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CITY TO HOLD 12th ANNUAL SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL

Annual Ceremony Observes 17 Minutes of Silence

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Mayor Stephanie A. Miner announced the City of Syracuse will hold its annual September 11th Commemoration Ceremony at the Forman Park Police Memorial on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at 8:30 a.m.

As has been the tradition with this ceremony, there will be no speeches or announcements. The public is invited to attend this outdoor event.

The 17 minutes of silence represents the length of time between the first passenger jet striking the north tower of the World Trade Center at 8:46 a.m. and the second passenger jet striking the south tower of the World Trade Center at 9:03 a.m.

As is tradition, two pedestals will be erected by City skilled trades workers to represent the twin towers of the World Trade Center. The pedestals are 5 feet tall and made out of red cement blocks. Each has a flagstone top on which two specially designed 3-wick candles with sconces will be placed during the ceremony. Each wick when lit will commemorate the lives and the families of loved ones lost at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and United Flight 93 that crashed southeast of Pittsburgh.

Also displayed at the commemoration site will be two flags titled ‘Flag of Heroes’ and ‘Flag of Honor.’ ‘The Flag of Heroes’ contains the names of all of the emergency service providers who gave their lives. ‘The Flag of Honor’ includes the names of all civilian victims of September 11th.

The City Hall carillon system will play patriotic songs every hour on 9/11 after the ceremony and all flags at all City buildings will be at half-staff on 9/11.

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Below is the schedule of the ceremony:

8:30 a.m.: Police and Fire Honor Guard will post colors. Police and Fire will be in place. Firefighter Ray Leak will play bagpipes during the honor guard.

8:46 a.m.: 911 Beep and Police/Fire Lights will turn on. This will begin the 17 minutes of silence. (The 911 Beep will be broadcast over a channel on Fire and Police frequencies. There will be no broadcast message with this beep, Fire and Police will notify everyone that this will occur.)

8:46 a.m.: Candle lighting will begin. Police Chief Frank Fowler and Fire Chief Paul Linnertz will present candles to Mayor Stephanie A. Miner and County Executive Joanne M. Mahoney who will remove sconces and light candles. The Police Chief and the Fire Chief will then carry the candles and sconces and place them on the pedestals.

9:03 a.m.: The 911 Beep will sound and Police/Fire Lights will turn off. This will end the 17 minutes of silence.

Event: 17 minutes of Silence 9/11 Commemorative Ceremony

Date: Wednesday September 11, 2013

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Location: Forman Park Police Memorial

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