



“The Ultimate Sacrifice”

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National EMS Memorial Service announces
13th Annual National Moment of Silence

Colorado Springs, Colorado - The National EMS Memorial Service today announced plans for the 13th Annual National Moment of Silence, to be observed on Saturday, June 26, 2009, coinciding with the National EMS Memorial Service to be conducted in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The National Moment of Silence offers EMS providers and agencies around the nation the opportunity to join with those in attendance at the National EMS Memorial Service in honoring and remembering those members of our nation's Emergency Medical Services who have made the ultimate sacrifice and given their lives in the line of duty.

The National Moment of Silence seeks voluntary participation by all the nation's EMS providers, agencies and emergency communications centers in observing a moment of radio silence timed to coincide with the moment of silence observed during the actual service held annually in Roanoke. In previous years, the "Moments" have seen the participation of over 800 agencies and dispatch centers from around the United States. The Committee has prepared a "Suggested Script" and instructions for those agencies wishing to participate. This information is appended to the release.

The National EMS Memorial Service has, since 1992, been honoring those EMS providers who have given their lives in the line of duty. This year, at a Service to be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Colorado Springs, members of the honorees' families are presented with a medallion, symbolizing eternal memory; a U.S. Flag which has flown over the Nation's Capital, symbolizing service to the country; and a White Rose, symbolizing their undying love.

Each honoree's name is engraved on a bronze oak leaf which is added to the National EMS Memorial.

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National Moment of Silence Participant Information Sheet

The National EMS Memorial Service Board is coordinating a National Moment of Silence to be observed in concurrence with the moment of silence observed during National EMS Memorial Service held each year in Roanoke, Virginia. This year the Moment will be held observed on Saturday, June 26, 2010.

This project provides an opportunity for those who can not be in attendance in Roanoke to honor and remember those members of our profession who have given their lives in the line of duty.

All EMS and communications agencies wishing to participate are requested to observe 60 seconds* of radio silence on June 26th at the times indicated in the suggested script below.

ALL TIMES ARE MOUNTAIN DAYLIGHT TIME! Please adjust as required for your time zone.

[NOTE: Please time the transmission of any alert/activation tones required by your radio system to allow you to begin speaking at the time indicated below.]

Begin script:

19:59:30 All units please stand by for a special message

19:59:40 Attention all units operating on this frequency. . . .

In conjunction with the National EMS Memorial Service now ongoing in Colorado Springs, this agency will observe a moment of radio silence in honor of those members of our Nation's Emergency Medical Services who have made the ultimate sacrifice, and given their lives in the line of duty.

Please stand by unless you have an emergency. . . .

20:00:00 [Begin Moment of Silence]

20:01:00 This concludes the moment of silence, thank you. Please resume normal radio traffic.

:End script

To give us an idea of participation levels, we request that agencies planning to participate in this project send us the following information: Agency name, City & State. [In the case of a multi-agency communications center, please list the EMS agencies under your jurisdiction.] Please send this information on a postcard to:

National Moment of Silence
P.O. Box 6604
Carlstadt, NJ 07072-0604

or via email to: NMOS@NEMSMS.ORG

* While 60 seconds is the "suggested" duration, it is understood that some busier jurisdictions may be unable to comply. Please feel free to adjust the duration according to the needs of your agency.