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## Steps To Heal for 9/11 Heroes

*Walk or Ride to raise money and awareness for First Responders and Recovery Workers*

**San Diego, October 8, 2008:** On October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008, Unite In Peace presents Steps To Heal Walk-N- Ride Fest for 9/11 Heroes. The event will take place from 10:00 am – 6:00 pm at the San Diego County Administration Building North Parking Lot at 1600 Pacific Highway. Highlights of the Program include a motorcycle run and a fundraiser walk along the waterfront led by retired Harbor Police Sergeant, and bagpiper Robbie McKnight. Walkers will carry the World Memorial Flags and San Diego Fire Chief Tracy Jarman will be the keynote speaker in conjunction with October's Fire Awareness month. The Art Miles Mural Project and its 9/11 Memorial mural as well as local artist, Irina Negulescu's rendition of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001 will be displayed. Check-in for the walk or ride, and to register for the Firehouse Museum tour will begin at 9:00 AM.

After the tragic events of September 11<sup>th</sup>, our nation united in saluting the Firefighters, EMT's, National Guard, and the Army who came to help in the rescue of thousands of people in New York City. Many First Responders and Rescue Workers toiled for months on "The Pile", first in a rescue effort, and then to bring closure to the families of the fallen.

Our First Responders and Recovery Workers need our help. Our heroes who worked at Ground Zero from all over the country were exposed to numerous poisons in the toxic dust cloud. Many are suffering from serious respiratory illnesses and cancers like leukemia. Sadly, red tape, complicated regulations, and lack of awareness have become barriers to receive appropriate, timely, and affordable health-care. With The James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2008, H.R. 7174 "benched" once again in Congress it is up to us, the American people to spread the word and raise money for our heroes' medical and basic family needs.

Unite In Peace will disperse the generous donations to two beneficiaries of this event who provide direct assistance to ailing 9/11 Responders and Recovery Workers.

"Any nation that does not honor its heroes will not long endure"

-Abraham Lincoln

We are the 2nd Responders and we invite all to join us in honoring the service and heroism of our First Responders everywhere.

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*Unite In Peace is dedicated to Michele Little's brother, FDNY Firefighter David M. Weiss of Rescue 1 in Midtown Manhattan and one of America's heroes who perished on September 11th, 2001. David's legacy of brotherhood, unity and service carries on through Unite In Peace.*