Memorial Program Honors Emergency Services Workers

FAYETTEVILLE – Cumberland County Emergency Services and the Fire Chief's Association of Cumberland County will take part in a memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, to honor firefighters and EMS workers who sacrificed their lives serving the citizens of Cumberland County and Fort Bragg.

The service will be at the Cumberland County Emergency Services Memorial located next to Cumberland Hall on the main campus of Fayetteville Technical Community College at 2201 Hull Rd. The service will mark the end of Fire Prevention week, which starts Sunday, Oct. 5.

The theme for this year's observance of Fire Prevention Week is "Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month." Emergency Services officials encourage citizens to check their smoke alarms to make sure they are functioning and test the alarms monthly. The most common reasons for smoke alarms not functioning are disconnection from a power source and missing or dead batteries. Citizens are also encouraged to develop and practice a home fire escape plan.

Emergency Services will also participate in a Fall Safety Day, sponsored by the Fayetteville Fire/Emergency Management Department, Fayetteville Police Department and the Fire Chief's Association of Cumberland County on Saturday, Oct. 4, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Cross Creek Mall parking lot. There will be hands-on activities, displays and educational material for adults and children.

At the Fall Safety Day, citizens will have the opportunity to sign up for CodeRED, the emergency notification service offered through Emergency Services. In addition to county and city fire departments, the Sheriff's Office and the U.S. Forestry Service will participate in the event.

Cumberland County Emergency Services is located in the Law Enforcement Center, 131 Dick St. Call 910-678-7688 for more information or go to co.cumberland.nc.us/emergency_services.aspx.