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Chief's Message 20th Anniversary of September 11, 2001

Today marks the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, when nearly 3,000 people lost their lives in New York City, Washington DC, Virginia, and outside of Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

It is an opportunity to remember all of those who perished that day, including the 343 New York City firefighters, the 23 New York City police officers, and the 37 Port Authority police officers. These courageous individuals, who rushed towards danger to save innocent lives, will forever live as heroes in our memories. Let us not forget the actions taken by these officers, and all first responders, that day. They went to work that morning to serve and protect their communities as they had always done, and then, under the worst circumstances imaginable, they rose to the occasion and saved thousands of lives, sacrificing their own.

Let us not forget the numerous other first responders who reported to Ground Zero in the days and weeks that followed, performing heroic acts to clear debris and locate survivors. Those who responded and survived the attacks continue to suffer from illnesses and diseases caused by the toxic substances generated during the collapse of the Twin Towers. According to the World Trade Center Health Program, there are over 80,000 responders and over 29,000 survivors who have been affected in the 20 years since the September 11th attacks.

As we remember the sacrifices made on September 11, 2001, let us always keep in our thoughts and prayers the families that bear the burden of the loss of loved ones from that morning. Their lives were forever changed, and they too deserve to be remembered.

*"We never know how high we are
Till we are called to rise;
And then, if we are true to plan,
Our statures touch the skies."*

Emily Dickinson


WILLIAM SCOTT
Chief of Police

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