



FIRE DEPARTMENT

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ATHENS FIRE DEPARTMENT TO HOLD 9/11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

ATHENS, TENNESSEE – September 6, 2019 – The City of Athens Fire Department will hold a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony promptly at 8:46 a.m. on September 11, 2019 at the City Municipal Building, 815 North Jackson Street. This event is to pay solemn tribute to those who heroically sacrificed their own lives to save thousands of others, as well as to remember those who helped with the rescue and recovery efforts that followed at ground zero. We encourage the public to come witness and honor those who perished on that fateful morning.

WHY WE REMEMBER

On September 11, 2001, 19 militants associated with the Islamic extremist group al-Qaeda, hijacked four airplanes and carried out suicide attacks against targets in the United States. At 8:46 a.m. the first plane flew into the north face of the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City, at 9:03 a.m. the second plane flew into the south face of the South Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City, at 9:37 a.m. the third plane hit the Western side of the Pentagon just outside of Washington D.C., and at 10:03 a.m. the fourth plane crashed into a field in Pennsylvania. The twin towers of New York City's World Trade Center collapsed in the aftermath by 10:28 a.m.

The attacks killed 2,996 people and injured over 6,000 others. Additional people have died of 9/11 related cancer and respiratory diseases in the years following. There were 343 Firefighters and 72 Law Enforcement Officers that gave their lives this day, marking it as the single deadliest incident for Firefighters and Law Enforcement Officers in the history of the United States.

WE SHALL NEVER FORGET SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

For more information, please contact Chief Brandon Ainsworth at 423-744-2700 ext. 5.