

We will never forget!

**Illinois 9/11
10th Anniversary
Memorial Events**



*Sherman Fire Protection
District 9/11 Memorial*



Sugar Grove's Flag of Honor. Holding the flag on the left is Michael Jay Fagel. The Flag of Honor holds the names of all the victims of 9/11.

**Remembering the horrific
events of 10 years ago...**

When I took my first oath of Office, to defend and protect against all enemies, foreign and domestic, little did I realize that when I reaffirmed this oath on many occasions, how true it would be for the protection and defense of our nation. I took that oath freely, and remember it's meaning to this day.

Little did I realize when I took my initial training right here at home that decades later new words would come into our daily vocabulary, Terrorism, Biological WMD, Homeland Security, Anthrax and the like.

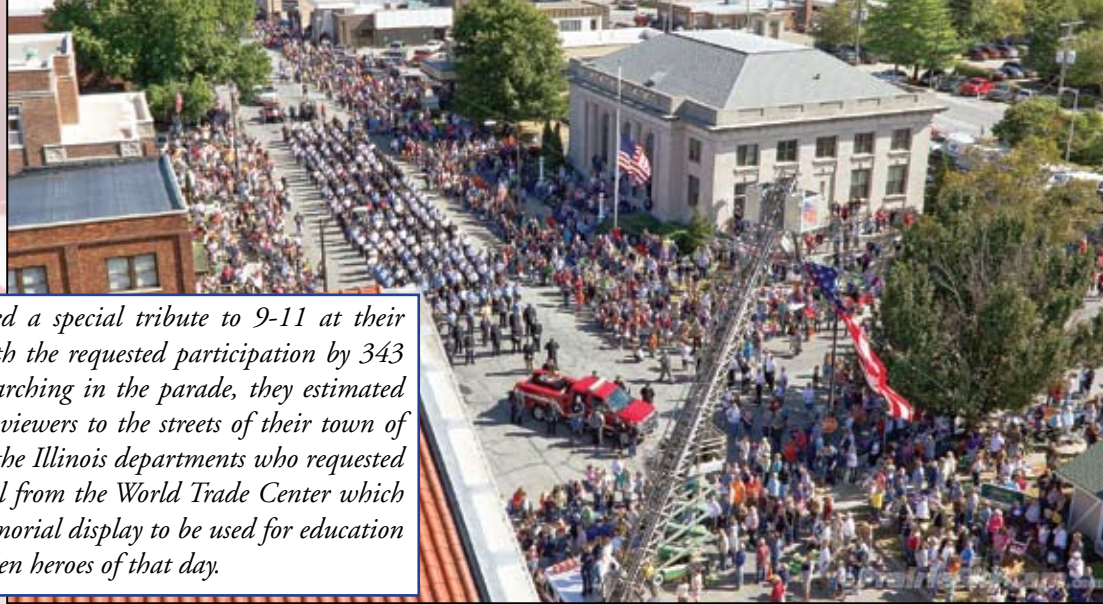
In a fitting tribute to the 343 fire fighters lost, the 67 police officers and the nearly 3000 civilians that have been killed in this attack on America, I share an excerpt from an American Statesman:

.... IT IS RATHER FOR US TO BE HERE DEDICATED TO THE GREAT TASK REMAINING BEFORE US-- THAT FROM THESE HONORED DEAD WE TAKE INCREASED DEVOTION TO THAT CAUSE FOR WHICH THEY GAVE THE LAST FULL MEASURE OF DEVOTION, THAT WE HERE HIGHLY RESOLVE THAT THESE DEAD SHALL NOT HAVE DIED IN VAIN, THAT THIS NATION, UNDER GOD, SHALL HAVE A NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM, AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE SHALL NOT PERISH FROM THE EARTH.

*-Abraham Lincoln, Nov. 19, 1863 -
Gettysburg*

Take the time to thank those men and women who serve in public safety, police fire, emergency medical services, emergency management and the armed forces.

The above excerpts are taken from various writings by Michael Jay Fagel, PhD, CEM, who spent 100 days as Incident Command Safety Officer at Ground Zero. Fagel's previous emergency operations assignments include the Oklahoma City Bombings, Atlanta and Salt Lake City Olympic Games. He regularly provides technical training and assistance to state and community emergency operations. He is also a trustee for Sugar Grove Fire Protection District.



Pana firefighter, Mike Foster organized a special tribute to 9-11 at their town's Annual Labor Day Parade. With the requested participation by 343 firefighters and 60 police personnel marching in the parade, they estimated the event drew approximately 20,000 viewers to the streets of their town of population 5,800. Pana FD is one of the Illinois departments who requested and received a 122-pound piece of steel from the World Trade Center which has been developed into a traveling memorial display to be used for education and remembrance and to honor the fallen heroes of that day.



During a station dedication and tribute event to the 10th Anniversary of 9-11, Huntley FPD personnel are pictured with a piece of steel they received from the World Trade Center.



Pana 2011 Labor Day Parade.



Illinois Fire Chiefs Association 9-11 memorial display with WTC steel beam received by Frankfort FPD and honor guard post, Bryan Doyle, Fairview Caseyview FPD at their 61st Annual Conference, Oct 2011.



Frankfort's Labor Day Event held a solemn parade in memory of the victims with of 9/11 with nearly 200 firefighters escorting a beam from the World Trade Center down the parade route. The twisted steel served as a walking memorial. The passing of a decade since the tragedy made the remembrance all the more poignant for all.