



## CITY OF SOUTH BEND

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### **SOUTH BEND FIRE DEPARTMENT TO HOST PATRIOT DAY REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY**

The South Bend Fire Department, in conjunction with Clay Fire Territory, Mishawaka Fire Department, The Salvation Army Unit 511, and Firefighters Local 362, will host a Patriot Day Remembrance Ceremony on Friday, September 11 at 9 am at the 9/11 Memorial at St. Patrick's Park, 50651 Laurel Road.

The ceremony will honor area soldiers who were killed in combat in the Global War on Terror in Iraq and Afghanistan, first responders who died while actively serving, and all who paid that ultimate sacrifice on September 11, 2001. U.S. Senator Joe Donnelly (D-IN) will attend the event, which will also feature the Firefighters Color Guard and the John Adams High School Show Choir.

“Since 9/11, we’ve come together at this time to honor the service of the men and women who put their lives on the line when others are in danger,” Fire Chief Steve Cox says. “We ask the community to join us in recognizing our first responders and military members who continue to serve at home and abroad, and all who’ve died in order to protect others.”

This is the 14<sup>th</sup> annual observance commemorating the sacrifice made by firefighters, emergency medical personnel, and military members who have given their lives in the line of duty. It is held in solidarity with Patriot Day that now marks the anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

“The men and women who serve in the military and at home in local police and fire departments face danger every day to protect our way of life,” Mayor Pete Buttigieg says. “We express our gratitude to them and honor those who have died in the line of duty to assure that the sacrifice of all who serve will never be forgotten.”

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