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Pennsylvania Fallen Firefighters to be Honored at National Memorial Service on October 6

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EMMITSBURG, MD – The U.S. Fire Service will honor eight firefighters, who died in the line of duty, from Pennsylvania during the 38th National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service on Sunday, October 6, 2019. They are among the 92 firefighters who died in the line of duty in 2018 and 27 firefighters who died in previous years who will be remembered at the official national service at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Firefighter Zachary J. Anthony, age 29, of the York City Department Fire/Rescue Services, died on March 22, 2018, of traumatic injuries suffered after a building collapse while he was extinguishing hot spots in an abandoned warehouse. A second firefighter, Ivan Flanscha, was also killed in the collapse.

Captain Scott W. Dannheimer, age 53, of the Coal Township Fire Department, died on December 20, 2018, after responding to a structure fire and collapsing in the fire engine during overhaul.

Firefighter Ivan Kenneth Flanscha, age 50, of the York City Department Fire/Rescue Services, died on March 22, 2018, of traumatic injuries suffered after a building collapse while he was extinguishing hot spots in an abandoned warehouse. A second firefighter, Zachary Anthony, was also killed in the collapse.

Captain Michael Godzak, Jr., age 59, of the Rostraver Township Volunteer Fire Department #1, died on April 29, 2018, after suffering a medical emergency after returning to the station from responding on a call.

Lieutenant Benny R. Hutchins, age 62, of the Philadelphia Fire Department, died on June 27, 2018, after suffering a medical emergency while participating in a survival training exercise.

Firefighter Gabriel G. Lee, age 42, of the Philadelphia Fire Department, died on July 23, 2016, after being found unresponsive in the basement of the fire station while working his shift that included responding to multiple emergency calls.

Captain Matthew Letourneau, age 42, of the Philadelphia Fire Department, died on January 6, 2018, after succumbing to injuries suffered when he was trapped in structural collapse for more than 30 minutes during a row house fire.

Chief Michael T. Reese, age 53, of the Willow Street Fire Company, died on August 23, 2018, from a medical emergency after responding to a vehicle accident. Several hours later, he passed away suddenly at his home.

Their names will be added to the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial on the Academy grounds. The national tribute is sponsored by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) and the Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Fire Administration.

More than 5,000 people, including families, friends, members of Congress, Administration officials and firefighters are expected to attend on Sunday. Firefighter Honor Guards and Pipe & Drum units from across the U.S. will participate in this national remembrance.

For a complete list of fallen firefighters being honored and a widget to display their information on your website, along with Memorial Weekend related videos, photos, media and broadcast information go to www.firehero.org.