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State Chiefs to Remember S.C. Fallen Firefighters

The South Carolina State Association of Fire Chiefs and other members of the state's fire service will gather Wednesday, April 14, 2021, to remember firefighters who have died while serving their communities.

The 11 a.m. ceremony will be held at the S.C. Fallen Firefighters Memorial, which is housed on the grounds of the S.C. Fire Academy, 141 Monticello Trail in Columbia. Due to COVID-19 spacing restrictions, the ceremony will be limited to immediate family members and invited fire service guests. The ceremony can be viewed live via facebook.com/scpsca.org.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the ceremony was canceled last year. As a result, the following firefighters will be remembered:

- **Darryl Wayne Frost**, 48, joined the Duncan Fire Department when he was 21 years old and served the department for 29 years. He died Nov. 20, 2014, of a heart attack, shortly after responding to his third call in 24 hours.
- **Coleman Blease "Coley" Loadholt, Jr.**, 51, was an award-winning firefighter. He worked in the fire service for nearly 14 years at the Jasper County Fire-Rescue, where he served as a full-time firefighter and emergency medical technician and senior officer, and at the Brunson Volunteer Fire Department in Hampton County, where he was a captain. He died June 21, 2019, after suffering a medical emergency while on duty at the fire station four days earlier.
- **Paul Edwin Quattlebaum, Jr.**, 46, was a 22-year veteran of the Lexington County Fire Service. He started as a volunteer in 1997. Three years later, he was hired full-time and eventually promoted to fire engineer. On Oct. 4, 2019, he was fatally struck while assisting with a motor vehicle collision.
- **John David Durham, Jr.**, 42, was a 13-year veteran with Winnsboro Department of Public Safety. For his dedication and service to the department, Captain Durham was awarded Firefighter of the Year in 2012 and 2014. A graduate of the S.C. Fire Academy and S.C. Criminal Justice Academy, he suddenly fell ill and died July 15, 2020, while on duty.

"Every year we stand alongside each other to pause and honor all of our fallen firefighters," Fire Chief Aubrey D. Jenkins, president of the South Carolina State Fire Chiefs Association, said. "This year, we will remember the service and sacrifice of four more whose names deserve a place on the wall. These were great firefighters who were devoted to helping their communities in times of need."

The S.C. Fallen Firefighters Memorial honors the courage, commitment, and sacrifices made by each fallen firefighter.

"There are now 121 firefighter names on the memorial wall who gave their lives in service to us all," South Carolina State Fire Marshal Jonathan Jones said. "We stand committed to always remember these brave fallen heroes. Their legacy lives on in those who continue to protect and ensure the safety of the communities they served."