
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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STRUZZI, THOMAS, TOEPEL AND ULLMAN, SEPTEMBER 2, 2020

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 2, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating September 14, 2020, as "EMS Memorial Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, In 1998, the United States Congress designated the
4 National EMS Memorial Service be held annually, as the official
5 EMS Memorial Service in the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, The objective of the EMS Memorial Service is to
7 remember and honor those emergency medical services personnel
8 who have died in the line of duty and to recognize the ultimate
9 sacrifice they have made for their fellow man; and

10 WHEREAS, The traveling memorial of the National EMS Memorial
11 Service, the Tree of Life, is erected every year; and

12 WHEREAS, The Tree of Life bears a representation of an oak
13 tree to symbolize strength along with the name, agency and date
14 of loss of each National EMS Memorial Service honoree engraved
15 on a bronze oak leaf; and

1 WHEREAS, Since 2011, the Pennsylvania EMS Provider Foundation
2 has organized an EMS Memorial Service at the State Capitol to
3 remember Pennsylvania EMS providers that have given their lives
4 in the line of duty; and

5 WHEREAS, During the Memorial Service at the Capitol, the name
6 of each honoree is read followed by the ringing of the bell; and

7 WHEREAS, Since 2013, the following EMS personnel have been
8 honored for making the ultimate sacrifice during the performance
9 of emergency service duties:

10 (1) Samantha Agins, Camp Jaycee, Stroudsburg.

11 (2) Ethan Lynn Amsbaugh, Priority Volunteer Response
12 Ambulance, Mt. Union.

13 (3) Robert Ashby, Sr., Christiana Community Ambulance,
14 Gap.

15 (4) Brenda Bauer, City of Reading Fire, Reading.

16 (5) David J. Blausen, Wilkins-Churchill Rescue One,
17 Wilkins.

18 (6) Walter L. Bricker, Metal Township Fire & Ambulance
19 Co, Fannettsburg.

20 (7) John Buchner, Scranton Fire Department Ambulance,
21 Scranton.

22 (8) Jeanette M. Christ, University Medevac/Lehigh Valley
23 Hospital, Allentown.

24 (9) Kelly A. Conti, Critical Care Diversified
25 Enterprises, West Mifflin.

26 (10) John R. Demkosky, Lackawanna Ambulance Service,
27 Scranton.

28 (11) Kline DeWire, Susquehanna Health System EMS,
29 Williamsport.

30 (12) Bruce H. Ditlow, St Joseph Hospital, Lancaster.

- 1 (13) Theodore Dybus, Veterans Memorial Ambulance
2 Service, Northern Cambria.
- 3 (14) Kevin A. Ellefson, Medic Rescue Ambulance Service,
4 Beaver Falls.
- 5 (15) Donald J. Felker, Collingdale Fire Company No 1,
6 Collingdale.
- 7 (16) Dale C. Francis, Lifestar Ambulance Corps,
8 Quakertown.
- 9 (17) Michael "Boz" Garvin, Second Alarmers Association
10 and Rescue Squad, Willow Grove.
- 11 (18) John M. Goodwin, Guthrie One Helicopter, Sayre.
- 12 (19) Thomas Gruen, Tunkhannock Ambulance Association,
13 Tunkhannock.
- 14 (20) Richard A. Hartley, Derry Township Fire Police,
15 Lewistown.
- 16 (21) Mark W. Haussler, Guthrie One Helicopter, Sayre.
- 17 (22) Herbert W. McCay, American Medical Response,
18 Philadelphia.
- 19 (23) Thomas Hicks, Citizens Volunteer Fire Company,
20 York.
- 21 (24) Wesley Hostetter, Lack Tuscarora EMS, East
22 Waterford.
- 23 (25) Robert W. Justis, St. Luke's Transport Service,
24 Tannersville.
- 25 (26) Daniel E. Keller, Fayette EMS, Connellsville.
- 26 (27) Robert Kohler, Sr. Northeastern Area EMS, York.
- 27 (28) Shawn M. Kramer, Hamburg Ambulance Service, West
28 Lawn/Hamburg.
- 29 (29) Robert. W. Justis, St. Luke's Transport Service,
30 Tannersville

