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Torrance Commemorates 10th Anniversary of September 11th Attacks

Torrance, Calif., September 8, 2011 – Joining cities nationwide, the City of Torrance will commemorate the 10th anniversary of the September 11th attacks with a brief remembrance on Sunday, September 11, 2011, 9:30 a.m. in front of City Hall (3031 Torrance Boulevard). Attendees are encouraged to wear patriotic colors for the ceremony.

Mayor Frank Scotto states *“September 11, will never, and should never, be just another day in the hearts and minds of all Americans. On its 10th Anniversary, it’s important to remember this moment and remember our continued strength and resilience as a nation. In Torrance, although it’s a Sunday morning, and we are moved by the sacrifices of those who help protect us and our way of life, we thought it fitting to take a moment in remembrance.”*

The brief event will include some remarks from Mayor Scotto, and special remarks from representatives of the Jewish, Muslim and Catholic Faith traditions in a sign of unity. Together with attendees, they will observe the sounding of sirens and a moment of silence in remembrance of fallen heroes. The September 11th attacks significantly impacted the way communities, such as Torrance, provide protection. So, Torrance Police Chief John Neu and Fire Chief William Racowschi will also comment on this solemn occasion to honor all public safety personnel.

In commemoration, Torrance Fire Department (TFD) fire engines and ladder trucks have been outfitted to proudly fly the American flag from September 7th thru September 12th. Each of TFD’s three platoons will also have the opportunity to fly America’s colors for two shifts in remembrance of those who made the ultimate sacrifice on that fateful morning.

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In a concluding ceremony, a Torrance police officer and firefighter will place a wreath at the base of the flag pole in memory of that day. The wreath serves as the City of Torrance's symbol of gratitude to all who made sacrifices that day and those who continue to make sacrifices to protect our nation.

This special event is part of a national effort spearheaded by Senator Frank R. Lautenberg of New Jersey and colleagues from five other states, to observe and reflect on this tragic and transformative moment in our nation's history.

For more information regarding this event, please contact Gesuina Paras, Community Relations Specialist, at (310) 618- 5762 or visit www.TorranceCA.Gov.

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