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West Virginia 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 two firefighters, who died in the line of duty, from West Virginia 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.

Lieutenant Thomas Ray Craigo, age 40, of the Pratt Community Volunteer Fire Department, died on March 24, 2018, from injuries suffered when the responding apparatus struck a rock wall and overturned while en route to a reported MVA. Assistant Chief Michael Edwards was also killed in incident.

Assistant Chief Michael J. Edwards, age 46, of the Pratt Community Volunteer Fire Department, died on March 24, 2018, from injuries suffered when the responding apparatus struck a rock wall and overturned while en route to a reported MVA. Lieutenant Thomas Craigo was also killed in incident.

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.