

Rhode Island Professional Firefighters Pipes and Drums

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To: Rhode Island Fire Service

Re: 9/11 Fire Remembrance

September 11, 2001 was a day that our country and our resilience were tested as a result of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. That particular day, like any other day, thousands of firefighters, EMTs, paramedics and police officers, were doing what we do every day; protecting our communities. When the alarm sounded, these members answered the call, without question or hesitation. The firefighting community lost 343 brave souls, and we, as a community, swore that we would never forget.

This year will be the 25th remembrance of those tragic events, that changed our lives forever. To honor those who made the supreme sacrifice, and the many others who are still fighting their own personal battles from that fateful day, the Rhode Island Professional Firefighters Pipes and Drums wish to commemorate their actions with a ceremony on September 11, 2026.

On Friday, September 11, 2026, the RIPFPD will hold a time of remembrance at the Rhode Island Fire Academy at 3:43PM. While we are aware that many departments host their own commemorative ceremonies, we are cordially inviting you to join us at the State Firefighter Memorial to honor our fellow firefighters as a collective community.

We are seeking any and all honor guards and department members who can attend and represent their respective communities in which they serve. Should your honor guard and/or a delegation of members from your department wish to attend, please let us know via email, so we can plan the logistics accordingly.

Please reply to: rifirepipes@gmail.com

Sincerely,

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