

2016 Virginia Fallen Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Memorial Service Saturday, June 4, 2016 12 p.m.



The 19th Annual Virginia Fallen Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2016 at the Richmond International Raceway Complex's Main Exhibition Hall.

Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services personnel who died in the line of duty or have been recognized by the Virginia Line of Duty Act in the last year will be honored for their bravery and dedicated public service. This year's service will pay tribute to **David Staub** of Loudoun County Fire & Rescue, **Thomas Oesterheld** of Spotsylvania County Volunteer Fire Department, **Gregory Brundage** of Newport News Fire Department, **James Dempsey** of Ashland Volunteer Fire Department, **Paul Pokorski** of Virginia Beach Fire Department, and **Michael Todd Harris** of Roanoke Fire-EMS.

This year's service will include a keynote address, a Virginia Fire Services Honor Guard procession featuring the Saint Andrew's Legion Pipes and Drums, a musical performance, and a fire and EMS apparatus display from departments across the state. State flags will be presented to the families of the fallen.

A reception, sponsored by the *Virginia Fire Chiefs Association, Virginia State Firefighters Association, and Virginia Professional Firefighters will be held for family members and guests immediately following the service. Both the service and the reception are open to the public.

For more information on the Virginia Fallen Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Memorial Service, contact Mark L. Buff at (804) 249.1965 or visit www.vafire.com.

If your department is interested in sending apparatus to the service, please contact Mark Buff at mark.buff@vdfp.virginia.gov.

Individuals or departments interested in Honor Guard participation should contact April Elmore at aelmore@vbgov.com.

Please make your plans to attend this important event and pay tribute to these heroes.

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