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New 9/11 Memorial to be Officially Dedicated at **Huntington Beach City Hall on Patriots' Day**

--Special ceremony will include New York Police Officers, Fly-over, OC Fire Authority Pipes & Drums, posting of the One World Trade Center Flag, and more

What:

Five years in the making, the new 9/11 memorial symbolically acknowledges all three sites of the tragedy, and spotlights two pieces of steel recovered from Ground Zero. Distinguished guests include police officers from New York who will present and post a flag that was flown at One World Trade Center. The 9/11 Memorial Committee designed the memorial, as well as reached out to the greater Orange County community to raise the \$200,000 necessary for its construction.

When:

Sunday, September 11, 2016 at 2 to 4 p.m. at City Hall

The new memorial is located on the lower level just outside Council Chambers by the Police Department Training Center.

Visuals:

Representation by HBPD, HBFD, OC Fire Authority, Anaheim PD, OC Sheriff's Department and local schools, and elected officials:

- -- Fly-over by OC Air Support Units
- -- Pipes & Drums playing "Amazing Grace"
- --National Anthem sung by Huntington Beach High School Academy of Performing Arts students
- -- Posting of the One World Trade Center Flag
- -- Harbour View Elementary School students who raised \$1,000 for the memorial
- -- Echo "Taps"
- -- "Striking of the Four Fives"

Background: 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 the two sacred sections recovered by the FDNY and the Port Authority Police Department of New York and New Jersey. 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.