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**CITY OF SYRACUSE TO HOLD ANNUAL SEPTEMBER 11
MEMORIAL CEREMONY AT FIREFIGHTERS PARK**

*Annual 17 Minutes of Silence Marks the 16th Anniversary of Terrorist Attacks on
the United States*

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – The city of Syracuse will mark the 16th anniversary of the attacks of September 11 with its annual commemoration ceremony taking place on **Monday, September 11, 2017** in Fayette Firefighters Park. The ceremony will observe seventeen minutes of silence, representing the time between the first and second planes to hit the World Trade Center.

Two pedestals will be erected representing the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center. The five-foot pedestals are topped with a flagstone. A three wick candle will be placed on top of that flagstone after being lit. The “Flag of Heroes,” which contains the names of all emergency service providers who gave their lives and the “Flag of Honor,” representing all the civilian victims will also be on display.

At 8:30 am, a police and fire honor guard will post colors. At 8:46 am, a firetruck will sound a tone signaling the beginning of the period of silence and the candles will be lit. The Chief of Fire and the Chief of Police will place the candles on top of their respective podiums. A second tone will sound at 9:03 am signaling the ending of the period of silence.

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