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Memorandum

DATE: July 1, 2020

TO: Michigan's Fire Service

FROM: Kevin J. Sehlmeyer, State Fire Marshal/Director

SUBJECT: 2020 Annual Michigan Firemen's Memorial Service Cancellation

I hope this message finds you well and staying healthy. I know that this is an important event for many in the fire service and wanted to share with you that the 2020 Annual Michigan Firemen's Memorial Service has been cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Please see attached for details.

If you have questions, please contact the Michigan State Firemen's Association (MSFA) at 810-635-9513.

Attachment: MSFA Event Cancellation Notice

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June 27, 2020

Dear MSFA Members, Michigan Fire Service Personnel.

I am writing to inform you of the cancellation of the 2020 Annual Michigan Firemen's Memorial Service due to the Novel Coronavirus Pandemic including the recent uptick in cases following the Governor's ease of restrictions and phase 4 of re-opening Michigan.

The MSFA Executive Board along with valuable input from many of our MSFA Past President's, talked immensely of the many proposals and ideas on how to conduct the 2020 Memorial Service while trying to keep everyone safe. After much discussion the Executive Board voted unanimously to cancel the service for 2020 in the best interest of public safety and wellbeing. This decision did not come lightly and is a first in the history of the MSFA since the inception of the Michigan Firemen's Memorial Service and Michigan Firemen's Memorial Site.

I assure you that we are considering options to honor those men and women who served and left before us, we will provide you with updates as they become available on how we will proceed moving forward.

A decision to include the names that are added to the Memorial Wall this year with next year's Memorial Service was agreed on.

If you have any questions, concerns or input, please contact myself, Memorial Site Chairman and Past President Cliff Messing or any Executive Board Member or Past President.

I pray that you remain safe and thank you for your service,

Sincerely,

Keith Berg
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