

*24<sup>th</sup> Annual*  
*National EMS Memorial Service*



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Arlington, Virginia**



## *About the Service*

The purpose of the National EMS Memorial Service is to honor and remember those Emergency Medical Services personnel who have given their lives in the line of duty and to recognize the ultimate sacrifice they have made for their fellow human beings.

During the service a family member or agency representative will be presented with a United States flag which has flown over the U.S. Capitol, denoting the honoree's service to their country, a white rose representing their undying love and a medallion signifying their eternal memory. Each person being recognized tonight is also represented by his or her state flag.

After the reading of the names, there will be a National Moment of Silence. The names of those who are honored here appear on the "Tree of Life," the National EMS Memorial.



## *Program*

### **Announcer:**

**Eric Johnson**

Director, National EMS Memorial Service  
Executive Director, Supporting Heroes

### **Invocation:**

**Reverend Stephen D. Carlson**

Director, National EMS Memorial Service  
Chaplain, Minnesota EMS Honor Guard

### **Presentation of Colors:**

**2016 National EMS Memorial Service Honor Guard**

### **Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Captain George Murphy, (Ret)**

Director, National EMS Memorial Service  
City of Boston EMS

### **National Anthem:**

**Paramedic Todd Metz**

American Medical Response  
Colorado Springs, Colorado



## *Program*

### **President's Welcome:**

**Jana C. Williams**

President, National EMS Memorial Service  
VP, Strategic Operations & Partner Development  
Med-Trans Corporation

### **Song: "*Much Too High a Price*"**

**Donald Coles**

Goochland County, Virginia

### **Keynote Address:**

**Chief James P. Booth**

Fire Department City of New York  
EMS Division  
Brooklyn, New York

### **Presentations to Families**

### **Reader of Names:**

**Brian Shaw**

Vice President, National EMS Memorial Bike Ride  
Deputy Director, Emergency Medical Services Institute  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



## *Program*

### **Presenters:**

**Karen E. Glass**

Flight Nurse  
Life Flight of Pittsburgh  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**Robert A. Tester**

Administrator, Flight Paramedic  
LIFE FORCE Air Medical/Erlanger Health System  
Chattanooga, Tennessee

**Captain Greg Gering**

Sedgwick County EMS  
Wichita, Kansas

**Thomas J. McElree**

Director, Emergency Medical Services Institute  
Coordinator, Pennsylvania Bureau of EMS  
Western District  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**Lieutenant Commander Curtis Roberds**

Honor Guard Commander  
AMR - Colorado Springs  
Colorado Springs, Colorado



## *In Memoriam*

**Michael Cavanagh**  
**FDNY-EMS**  
**New York, New York**

He was a real gentleman with a winning smile. The New York City Emergency Medical Services welcomed Michael as a Paramedic on April 20, 1987. He attended the Academy with his sister, Patricia. By June he was working as a citywide paramedic, meaning he worked in just about every borough and every shift until he found a permanent spot on a regular unit. Michael absolutely loved being a medic and he also loved the camaraderie of EMS. He knew how to make his patients feel comfortable and secure. If all they needed was for him to hold their hand, he would do that. Being a paramedic was not just a job for Michael, it was a calling. It was a feeling in his body and mind that led him to be the kind of medic he was.

Michael served in the Air Force in the mid 1970's. He liked the sense of belonging to something bigger than he was. It probably started with his family of one brother (Alfred) and 2 sisters (Patricia and Maureen) and of course his parents, about 27 first cousins, nieces and nephews, many neighborhood friends, boy scouts and school baseball teams. He eventually had his own family – Mary (his wife) and his children Mary and Joseph.

On the morning of September 11, 2001, like hundreds of his fellow first responders, Michael responded to the attacks at the World Trade Center. He spent endless days on site during the rescue and recovery operations. His efforts to save lives at the disaster site proved fatal 12 years later as he succumbed to disease on December 2, 2013.



