



## Firefighters Recognition Day & Fire Service Legislative Appreciation Dinner



### 2018 Schedule & Other Information

***New this year! Please note that all events take place on Tuesday, February 6! We encourage all fire departments to send a contingent of firefighters to these events!***

### **REGISTRATION**

All firefighters are invited to participate in Firefighters Recognition Day at the Georgia State Capitol. There is no registration required and no cost to attend this event. There is a \$5 per person ticket cost for the Georgia Fire Service Legislative Appreciation Dinner and pre-registration is strongly encouraged. State officials, legislators and their staff are asked RSVP and sign in at the dinner but their tickets are complimentary. To register, click [here](#).

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

#### **Tuesday, February 6, 2018**

**9:00 a.m. - Unification Partners Meeting**  
**11:00 a.m. - State Fire Marshal's Office**

**11:00 a.m. - Mutual Aid Task Force Meeting**  
**11:45 a.m. - State Fire Marshal's Office**

**12 p.m. - Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation Luncheon**  
**2 p.m. - Georgia State Student Center**

The Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation (GFBF) will be held at the Georgia State Student Center on Courtland Street. All Firefighters Recognition Day participants are invited and encouraged to attend. For further information on the luncheon contact the GFBF at 404-320-6223, or visit their website at [www.gfbf.org](http://www.gfbf.org).

**2:30 p.m. -** **Firefighters Recognition Day Ceremonies**  
**3:45 p.m.** **Swearing in of Local Fire Marshals** (*immediately following ceremony*)  
*South Wing of State Capitol*  
*206 Washington Street SW, Atlanta, GA 30334*

Firefighters Recognition Day is set by law as the first Tuesday in February and provides an opportunity to recognize and pay tribute to our firefighting community. The ceremonies will officially be called to order at 2:30 p.m. During the ceremonies Georgia state elected officials will acknowledge and applaud contributions made by all fire service personnel in Georgia and also recognize and present commendations to award recipients of the Georgia State Firefighters Association, Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs, and Georgia Fire Inspectors Association. [State Insurance Commissioner Ralph Hudgens](#) also will deputize local fire marshals during this time.

**3:45 p.m. -** **Firefighter Legislative Visits**  
**4:45 p.m.** *Firefighters are encouraged to visit with legislators and remind them to attend the legislative dinner during this time.*

**4:30 p.m. -** **Home Fire Sprinkler Demonstration Trailer**  
*Polk Plaza, just outside the Atlanta Freight Depot*  
*65 M.L.K. Drive, NW, Atlanta, GA 30303*

Make plans to see a side-by-side demonstration is a highly effective learning tool used to present possible extreme fire hazards and show how residential and commercial sprinklers effectively limit those hazards. There is no more dramatic way to demonstrate the devastating speed and effect of flashover and the effectiveness of a Fire Sprinkler System. There are two “rooms”—both are furnished as a typical living room, bedroom or dorm room. The difference is that one of the rooms has a smoke alarm, while the other has a smoke alarm *and* a single fast response sprinkler head. This demonstration reveals the speed at which the fire sprinkler suppresses the fire in one room—usually under a minute—while the other room continues to burn and is already at flashover (the point at which everything in the room ignites) before a fire department typically arrives on scene. This demonstration is provided by the National Fire Sprinkler Manufacturers’ Association.

**5:00 p.m. –** **Fire Service Legislative Appreciation Dinner**  
**7:00 p.m.** *Atlanta Freight Depot*  
*65 M.L.K. Drive, NW, Atlanta, GA 30303*

Get ready for some of the best barbecue you have ever tasted, thanks to the expert cooks from the Vienna Fire Department. This event is jointly sponsored by the Georgia State Firefighters Association, Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs and Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation and provides an opportunity to spend time with state leaders and legislators to network and discuss important fire service issues.

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*Thank you to the following organizations and businesses for their support  
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**Metro Atlanta Fire Chiefs Association  
Northwest Georgia Fire Chiefs Association  
Southwest Georgia Fire Chiefs Association**

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## **PARKING**

For directions and information on where to park around the Georgia State Capitol, visit:  
<https://gov.georgia.gov/capitol-information-and-directions>

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- **Make Your Time at the Capitol Count:** Legislators need to hear from you regarding fire service related legislation. Reach out to your legislator now and schedule time to visit with them while you

are in Atlanta for Firefighter Recognition Day. Remind them to RSVP to attend the Fire Service Legislative Appreciation Dinner by calling GSFA Business Manager Beth Brown at [bbrown@gsffa.org](mailto:bbrown@gsffa.org) or calling 770-914-7774.

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For more information on Firefighters Recognition Day & the Fire Service Legislative Appreciation Dinner, please contact:

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