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**MOMENT OF SILENCE TO BE OBSERVED ON SEPTEMBER 11**

*Public invited to ceremony to be held at Muscatine Firefighters Memorial*

**MUSCATINE, Iowa** – The Muscatine Fire Department, Muscatine Police Department, and the City of Muscatine join together in inviting area residents to visit the Muscatine Firefighters Memorial on the corner of Fifth and Cedar where a Moment of Silence will be held at 7 a.m., Friday, September 11, 2020.

A memorial stair climb will be conducted by Firefighter Travis Edwards at 7:46 a.m., the exact moment in time when the first airliner struck the south tower of the World Trade Center.

This is the 19th Anniversary of the coordinated terrorist's attacks that resulted in 2,977 fatalities and over 25,000 injuries, many of whom have plagued by substantial health concerns.

"We remember the citizens who died, the 343 firefighters who paid the ultimate sacrifice that day, the other responders who perished, and the families of the fallen who have had to endure more than we can know," Assistant Fire Chief Mike Hartman said during last year's ceremony.

“We also remember the strength of our brother and sister responders, their families who supported them, and the nation's response as a whole,” Hartman said. “Great loss reveals character, and we as a nation stood tall on this day so many years ago. As we grieve the loss we can take solace in our response to this event. Stay safe, and stay strong.”

**About the Muscatine Fire Department:**

The Muscatine Fire Department provides fire and emergency medical services, rescues (high angle, rope, water, etc.), building inspections, and public education for the City of Muscatine, and the surrounding unincorporated areas of Muscatine County with a combined population of 43,000 across 145 square miles while also providing HAZMAT for Muscatine, Louisa, Washington, Keokuk, and Henry counties. MFD firefighters and paramedics responded to 5,238 calls in 2019. The Muscatine Fire Department began as a volunteer fire company on January 7, 1875 and was established as a full-time department in January 1916. The Muscatine Fire Department ambulance service received the 2012 Career Ambulance service of the Year Award from Iowa Emergency Medical Services.