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State Chiefs to Remember S.C. Fallen Firefighters

To recognize the sacrifice of fallen firefighters, the South Carolina State Association of Fire Chiefs, and other members of the state's fire service, will gather Wednesday, April 11, 2018, at 11 a.m. to remember firefighters who have died while serving their communities.

No firefighter line of duty deaths occurred in 2017. This is the first time since 2003.

"Last year was distinctive," Chief Steve Graham, President of the Fire Chiefs Association said. "For the first time in 14 years, we thankfully did not experience any firefighter line of duty deaths."

The S.C. Fallen Firefighters Memorial, which is housed on the grounds of the S.C. Fire Academy, honors the courage, commitment, and sacrifices made by each fallen firefighter.

"There are 111 firefighter names on the memorial wall," South Carolina State Fire Marshal Jonathan Jones said. "We stand committed to never forget these brave fallen heroes. Their legacy lives on in those who continue to protect and ensure the safety of the communities they served."

The memorial ceremony will be held at the Academy, 141 Monticello Trail in Columbia.