



HB's Own 9/11 Memorial

LOCAL MONUMENT TO HONOR THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES

efforts of the pit. Today, many of those first responders suffer from job-related cancers, permanent physical injuries and emotional trauma.

OUR STORY

On September 10, 2011 at an informal ceremony at the Huntington Beach Civic Center Plaza; Firefighter Chris Howard of the FDNY presented two sections of steel recovered from the World Trade Center - from the site where Chris' own father, Port Authority Police Department Officer George Howard died while attempting to rescue victims trapped inside. George Howard had also responded to the World Trade Center following the 1993 bombing of the buildings and was credited with saving several children.

At the City's Patriots' Day Ceremony in 2011, the Huntington Beach Police Officers' Foundation and the Huntington Beach Firefighters' Association unveiled two sacred sections of the World Trade Center steel recovered by the FDNY and the Port Authority Police Department of New York and New Jersey.

September 11th, 2001 became a grim day in our nation's history when terrorists crashed two of the four planes hijacked that morning into the World Trade Center. When the twin towers fell, seventy-two officers from eight local, state and federal agencies, 343 members of the New York City Fire Department and over 2,800 civilians were killed.

The death toll continues to rise much higher although the official numbers have not been published for those who worked in the rescue and recovery

Anyone wishing to donate to this worthy cause can do so by sending a check to the Huntington Beach Police Officers' Foundation made payable to the "HBPOF 9/11 Memorial Fund." Credit card donations are also accepted and can be made by calling 714-842-8851. We thank you for your support.



With this steel, the HBPOF and HBFA were committed to creating a fitting community monument to honor the men and women that lost their lives that fateful day.

OUR MONUMENT

Since then, a 9/11 Memorial Committee was established; design concepts were submitted and reviewed and one was selected to serve as a local tribute to honor the first responders and civilians who perished in the terrorist attack.

The chosen design not only represents the culmination of ideas, but would also be financially feasible, as all funding for this monument will be acquired through private donations. After much debate, discussion and soul searching, artist Patrick Vogel's design sculpture was selected.

Vogel's monument design encompasses all aspects of that fateful day - the flights, the Pentagon and the most iconic image - the twin towers of the World Trade Center.

OUR GOAL

The 9/11 Memorial committee hopes to dedicate this monument on September 11, 2013. However, to reach such a goal, we need to raise the necessary funding of \$200,000.

There will be a kick-off event held at the Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort on Sunday, October 28, 2012. Community support is vital for this success of this project and we welcome any support by offering several different donation tier levels.