

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/Service will be held on Saturday, May 23, 2009.

This project provides an opportunity for those who can not be in attendance at the actual service to honor and remember those members of our profession who have lost 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 May 23th at the times indicated in the suggested script below.

ALL TIMES ARE EASTERN 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 Roanoke, Virginia, 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.