



Colorado Springs Professional Fire Fighters Union, IAFF Local 5

To: Colorado Fire Departments
Re: 2010 IAFF Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial Observance and Procession

To Whom It May Concern:

As the liaison between the Colorado Springs Fire Department and the International Association of Fire Fighters, we would like to request your participation in this year's IAFF Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial Observance and the Fire Apparatus/ Motorcycle Procession preceding the observance. The observance will take place **Saturday, September 11th, 2010 at 1:00 pm in Colorado Springs.**

Your department's attendance will help the United States and Canada honor our brothers and sisters who lost their lives in the line of duty this past year. All fire department personnel, city officials, and general public are encouraged to attend the observance. Additionally, we would ask your department to commit a piece(s) of fire apparatus and fire fighter motorcyclists to take part in the procession that will occur before the observance begins.

The procession, which is not open to the public, will take place in two sections. Fire departments and motorcyclists may elect to participate in either section or both. The first section is sponsored by the Wind & Fire Motorcycle Club, Rocky Mountain Chapter. Fire apparatus and fire fighter motorcyclists will be escorted by law enforcement officials from Lakewood to a designated staging area in Colorado Springs following a brief early morning gathering.

The second section of the procession is sponsored by the Colorado Springs Professional Fire Fighters Local 5 and the IAFF. It will depart from the staging area in Colorado Springs and arrive under police escort at Memorial Park signifying the commencement of the IAFF Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial Observance.

We understand that fire departments are likely participating in 9/11 remembrance services in their local area. We encourage you to make resources available for the IAFF ceremony as well. The attached pages indicate apparatus staging locations, staging/departure times, procession routes, and pertinent addresses. This information can also be found at www.iafflocal5.com.

Fire departments who can commit fire apparatus to either section of the procession must complete a registration form found on our website at www.iafflocal5.com. Fire fighters interested in riding their motorcycles in either section of the procession must register individually at www.ridetoremember.org. Registrations are required for insurance purposes and must be submitted no later than September 3rd, 2010. Preferred attire for the day's events will be formal dress uniform or similar.

Respectfully,

Kevin L. Simpson
Colorado Springs Professional Fire Fighters Local 5



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CALLING ALL FIRE FIGHTER MOTORCYCLISTS

Mark your calendar for the 2010 IAFF Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial Observance and the Fire Fighter Motorcycle procession preceding the observance. **The observance will take place Saturday, September 11th 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 2010 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 10:00am.** 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 10:00am.

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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2010 IAFF Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial Procession

“The Ride to Remember” Procession Route (First Section)

Route Liaison: Mark Warinerr (303)880-7095

- Depart **433 S. Allison Parkway, Lakewood, CO 80226(Colorado Fire Fighter Monument)**
- Travel North on Wadsworth Boulevard for approximately 1.2 miles
- Turn East on 6th Avenue
- Travel on 6th Avenue for approximately 3.4 miles
- Take the I-25 exit towards Colorado Springs and travel 60 miles
- Exit I-25 at Briargate Parkway (Exit 151)
- Travel East on Briargate Parkway for approximately .5 miles
- Arrive at **1885 Briargate Pkwy. Colorado Springs, CO 80920(The Promenade Shops at Briargate)**
 - ***Stage no later than 0700**
 - *NO late arrivals or joining the procession after departure
 - *Depart at 0800

“The Ride of Honor” Procession Route (Second Section)

Route Liaison: Kevin Simpson (303)589-1526

- Depart **1885 Briargate Parkway, Colorado Springs, CO 80920(The Promenade Shops at Briargate)**
- Travel East on Briargate Parkway towards Union Boulevard
- Travel South on Union Boulevard for 10 miles to Pikes Peak Avenue
- Turn West onto Pikes Peak Avenue
- Continue .5 miles on Pikes Peak Avenue
- Arrive at **1605 East Pikes Peak Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80909(Memorial Park)**
 - ***Stage no later than 1000**
 - *NO late arrivals or joining the procession after departure
 - *Depart at 1200
 - *Restrooms and changing areas available
 - *Light food and beverage will be provided
 - * Promenade Shops at Briargate retail stores and restaurants offering fire fighter specials
 - *American Motorcycles, Inc. on site for light mechanical needs

*** Visit the Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial information link at www.iafflocal5.com ***