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Public Notice

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Mission:

Congress created the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation to lead a nationwide effort to honor America's fallen firefighters. Since 1992, the non-profit Foundation has developed and expanded programs that support that effort. Our mission is to honor and remember America's fallen fire heroes and to provide resources to assist their survivors in rebuilding their lives and work within the fire service community to reduce firefighter deaths and injuries.

The Foundation sponsors the official national tribute every October in Emmitsburg, Maryland, honoring all firefighters who died in the line of duty during the previous year. Thousands attend this weekend which includes special programs for survivors and coworkers along with a moving public ceremony.

In observance with the NFFF, a Proclamation Ceremony will be held on **Sunday, October 25, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at Fire Headquarters, 2750 Main Street, Stratford.** This ceremony will honor both volunteer and career fallen firefighters from across the county, including five members of the Stratford Fire Department, Lt. John Blersch, FF. George Charak, FF. Paul Heck, FF. Michael Reilly (FDNY) and Lt. Thomas McCabe, all who have died in the line of duty since the department's establishment in 1909.

The Honorable Mayor Harkins and Stratford Fire Department cordially invite all those interested to attend this special tribute. This event is open to the public and parking will be available at the Town Hall. Refreshments will be offered courtesy of the Stratford Firefighters Union Local 998.

Sincerely,

Lieutenant Richard Vanicky
Stratford Fire Department