



Colorado Springs Professional Fire Fighters Union, IAFF Local 5

To: Colorado Fire Departments
Re: 2010 IAFF Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial **REMINDER**

To Whom It May Concern:

The closing date for the Fire Apparatus/Fire Fighter Motorcycle Procession registration is fast approaching! **All registrations must be received by Friday, September 3rd**. Please take some time to consider your department's participation in this year's event. The success of the event depends on your continued support. The procession and memorial observance will take place **Saturday, September 11th, 2010 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. We are asking 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 fire fighter 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 Union and the IAFF. It will depart from the staging area in Colorado Springs and will arrive under police escort at Memorial Park signifying the commencement of the IAFF Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial Observance.

We look forward to a strong representation of fire apparatus and fire fighter motorcyclists again this year. The procession has grown steadily over the years and has always been revered as a major focal point for the families of those who made the ultimate sacrifice. 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.

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 . Preferred attire for the day's events will be formal dress uniform or similar.

Respectfully,

Kevin L. Simpson
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