

# The National EMS Memorial Bike



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# What is the Ride?

The National EMS Memorial Bike Ride, Inc. honors Emergency Medical Services personnel by organizing and implementing long distance cycling events that memorialize and celebrate the lives of those who serve every day, those who have become sick or injured while performing their duties, and those who have died in the line of duty.

# What is the Ride?

The Ride started in 2001, when members of Boston (MA) EMS rode from Boston to the National EMS Memorial Service in Roanoke, VA to honor colleagues who had died in the line of duty.

Since then, the NEMSMBR has grown to an event with dozens of riders and support staff, over multiple routes in multiple states.





2009



2010



2011



2012

# What is the Ride?

In 2012, there were several routes and participants:

EMS Week 2012: *Boston, MA to Alexandria, VA:*  
110 Riders, 24 Support Staff  
*Paintsville, KY to Alexandria:*  
7 Riders, 4 Support Staff

June 20-22, 2012: *Fort Collins, CO to Colorado Springs*  
36 Riders, 13 Support Staff

State organized rides also held in:  
South Carolina (March 2012) and Louisiana (September 2012).

# Who do we ride for?

Since the 2001 Ride, the NEMSMBR has ridden in honor of over 400 EMS Providers who have died in the line of duty, from 45 of the 50 states.

# Who do we ride for?

## Bike Ride Honorees by State 2001-12

Alaska – 5 Honorees	Illinois – 6	Montana – 4	South Carolina – 9
Alabama – 7	Indiana - 14	North Carolina – 15	South Dakota – 3
Arkansas – 8	Kansas – 8	North Dakota – 2	Tennessee – 7
Arizona – 13	Kentucky – 10	Nebraska – 4	Texas – 25
California – 17	Louisiana – 4	Nevada - 14	Utah – 6
Colorado – 7	Massachusetts – 4	New Jersey – 8	Virginia – 10
Connecticut – 5	Maryland – 9	New Mexico – 14	Vermont – 3
Delaware – 2	Maine – 2	New York – 41	Washington – 8
Florida – 13	Michigan – 11	Ohio – 9	Wisconsin – 6
Georgia – 6	Minnesota – 5	Oklahoma – 5	West Virginia - 5
Hawaii – 7	Missouri – 21	Oregon – 1	
Iowa - 2	Mississippi - 1	Pennsylvania - 20	

# How can State EMS Directors help?

The best thing that any State EMS Office can do is to help us get the word out about the Ride?  
(Webpage/Social Media/conference literature)

- \*Large audience

- \*Little/no cost!



# How can State EMS Directors help?

As was said in the lyrics of a Queen song:

“Get on your bikes and ride!”



# How can State EMS Directors help?





# "The Pennsylvania EMS Story"

Showing our  
support  
to the dedicated  
EMS Providers  
of the  
Commonwealth



# Riding and support each other as **ONE Family!**





# Congressman Fitzpatrick greeting

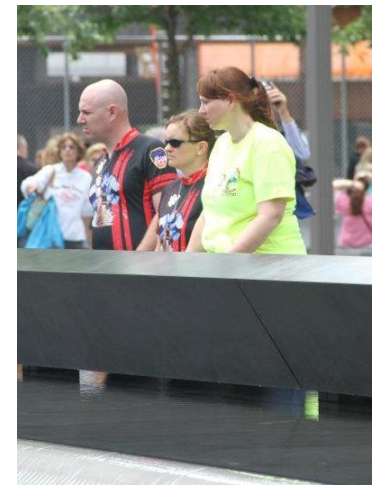




# Bill Brown leading us



# New York, New York!





# "The New York State EMS Story"

## ■ Lee's thoughts...

- Our EMS community is precious
- We owe it ourselves to honor our own
- The ride is excellent public exposure to EMS line of duty deaths
- The participants in the NEMSMBR are truly magnificent people!
- *I was so humbled and honored to ride!*



# What it really means to the riders...



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# For more information...

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# Hope to see you in 2013!

