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Louisiana Firefighters Gather to Honor Fallen

Baton Rouge, LA – State Fire Marshal H. “Butch” Browning, Jr., in partnership with The Walk of Honor Foundation President V.J. Bella, announced today that the 2016 Louisiana Fallen Firefighters’ Memorial will be held this Saturday, April 2, and will begin at 11:00 a.m.

The Memorial is located at 8181 Independence Boulevard in Baton Rouge. The event will be attended by representatives from various fire departments, fire service organizations, and families of 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 ceremony will spotlight the families of those who paid the ultimate price for our safety. Mrs. Traci Adams, this year’s guest speaker, lost her husband, Battalion Chief Tommy Adams of the Shreveport Fire Department, in the line of duty in 2009. She will join other families of fallen firefighters and participate in The Table of Honor, a special commemoration to recognize the loss of these heroes.

There are currently 113 names on The Roll of Honor at the Memorial. Marshal Browning is pleased to announce that no firefighter line of duty deaths have occurred this year.

“Many times we forget what families go through when they lose a loved one, especially when they were doing a job to protect others. This memorial is a place where the families can come to reflect on their loved ones and to allow the rest of us to give thanks for all they have done for us. Let us never forget,” Mr. Bella concluded.

For more information regarding this year’s event, please call the State Fire Marshal’s Office at 225-925-4911.

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