

Ventura City Fire Department to commemorate 15th anniversary of 9/11

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On Sunday morning, September 11th, all Ventura City Fire Department stations will hold special remembrances for the first responders and civilians who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

Fire Chief David Endaya says, "Although 15 years have passed since that tragic day in 2001, it seems it could have happened yesterday. The images, the sounds, the emotions, and the pain are as vivid today as they were when I watched the events of that morning unfold live on television with my crew at Fire Station 5. We will never forget the actions of the firefighters, law enforcement officers, members of our U.S. Armed Forces, and the brave civilians who worked to save others, many losing their lives, that fateful day."

City officials, law enforcement personnel, and civilians are invited to visit any of the Ventura City Fire Department stations to participate in the brief ceremony. The remembrance will adhere to the following schedule:

6:45 a.m. – Fire apparatus will roll out of the stations and be positioned on the station ramps.

6:55 a.m. – Firefighters will stand at attention and raise the U.S. flag ceremoniously to half-staff. Silence will be maintained.

6:59 a.m. – A special tone will be broadcast over the fire radio followed by four sets of five bells. One minute of complete silence will be maintained.

The time coincides with the collapse of the World Trade Center South Tower, and the bells are traditionally used by the fire service to commemorate firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Fire Officers will then share a brief narrative on the events of September 11, 2001. All stations will participate in the ceremony to ensure all who perished that day are never forgotten.

<http://www.cityofventura.net/fire/about/stations>

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