Fundraiser will benefit endowment honoring wildlands firefighter John Percin of West Linn

Memorial service for firefighter John Percin Jr.
Honor guards salute John Percin Jr., a West Linn native, who was one of the 19 Granite Mountain Hotshots killed fighting an Arizona wildfire, during his memorial service at Rolling Hills Community Church in Tualatin. (Motoya Nakamura/The Oregonian)

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A Dec. 12 fundraiser will benefit a Clackamas Community College endowment created in honor of John Percin of West Linn, one of 19 Granite Mountain Hotshot firefighters who died June 30 in Yarnell, Ariz.

The endowment was established in Percin's name to benefit students in the college's Wildland Firefighting program. Percin, 25, attended West Linn High School. His family still lives in West Linn.

Joe Torillo, a first responder to the 9/11 terrorist attack in New York City, will be the keynote speaker at the fundraiser, scheduled for 7 p.m. Dec. 12 at Athey Creek Middle School, 2900 S.W. Borland Road in West Linn. The event is free, but donations will be solicited.

The fundraiser is sponsored by state Rep. Julie Parrish, R-West Linn; the nonprofit Tribute to Honor; and the Clackamas Community College Foundation. Tribute to Honor, established to benefit 9/11 families, now assists first responders and their families.

Keynote speaker will be Joe Torillo, who was twice buried alive in the collapse of the World Trade Center towers.

For more information on the event of the Percin endowment, contact Vicki Smith, 503-594-3128.

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