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## 2016 Washington State Fallen Firefighters' Memorial Service

Honoring those who gave their lives

Olympia, Wash. - June 1, 2016- The public and media are cordially invited to join fire services from around Washington State at the 2016 Washington State Fallen Firefighters' Memorial Service.

This annual service will honor those firefighters who gave their lives in 2015 for the communities they served. It is sponsored by the Washington State Fire Fighters' Association, the Washington Fire Chiefs, the Washington Fire Commissioners Association, and the Washington State Council of Fire Fighters.

This year's ceremony will recognize the following eight firefighters:

- Captain Michael McCoy, Tukwila Fire Department
- Firefighter/Paramedic Jeff N. Sarchin, Snohomish County Fire District 1
- Firefighter Richard Wheeler, U.S. Forest Service
- Firefighter Andrew Zajac, U.S. Forest Service
- Firefighter Tom Zbyszewski, U.S. Forest Service
- Firefighter Michael Raymond VanDenBergh, Eastside Fire and Rescue
- Captain Brent Strong, West Thurston Regional Fire Authority
- Captain Michael C. Stewart, Navy Region North West Fire and Emergency Services

**Date:** Sunday, June 5, 2016

**Location:** Washington State Capitol Rotunda

**Time:** 1:00 pm

The service begins on the front steps of the Capitol Rotunda with a Pipes and Drums-led procession and the retrieval of the Ribbons embroidered with the names of the fallen Washington firefighters. The procession of family members and Ribbons will then pass through a corridor of honor and move into the Rotunda for the remainder of the ceremony.

For fire departments who wish to send an apparatus to the service, please contact Battalion Chief Brian Carson at 206-920-7040 or [bcarson@kentfirerfa.org](mailto:bcarson@kentfirerfa.org). A limited amount of reserved parking for fire apparatus will be provided.

For media inquiries, please contact Captain Kyle Ohashi at 206-450-8400 or [kohashi@kentfirerfa.org](mailto:kohashi@kentfirerfa.org).

For information on the honor guard, please contact Captain Mark Morales at [halliganboy@msn.com](mailto:halliganboy@msn.com).

All other inquiries, please contact Service Coordinator Pat Ellis at 253-740-8555 or [pellis@kentfirerfa.org](mailto:pellis@kentfirerfa.org).

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