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Ventura County fallen firefighters honored at annual memorial service

CAMARILLO, Calif. – Fillmore Fire Chief Reguberto J. Landeros and Ventura County Federal Fire Firefighter/EMT Patrick S. Campbell will be honored at the 13th annual Fallen Firefighters Memorial Ceremony on Friday, November 17, 2017, at 10 a.m. The event will take place on the lawn surrounding the memorial at the Ventura County Government Center, 800 S. Victoria Ave. The service is open to the public.

During the service, surviving family members will be given a folded flag to honor the fallen firefighters, and a bell will ring out as a symbol of the firefighter's last call.

Reguberto "Rigo" Landeros' childhood dream was to join the fire service. In 1982, he became a Ventura County Fire Department Reserve Firefighter. In 1994 he moved to the then all-Volunteer Fillmore Fire Department as a volunteer firefighter. Rigo worked his way up to Captain and his love and experience in the fire service



was what ultimately named him Fire Chief in 2009. He is survived by his wife Laura, his children, Christina, Daniel, David and he had a special soft spot in his heart for his grandchildren Gabby and Mia.

Patrick S. Campbell, 53, was a fearless firefighter with more than 33 years of service. He began as a firefighter in the air force and quickly developed a love for public service. He took special interest in the Hazardous Materials Program where he was proud to serve as a Hazmat Specialist. He passed away on November 13, 2016 from Cell Sarcoma Cancer and is survived by his wife Janet and his daughters Julie, Karen, Jessica, and Cynthia.

The Ventura County Fallen Firefighters Memorial honors those who died in the line of duty from traumatic injury or job-related illness. Since 2004, the annual ceremony represents each of the eight fire agencies serving the county, including Ventura County, Oxnard, Ventura City, Federal Fire, Santa Paula, Fillmore, CAL FIRE and the U.S. Forest Service.

For more information about the Ventura County Fallen Firefighters Memorial, visit <u>vcfd.org/Fallen-Firefighter-Memorial</u>.