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Louisville Fire plans memorial to dedicate World Trade Center steel, honor fallen firefighters

LOUISVILLE, CO, Aug. 24, 2011 ... The Louisville Fire Department will dedicate its piece of World Trade Center steel on Sept. 11 with a ceremony honoring the 343 firefighters who died that day 10 years ago.

The public is welcome to attend the memorial, planned for 9 to 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, in front of the department's Station 1, 1240 Main St.

The ceremony will include remarks by Chief Tim Parker, a salute by the department's color guard, and a ceremonial ringing of the fire department bell, which once was used in Louisville to alert volunteer firefighters to respond, to communicate their safe return home and to notify the community of line-of-duty deaths. Ladder trucks will be parked on Main Street, which will be closed until about 10:30 a.m.

The event will conclude with the reading of those engine, ladder and rescue companies who made the ultimate sacrifice on Sept. 11, 2001.

The hunk of World Trade Center metal, which weighs about 116 pounds, will be on display during the ceremony and permanently housed in the Station 1 training room, which is open to the public. In Colorado, 15 communities received pieces of the WTC wreckage.

Louisville Fire, a department with nine career firefighters and more than 70 volunteers, protects 17 square miles in Louisville and surrounding unincorporated areas. For information, call (303) 666-6595 or (303) 710-7384.