## *In Memoriam*

**Shane Michael Clifton  
City of St. Paul Fire Department  
St. Paul, Minnesota**

On August 31, 2015, 38-year-old Firefighter/Paramedic Shane Michael Clifton was on duty nine hours into his 24-hour shift and had been on five of the six calls that St. Paul Engine/Medic 14 had responded to that day. Approximately 45 minutes after returning to Station 14, he suffered a cardiac arrest in the watch office.

Firefighter Clifton joined the St. Paul Fire Department in 2007, spending most of his career at Station 14. He served as both a firefighter and a paramedic for the city of St. Paul. He participated in two humanitarian missions in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake there.

Shane served in the US Navy as well as private and fire based EMS. “Shane was the consummate professional and a proud member of a career that he truly loved.”

Firefighter Clifton wore his St. Paul fire badge close to his heart for the job he loved. At his funeral, his fellow firefighters presented his badges to the two little girls who always put a smile on his face — his 1- and 8-year-old daughters.

He was remembered as a man who could be tough when fighting blazes, but who had a compassionate side for the patients to whom he tended as a paramedic.



## *In Memoriam*

**Luis de Peña**  
**FDNY-EMS**  
**New York, New York**

After a colleague kidded him about his weight, he quipped that he wasn't fat—he was fluffy. Much to his parent's chagrin, the name stuck. Luis had a way of making everyone he came in contact with laugh and smile. "He was just one of those guys who made us feel good." When he arrived on scene, everyone knew things would be okay. Luis was an extremely dedicated person with a big heart. He was the type of person that if he had something, you had it too. To him it was all about giving and seeing people happy.

On the days following the 9/11 attacks, Luis de Peña spent countless hours in the rescue and recovery effort at the World Trade Center disaster site. "Regardless of the danger, regardless of the struggle, Luis de Peña braved the toxic clouds of dust to aid in the rescue and recovery." de Peña's efforts to save lives at the disaster site proved fatal 12 years later as he succumbed to disease on November 7, 2013.

He worked in many of the city's toughest areas in his 18 years, Harlem, the South Bronx, el Barrio, and Washington Heights to name a few. In the years following the 9/11 attacks, he attended many National EMS Memorial services to honor his fallen coworkers. As a lasting tribute to Luis, West 172nd Street and Amsterdam Avenue in the Washington Heights section of Manhattan was renamed "EMT Luis de Peña Jr. Square."

**Francis Charles**  
**FDNY-EMS**  
**New York, New York**

Francis joined New York City Emergency Medical Service in January 1986 as an EMT. He was assigned to EMS Station 33, which later became FDNY EMS Station 58 in Brooklyn, where he served for his entire career.

He knew that there was nothing more rewarding than helping others. He had a fatherly trait and showed all he encountered that he truly cared for them. He was active in his community where he lived. He was a religious man who was known as "Elder Charles" in his congregation at the Emmaus Church.

On September 11, 2001, and for many weeks thereafter, he, like many of his co-workers, worked at the World Trade Center in an effort to rescue and later recover the bodies of the victims and his coworkers and friends who perished in the attack. He became ill from the toxins he was exposed to during this time, and, succumbed to his illness on August 27, 2013.





## *In Memoriam*

**Chad Allyn Frary**  
**Native Air**  
**Globe, Arizona**

It was no surprise that Chad went into the field he did – he was always taking care of others. He was an amazing person even as a teenager and young adult. Anyone who was lucky enough to know him in any capacity will agree. Upon graduating high school, Chad proudly served his country as a United States Marine.

Chad was described as a fun person to work with, a wonderful nurse, and an amazing person. He touched so many lives and his life of self-sacrifice is surely one to imitate.

On the evening of December 15, 2015, Native Air 5, while returning to base in Globe, Arizona from Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport, crashed into the Superstitions Mountains. Chad, you will be missed. Father, Husband, Flight Nurse, Friend, and Marine.

Semper Fi.

