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

EMMITSBURG, MD – The U.S. Fire Service will honor four firefighters, who died in the line of duty, from Washington 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/Paramedic Walter Burns, Jr., age 57, of the Snohomish County Fire District #1, died on June 11, 2018, from brain cancer deemed to be related to his 26-year career as a firefighter.

Captain Timothy D. Cruger, Sr., age 67, of the Spokane Valley Fire Department, died on December 24, 2018, from kidney cancer deemed to be related to his 29-year career as a firefighter.

Firefighter Marvin E. Larry, age 67, of the Seattle Fire Department, died on March 20, 2018, from prostate cancer determined to be related to his career as a firefighter.

Firefighter John O. Swobody, age 54, of the North Whatcom Fire & Rescue, died on June 4, 2018, from lung cancer determined to be related to his 19-year career as a firefighter.

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.