



# NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION

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## **Texas 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 five firefighters, who died in the line of duty, from Texas during the 38<sup>th</sup> 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.

Cadet Devon Coney, age 34, of the Austin Fire Department, died on June 26, 2018, after suffering a medical emergency while engaging in physical training activities.

M.V. Hudson, Jr., age 86, of the New London Volunteer Fire Department, died on March 10, 2018, after being critically injured in a tanker rollover while en route to a grass fire.

Firefighter Richard Andy Loller, Jr., age 42, of the Weatherford Fire Department, died on June 10, 2018, after suffering a medical emergency while performing wildland firefighting operations.

Firefighter Larry W. Marusik, age 68, of the Ellinger Volunteer Fire Department, died on March 23, 2018, from burn injuries sustained while fighting a large grass fire on March 10, 2018.

Firefighter William M. Thompson, age 56, of the Ft. Worth Fire Department, died on April 28, 2014, from complications of a total knee replacement surgery after injuring his left knee three times.

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](http://www.firehero.org).