVERNMENT

### NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS CONGRESSIONAL FLAG CEREMONY

On April 7, 2025, leaders of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus presented 140 American flags flown over the U.S. Capitol to the NFFF in the Cannon House Office Building on Capitol Hill. These flags represent each of the firefighters on the 2025 Roll of Honor.



House Chaplain Margaret Grun Kibben provided the Invocation and the Blessing of the Flags, while Alice Strickler, the mother of fallen firefighter Ian Thomas Strickler, recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Ceremony, the flags were transferred to the Memorial Park at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland, where they were flown over the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial.

These same flags played a key role in the 44th Annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and were presented to each family at the Memorial Service held that Sunday.

### SUPPORT OF THE WORLD FIRE CONGRESS AND THE USFA SUMMIT WORKGROUPS

Government relations staff continue to provide support to the USFA Summit Workgroups, and act as the liaison between NFFF and USFA for the World Fire Congress Communities of Practice (CoP). We continue to work with USFA on planning the upcoming 4th Annual U.S. Fire Administrator's Summit on Fire Prevention and Control.

### HONORING OUR FALLEN HEROES ACT

On December 18, President Trump signed into law the Fiscal Year 2026 National Defense Authorization Act. The legislation, which outlines policies and programs for the Department of Defense, also included S.237/H.R. 1269, the Honoring Our Fallen Heroes (Honor) Act. The Honor Act, which was introduced by Senator Klobuchar (MN), Senator Kevin Cramer (ND), Congresswoman Mary Gay Scanlon (PA-5), and Congressman Carlos Gimenez (FL-28), expands the Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) program to line-of-duty deaths and permanent disabilities that occur because of certain cancers.

*The legislation is retroactive to January 1, 2020.*

The PSOB program provides benefits to the survivors of public safety officers who die in the line of duty, as well as disability benefits to officers who become permanently disabled due to injuries sustained in the line of duty. Additionally, spouses and children of fallen public safety officers are eligible for educational benefits.



## NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL COIN ACT

On March 21, Congressman Andrew Garbarino (NY-2) and Congresswoman Brittany Pettersen (CO-7) introduced H.R. 2257, the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Coin Act. The legislation directs the Treasury Department to mint commemorative coins emblematic of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial and the service and sacrifice of firefighters throughout the history of our great nation. After expenses, proceeds from the sales of the coins would support NFFF's programs and initiatives in support of the nation's fire service, creating no cost to the federal government.

In order to come to the floor for a vote, the legislation requires two-thirds of the House to co-sponsor the bill. How can you help? Please contact your House members and ask them to co-sponsor H.R. 2257, the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Coin Act. **Information on contacting your members of Congress can be found here: [www.congress.gov/members/find-your-member](http://www.congress.gov/members/find-your-member).**

*"We are extremely grateful to Congressman Garbarino and Congresswoman Pettersen for introducing the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Coin Act. The commemorative coin will help ensure the NFFF continues to have the resources needed to serve our Fire Hero Families, honor the fallen, and maintain our efforts to prevent line-of-duty deaths."*

**VICTOR STAGNARO**  
CEO, NFFF



## LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY IN THE 119TH CONGRESS

Throughout the 119th Congress, the NFFF continues to work with our national fire service allies to advocate for appropriate funding for a variety of programs and offices, including the United States Fire Administration (USFA), the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG), and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant programs, the Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) program, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), and many more.

**BELOW IS A SNAPSHOT OF SOME OF OUR CURRENT LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS. THIS IS NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LIST, BUT IT PROVIDES A GOOD OVERVIEW OF OUR LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY IN 2025.**

### HIGH RISE FIRE SPRINKLER ACT

H.R. 173 was introduced by Congresswoman Nicole Malliotakis (NY-11) on January 3, 2025.

S. 504 was introduced by Senator Michael Bennet (CO) on February 10, 2025.

**Summary:** The legislation creates a tax incentive for building owners to retrofit high-rise residential buildings with automatic fire sprinkler systems by reducing the length of the depreciation schedule.

**Status:** H.R. 173 was referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

### HELPING EMERGENCY RESPONDERS OVERCOME ACT

H.R. 1902 was introduced by Congressman Ami Bera (CA-6) on March 6, 2025.

**Summary:** The bill creates a national data system at the CDC to capture public safety officer suicides; creates a grant program at HHS to establish or enhance peer-supported behavioral health programs within fire departments; directs USFA, in consultation with HHS, to develop

resources to educate mental health professionals about treating firefighters and EMS personnel; and directs HHS to develop and assemble evidence-based best practices to identify, prevent, and treat post-traumatic stress in public safety officers.

**Status:** H.R. 1902 was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

### SETTING CONSUMER STANDARDS FOR LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES ACT

H.R. 973 was introduced by Congressman Richie Torres (NY-15) on February 4, 2025.

S. 389 was introduced by Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (NY) on February 4, 2025.

**Summary:** The legislation requires the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to issue a consumer product safety standard for rechargeable lithium-ion batteries used in micromobility devices.

