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US Virgin Islands Fallen Firefighter to be Honored at National Memorial Service on October 6

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EMMITSBURG, MD – The U.S. Fire Service will honor one firefighter, who died in the line of duty, from the U.S. Virgin Islands during the 38th National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service on Sunday, October 6, 2019. He is 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 Dwayne Anthony “Yogi” Thomas, age 57, of the US Virgin Islands Fire Service, died on January 24, 2018, of a medical emergency at the scene of a structure fire after driving a tanker to the scene and assisting with fireground operations.

His name 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.