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9/11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

PURCELLVILLE, Va.— Residents of the Town of Purcellville are invited to the annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony. The Ceremony will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 11, 2017 at the First Responders Monument near the Historic Bush Tabernacle located at 250 South Nursery Avenue in Purcellville. The First Responders Monument was dedicated in 2011. The steel beam on the top of the monument is a piece of Tower Two of the World Trade Center and the base of the monument is comprised of stone from a barn near Shankesville, Pennsylvania.

In addition to Purcellville Mayor Fraser, representatives from Loudoun County Fire and Rescue, Purcellville Police Department, Purcellville Volunteer Fire Company, and Purcellville Volunteer Rescue Squad will be in attendance to honor those who have given all in the service of others. Honored guest Allen Colby will share his remembrances. Mr. Colby is retired Battalion Chief, Loudoun County Fire and Rescue, an active member of the Purcellville Volunteer Fire Company for 44 years, and was one of the first responders who responded to the attack on the Pentagon on September 11, 2001. Additional participants include Chaplain Timothy Lasher who will give the Invocation, Boy Scout Troop 163 which will lead the Pledge of Allegiance, Woodgrove High School senior and member of the Purcellville Volunteer Fire Company Kirsten Engel who will sing the National Anthem, and Chaplain Larry Brooks who will deliver the closing prayer.

Please join us in honoring our local first responders and the memory of all those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

The Town of Purcellville, Virginia

Purcellville is an award-winning town of nearly 9,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 40 miles west of Washington, DC. It has been honored for its green initiatives, most recently with the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities. The Town has an elected Mayor and six Town Council members. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, Purcellville has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiques, entertainment, farmer's markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at www.purcellvilleva.gov.

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The First Responders Memorial has a steel beam from Tower Two of the World Trade Center in New York, with a base of stone from a barn near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.