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York County Department of Fire and Life Safety to Honor Nation's Fallen Firefighters on May 4, 2025

At 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 4, York County's seven neighborhood fire stations will hold a tribute to fallen firefighters to coincide with the start of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation's (NFFF) annual memorial ceremony in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Apparatus at each station will be staged on the front ramp with red emergency lights engaged to recognize firefighters lost in the line of duty, their families, and communities.

Citizens are encouraged to observe a moment of silence at 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 4.

“This tribute is important to all of us who are involved in fire service—not only to our current and retired firefighters, but to their families, friends, and community members,” said Fire Chief Steve Kopczynski. “We hope our participation in this program encourages others to recognize those lost in the line of duty.”

Also on May 4, York County Fire Stations will fly their flags at half-staff (as permitted by [legislation signed into law](#) by President George W. Bush in 2001).

You can sign the Foundation's Virtual Remembrance Banner by visiting <https://weekend.firehero.org/events/memorial-weekend/attending-memorial-weekend/ways-honor-fallen/sign-virtual-remembrance-banner/>.

Other ways to participate in the memorial are shown on the foundation's website: <https://www.firehero.org/>.

Each year, the Foundation sponsors the **National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend**, the national tribute to all firefighters who died in the line of duty. The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial service will be shown live from Emmitsburg, Maryland, on the foundation's website and social media channels.

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