**Thomas Giammarino**  
**FDNY-EMS**  
**New York, New York**

Before being promoted to the rank of EMS Lieutenant, “Tommy G” – as friends and coworkers knew him – was a member of the New York City Emergency Medical Service’s elite Special Operations Division. The unit was responsible for Haz-Mat response, specialized rescue, and scene support at MCIs.

“He had a great sense of humor and nothing ever seemed to faze him”. Tommy could always be relied upon to get things done in even the most chaotic environments. He was found at many scenes with his signature box of pretzel rods, which he was always willing to share.

On the morning of 9/11 Tommy responded to the attacks on the World Trade Center and spent countless hours on the pile at ground zero searching for his fallen co-workers unaware that his efforts and exposure would be fatal.

Tommy continued as a Lieutenant, working in Brooklyn’s Station 31 until he was too ill to continue working. He succumbed to illness on October 7, 2014.



## *In Memoriam*

**Thomas Fritz Hampl**  
**Rogers Helicopters/SkyLife Helicopter**  
**Fresno, California**

On the evening of December 10, 2015, Pilot Thomas Fritz Hampl and medical crew were transporting a critically ill patient when a catastrophic failure occurred causing the helicopter to crash, killing all aboard.

Thomas was a veteran pilot of 17 years with over 11,000 hours of flight time. He loved to be in the sky and enjoyed everything about flying helicopters. He loved his job and also loved going home to Oregon to see his family.

Thomas moved from Germany to the United States in 1998 to be a pilot. He was married and had two young sons.

**Daniel Hampton**  
**City of Burnet Fire Department**  
**Burnet, Texas**

On the evening of September 18, 2015, 35-year-old Firefighter/EMT Daniel Hampton and his partner were called to a local hospital for an interfacility transfer of a cardiac patient. While enroute to the receiving facility, the ambulance crashed with a tractor trailer. He was pronounced dead at the scene due to his injuries.

Since he was 14, Daniel lived and breathed the Fire Department. He was a combat medic in the Army, spending several tours of duty in the Middle East.

Daniel enjoyed being with his children and loved tinkering with his tractor and trucks. He was father to three young sons and a young daughter.



## *In Memoriam*

**Stuart Hardy**  
**Burton Fire Department**  
**Beaufort, South Carolina**

Stuart Hardy, husband and father of three, died in his first year of service with Burton Fire District in Beaufort, South Carolina at the age of 31. Stuart completed his Emergency Medical Technician training on July 31, 2015 and received certification on August 15, 2015.

Firefighter/EMT Hardy was on his 11th call as a South Carolina EMT at the time of his death. Stuart had just responded to a motor vehicle collision in Burton, South Carolina when he collapsed on scene September 13, 2015. He had assessed the victims of the collision and was retrieving equipment from the unit at the time. After the collapse, he was resuscitated and airlifted to the Medical Center of South Carolina where he died 11 days later, September 24, 2015.

**Rick G. Hartley**  
**Southeast Colorado Hospital Ambulance Service**  
**Springfield, Colorado**

Rick G. Hartley, 63, of the Southeast Colorado Hospital Ambulance Service died November 6, 2015. Rick was a Paramedic, EMS Director, husband, and father of three. Rick's dedication and passion for helping his community started many years ago. He began volunteering as an EMT in the 1980's and became the EMS Director for the ambulance service in 1992. He quickly recognized the need to further his training and became the agency's first Paramedic.

In the early 1990's he founded the Springfield EMS Association and wrote grants for state-of-the-art equipment. Rick served on numerous councils and was an instructor in many disciplines. He has trained thousands of students, all while maintaining his own certifications and taking care of patients.

Rick was killed while transporting a patient when the unit overturned, November 6, 2015. He was known to have "left people with the knowledge that someone was fighting for them and that somehow everything would be okay."



## *In Memoriam*

### **Kyle Matthew Juarez American Ambulance/SkyLife Helicopter Fresno, California**

Kyle Juarez was born in Fresno, California. After graduating from high school, he went on to continue his education at Fresno City College and California State University, graduating with a History degree.

