



REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN FIRE FIGHTERS

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A few months ago, July 27th to be exact, I opened a group email from a long-time Fire Fighter friend. The email contained an attachment simply called "11sep2001."

The attachment was a slide show containing forty-five 911 related photos. The first slide was a shot of the very severely damage World Financial Center, which is directly across from the WTC. This is a building that I have walked past, some times more than once, every September since 2002.

The next slide was a picture of one of the 200 estimated human souls that jumped to their deaths. That was followed by an equally horrifying picture of 30 or 40 people at windows with the fire below them with the task of deciding, not if to jump, but when to jump.

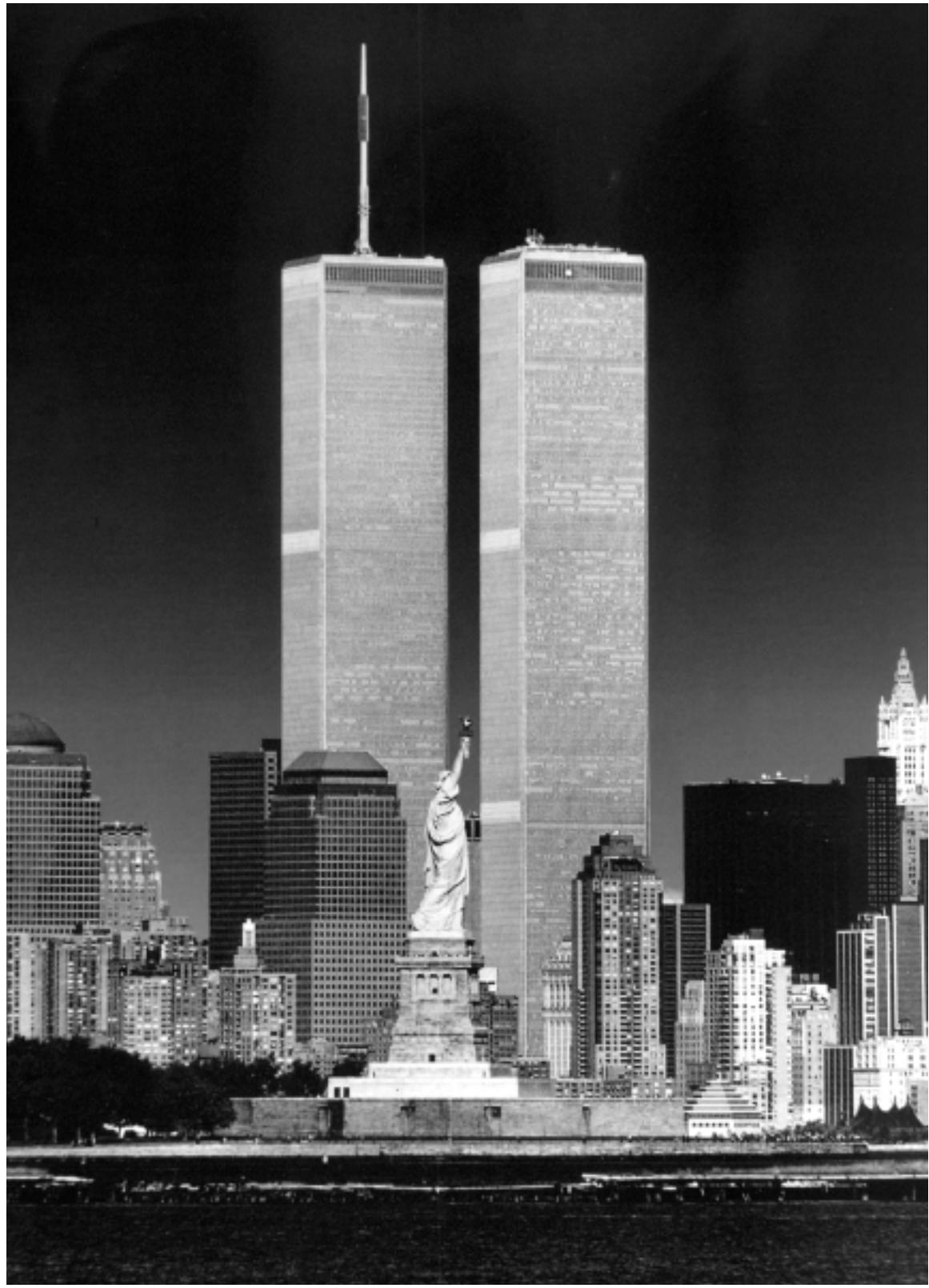
The very next picture in this unforgettable slide show was a picture taken seconds after the South Tower was struck by United Flight 175. Up until that moment, the occupants and the rescue workers inside both towers just thought they might be having a bad day.

