



# News Release

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### LOUISIANA FIREFIGHTERS TO GATHER TO HONOR FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS

State Fire Marshal H. "Butch" Browning, in partnership with the Walk of Honor Foundation President V.J. Bella, announced today that the 2015 Louisiana Fallen Firefighter Memorial will be held on Saturday, April 11. The ceremony will begin at 11:00 a.m. The Memorial is located at 8181 Independence Blvd. in Baton Rouge. The event will be attended by representatives from various fire departments, fire service organizations and families of those firefighters who have died in the line of duty. A luncheon will be held immediately following the ceremony. The event and luncheon are free and open to the public.

This year's Louisiana Fallen Firefighters' Memorial ceremony will spotlight Industrial Firefighters by unveiling a new monument in their honor. Sadly, there are two names on the Wall of Honor from industrial fire brigades: Brine E. Manual, Olin Chemical Fire Brigade, November 21, 1982 and Tommy Rivet, Shintech, LA, LLC Fire Brigade, May 22, 2011. Currently there are 106 names of firefighters who have paid the ultimate price in the past and are honored on the Wall of Honor. The following seven firefighters will be honored at this year's ceremony:

Vincent Jennaro New Iberia Fire Dept. October 4, 1912	Patrick Hogan New Orleans Fire Dept. April 26, 1931	John Flanagan New Orleans Fire Department February 20, 1932	Steven Anthony Hester New Orleans Fire Dept. August 1, 2010
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Clyde Ray Farmer Caddo Parish Fire District 8 April 23, 2013	Robert Bruce Thomas Bienville Parish Fire District 7 July 1, 2014	Chief Billy Glen Norris, Sr. Lecompte Volunteer Fire Dept. July 21, 2014
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"Whether it's Municipal, Wildland or Industrial firefighters, these men and women selflessly give of themselves every day to protect the citizens of this great state. We owe a great deal to them. Let us never forget," Browning concluded. Additionally, the Memorial's new stage will be unveiled at this year's service.

For more information regarding the ceremony, please call the State Fire Marshal's Office at 225-925-4911.

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