



National EMS Memorial Bike Ride to Tour Richmond, VA Honoring Fallen EMTs and Paramedics

Richmond, VA (May 23, 2017) – Participants of the National EMS Memorial Bike Ride will honor the lost lives of 49 individuals at a ceremony at the Virginia Public Safety Memorial, May 23, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. on the grounds of the Virginia State Capitol.

Cyclist participant and Route Coordinator Tim Perkins has been planning the route under guidance of the national organization. This is the first year that the Southern Route has started the morning after the National EMS Memorial Service in Arlington, and travels onward sharing the combined remembrances of the Bike Ride and the National EMS Memorial Service. In addition, this is the first time that 100 miles has been covered utilizing a bike trail; participants will complete their third day on the Virginia Capital Trail, before returning to a powerful ceremony including their final reading of the names of Honorees. “We are really excited to be bringing the Bike Ride to Richmond, which has a long and rich history of first-class Emergency Medical Services, and we recognize that Richmond is quickly becoming one of the most bike-friendly and bike-safe cities in the United States” said Perkins.

The National EMS Memorial Bike Ride’s East Coast Route begins Saturday, May 13, 2017 in Boston, Massachusetts and precedes the Southern Route. Cyclists arrive to open the Weekend of Honor, a collaboration of the National EMS Memorial Bike Ride, the National EMS Memorial Service, and the National EMS Memorial Foundation. Since 2001, NEMSMBR has implemented long distance cycling events that recognize the lives of EMS providers who have died in the line of duty, as well as providers who have given significantly to EMS and have died of other causes. The three organizations share a vision and strategic plan to honor EMS heroes who have died in the line of duty. They are also moving forward with efforts to establish a permanent National EMS Memorial in the greater Washington, D.C. area.

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About the National EMS Memorial Bike Ride:

The National EMS Memorial Bike Ride, Inc. honors Emergency Medical Services personnel by organizing and implementing long distance cycling events that memorialize and celebrate the lives of those who serve every day, those who have become sick or injured while performing their duties, and those who have died in the line of duty. For more information, visit www.muddyangels.org. “Like” us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/muddyangels>; Follow us on Twitter at @nemsbr and on Instagram at @nemsbr.