



Eddie A. Perez
Mayor

PATRIOT DAY MESSAGE

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(September 11, 2009)--- Mayor Eddie A. Perez is asking City residents and employees to pause, remember, and reflect on this 8th anniversary of the Attacks on America. The Hartford Fire Department is hosting the traditional ringing of the bell at 9:59 a.m. at the Old State House to honor the lives lost. The timing coincides with the fall of the South Tower.

After the September 11th Attacks, the City of Hartford sent 24 firefighters and state of the art equipment to sift through the rubble and address the gruesome task of finding remains.

Mayor Perez has issued this statement:

“Eight years after the Attacks on America, we gather once again to vigilantly vow that these cowardly acts will not happen again. This is a day to remember those who died and those who responded to the call. They are all heroes. As are our police, fire, and emergency services personnel--- they are the first line of defense every day and we salute them as well on this somber anniversary.

Let us also pray for our Hometown Heroes who are still stationed and fighting overseas. This summer, a yellow ribbon was placed in Bushnell Park to serve as a reminder that we pray for their safe return.”