

Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board

PUBLIC HEARING

Application to add a new Commemorative Work at the State Capitol Grounds: Emergency Medical Services Line of Duty Death Memorial

The Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board (CAAPB) will host a public hearing on **July 16, 2025 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm in Conference Room 116B in the Administration Building (50 Sherburne Ave., Saint Paul, MN 55155)** to gather input on whether **ALL** of the conditions in [Minnesota Rules 2400.2703 Subpart 2](#) have been met for the Board to consider an application to add the Emergency Medical Services Line of Duty Death (EMS LODD) Memorial on the Minnesota State Capitol campus.

Background

On January 9, 2025, CAAPB received an application from Adam S. Harvey, President and Founder of the Minnesota State EMS LODD Memorial Foundation, to add a new commemoration on the Minnesota State Capitol Grounds for EMS personnel who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

In proposing to add the commemoration, the EMS LODD Memorial Foundation seeks to foster public appreciation and provide a space for reflection and remembrance for the brave EMS professionals who dedicate their lives to saving others, often at great personal risk, yet their sacrifices are often overlooked.

The Minnesota State EMS LODD Memorial foundation introduces several new and unique elements to the Capitol grounds that are currently absent from existing memorials:

First, while the Capitol grounds currently honor fallen police officers and firefighters through their respective memorials, there is no recognition of EMS personnel who have died in service. This memorial completes the representation of Minnesota's emergency response triad, offering a comprehensive tribute to all first responders who protect our communities.

Second, this memorial uniquely represents the intersection of emergency response and healthcare, reflecting Minnesota's distinctive role in advancing pre-hospital medical care. This aspect of public service is not currently represented in any Capitol ground memorial.

Third, the memorial will be the first to specifically incorporate tribal medical service representation through the integration of the 11 Tribal seals, acknowledging the sovereign nations' contributions to emergency medical care within Minnesota's borders.

Minnesota's evolution as a leader in emergency medical services represents a unique legacy of innovation and excellence in pre-hospital care. The state's journey in emergency medical services tells a story of continuous advancement and dedication to saving lives.

Detailed information on the application to add the Emergency Medical Services Line of Duty Death Memorial on the State Capitol Grounds can be found on the CAAPB website:

<https://mn.gov/caapb/commemorative/cw-projects/ems-addition/>

Board Consideration

“Conditions for adding new artwork. The board must consider displaying new commemorative artwork in the Capitol area if the artwork meets all of the following conditions:

- A. there has been documented public support of the artwork;
- B. the artwork has lasting statewide significance for Minnesotans;
- C. the artwork is respectful of the diversity of Minnesotans;
- D. viewing the artwork provides a rich experience to broaden the understanding of Minnesota's shared history, heritage, and culture;”

Staff Finding Leads to Public Hearing

The Board itself will only consider the addition request if it meets **ALL** of the conditions stated in *Minnesota Rules 2400.2703 Subpart 2*. So far, CAAPB’s staff have made the finding that the addition request meets all of the conditions, which means that by rule, the Board is now required to host a public hearing to gather input on the conditions.

Public Hearing on July 16th

All interested persons may appear and be heard at the time and place set forth above. Persons interested in participating via teleconference may do so via <https://bit.ly/45Llycb>

Written comments may be mailed to Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board, Freeman Building, 625 Robert Street North, Saint Paul, MN 55155 or email Tina.Chimuzu@state.mn.us prior to the date of the hearing set forth above.

All persons who appear at the meeting or participate via teleconference will be given an opportunity to express their views with respect to whether all conditions have been met for the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board to consider the application to add the Emergency Medical Services memorial at the Capitol Mall.

Website and Contact Information

To stay informed of the application to add The EMS Memorial, follow updates through the agency’s website: <https://mn.gov/caapb/commemorative/cw-projects/ems-addition/>

All other questions and requests for more information on the application to add The EMS Memorial may be directed to Tina Chimuzu, Planner-Fellow for the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board, Freeman Building, 625 Robert Street North, Saint Paul, MN 55155. Phone: 651-757-1508 (leave message if no answer) or email at Tina.Chimuzu@state.mn.us.

Alternative Format

Upon request, this information can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make such a request, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

Statutory Authority

Minnesota Statute, 15B.01, gives the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board the statutory authority to consider the application to propose addition of new commemorative works.