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## Oregon's fallen firefighters to be honored at third-annual memorial ceremony *Nine of twenty-one new names added to the memorial wall are 2008 line of duty deaths*

Oregon's Fire Service Honor Guard will host the third-annual Oregon Fallen Firefighter Memorial, Thursday, Sept. 18, at 1 p.m. The ceremony, which will be held at the Oregon Public Safety Academy, 4190 Aumsville Hwy., Salem, is a tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting lives and property. During this year's ceremony, 21 names will be added to the memorial wall, including nine firefighters who were killed in the line of duty in 2008.

"Oregon's Fire Service was deeply saddened to lose nine firefighters to their work this year. Seven privately-employed southern Oregon firefighters and their pilot tragically died in a California helicopter crash while fighting the Shasta-Trinity National Forest – Iron 44 Fire, and one firefighter from Scapoose lost his life, succumbing to a heart attack on his way home from a structure fire," explained DPSST Deputy Director Eriks Gabliks. "We will be adding their names to the wall in recognition of their recent sacrifices. We will also be adding 12 others who, through historical research, have been found to meet the requirements for inclusion.

"It will be a solemn day," he said.

Modeled after the national fallen firefighter memorial ceremony, which takes place annually at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland, Oregon's ceremony will feature role call of the fallen, tolling of the fire bell in their honor, and placement of two wreaths next to the memorial wall recognizing deceased career, volunteer and wildland firefighters. The U.S. flag will be ceremonially folded and placed at the memorial as well. The event will end with a bagpipe tribute of "Amazing Grace," and a bugler playing the solemn notes of "Taps."

More than 200 fire service personnel and families of the fallen to expected to attend. For more information, contact Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training Public Information Officer Jeanine Hohn at 503.378.4404, or at [jeanine.hohn@state.or.us](mailto:jeanine.hohn@state.or.us).

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