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People Helping People Pay Tribute – Never Forget 11 September
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George E. Fern Company Union Members unveil the FDNY, NYPA and NYPD Honor Roll
Together with Canadian Artist Kathleen (Katon) Tonnesen and Chief Memorial Docent FDNY Retiree CA, President Jack Toale

George E. Fern Company Union Members
LAFD Engine 209 and ROAD ONE
Q. How do Public Safety Officials benefit from the sculpture?
A: The ROS sculpture promotes Public Safety officials and is therapeutically created to be of practical use, the sculpture encourages Uniformed Public Safety Officials, Military, Fire Fighters, EMT’s, Paramedic’s and Police Officer’s to come together and build the 18ft high by 23ft wide metal structure, benefiting by discussion, camaraderie and allowing individuals to make it personal by adding their fingerprints to the metal beams, this ensures that it will have been touched by 1000’s of Brothers hands and have become a very meaningful gift from “Brother to Brother” for formal hand over to FDNY, New York 11 Sept. 2006.

Vancouver Fire Fighters, B.C. Canada, assemble ROS Seaforth Highlanders Armoury, 07 November, 2003

South Pasadena Fire Fighters and Pasadena Fire Fighters assemble ROS, Pasadena Civic Auditorium, 03 Sept. 2004

ROAD ONE West
Fred Griffith helps FDNY Ret. J. Toale, SD FF C. Basham and Canadian MR FF P. Cadieux Assemble ROS SDCC Cygnus FireHouse World Expo, Feb. 2005

USA CA. Dept. of Forestry FF and San Diego FF assemble ROS Balboa Park, 11 September 2004

San Diego FF Aaron Boyd working the beams SDCC FireHouse World Expo, February 2005
Q. Why did Canadian Artist Kathleen (Katon) Tonnesen dedicate the ROS sculpture to the Fire Fighters?

A: Due to viewing the New York public forum video where Chris Ganci, son of lost Fire Chief P. Ganci and Lt. Tom McGoff 217 Engine, bravely spoke about the Fire Fighter Communities, wives and kids, she knew it had to be dedicated and donated to the Fire Fighters and Public Safety personnel. Lt Tom McGoff sadly recounted how he had taken 6 Brothers in and was only able to bring 4 Brothers out, he passionately asked why his Brothers names could not be engraved beside each other grouped as the family that they are on the NYC memorial, hence the name engraving layout on the ROS. Permission was given to engrave the Chris Ganci quote and FDNY, NYPD and NYPD names. Chris Ganci's quote is now the world famous “Never Forget” Anthem of Brotherhood, performed live at the ROS concerts by Mississippi State Fire Academy Senior Instructor Shannon Sandridge.

Q. What is the “Baton of Brotherhood-Maltese Cross?”

A: A symbol of valour taken from a piece of WTC South Tower One steel, crafted into a Maltese Cross and engraved with the numbers 5-5-5-5 which is passed from Brother to Brother on the ROS journey, returning to FDNY 11 September, 2006.

Q. What is the Historic Documented Department Badge Attaching to the engraved ROS journey timeline?

A: Department Recognition for the financial support of a departmental unit, the WORLD MEMORIAL will proudly mount a badge (or equivalent military insignia), from a uniform, public service Department, to the Release of Souls memorial base timeline. In press releases and media coverage, this unique exhibit will highlight the thousands of men, women and units that daily provide, Public Service across the nation, Dedication and Life-saving Assistance – anytime and anywhere. The level of financial contribution for this honorary inclusion is $500 plus a Department’s Badge that gets protected and permanently affixed to the touring memorial. A visual and lasting legacy for FDNY 11 Sept. 2006.
Q: Which additional Uniformed Personnel Names are engraved on the Sculpture?

A: FDNY, NYPA and NYPD Honor Roll set a precedent for paying tribute to and including on the sculpture:

125 Pentagon Navy personnel Names, USS Midway Aircraft Carrier, San Diego
Attached by CEO, Retired Rear Admiral Mac McLaughlin

Court Officers Names, Balboa Park, San Diego
Attached by Honorary Deputy Sheriffs Board member
Mr Charles B. Kopp, assisted by Dave Rouleau

E.M.S. Paramedics and E.M.T’s Names
Balboa Park, San Diego. Attached by Dr Gary Vilke

Search and Rescue Dogs Bear and Sirius, Balboa Park,
San Diego
Attached by Captain Mike Merriken and
Search and Rescue Dog Kona

Flight Crews,
Pasadena, California
Attached by
International Pilot,
EX DESERT STORM Veteran, B. Messinger
and Mr B. Burlingame – Brother of Captain
Charles Burlingame

The mission of the WORLD MEMORIAL is to honor those killed from all corners of the globe September Eleven, by touring the RELEASE OF SOULS Memorial in concert with the dedication of GEAR-UP to continue saving lives in remembrance of our fallen heroes, and establishing the “Wings of Peace” educational program promoting tolerance and truth among all nations and peoples. WORLD MEMORIAL 501c3 Non-Profit Foundation and donations are tax-deductible. TAX ID #48-1292008