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“Memorial Walk to Honor the Victims of September 11, 2001”

Philadelphia, PA: On Friday, September 11, 2015, Fire Commissioner Derrick J.V. Sawyer will join Mayor Michael Nutter, Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey, Prison Commissioner Louis Giorla, the Philadelphia Flag Day Association, the American Flag House and Betsy Ross Memorial, Veteran Guard Third Regiment Infantry N.G.P. the Philadelphia Second Alarmers, and the Fireman’s Hall Museum to honor the many fire service personnel, police officers, emergency responders, and civilians who were lost during the "9/11 Attack on America."

On September 11, 2001, the World Trade Center in New York City was attacked by terrorists causing the destruction of the Trade Center complex resulting in a massive loss of life. The coordinated attack also claimed the lives of many persons at the United States Pentagon and those on United Airlines Flight 93 in Shanksville, PA.

Fire Commissioner Sawyer and guests will commemorate this day with a procession starting from Fireman’s Hall Museum, 2nd and Quarry Streets at 9:59 A.M. (*when the first tower collapsed*) to the historic Betsy Ross House and Museum, 239 Arch Street. The procession will be led by the Philadelphia Police and Fire Pipes and Drums Corps followed by Color Guards and Commissioners representing Fire, Police, Prisons and the Veterans Guard Third Regiment Infantry N.G.P. The Betsy Ross House will serve as program host. In case of rain the memorial will take place at the National Constitution Center, 525 Arch Street

Highlights of the program include a presentation by the Philadelphia Flag Day Association, folding an American Flag and the sounding of a fire bell signifying "The Return to Quarters." Fire Commissioner Derrick J.V. Sawyer is extending an invitation to all Philadelphians to assemble at their local Fire House at 9:45A.M. A moment of silence will be observed at 9:59A.M. This respectful presentation is being held to honor the fallen of the 9/11 attacks and to promote and demonstrate solidarity throughout the City of Philadelphia and remind the world that, "We Will Never Forget."

Fire Commissioner Sawyer wishes to remind all that Fire is Everyone’s Fight™

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