

Line of Duty Death Induction Criteria

- Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Nominees must have been a member of an authorized New York State EMS ambulance, ALS first response or BLS first response service.
- A Nominee must have died in the line of duty. Line of duty is defined as occurring during response to an emergency or non-emergency call, or on stand-by with an authorized EMS service. Line of duty death may also be defined as a death resulting from illness or injury sustained while responding to a call.
- A Nominee must have followed established laws, regulations, policies, protocols and generally accepted safety standards to be eligible.
- An application form must be completed by an officer of the EMS service in which the Nominee was a member. A copy of the Nominee's obituary or death certificate must be submitted with the application.



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2011 EMS Memorial Dedication



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Each year, the New York State Department of Health's Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, in consultation with the Office of General Services, facilitates the dedication of EMS providers who have died while in the line of duty to the New York State EMS Memorial. These EMS providers have served their communities with dedication and distinction in life, and died performing that service with honor.

The induction ceremony is a somber event held each spring at the EMS Memorial site on the Empire State Plaza. We honor those individuals who died in the line of duty the previous year. The memorial celebrates their service and the ultimate sacrifice they and their families have made in the service of others.

The service is held the third week of May each year during National EMS Week. The service is a time to honor both new and past honorees. It brings together over 400 people, including the families of our fallen heroes, EMS providers from across the state, as well as local and state legislators.

This year's dedication service will also honor the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center, the largest single loss of EMS providers as well as place three more individuals on the memorial. The service will be held on May 18, 2011 at 11:00 am.

The following EMS providers will be honored and their Stars of Life placed on the EMS Memorial Tree of Life:

Paul A. Bazinet

Empire Ambulance Service
Glens Falls, NY (Warren County)
Date of Death: January 3, 2010

Karen A. Hand

Broome Volunteer EMS
Lisle, NY (Broome County)
Date of Death: October 5, 2010

LeRoy A. Kemp

Tioga Emergency Squad
Barton, NY (Tioga County)
Date of Death: January 13, 2010



The EMS Memorial was developed by members of the State EMS Council and created by legislation. Since the EMS Memorial's inception in 2004, 39 EMS providers have been dedicated on the Tree of Life. This includes 11 EMS providers who lost their lives as a result of the September 11, 2001 attack on the World Trade Center.

