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About the Cover: The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service held on Sunday, October 7 in Emmitsburg, Maryland and hosted by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, serves as a reminder for the loved ones of the 103 fallen that they will forever be surrounded by comfort and support. The lives of 80 firefighters who died in the line of duty in 2017 and 23 who died in previous years were remembered and their names officially added to the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial. Through music, tribute readings and cherished fire service traditions, the families and friends of these courageous men and women were reassured that they – and their firefighters – would never be forgotten.



Fire Chief Chad Hoefle of Stillman Fire Protection District is holding Twila Plank, two year old daughter of Firefighter Darrell Plank, who lost his life in the line of duty on May 23, 2017. Chief Hoefle has attended the Memorial Weekend Event for several years and represents Illinois as a family escort. His role as a volunteer lends support, comfort and assistance to the families and friends who gather together to honor their loved one.

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