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TITLE: *WORLD TRADE CENTER BEAM COMING TO POUDDRE FIRE AUTHORITY*

Fort Collins, CO – Thanks to the Terry Farrell Firefighters Fund (Terry Fund), Poudre Fire Authority has been granted the privilege of owning one of the last pieces of a World Trade Center (WTC) beam to be given to a community. The beam will be transferred to Poudre Fire Authority firefighters during a ceremony with representatives from the Fire Department of New York, including Rescue 4; the Terry Fund; and the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey on Wednesday, October 21 at JFK Airport in New York.

As the PFA members tasked with bringing this artifact travel across America, updates on their location, how the trip is progressing and pictures from their journey, will be shared on the following website <http://www.poudre-fire.org/what-s-new/wtc-artifact-journey>. The map will be updated on the half hour as they travel. Additionally the trip can be tracked using #PoudreFireWTCBeam and people along the route can upload photos to www.yogile.com/poudrefirewtcbeam or text them to poudrefirewtcbeam@yogile.com.

The team will be escorted by over 100 different Emergency Service Agencies including Patriot Guard Riders and American Veterans, and will be celebrated and honored as the steel passes through each town along the way.

A ceremony to mark the arrival of the beam is being planned for the evening of Saturday, October 24, 2015. Additional details forthcoming.

The five foot long, over 3,000 pound piece of steel was part of a WTC wall. This piece of steel will reside with dignity at one of PFA's fire stations to honor the nearly 3,000 lives lost on September 11, 2001, including the 343 FDNY firefighters. The transport team will include four PFA members: Bryan Hanson, Len Lindholm, Jim Salisbury, and Jim Durkin. These individuals were part of the response to the WTC to help with recovery in the days and weeks after this tragic event.

The Poudre Fire Authority members of the Urban Search and Rescue Team, Colorado Task Force 1, were tasked and dispatched to the scene of the World Trade Center Twin Towers collapse shortly after the terrorist attack on our citizens and country on September 11th. The team worked there for several weeks to locate victims.

Numerous individuals and companies have generously donated financial backing and services. We would like to say 'Thank you' to Columbine Management Services; Dan Gerolomo with Karatbars Inc.; Dellenbach Motors; Duke Thompson Business Equipment Services; Ed Rupert; Legacy Tractor Sales & Service; Schrader Oil Company; Signs by

Tomorrow; and the Terry Farrell Firefighters Fund. The PFA transport team will use their own vacation time to ensure a successful delivery.

Terry Farrell was a father, a husband, a brother, and a dedicated firefighter who lost his life on September 11, 2001, during the World Trade Center attack. Among the 343 heroes who died that day, he was in Tower Two when it collapsed.

A decorated member of Rescue 4/FDNY and chief of the Dix Hills Volunteer Fire Department, Terry was a devoted firefighter who embodied the spirit of courage and giving. The Terry Farrell Firefighters Fund was established in his memory to assist firefighters and families across the nation with financial, educational and medical support, and to provide equipment donations for fire departments in need.

There are over 1.1 million firefighters in the United States. Every three days, one heroic individual gives up his or her life answering the call. Every three minutes, a firefighter is seriously injured on the job. The Terry Fund provides much needed relief to firefighters and families facing hardship. The fund also distributes donated surplus equipment to help them do their jobs more safely and effectively.

The Terry Farrell Firefighters Fund www.terryfund.org is made of up firefighters and family members who volunteer their time and energy to help fellow brothers, sisters and departments in need. The fund operates annually on a budget of 1-3% and sustains itself through fundraising and the donations of individuals, fire departments and corporate sponsors. Contributions to the fund are tax deductible.

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