



"The Ultimate Sacrifice"

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National EMS Memorial Service Announces
Fourteenth Annual National Moment of Silence

Colorado Springs, CO - The National EMS Memorial Service today announced plans for the Fourteenth Annual National Moment of Silence, to be observed at 1930 hrs (MDT) on Saturday, June 25, 2011. This coinciding with the National EMS Memorial Service to be conducted in Colorado Springs.

The National Moment of Silence offers EMS providers and agencies around the nation the opportunity to join with those in attendance at the National EMS Memorial Service in honoring and remembering those members of our nation's Emergency Medical Services who have made the ultimate sacrifice and given their lives in the line of duty.

The National Moment of Silence seeks voluntary participation by all the nation's EMS providers, agencies and emergency communications centers in observing a moment of radio silence timed to coincide with the moment of silence observed during the actual service held annually in Roanoke. In previous years, the "Moments" have seen the participation of over 700 agencies and dispatch centers from around the United States.

The National EMS Memorial Service has prepared a "Suggested Script" which is available from our website at <http://nemsms.org/silence.htm>.

The National EMS Memorial Service has, since 1992, been honoring those EMS providers who have given their lives in the line of duty. This year, at a Service held at the First Presbyterian Church of Colorado Springs, members of the honorees' families are presented with a medallion, symbolizing eternal memory; a U.S. Flag which has flown over the Nation's Capital, symbolizing service to the country; and a white rose, symbolizing their undying love.

Each honoree's name is engraved on a bronze oak leaf which is added to the "Tree of Life," the National EMS Memorial.

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