



## **BULLETIN**

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**TO ALL UFUA MEMBERS**

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# **MEMBERS ASKED TO OBSERVE A MINUTE OF SILENCE IN RESPECT OF THE VICTIMS AND FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS OF 9/11 TERRORIST ATTACKS**

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Firefighters around the world stand in unity and solidarity on September 11 New York time, to remember those that perished that day including those that made the ultimate sacrifice to protect their community.

In particular, we remember the 343 firefighters who made the ultimate sacrifice and died on September 11, 2001 assisting their communities. We also remember the firefighters who have since passed away as a result of illness and injury resulting from their service at the World Trade Centre.

Last week the New York Fire Department (FDNY) reported an additional 159 firefighters have died since 9/11 due to illnesses associated with fighting the fires and attempting rescues at ground zero.

Firefighters and families will meet at the IAFF Fallen Fighter memorial in Colorado this week to witness an additional 32 names of firefighters who responded to the World Trade Centre on 9/11 and the days after, amongst other fallen firefighters being added to the memorial.

The United Firefighters Union of Australia has written to the IAFF General President Schaitberger and General Secretary-Treasurer Kelly sending our support to our IAFF

colleagues and their families, and will send a wreath to be laid at the wall of honour for the official Memorial Service on 16 September 2017 (Colorado time) as a mark of respect for all firefighters who have given the ultimate sacrifice in their service protecting the community.

The IAFF Fallen Fighter Memorial is in the shadows of Pikes Peak at Colorado Springs and includes a wall of honour listing the fallen firefighters. Various UFUA representatives and Australian firefighters have attended the memorial service in the past and have been in awe with the respectful manner fallen firefighters are remembered in a breathtaking setting.

It is important that we take the time to remember all those who have given the ultimate sacrifice. The IAFF national memorial and official service ensures they will not be forgotten.

*Strength in Unity*

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