While waiting to be accepted into Fresno City College Fire Academy, he worked to get his EMT certificate, graduating first in his class. He completed the Fire Academy and continued pursuing his medical interests by going to Paramedic School. After working at American Ambulance for six years, he was accepted to be a flight medic with SkyLife. He worked as a flight medic and a ground medic for an additional three years.

Kyle was admired and respected by family, friends, colleagues, and anyone else he met. He always had a smile on his face and cared for everyone who crossed his path. He kept calm in any situation and was able to deal with difficult situations with care.

Kyle was married to his wife, Brooke, in 2008, and they have two children – Brody, age five, and Macey, age three. He cherished his days off when he could spend time with his family. He embraced being a daddy and loved his children with his whole heart.

On the evening of December 10, 2015, Flight Paramedic Kyle M. Juarez was transporting a critically ill patient when the helicopter crashed, killing all on board. Kyle loved working as a flight medic and enjoyed the challenges and risks of air medical services.

### **Janice M. Keen-Livingston West End Ambulance Service Johnstown, Pennsylvania**

Janice Keen-Livingston was a Paramedic for the West End Ambulance Service in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. A mother of two, she had been with the ambulance service since 2005.

She had many roles in her career, including Paramedic, Supervisor, and Training Officer. She was a CPR instructor for the department and tracked all continuing education. Janice was known as “a great mother” as well as for her contagious and infectious smile. It was clear to everyone who knew her that her life was about helping and giving back to others.

Janice was killed at the scene of a motor vehicle accident after being struck by another vehicle March 2, 2015. She was 38.



## *In Memoriam*

**Kenneth Krulish**  
**St. Johns County Fire Rescue**  
**St. Augustine, Florida**

Kenneth Krulish, Captain of the St. Johns County Fire Department in St. Augustine, Florida died January 22, 2013, at the age of 49.

Kenneth was a husband and father to two children. Kenneth was a founding member of the St. Johns County Fire Rescue and served as the department Training Captain. He joined the county's EMS agency in the 1990's and has been involved ever since, including helping lead the merger of the fire and EMS into a unified system. Krulish organized training initiatives for new recruits and helped grow the department from a few dozens to nearly 300.

Captain Krulish finished an exhausting and stressful 24-hour shift on January 21, 2013. On January 22, while training as an avid runner for a 15k road race, Kenneth collapsed and died.

**Marco Antonio Lopez**  
**American Ambulance/SkyLife Helicopter**  
**Fresno, California**

Marco Antonio Lopez, or Tony as some called him, began his medical career as a US Navy Combat Nurse during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He loved helping people in need and his desire to provide pre-hospital care led him to become a Critical Care Flight Nurse.

On the evening of December 10, 2015, 42-year-old Navy veteran and Flight Nurse Marco Antonio Lopez was transporting a critically ill patient when the helicopter crashed, killing all on board.

Marco was engaged and was father to a young son and a young daughter. Marco loved the challenges and rewards that came with his job.



## *In Memoriam*

**John Mackey**  
**Jessamine County EMS**  
**Nicholasville, Kentucky**

By all accounts, Paramedic John Mackey was ‘far from normal.’ He reveled in his Scottish heritage and often wore a kilt. Among his ‘abnormal’ qualities was that he characteristically looked for the best in others and he had a passion for service. That passion as well as the influence of a family of public servants is what drew him to EMS and 16 years of dedicated service.

John Mackey gave his life in the line of duty on November 9, 2015 when he succumbed to injuries sustained four days earlier when he was struck by a car while surveying damage to his ambulance after being involved in a minor crash.

John has stepped out of the ring and thrown down the gloves, but not before giving his all in one last lifesaving act by donating his organs to someone else who may be lying in another hospital waiting for a match.

John Mackey will live on in our hearts, and we shall never forget him or his contributions to this community.

