

Information Bulletin

National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Pre-1981 LODD



The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) recently announced that the Pre-1981 section of the Walk of Honor® at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park in Emmitsburg, Maryland, will be officially dedicated on Saturday, June 11, at 11:00 am. This special area has been designed for families, friends and departments to recognize firefighters who died in the line of duty in the years prior to establishing the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in 1981 by purchasing a brick.

The Walk of Honor® is comprised of bricks that have been purchased by others in honor of fallen firefighters, in appreciation for firefighters who are active in the fire service and in recognition of individuals or organizations who support the fire service. The Walk of Honor® connects the majestic stone monument, which is encircled by plaques that list the names of the fallen since 1981, with the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Chapel and other areas of the Memorial Park.

“We are very pleased that this plan has come to fruition,” said Chief Ronald J. Siarnicki, Executive Director of the NFFF. “We understand how important it is for family and friends to have a way to pay homage to their firefighters who made the ultimate sacrifice prior to the establishment of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial.”

The NFFF will place a brick for each of the 50 states in the Pre-1981 section and personalized bricks purchased by families or departments will be added. Those interested in purchasing a brick for their fallen firefighter to be placed on the Walk of Honor® can order online or download the form. To ensure the brick is installed in the Pre-1981 section, be sure to check the Pre-1981 LODD Box. Orders must be completed and returned to the NFFF by April 15, 2016, to be placed in the Walk of Honor® prior to the dedication. Also, if you or someone you know has previously purchased a brick for a pre-1981 LODD and would like it moved to this special section, please contact Judi Whitlow at jwhitlow@firehero.org. We will continue to add bricks to this section after the dedication in June.

We are also asking all states to provide a list of LODD’s prior to 1981 to be included in the program book. This is a small part that we can do to honor those who lost their lives prior to 1981. Please email dclark@firehero.org with any questions.