

## Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board

### REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

#### **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 requests comments 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:  
[mn.gov/caapb/commemorative/cw-projects/ems-addition/](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 Comment**

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 open a 30-day public comment period to gather input on the conditions.

### **Public Comment Request Due July 10th**

Interested persons may mail comments on whether they believe **ALL** of the conditions have been met to CAAPB via email or mail (to the contact below) until 4:30pm on July 10, 2025. Input received will be considered by the Board in determining if all of the conditions have been met to consider for further review the application to add the Emergency Medical Services Line of Duty Death Memorial at the Capitol Campus.

### **Website and Contact Information**

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