**James V. Maguire, IV**  
**Hillsborough Rescue Squad**  
**Hillsborough, New Jersey**

James V. Maguire, IV, Paramedic of the Hillsborough Rescue Squad, died December 7, 2015 at the age of 57. James was a husband as well as a father to two sons and a grandfather.

“Jim” was active in EMS since 1979, when he joined the Hillsborough Rescue Squad. Over the years he served as Crew Chief, Lieutenant, and President. Jim also served as a police officer from 1984 until his retirement in 2008. He served in the United States Marine Corps.

After retiring from the police force, Jim returned to school and received his National Registry and New Jersey Paramedic certifications. On December 6, 2015 Jim performed CPR for an extended period of time on a cardiac arrest patient, Jim suffered a heart attack the next morning and died, December 7, 2015.



## *In Memoriam*

### **Patrick Edwin Mahany Flight for Life-Colorado Lakewood, Colorado**

Patrick had a zest for life and did all of his activities with passion and exuberance – whether hiking, skiing, water skiing, soccer, watching the Denver Broncos, or driving his sports cars.

Knowing he would be drafted, Patrick joined the US Army and graduated flight school in 1970. During his one tour in Vietnam he flew 1200 combat hours. He was shot down three times and earned a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart.

He embodied the spirit of service to others, whether it be his crew and colleagues, whom he greatly loved, or the people he and his crew worked to save daily. He was not only a skilled pilot from years of experience, but was also a trusted one with each crew member who had full confidence in his skill and abilities.

On July 3, 2015, Patrick traded his rotor wings for angel's wings when his helicopter crashed shortly after takeoff. It is believed that his life ended the same way he spent much of it – trying to save lives. His skilled hands, along with God's, kept the aircraft away from crowds on the ground when it went down.

Patrick's legacy will endure forever; it's a legacy forged in helping others, something he was born to do.



## *In Memoriam*

**Matt Michael Mathews**  
**Eagle Med**  
**Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

Matt loved flying helicopters. It was his life goal to help others. Flying was a huge part of him.

He served in the United States Army for 18 years, serving two deployments to Iraq. He held the responsibility of flying a Chinook helicopter. According to his co-pilot he was always in really good spirits, joking all the time. But when it came time to get serious, he would get right down to business.

Matt had three wishes in life: to serve in his country, to fly a helicopter and to meet someone he loved. He accomplished all three. His fiancée Lisa Lee said that every day he would say “I’ve got to get sleep because I’ve got to go save lives.”

Matt gave his life in the line of duty on March 13, 2015. While responding to pick up a patient, Matt’s helicopter went down.

“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.” John 15:13

**William L. McKinney, Jr**  
**Rockingham County EMS**  
**Wentworth, North Carolina**

Captain William “Billy” L. McKinney Jr. of Rockingham County EMS, in Wentworth, North Carolina, died January 14, 2015 at the age of 42. The morning of January 14 Billy had just completed his 12hour rotation and was headed home. The weather was poor with freezing rain, sleet, and hazardous road conditions reported. While traveling home, Billy stopped to assist a motorist in an accident due to road conditions. While assisting the motorist, he was struck and killed.

William began his career with Rockingham County EMS as a part-time EMT. He attended Rockingham Community College and received his Paramedic certification and was hired as a fulltime Paramedic in 1997. Billy continued his career and was promoted to Lieutenant and then to Shift Captain in September 2014. Billy was a husband as well as a father to two daughters.





## *In Memoriam*

### **Kristin Elizabeth McLain Travis County Star Flight Austin, Texas**

Kristin's life was about putting others first. She began her medical career in 2001 as an ER nurse and soon pursued a career as a flight nurse beginning with Flight for Life in Summit County, Colorado. She took a lead in everything she did, from the emergency medical field, to community fundraising events.

Kristin never thought twice about putting her life before others. Kristin gave her life in the line of duty on April 27, 2015, during a helicopter rescue mission in Austin while pursuing her passion and sharing her gifts.

