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San Francisco Fire Department Invites the Public to September 11th Remembrance Ceremony

Monday, September 11, 2017, marks the sixteenth year since the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. Each year on this date, the San Francisco Fire Department respectfully holds a remembrance ceremony for the Emergency Responders and civilians who perished in the tragic events of 9/11. The remembrance ceremony takes place at all 44 Fire Stations.

Members of the public wishing to observe the ceremony and honor the fallen of the World Trade Center, New York City, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia, and the crash site in Shanksville, Pennsylvania are invited to go to their local Fire Station to do so.

1. **0645 Hours PST** – Apparatus roll out of bays, flanking the driveways on both sides.
2. **0658 Hours PST** – Fire Department personnel assemble at attention in front of individual Station flag pole (or central location in front of station).
3. **0659 Hours PST – Time of South Tower Collapse** – Apparatus bell rings 3-3-3- (3 sets of 3 chimes each). This signifies “The Last Alarm”.
4. **0700 Hours PST** – Lower Station flag to half-staff, observe one minute of silence.
5. **0702 Hours PST** – Recognition Service – Read names aloud of each of the 343 Firefighters from FDNY.
6. Flags will remain at half-staff for the remainder of the day.

“On this, the 16th Anniversary of 9/11/2001, we reflect on the lives lost by nearly 3,000 people. Our thoughts remain with their loved ones”, said San Francisco Fire Chief Joanne Hayes-White. “We also recognize the great sacrifices made by the 343 Firefighters who lost their lives while trying to save lives. We thank them for making the ultimate sacrifice. I would also like to acknowledge the men and women of the San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD) for their dedication to the City and County of San Francisco. Particularly on our minds today is Battalion Chief Terry Smerdel who passed away while at work yesterday. Terry served the SFFD with distinction for 26 years and also responded to assist FDNY in the weeks following the aftermath of 9/11/2001. May he rest in Peace.”

*****MEDIA OPPORTUNITY*****

Members of the media wishing to observe/film the ceremony may do so at Fire Station 7, located at 2300 Folsom Street (corner of 19th and Folsom streets).