

County Joins National Memorial Campaign Honoring Fallen Firefighters

Historic Courthouse 'Lit Up The Night' Red Last Weekend

The Hunterdon County Historic Courthouse glowed red in honor of the national 'Light Up the Night for Fallen Firefighters' campaign, while flags at county buildings are flown at half-staff, in recognition of the 40th Annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend, October 2-3, Hunterdon County Board of Commissioners Deputy Director John E. Lanza reported at the Board's meeting October 5th.

Lanza, the Commissioner Board's liaison for Public Safety, said, "Fighting fires is an extremely dangerous job, whether the firefighters are part of a paid force or volunteers, like most of ours here in the county. The national memorial reminds us of that fact, and I am joined by my colleagues on this Board in expressing our admiration for and thanks to those who charge into harm's way to protect the rest of us."

Lanza added, "The National Memorial service this past weekend honored 215 firefighters lost in the line of duty throughout the nation this year. A sobering number. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and loved ones of those lost."

Hunterdon County was proud to join in Lighting Up the Night For Fallen Firefighters this year and I hope to see this tradition condition in the future."

The names of each of the Firefighters who died in the line of duty this year are memorialized for all time at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park at the National Fire Academy, in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Hunterdon County joined the White House, One World Trade Center, fire stations, bridges and many other buildings throughout the nation, in Lighting Up The Night for fallen firefighters over the weekend of October 2 and 3.

The national day of commemoration was established by President George W. Bush following the tragic events of 9-11 in 2001, where 343 firefighters died in the line of duty at the World Trade Center.