



Colorado Springs Professional Fire Fighters Union, IAFF Local 5

CALLING ALL FIRE FIGHTER MOTORCYCLISTS

Mark your calendar for the 2009 IAFF Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial Observance and the Fire Fighter Motorcycle procession preceding the observance. **The observance will take place Saturday, September 19th at 1:00 pm.**

Prior to the IAFF Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial a Fire Apparatus/Fire Fighter Motorcycle Procession will travel from Lakewood to a designated staging area in Colorado Springs. From the staging area in Colorado Springs, the procession will then travel to Memorial Park signifying the commencement of the 2009 IAFF Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial Ceremony.

The procession begins at the **Colorado Fallen Fire Fighter Monument** located at **433 South Allison Parkway in Lakewood**. Following a brief 8:00 am ceremony at the monument, fire apparatus/fire fighter motorcyclists will be escorted to Colorado Springs by Colorado State Patrol. The trip from Lakewood to Colorado Springs is known as "The Ride to Remember" and is sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Wind & Fire Motorcycle Club. "The Ride to Remember" will be escorted to **The Promenade Shops at Briargate** located at **1885 Briargate Parkway in Colorado Springs**.

Once at The Promenade Shops at Briargate, the group will have time to eat, relax, and to interact with other fire fighters from across the Nation. Any fire fighters who were unable to participate in "The Ride to Remember" section of the procession can partake in the second section. The second section is sponsored by the Colorado Springs Professional Fire Fighters Local 5 and the IAFF and is known as "The Ride of Honor". **All participants must arrive at The Promenade Shops at Briargate no later than 10:00 am.** Departure time for "The Ride of Honor" from The Promenade Shops at Briargate will depend on a number of variables. We insist that everyone be in staging no later than 10:00 am.

Any fire fighter motorcyclists in the Southern Colorado area who plan to attend the 8:00 am ceremony and participate in "The Ride to Remember" are encouraged to gather at **Colorado Springs Fire Station 19** located at **2490 Research Parkway** so they can ride together to Lakewood. The group will meet at 0500 and depart promptly at 0515.

All motorcycle riders and passengers participating in any portion of the day's rides **must pre-register** for insurance purposes. Registration can be completed by visiting www.ridetoremember.org. All fire fighter motorcyclists are encouraged to participate in both sections of the procession! Sorry, the procession is not open to the public.

For further information, please visit the Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial Information link at www.iafflocal5.com

Thanks and have a safe ride!

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