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National EMS Memorial Service Honors 26

Colorado Springs, CO - The National EMS Memorial Service honored 26 individuals from 17 states during the 18th annual service held June 26, 2010 in Colorado Springs.

At the service held at the First Presbyterian Church of Colorado Springs, nearly 600 family members, co-workers, EMS providers and dignitaries from around the nation gathered to honor and remember those members of America's EMS systems who have made the ultimate sacrifice and given their lives in service to their communities.

2010 marked a number of firsts for the Memorial Service. This year's service was the first to be held in our new host city of Colorado Springs. This brought new venues for all the weekend's events, including the Memorial Service itself.

The move to First Presbyterian also brought with it the technical ability to institute another first, the live streaming of the Memorial Service. This allowed a number of family members, along with more than a thousand others who could not personally be in attendance in Colorado Springs, to view the ceremony live via the Internet.

Speakers at this year's service included A.J. Heightman, Editor-in-Chief of JEMS, Jennifer Frenette, President of the National EMS Memorial Bike Ride, and D. Randy Kuykendall, Chief, Emergency Medical & Trauma Services Section, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment.

Also participating in this year's program were honor guards, pipe and drum corps and buglers representing 11 agencies from around the nation.

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