**Status:** H.R. 973 was approved by the House on April 28, 2025 by a vote of 365-42. S. 389 was approved by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on March 12, 2025.

### FIRSTNET REAUTHORIZATION

NFFF has joined a coalition of national public safety and municipal government organizations, led by the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC), committed to preserving the First Responder Network (FirstNet) Authority.

The FirstNet Authority was established in response to critical communications failures during the 9/11 terror attacks, most notably the lack of interoperable communications for first responders. Unfortunately, FirstNet is only authorized to operate through 2027, meaning that if Congress does not act, this critical resource will be eliminated.

NFFF will continue to work with the coalition throughout the 119th Congress to ensure FirstNet is preserved.

# OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The NFFF Board of Directors includes leaders from the private sector, fire service, Fire Hero Families, and government—all of whom share a strong interest in fire safety. Advisory Committee members lend specialized expertise and support to the Foundation’s programs. The Board establishes Foundation priorities and oversees the National Fallen Firefighters Scholarship Programs, Memorial Park, the annual Memorial Weekend, and the wide variety of programs for the families and colleagues of fallen firefighters.

*“At what is the toughest time for any firefighter family to face, the NFFF and its advocates, volunteers and staff, fulfill their supportive and caring mission, unlike anything I’ve ever witnessed.”*

**BILLY GOLDFEDER**  
BOARD MEMBER

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*From all of us at the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation: thank you.*

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Each corporate partner brings unique strengths, resources, and expertise, helping to ensure the Foundation’s long-term fiscal health and helping to amplify our message. Their generosity and commitment enable us to honor America’s fallen firefighters, support their families, and strengthen the fire service community nationwide.

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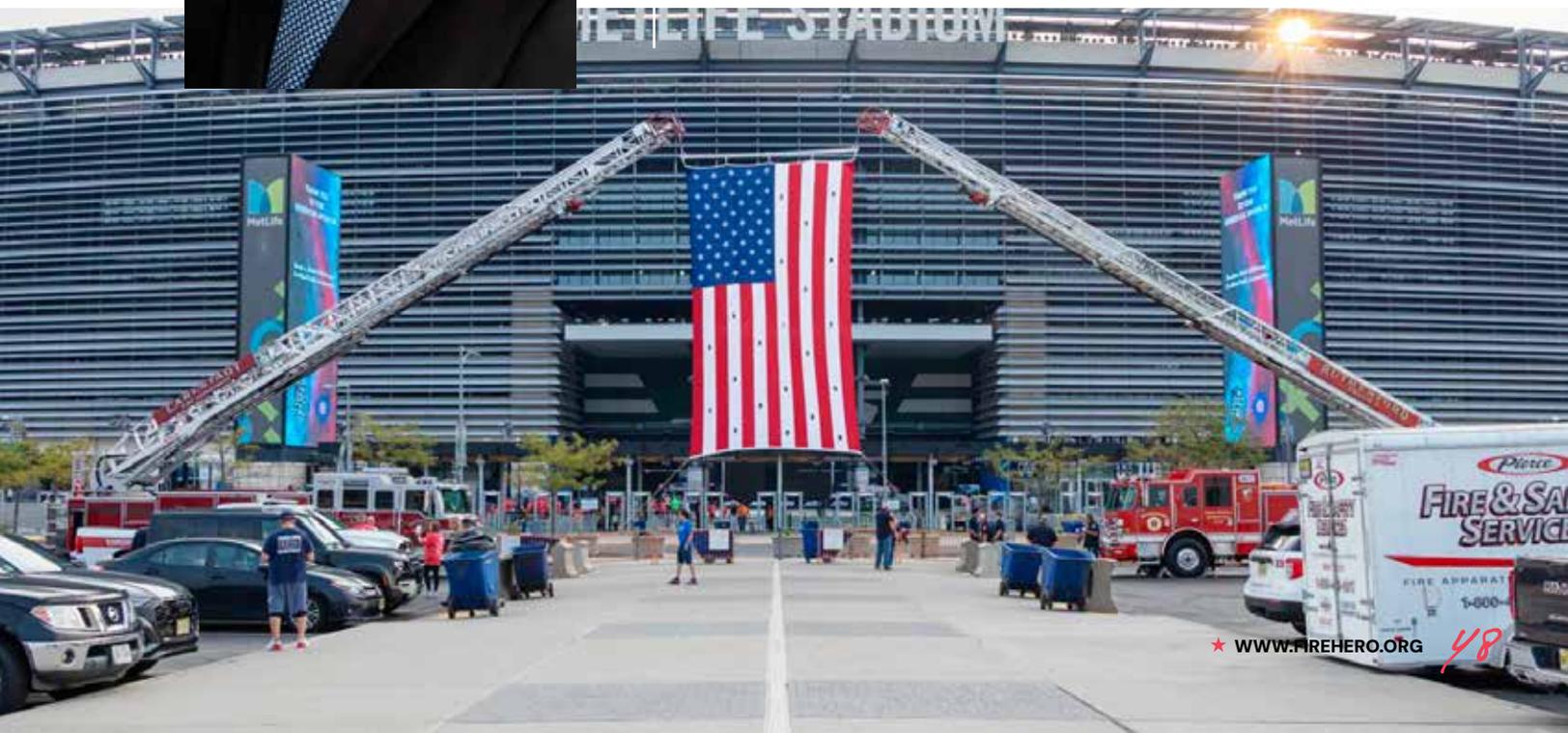
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*“It is an honor to work with these incredible organizations and their representatives in supporting and furthering the mission of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. We have all seen the impact that losing someone to a line-of-duty death has on the family, fire department, and the wider community.*

