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Media Release

The West Webster Fire District and the West Webster Volunteer Firemen's Association will be holding two events in December; the first will be the dedication of our Fallen Firefighter's Memorial, the second will be the anniversary of December 24, 2012 ambush on Lake Road.

On December 22, 2013 at 11:00 am the Fallen Firefighters Memorial behind our Station #1, 1051 Gravel Road will be dedicated with all four families of our fallen members invited and expected to attend. Staging for media vehicles will be next to our pole barn with another area closer to the memorial to be designated that day. We anticipate the ceremony to last approximately one hour. The public is invited to view the new memorial after 1 pm.

On December 24, 2013 a vigil will be held at 191 Lake Road. The two families of Past Chief Chiapperini and Firefighter Kaczowka have requested a private grieving period from 5:30 am to 6:00 am. No media coverage will be allowed during this period. At 6:00 am the West Webster Fire Department, joined by emergency services personnel who responded to the scene, will hold a candlelight vigil, with the families requesting privacy. Staging for media vehicles is at the parking lot across the street from the Castaways Restaurant with an area southwest of the ceremony for reporters designated that day. The distance between the staging area and reporter area is approximately 300 feet. I will get maps to you as we get closer to the date. The public is invited to view the memorial between 8:00 am to 10:00 am.

Should you have any questions, please direct them to pio@westwebsterfd.org. The December 24, 2013 remembrance is going to be a particularly difficult day for many people involved. Calling upon the working relationship that we have established this year, we are requesting that proper decorum be maintained and that interviews be limited to the Public Information Officer and Chief.

Thank you

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