As those of you that read my last month's article now realize, you are getting a double dose of 911. This month I won't give you the dozens of facts and figures I still have, to

further embed in your brains, of what the real meaning of "having a bad day" is.

However I am closing this article with this fact. The friends and families of the 343 FDNY Fire Fighters who died that day have started the last 2,556 days with the same sense of loss that they felt after the worst day of their lives, September 11, 2001.

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Remembering To Never Forget

RAYMOND NEAL BAILEY
Served HFD 1972 to 2003
Died August 24, 2008

BONNIE MORRIS COVIN
Served HFD 1956 to 1976
Died August 9, 2008

DAVID EUGENE ANDERSON
Served HFD 1958 to 1982
Died August 4, 2008

JOSEPH JOSHUA BLACKMON
Served HFD 1964 to 1984
Died July 21, 2008

JOSEPH FLETCHER HOLMAN, JR.
Served HFD 1953 to 1991
Died July 2, 2008

SCOTT STEWART WINTERHALTER
Served HFD 1959 to 1990
Died June 29, 2008

MICHAEL ALLEN MAYS
Served HFD 2002 to 2008
Died June 24, 2008

JOHN CHARLES EAGLIN
Served HFD 1972 to 1999
Died June 18, 2008

ROBERT LOUIS DANBERG
Served HFD 1967 to 1980
Died June 10, 2008

DELBERT LEE WARWICK, SR.
Served HFD 1956 to 2005
Died June 1, 2008

CHRISTOPHER JASON BOISVERT
Served HFD 2008 to 2008
Died May 30, 2008

DWAYNE FRANCES GUILLOGY
Served HFD 1996 to 2008
Died May 18, 2008

BILLY ROYCE HESTER
Served HFD 1955 to 1986
Died May 6, 2008

LEON LARA EGUIA
Served HFD 1957 to 1977
Died May 4, 2008

CLARENCE DANIEL BYERS
Served HFD 1951 to 1972
Died May 2, 2008

JOEY SHELDON REED, SR.
Served HFD 1989 to 1993
Died April 21, 2008

MICKEY GENE PATE
Served HFD 1979 to 2008
Died April 17, 2008

OTTO W. MUELLER
Served HFD 1956 to 1982
Died March 26, 2008

ARLON FLOYD DRAKE
Served HFD 1953 to 1973
Died March 9, 2008

RICHARD HENRY DECKER
Served HFD 1961 to 1984
Died March 6, 2008

“WHITEY” LESTER O’NEAL MARTIN
Served HFD 1949 to 1988
Died March 2, 2008

ERIC DEWAYNE BRADY
Served HFD 1980 to 2004
Died February 15, 2008

BRICEY EUGENE CHILDRESS
Served HFD 1959 to 1986
Died February 9, 2008

DAVID LEE NORRIS
Served HFD 1975 to 2003
Died February 1, 2008

TED W. SANFORD
Served HFD 1946 to 1974
Died January 26, 2008

**Total from January 1, 2008
to present - 25 Deaths**

Total for the Year 2007 - 43 Deaths

For current information on
deceased Fire Fighters,
please go to my web site
www.houstonfirememorial.org
and click on “Recent Deaths”
or email Scott at
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LINE-OF-DUTY DEATH ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

September 01, 1982
THOMAS NORWOOD COOPER
Probationary Fire Fighter
Station 1

September 21, 1913
PATRICK O’HARA
Fire Fighter Station 6

The Faces of Local 341

1932 to 2008

Houston Professional Fire Fighter's Association



3-11 Fire at Louisiana and Holman - 1970
Eddie Maher

Photo taken by Othell Owensby "OOO"



Station 60 - 2925 Jennetta - 1967

Photo provided by Jake Cook



Station 3 - 3735 West Alabama - 1980's. (L-R) Lee Roy Christ, Chauffeur; Harvey Visnaw, Fire Fighter; Cary Carroll, Fire Fighter; Lenny Higgins, Captain

Photo provided by Lenny Higgins

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**John Meador - Supply Truck 417
Station 1 - 1980's**

Photo provided by the family of John Meador



V. E. Rogers and Dale Larson fishing in Alaska - July 2008

Photo provided Dale Larson



**Ladder 4/C Shift: Clint Thomas, FF;
Bobby Henson, Captain; Eric Medera, E/O;
Mark Youngblood, FF; Carlos Zamora, FF**

Photo by Scott Mellott



**Engine 4/C Shift: Charles Hobson, FF;
Bob Roberts, Captain; Roland Ramirez, E/O;
Chau Chen, FF (Station 10/C)**

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