MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE 19 FALLEN FIGHTERS TO BE STREAMED SIMULTANEOUSLY ONLINE

The public memorial service for the 19 firefighters who perished in a wildfire in Arizona will be broadcast simultaneously via the internet.

The service which will be held in Prescott from 11am, 9 July (USA time) will be streamed live and can be viewed from approximately 4.00am 10 July AEST via the official website http://yarnellfallenfirefighters.com.

Vice President Joe Biden will speak at the memorial service that is being held at a local stadium that will be filled with families, friends and colleagues of the fallen.

International Fire Fighters Union Alliance Chair and UFUA National Secretary Peter Marshall will attend the memorial service representing firefighters throughout Australia and the global alliance to pay respect to the fallen firefighters and acknowledge the ultimate sacrifice they and their families have made.

Thousands are expected to congregate outside the arena to watch the service on big screens and provision has been made to simulcast the service to various venues in Prescott to enable the local community to come together.

Yesterday the fallen firefighters were taken home in a cortege of 19 white hearses flanked by fire trucks and firefighters. The 5-hour procession from Phoenix passed through a number of Arizona towns and cities to take the men home to Prescott. Thousands reportedly stood for hours roadside in high temperatures (of about 40 degrees Celsius) to pay their respects. As the cortege arrived at Prescott an airplane used for wild fire fighting released 19 purple ribbons.

The official sites for information and coverage are:

OFFICIAL WEBSITE: yarnellfallenfirefighters.com
OFFICIAL FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/granitemountainhotshotsmemorial
OFFICIAL TWITTER: www.twitter.com/Prescott_fire

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