- 1 (30) James S. Landis, University Medevac/Lehigh Valley
2 Hospital, Allentown.
- 3 (31) John F. Legieko, Parkesburg Ambulance/Fire Co,
4 Parkesburg.
- 5 (32) Janice M. Keen-Livingston, West End Ambulance
6 Service, Johnstown.
- 7 (33) Kevin Maffettone, Bucks County 2012 Morrisville,
8 Levittown.
- 9 (34) Herbert W. McCay, American Medical Response,
10 Philadelphia.
- 11 (35) Daniel W. McIntosh, Bensalem EMS, Bensalem.
- 12 (36) Harry R. Moore, Duquesne EMS, Duquesne.
- 13 (37) Paul Moyer, Yoe Ambulance, York.
- 14 (38) Michael R. Murphy, PennSTAR, Philadelphia.
- 15 (39) Barry John Nagle, Silver Spring Ambulance and
16 Rescue, New Kingstown.
- 17 (40) Deborah J. Nole, Guthrie One Helicopter, Sayre.
- 18 (41) Larry Oberle, Alpha Fire Company Community
19 Ambulance, State College.
- 20 (42) Kenneth Duane Prunty, Tri Community Ambulance,
21 Monogahela.
- 22 (43) Elwood C. Queen Sr., Irvona Volunteer Ambulance
23 Service, Irvona.
- 24 (44) Robert Reeder, Crozer-Keystone EMS, Upland.
- 25 (45) Patricia A. Riccobono, Lehigh Valley Hospital,
26 Allentown.
- 27 (46) David A. Sauder, Leola Ambulance Association,
28 Leola.
- 29 (47) Heinz Schulz, Emergycare/LifeStar of Erie, Erie.
- 30 (48) Richard Shoaf, Jr., Swarthmore Fire & Protection

1 Assn, Swarthmore.

2 (49) Matthew C. Smelser, Rostraver-West Newton Emergency
3 Medical Services, Belle Vernon.

4 (50) Edward E. Soper, H.O.P.S. Ambulance, Le Raysville.

5 (51) William R. Spence, CJ Systems Aviation Group, West
6 Mifflin.

7 (52) Ethel M. Speros, Willow Street Ambulance
8 Association, Willow Street.

9 (53) Richard J. Stark, Thornhurst Volunteer Fire/Rescue
10 Ambulance Squad, Thornhurst.

11 (54) Daniel Sweeney, Philadelphia Fire Department,
12 Philadelphia.

13 (55) Joseph M. Vagnier, Monroeville Fire Dept,
14 Monroeville.

15 (56) Robert Vetter, Mon Valley EMS, Monessen.

16 (57) John M. Watson, Moscow Volunteer Fire
17 Department/Hose Co Ambulance, Moscow.

18 (58) Kevin L. Weatherlow, St Joseph Hospital, Lancaster.

19 (59) Craig Webb, University EMS, Dauphin.

20 (60) Gregory Wentzel, First Aid & Safety Patrol
21 Emergency Medical Services Agency, Lebanon.

22 (61) David A. Womer, Mount Carmel Area Rescue Squad,
23 Mount Carmel.

24 (62) Robert H. Wood, Montrose Minute Men, Montrose.

25 (63) David Young, Central Juniata EMS, Juniata;

26 and

27 WHEREAS, Since 2016, prior to the Memorial Service, the
28 Pennsylvania EMS Provider Foundation holds a cycling event which
29 ends at the Capitol; and

30 WHEREAS, On January 5, 2020, Rostraver West Newton Emergency

1 Services Paramedic Supervisor, Matthew C. Smelser, was struck
2 and killed by a vehicle after he exited his ambulance to attend
3 to an accident victim along Interstate 70 in South Huntingdon;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, On February 1, 2020, Paramedic Theodore Dybus, of
6 the Veterans Ambulance Service in Northern Cambria, tragically
7 suffered a medical emergency while on duty and passed away; and

8 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives greatly appreciates the
9 critical role that EMS plays, providing emergency response and
10 serving as the front line delivery of health care, while under
11 extraordinarily adverse situations, and often with little to no
12 pay; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
14 September 14, 2020, as "EMS Memorial Day" in Pennsylvania.