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Hunterdon Historic Courthouse Will Light Up The Night Red For Fallen Firefighters October 2nd and 3rd



The Hunterdon County Historic Courthouse will glow red as it Lights the Night for Fallen Firefighters, while flags at county buildings are flown at half-staff, in recognition of the 40th Annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend, October 2-3, Hunterdon County Board of Commissioners Director Susan J. Soloway and Deputy Director John E. Lanza have announced.

Soloway stated, “Firefighters, both those who volunteer their time for their communities and those who are public servants, here in Hunterdon County, in our state, and throughout the nation, are called upon often to face extremely dangerous incidents, while protecting their neighbors and communities.

These firefighters serve bravely and, unfortunately, sometimes at the cost of their lives. Their courage and sacrifice deserve honor, and their families need to know how appreciative the public is for their sacrifice.”

Lanza, the Commissioner Board’s liaison for Public Safety, added, “The National Memorial will recognize 215 firefighters lost in the line of duty throughout the nation this year. Our hearts and prayers go out to the families and loved ones of the lost.

The names of each of these heroes will be memorialized for all time at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park at the National Fire Academy, in Emmitsburg, Maryland. And Hunterdon County will join the White House, One World Trade Center, fire stations, bridges and many other buildings throughout the nation, in Lighting Up The Night for fallen firefighters over the weekend of October 2 and 3.”

President George W. Bush, on October 16, 2001, signed into law legislation requiring the American flag to be lowered to half-staff on all Federal buildings to memorialize fallen firefighters. **Public Law 107-51** requires this action to occur annually in conjunction with observance of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service.