*We are committed to supporting the NFFF and the programs that help them cope with this loss and ensure that those who have made the ultimate sacrifice are not forgotten, as well as the initiatives that provide education and training to help minimize future line-of-duty deaths.”*



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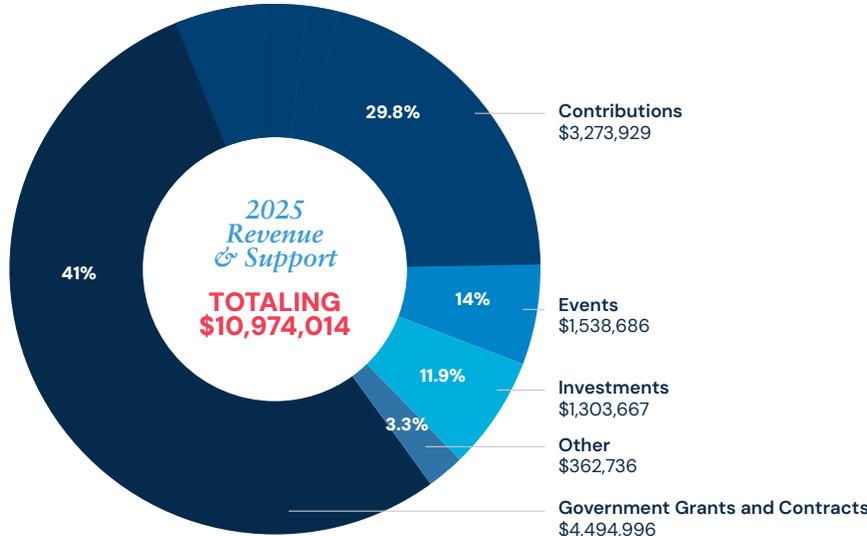
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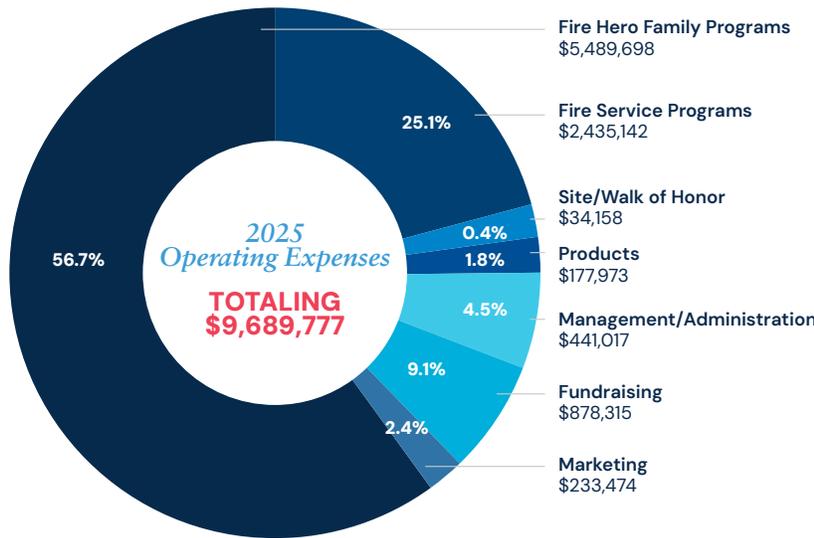
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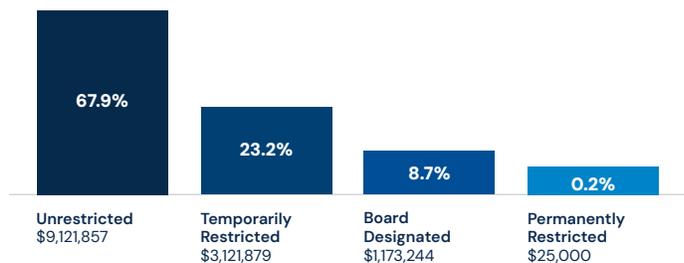
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*“At the heart of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation’s mission is a solemn commitment to honor our fallen heroes, support their families, and prevent future line-of-duty deaths and injuries. Because every contribution directly advances this work, we use every dollar with the same care and purpose that define our mission.”*

**VICTOR STAGNARO**  
CEO, NFFF

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