



## **Firefighters Embark on Fourth Annual Bike Pilgrimage from Oakville to Provincial Firefighters Memorial in Toronto in Recognition of the Canadian Fallen Fire Fighters**

**FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2020** – On Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the Toronto Professional Fire Fighters Celtic Society will embark on a shortened Memorial Ride this year. 30 Fire Fighters from the GTA will be riding from Oakville to Toronto to recognize the 76 names that will be added to the Canadian Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial wall this year.

The purpose of the ride is to raise funds and awareness for the Canadian Fallen Firefighters Foundation(CFFF), which hosts the annual National Firefighters Memorial ([www.cfff.ca](http://www.cfff.ca)) to honour, remember and support the families of firefighters whose lives were lost in the line of duty.

This year's Memorial takes place virtually on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Canadian Firefighters Memorial in Ottawa. 76 names of the fallen will be etched on the Memorial Wall this year, among those 1700 names already included of fallen firefighters from across Canada and the territories, dating back to the late 1800s.

The annual National Firefighters Memorial draws hundreds of firefighters from each of the provinces and territories who attend the ceremony in a show of solidarity and commemoration. The Toronto Professional Firefighter Celtic Society ride has grown every year in participation numbers and in tributes to their fallen comrades.

Usually, the Memorial Ride to Ottawa is a three-day cycling event that starts in Hamilton and ends at the National Memorial in Ottawa. However due to COVID – 19, this year we will be embarking on a shortened ride. The shortened ride leaves Oakville on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 hrs and ends in Toronto at 12:00 hrs. This year's ride can be attended virtually as we will be live streaming the cycling trip on Facebook (TPFFCS Memorial Ride to Ottawa), which we plan on raising \$20, 000 for the CFFF.

Donate at: [https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/canadian-fallen-firefighters-foundation/p2p/2020\\_Ride/](https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/canadian-fallen-firefighters-foundation/p2p/2020_Ride/)

Media are invited to the start and end of the ride, listed in the itinerary below.

## **Ride Itinerary and Media Availability**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

### **OFFICIAL START – MEDIA EVENT**

Oakville Fire Station #3  
168 Kerr St.  
Oakville, ON  
L6K 3A8

**Media Availability: 10:00 hrs**

**Ride Departure: 10:30 hrs**

### **COMPLETION OF RIDE – MEDIA EVENT**

Toronto Fire Station #334  
339 Queens Quay W.  
Toronto, ON  
M5J 3H3

**Ride Completion: 12:00 hrs**

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