Those who knew Kristin would tell you that more than anything she had discipline and persistence, combined with a caring, loving heart. Whatever Kristin put her mind to, she accomplished. Her tenacity was inspiring, but the heart that created it, tender and generous.

### **Harold McNeil FDNY-EMS New York, New York**

Harold McNeil joined the New York City Emergency Medical Service in 1975 after serving in the United States Marine Corps. Working the streets in the "War Days," Harold quickly gained a reputation for being a "go-to guy". As a Lieutenant, Harold earned the respect of his peers and subordinates for being a true gentleman and a fair officer who put the concerns of his employees before his own. Like many of his coworkers, Harold responded to and spent countless hours at the World Trade Center following the attacks on September 11, 2001.

His employees recall that, after the attacks on 9/11, the department was handing out medals to the employees. On payday, without fanfare, he felt the honor deserved so he organized a formal award ceremony at his station. Many say, "He didn't work at station 31. He WAS Station 31".

Harold retired in 2004 to Pennsylvania where he drove a school bus and stayed active in his community and church, singing in the choir and knitting hats for infants and preemies for a local hospital. Harold died on September 8, 2015 from complications of exposure to toxins at the World Trade Center site. He will be remembered for his encouraging words, warm smile, and an inviting embrace.



## *In Memoriam*

### **Barry Garfield Miller Bergen Fire Department, Inc. Bergen, New York**

Barry Miller served the citizens of his community for all of his adult life. At 50 years of age, he had served with the Bergen Fire Department for 32 years – so long that he had been granted “life member” status.

He served in various leadership capacities over the years and also in multiple positions on the department’s Board of Directors. He also earned the distinction of being one of the department’s most active responders over the entire 32-year period

In addition to being the Department’s Assistant Chief over EMS, he also served as his county’s coroner and had previously served on the town board. He was truly the backbone of the department and a pillar of his community.

Tragically, Assistant Chief Miller was killed in the line of duty on September 23, 2015 while he and two others responded in an ambulance to a report of a person having difficulty breathing. As they crested a hill, the ambulance struck the rear of a slow moving backhoe. The accident was attributed to low visibility due to fog and the ambulance’s driver being temporarily blinded by sunlight.

### **Douglas Mulholland FDNY-EMS New York, New York**

Doug, like many other first responders, lived a life of service. In 1985, he joined the ranks of the Lindenhurst Volunteer Fire Department in his hometown on Long Island, rising to the rank of Captain. Doug attended EMT school and in 1987 became a member of the New York City Emergency Medical Service working in Brooklyn and Queens. He received his Paramedic certification in 1989 and promotion to Lieutenant in 2006.

Doug was honored for his distinguished service, both career and volunteer, including receiving medals for pulling an unconscious woman from a burning house, an Excellent Duty Award, and over 50 Pre-Hospital Save Awards throughout his career. He also responded to many disasters, including the crash of TWA flight 800 and the first and second attack on the World Trade Center.

In 2010, Doug was diagnosed with cancer as a result of the toxins he was exposed to while operating at Ground Zero. Although the cancer metastasized throughout his body, Doug continued to work until the effects of the illness and the treatments prohibited further work. He succumbed to his illness on May 28, 2013.



## *In Memoriam*

**Linda Ohlson**  
**FDNY-EMS**  
**New York, New York**

On the morning of September 11, 2001, Linda Ohlson and her husband Rudy, also a first responder, were on the site of the worst terror attacks on American soil at New York City's World Trade Center. Neither knew at the time that the events that unfolded would affect them for the rest of their lives, eventually taking both. In 2008 Rudy succumbed to years of suffering severe PTSD.

Never looking for pity, Linda became active in many groups, including the National Survivors of Suicide. She found help in using the pain she endured to help others. "I am a firm believer that everything happens for a reason, as hard as that is to say sometimes," she said. "I have helped a lot of people, and try to help anyone I can. There is a lot of help out there, so if you know someone or have the urge yourself, get help. It's not a joke."

