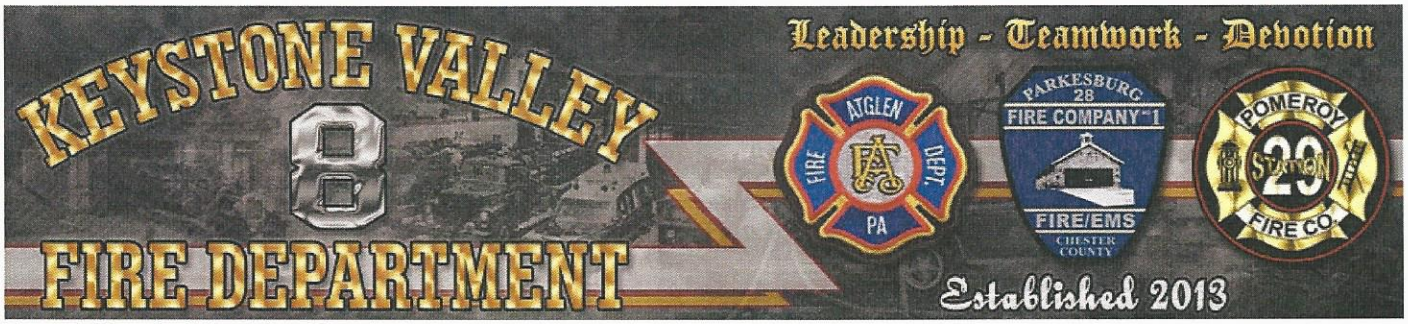

Dear Friend of the Fire Service,

The Keystone Valley Fire Department and our nation's firefighters need your support.

Every October, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) sponsors the official national tribute to all firefighters who died in the line of duty during the previous year. The survivors of the fallen and thousands of fire service members gather for the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend in Emmitsburg, Maryland to honor the lives and sacrifices of these heroes.

It is a time-honored tradition to ring bells during funerals and memorial services for firefighters. In keeping with this custom, the bells of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Chapel will ring at the beginning of the Memorial Service on Sunday, October 12 in tribute to the fallen heroes.

The Keystone Valley Fire Department and the NFFF invite you to be part of this national remembrance by participating in the Fourth Annual *Bells Across America for Fallen Firefighters.* Your participation can occur at any time during the weekend of October 10th – 12th. We encourage you to work with the Keystone Valley Fire Department to create a tribute that is appropriate for your organization, such as tolling a ceremonial bell by members of the department during your gathering, a moment of silence, a brief prayer or a song.

Last year more than 100 fire departments from around the country and organizations participated in *Bells Across America for Fallen Firefighters.* We hope you will accept our invitation and be part of this new tradition that not only honors the memories of the fallen, but reassures the survivors that their loved ones will never be forgotten.

Sincerely,

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