



BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT

357 FORDING ISLAND ROAD
BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA 29909



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Bluffton Township Fire District to Participate in Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters Event, May 1-5, 2024

Bluffton, SC (April 17, 2024) – Bluffton Township Fire District is proud to announce its participation in the upcoming *Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters* event, scheduled to take place from May 1st to May 5th, 2024. This event, organized by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, aims to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the foundation's establishment and the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend.

Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters is a nationwide initiative that brings together thousands of fire departments, businesses, and residents across the United States. The event encourages participants to illuminate their homes, buildings, and landmarks in red as a symbol of remembrance and honor for the firefighters who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Since its inception, *Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters* has grown to include fire departments and families from all walks of life, joining together to pay tribute to the brave men and women who have lost their lives while serving their communities in the fire service.

In the spirit of unity and remembrance, firefighters from Bluffton Township Fire District will be actively engaging with local business leaders and community members over the next two weeks to invite them to join us in illuminating their premises with red lights during the event. It's important to note that no donations are being requested by our firefighters.

To learn more about how you can join us and others across the nation in honoring our fallen firefighters, please visit firehero.org/light-the-night.

Quote from Fire Chief, Paul Boulware, "The Fire District is honored to participate in this year's *Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters*. This event holds deep significance for us and the firefighting fraternity as a whole. As we pay tribute to the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice, we invite everyone to join us in lighting up our neighborhoods with red lights, symbolizing our gratitude for and remembrance of those we have lost in the fire service."

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About Bluffton Township Fire District

The Bluffton Township Fire District, established in 1978, currently has 170 employees. One hundred forty-three firefighters work from 9 stations on 3 shifts. Led by Chief Paul Boulware, the department serves a 246 square-mile area in southern Beaufort County, SC and responds to over 10,500 calls for service each year.

About the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation:

The U.S. Congress created the **National Fallen Firefighters Foundation** to lead a nationwide effort to remember America's fallen firefighters. Since 1992, the tax-exempt, 501(c)3 nonprofit Foundation has developed and expanded programs to honor our fallen fire heroes and assist their families and co-workers.

- The Foundation is located in Emmitsburg, Maryland. It is registered as a corporation in the State of Maryland, and receives funding through **private donations** from caring individuals, organizations, corporations, and foundations.
- A grant from the **Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance** supports programs for families of fallen firefighters.
- The **Federal Emergency Management Agency** partners with the Foundation to sponsor many of the **National Memorial Weekend** events.

For downloadable *Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters* graphics, please visit <https://weekend.firehero.org/events/memorial-weekend/light-night-fallen-firefighters/program-resources/>.