



SEPTEMBER 11TH MEMORIAL AT THE BERGEN COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY INSTITUTE



“Never Forget 9-11”

Background

This World Trade Center Memorial, which has been installed within the Bergen County Public Safety Institute atrium, is a living memory to those County First Responders, Military Personnel and Citizens who lost their lives on September 11, 2001; from a long-term 9/11 illness; and during the Military Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

The quest for a memorial artifact that was salvaged from World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 commenced in 2009 with a Bergen County Fire Chiefs Association letter to the New York/New Jersey Port of Authority. Soon thereafter the County Board of Chosen Freeholders passed a resolution endorsing this objective and a County 9/11 memorial committee was formed consisting of members from the: fire and police services; 200 Club of Bergen County; a structural engineer; an architect; a military family representative and a resident sculptor. A formal presentation was given to the County Executive and the site selected was to be at the Public Safety Institute.

In the early 2011 the selected piece of WTC steel was transported under a police escort from an Interim Storage Facility at JFK International Airport and under the sovereign protection of an American Flag draped over this revered piece of steel. This artifact, which is 132 inches long, 29 inches wide, 11 feet in height and weighs 1,931 lbs., is believed to have come from the North Tower and have been identified as Section H, Item Number 0111.

The generous donation of time and materials from the following groups has built more than a solid foundation for this Memorial. Thought their efforts and the 9/11 Committee foresight it has commemorated the unique bonds of the County for generations to come, as a thoughtful reflection of sacrifice that has made this Country a ‘Beacon of Hope’ throughout the world.

The Memorial was dedicated on September 10, 2011.

Memorial location: Bergen County Public Safety Institute, 281 Campgaw Road, Mahwah, New Jersey



Plaque No. 1- BERGEN COUNTY 9/11 MEMORIAL DEDICATION

In the morning hours of September 11, 2001 the United States came under attacks by an extreme terrorist group at: The World Trade Center, The Pentagon and Shanksville, PA. Two thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven innocent victims lost their lives on the ground and in the sky. The monuments list out First Responders, the Citizens of Bergen and our Military Members. They are memorialized in our hearts forever.



Plaques No. 2 & 4 - September 11th - First Responders

East Rutherford Fire Department

Firefighter Dennis Taormina

Ridgefield Park Fire Department

Firefighter/FBI Agent Leonard Hatton

Fire Department of the City of New York

Deputy Chief/Chaplain Rev. Mychal Judge

Firefighter Michael Carroll

Firefighter Richard Van Hine

Firefighter Dana Hannon

Port Authority Police Department of New York/New Jersey

Chief James A. Romito

Police Officer Maurice V. Barry

Police Officer Paul Laszczynski

Police Officer Joseph M. Navas

Police Officer Michael T. Wholey

Police Officer John M. Cortazzo

Police Officer Uhuru G. Houston

New York City Police Department

Detective James Zadroga



Plaque No. 3 - 9/11 MEMORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

200 Club of Bergen County
Bergen County Fire Chiefs Association
Bergen County Executive Kathleen A. Donovan
Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders
Public Service Electric and Gas Company
Port Authority of New York/New Jersey
Police Pipes and Drums of Bergen County
Bergen County Police Chiefs Association
Bergen County Prosecutor's Office
Bergen County Police Department
Bergen County Sheriff's Office

COMMITTEE

Jack J. Murphy, Chairman – BCFCA
Thomas J. Cusker – BCFCA
Jaymee Hodges – BCFCA
Brian Higgins – BCPD
Peter Hodge – BCLPSI
Robert Andrews – PAPD
Gilbert Hawkins – Sculptor

Jack Terhune – 200 Club of Bergen
Joe Thornton – 200 Club of Bergen
Harry Gates – 200 Club of Bergen
Andrea Bentancourt – 200 Club of Bergen
Joanne Rinaldi-Stutzer – 200 Club of Bergen
Anthony Iovino, AIA – Architect
Justin C. Minadeo, PE – Engineer

Base:
Architect:
Fabricator:
Sculptor:
Transport & Base Foundation:
Structural Engineering:
Lighting:
9/11 Flag Raising:

Moore Stone, LLC
Arcari & Iovino Architects, PC
Altona Custom Metal Works
Gilbert Hawkins, Leonia Fire Department
J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc.
Malcolm Pirnie, Water Division of Arcadis
Multi-Phase Electric and Bullet Electric
IBEW / Electrical Workers – Local 164
Thomas E. Franklin, Photojournalist, The Bergen Record



Plaque No. 5 - World Trade Center Flag Raising

Late on the afternoon of September 11, 2001, I snapped a photograph of three firefighters raising an American Flag amid the rubble of the World Trade Center. This was a spontaneous act to which I was witness. For many, the image has become a symbol of that tragic day, reminding us that we as Americans are united and strong. I realized early that morning that images like mine would be looked at throughout history, and I was keenly aware of how important my job was as a recorder of this unspeakable, yet historic event. Over the years, countless people have told me that this photo has given them a sense of hope in an otherwise difficult time for our nation. It is my hope that this picture can continue to unite us.

Thomas E. Franklin, Photojournalist, The Record / Bergen County, NJ



Plaque Nos. 6 & 8

United States Armed Forces: Operation Iraq Freedom and Enduring Freedom

U.S. Air Force	Staff Sgt. Aaron Nelson Brown	
U.S. Army	Staff Sgt. Frank T. Carvill	Cpl. Michael D. Jankiewicz
	Staff Sgt. Vincenzo Romeo	Spec. Kyle A. Griffin
	Sgt. Eric J. Hernandez	Spec. Ryan A. Gartner
	Pfc. Min S. Choi	Spc. Jonathan Batista
U.S. Marine Corps.	2 nd Lt. John T. Wroblewski	Sgt. Matthew J. Fenton
	Lance Cpl. Osbrany M. De Oca	Staff Sgt. Oscar Canon
	Staff Sgt. Joseph D'Augustine	
	Sgt. Christopher R. Hrbek / Westwood Fire Department	
U.S. Navy	Lance Cpl. Michael A. Schwarz / Carlstadt Fire Department	
	AW-1 Joseph J. Pycior, The Pentagon - 9/11	
	Seaman Freddie Neal Porter	



Plaque No. 7 - Citizens of Bergen

On the Tuesday morning of September 11, 2001, one hundred and forty seven citizens of Bergen County left their home towns for another normal work day at the World Trade Center in Manhattan. Little did they or their families know that at the end of the day ghostly cars would be left at many railroad stations, and that husbands, wives, sons, daughters, brothers and sisters would never be getting off the bus. These departed souls will be forever etched in our memory.