Even as her illness worsened, her employees knew her as an amazing boss who was always happy and giddy and "down for anything." Many accredited her with making work enjoyable by just being there.

Linda died of complications of illness directly related to exposure of toxins at the World Trade Center site on February 17, 2014.



## *In Memoriam*

**William C. Olsen**  
**FDNY-EMS**  
**New York, New York**

Born in Brooklyn, Bill attended Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School, and in 1980, he started a career with the New York City Emergency Medical Service. This was a 30year career that would bring him to the aide of countless people in need of help, including the first and second attacks on the World Trade Center. He worked tirelessly in the weeks and months following both attacks.

One of the many monikers he carried was “Captain Black Cloud” as many a quiet shift was suddenly ruined when he came on duty. Having worked in various roles including communications and special operations, Captain Olsen was well respected and many officers would seek him out for advice and guidance. Committed to public service in every aspect of his life, he also volunteered as an EMT with Bravo Volunteer Ambulance Services in Brooklyn.

Mr. Olsen was an avid New York Yankees and football Giants fan, and was a Civil War history enthusiast. He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his two granddaughters.

He retired in 2010 from FDNY EMS Station 23 in Rossville on Staten Island. On June 1, 2014, Bill succumbed to illness directly related to the time spent searching the debris in the rescue and recovery operations at Ground Zero.



## *In Memoriam*

**Ralph E. Oswald**  
**Hampton Bays Volunteer Ambulance Corps**  
**Hampton Bays, New York**

Ralph dedicated his life to his community, serving as a member of the North Lindenhurst Fire Department, Dix Hills Fire Department, Ocean Beach Volunteer Fire Company and Hampton Bays Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

He was also training a next generation of Suffolk County first responders, teaching an EMT course at the ambulance corps in which one of his own sons is a student. The citizens of his community are indebted to Ralph and all of the first responders who risk their lives every day in order to protect and save them in our time of need.

On February 9, 2015, Ralph responded to a call of an unresponsive male. While providing an assessment on the patient he told his co-workers he was experiencing distress and then collapsed in cardiac arrest.

*You are always with me; You hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterword you will take me into glory...I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge. Psalm 73:23-28*

**Hinal Patel**  
**Spotswood Emergency Medical Services**  
**Old Bridge, New Jersey**

Hinal Patel was born February 6, 1993 in Edison, New Jersey to Ketan A. and Darshana K. Patel. She lived in Piscataway all her life.

Hinal was a graduate of Piscataway High School and received her Bachelor's degree from Rutgers University in May 2015. She planned to attend Newark Bio Medical School for her Master's in the fall of 2015.

Hinal worked for Spotswood EMS, was a volunteer for North Shelton Rescue Squad in Piscataway and Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, and was a summer intern for Actavis in Elizabeth, New Jersey. She loved socializing and going to the beach. She was very family oriented and enjoyed spending time with them.

On Saturday, July 25, 2015, Hinal and her partner were responding to assist East Brunswick Rescue Squad on a motor vehicle crash with injuries when the ambulance was struck by another vehicle.



## *In Memoriam*

**Kenneth D. Prunty**  
**Tri-Community Ambulance**  
**Monongahela, Pennsylvania**

Kenneth “Ken” Prunty was a Paramedic for the Tri-Community Ambulance and joined the department June 3, remaining with the ambulance group for 31 years. He began as a volunteer First Responder and then became an EMT, eventually moving to Paramedic. He was a great provider and exceptional leader. Ken took on any duties that were given and asked for more. He was a self-starter and motivated.

Ken died on November 22, 2014 at the age of 50 after responding to a call and returning to the station. He will be remembered by his service as a great educator, mentor, and friend.

**Ronald Scott Rector**  
**ARCH Air Medical Services**  
**St. Louis, Missouri**

Ron was described as a hard charger in-life, warrior for our nation, provider for his family and a friend to all who knew him.

