



## A Grateful Nation Remembers

Each October, the Foundation sponsors the official national tribute to all firefighters who died in the line of duty during the previous year. The weekend features special programs for families and coworkers, along with public ceremonies. Thousands attend the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service, which is broadcast nationwide.

Through private donations, the Foundation provides lodging and meals for immediate survivors and assists with travel expenses. This allows family members to participate in the public tributes, and in Family Day sessions conducted by trained grief counselors.



### Your Support Is Needed

Help make sure that America's fire service heroes and their families are not forgotten. The Foundation relies on private donations from companies, foundations, organizations, and individuals. Contact the Foundation for more information on becoming a proud sponsor of these important programs that say thank you to the men and women of the fire service.

To make a tax deductible contribution or for more information, contact:

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**Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives**  
Recognizing the need to do more to prevent line-of-duty deaths and injuries, the Foundation has launched a national initiative to bring prevention to the forefront.



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## Remembering America's Heroes





## Making The Ultimate Sacrifice

Firefighters are true heroes. They are the first responders we can always depend on to answer our calls for help when any emergency strikes.

The job of a firefighter isn't limited to fighting fires. They make sure our schools, homes, and offices are safe. They teach us how to prevent fires and how to react when fires and other emergencies occur. Whenever the call for help comes, they unselfishly risk their lives to keep us safe from harm and provide assistance.

In 1992, the U. S. Congress created the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation to honor fallen firefighters and to assist their survivors in rebuilding their lives. The non-profit Foundation has developed many programs to fulfill that mandate.

## Helping Families Of Fallen Heroes

Immediately after a firefighter dies in the line of duty, the Foundation provides survivors with a place to turn. Families can receive emotional assistance through a Survivor Support Network for as long as they need it. This contact with other fire service survivors can be an important part of their healing. Families receive *The Journey* newsletter and specialized resources through a Lending Library. A website provides information on benefits, the Memorial Weekend, and other programs. Spouses, life partners, children, and stepchildren are eligible for scholarships to assist with education and job training.

## Guiding Fire Departments Through A Tragic Loss

The Foundation offers training for senior fire officers on how to prepare for a line-of-duty death. For the first time, departments have information readily available to help them plan how to help the department and families through the worst possible tragedy. When requested, the Local Assistance State Team provides immediate assistance to the department and firefighter's family when a death occurs.

## National Memorial Park

America's fire service has a rich heritage based in community involvement. The Foundation has launched a major capital expansion drive to create the first permanent national park honoring all firefighters. The park is located in Emmitsburg, Maryland. A brick Walk of Honor® connects the official national monument, the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Chapel, and a future Visitor's Information Center. The park is also the site of To Lift a Nation, a larger than life-size sculpture honoring firefighters who died on 9/11.

Our mission is to honor and remember America's fallen fire service heroes and to provide necessary resources to assist their survivors in the rebuilding of their lives.

