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GRANITE MOUNTAIN 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL SET FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 30

Prescott, AZ (6/1/23) – This June, the Granite Mountain Hotshots Commemoration Team will host a public memorial in honor of the 19 Granite Mountain Hotshots who lost their lives fighting the Yarnell Hill Fire ten years ago, on June 30, 2013.

The public memorial takes place at the Yavapai County Courthouse in Prescott, on June 30, at 3:00 pm. Invited speakers include, Prescott Mayor Phil Goode; City of Prescott Fire Chief, Holger Durre; Department of Forestry and Fire Management State Forester, Thomas Torres; Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs; and Ryder Ashcraft, son of fallen Granite Mountain Hotshot Andrew Ashcraft. Brendan McDonough, surviving member of the Granite Mountain Interagency Hotshot Crew (GMIHC), will read the Hotshot Prayer. The hour and a half event includes a reading of the Granite Mountain Hotshot Day proclamation, presentations by the Honor Guard, Pipes and Drums, along with a Missing Man Formation flyover out of Luke Air Force Base. The local honor guard will ring 19 bells in honor of the men and the courthouse bells will also toll 19 times to conclude the event.

On Friday, June 30, the City of Prescott will close down Goodwin Street from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and a portion of Cortez from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m. The closures allow for event apparatus staging, Granite Mountain family parking and to accommodate other events taking place that day. The City of Prescott asks visitors to be mindful of the road closures and parking situation and to plan for extra time if attending the public commemoration.

Agencies participating on the Granite Mountain Hotshots Commemoration Team include local, state and federal cooperators; the City of Prescott, the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management, Prescott Fire Department, Prescott Police Department, Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority, the Prescott National Forest, Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Bureau of Land Management, the City of Scottsdale and various Phoenix-area fire departments. The Phoenix fire departments will provide backfill assistance and respond to emergency and medical calls to allow Prescott Fire Department and Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority personnel to attend the ceremony.

Event details can be found on the City of Prescott's website: https://www.experienceprescott.com/things-to-do/events/gmihcmemorial/.

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