On March 7, 2015, after dropping off his crew and their patient at the St. Louis University Hospital, Ron flew to their downtown base to refuel so they could respond to another flight request if needed. On his way back to the hospital to pick up his crew, his helicopter crashed just before reaching the hospital.

*“Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth and danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;  
Sunward I’ve climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth  
Of sun-split clouds – and done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of – wheeled and soared and swung  
High in the sunlit silence. Hov’ring there,  
I’ve topped the windswept heights with easy grace  
Where never lark, or even eagle flew  
And while with silent, lifting mind I’ve trod The high untrespassed sanctity of space,  
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.”*

Ron is greatly missed by his family, his coworkers, and his many friends.



## *In Memoriam*

**Tyrone Rogers**  
**FDNY-EMS**  
**New York, New York**

Tyrone was an EMT's EMT. Having started his career in the New York City Emergency Medical Service, he cared for everyone he knew as if they were members of his own family especially the kids in the neighborhood. "Ty" worked on one of the busiest ambulances in the City of New York responding to more calls for help in one month than many ambulances around the country responded to in a year. When other units heard "Charlie of the 3-4" on the air they knew Ty was there to help.

Having worked in some of the meanest streets in the city, Tyrone witnessed on a firsthand basis what could happen to the younger residents of the area. This led him to help organize the first EMS Explorer Post in NYC with a small group of neighborhood kids who routinely spent time hanging out in front of his ambulance garage. The kids would follow ambulances and fire trucks to big jobs on their bicycles. Tyrone drafted other members of the station to help the kids with homework and insisted they stay in school. Many of the kids went on to enter the FDNY High School of Fire and Life Safety, earning jobs in EMS related fields, including FDNY EMS upon graduation.

On the morning of September 11, 2001, Tyrone responded to the attacks on the World Trade Center and spent many hours searching the rubble in the days following. At the time he did not know the dust he was exposed to would eventually prove fatal. As a result of this exposure, he died on March 7, 2013. Tyrone's legacy lives on in the hundreds of children he helped throughout his life.

**David J. Schneider, Jr.**  
**Native Air**  
**Globe, Arizona**

David Schneider's career as a pilot spanned 25 years. He was no stranger to serving, not only his community in EMS, but his country. In the U.S. Army, he was a Warrant Officer and a special operations pilot serving multiple combat tours in the Middle East.

David was a passionate outdoorsman, and before a career in EMS, once worked as a park ranger at Yellowstone National Park, and flew chartered tours in Hawaii.

On the evening of December 15, 2015, Native Air 5, while returning to base in Globe, Arizona from Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport, crashed into the Superstitions Mountains.



## *In Memoriam*

**Erik P. Steciak**  
**Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company**  
**Bel Air, Maryland**

Erik P. Steciak of the Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company in Bel Air, Maryland, died at the age of 29 on January 6, 2015. Erik joined the department in December 2011 and made a huge impact on the department and everyone he met. Fire and EMS service was not just a job it was his passion; helping people in any way possible was his goal.

As a Paramedic he was known to be a mentor and helped new members obtain certification. Numerous times members stated that the only reason they were able to pass was the passion and assistance they received from Erik.

Erik and his partner were dispatched to a motor vehicle crash on January 6, 2015. The hazardous road conditions made it necessary for additional units and, while assisting those units, Erik was struck by another unit and later died at Upper Chesapeake Medical Center.





## ***Program***

### **Tribute Video Presentation**

*(Please refrain from flash photography during presentation.)*

### **National Moment of Silence**

**Song: "God Bless America"**

**Paramedic Todd Metz**  
American Medical Response  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

**Song: "Amazing Grace"**

**National EMS Honor Guard/Pipe & Drum**

### **Retirement of Colors**

### **Candlelight Remembrance Ceremony**

**Jana C. Williams**  
President, National EMS Memorial Service  
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**Song: "Go Light Your World"**

**Ruth Ann Coles**  
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### **Dismissal**



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*National EMS Memorial Service Honor Guard members who have passed away this past year:*

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