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## **North Metro Fire, Broomfield Police and City Invite the Community to Annual 9/11 Memorial Ceremony**

**Broomfield, CO**— On Thursday, September 11, North Metro Fire Rescue District, the Broomfield Police Department and the City and County of Broomfield will hold their annual 9/11 Memorial Ceremony, beginning at 9 a.m.

The ceremony will take place at the 9/11 Memorial in Broomfield Community Park near the intersection of Community Park Road and Spader Way. The ceremony will include remarks from Broomfield Mayor Guyleen Castriotta, Police Chief Enea Hempelmann, Fire Chief Mark Daugherty and Mike Faughnan, who lost his brother, Chris, in the 9/11 attacks. Additionally, honor guard members from Broomfield Police and North Metro Fire and a local bagpiper will participate in the ceremony.

Those who are unable to attend the memorial ceremony are invited to watch the ceremony online, which will be livestreamed on North Metro Fire's Facebook page. The community is encouraged to stop by the 9/11 Memorial throughout the day on September 11 in remembrance of the many lives lost and the healing that followed.

### **Remembering 9/11 for Generations to Come**

Close to 3,000 people died during the Sept. 11 attacks in 2001, and hundreds more have died since due to health complications from exposure to toxins at the scene. Of those lives lost on Sept. 11, over 400 were firefighters, law enforcement officers and emergency services providers.

Following the attacks, North Metro Fire was given a piece of steel from one of the fallen Twin Towers. Through community fundraising, they were able to partner with the City and County of Broomfield and sculptor Reynaldo "Sonny" Rivera to build the 9/11 Memorial, which was dedicated on Sept. 10, 2006.

The 9/11 Memorial features three bronze statues, one incorporating the piece of steel, and six bronze panels encased in stone. The statues represent the firefighters, police officers and civilians who helped one another through the tragedy, some paying the ultimate sacrifice. The bronze panels represent each of the three sites of the plane crashes and include the names of those who died on September 11.