

## Remembering 9/11: A Message from Commissioner Mike Chaney



It has now been 13 years since that horrific day our country was attacked in September, 2001. Although the years continue to roll by, the memories of that day will live with us forever. Vivid images of lives lost and demonstrations of bravery remain burned in our minds.

One of the most compelling images I remember from September 11, 2001 is a photograph taken by an individual in the stairwell of Tower II, as people were descending to escape destruction and danger. These individuals were met by a group of firefighters going up the stairs, toward the flames. As others were fleeing, these heroes were answering the call of duty by walking without hesitation into the face of danger and death.

Never before has there been a greater illustration of the sacrifices that firefighters, police officers and other first responders make in service to their fellow man.

On this day, as we remember, we honor those first responders who have given all, as well as those who continue to serve. May the guiding hand of Providence be with you as you go toward the flames to protect us.



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