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Ivan Flascha & Zachary Anthony Added to the IAFF Wall of Honor Memorializing Fire Fighters Lost in the Line of Duty.

Fire fighter who made the ultimate sacrifice protecting York City to be honored

Fire Fighter Ivan Flanscha & Fire Fighter Zachary Anthony joined the fire service with a commitment to put their lives on the line to keep York City, Pennsylvania safe. Now their names have been added to the IAFF Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial Wall of Honor.

The legacy of these York City fire fighters – and 249 other fallen fire fighters who died in the line of duty in the last year – will be celebrated on Saturday, September 21, 2019, with a moving memorial service at the IAFF Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Their names are now etched into the granite Wall of Honor memorializing the more than 8,000 IAFF members who died in the line of duty dating back to 1918, the year the IAFF was founded.

Thousands of family members, friends and brothers and sisters in the fire service will attend the annual observance service at Memorial Park in the shadow of Pikes Peak. The names of each fallen fire fighter will be read, followed by the toll of a bell, after which a family member will be presented with a ceremonial folded flag.

"This solemn and somber ceremony is important not just for the families of the fallen who travel from across the United States and Canada to be here among other fire fighter families. It is important for all our members



and their families to know that we honor the sacrifices they make for their communities and that we will never forget them," says IAFF General President Harold Schaitberger.

Each member's name on the IAFF Wall of Honor tells a story of a fire fighter who died in service to their community and who left a family and community grieving. The fallen are from across the United States and Canada – from big municipalities such as Boston to little towns such as Brampton, Ontario. Etched on granite walls forming concentric circles, the names collectively tell a bigger story, more than a century of sacrifice, a fire service that has given so much but also has become stronger and made communities safer.

The Memorial service will be <u>streamed live</u>. Video and photos of the service can be made available. Visit the Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial <u>website</u> for more information.

2019 IAFF Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial Saturday, September 21, 2019, 11:00 a.m. MT Memorial Park, Colorado Springs, CO

[Journalists planning to cover the Memorial are required to attend a pre-event meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, September 20 at Memorial Park. Or call Doug Stern at (513) 919-4311 for details.]