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Ventura Fire Department and Foundation organize memorial stair climb honoring 9/11 first responders and fallen heroes

Ventura, Calif. – The Ventura Fire Department, in collaboration with the Ventura Fire Foundation, invites local first responders and community members to participate in a Memorial Stair Climb on Saturday, September 9, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the Crowne Plaza.

Participants will climb the equivalent of 110 stories, the height of the fallen World Trade Center towers. The stair climb is not a timed race and participants can climb at a level that suits their needs.

“More than two decades after the tragedy on September 11, 2001, we continue to honor the courage of the first responders who selflessly rushed into chaos and mourn the fallen heroes who lost their lives that day,” said Fire Chief David Endaya. “This memorial stair climb is a small way we can reignite the indomitable spirit that unites us and shows our support locally.”

Space is limited to 100 climbers, and those interested in participating are encouraged to register at www.VenturaFireFoundation.org. Residents who prefer not to climb can show their support by donating and attending as spectators.

The memorial stair climb pays homage to the 343 New York City Fire Department firefighters who lost their lives during the attacks on the World Trade Center in 2001, as well as the 60 other emergency personnel who responded that day. Additionally, the event honors the 200 firefighters who have since succumbed to illnesses related to the attack.

By supporting the Ventura Fire Foundation’s mission to improve the lives of firefighters and their families, the Ventura Fire Department demonstrates its commitment to the cause.

For more information about the Ventura Fire Foundation and the 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb, please visit www.VenturaFireFoundation.org.

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