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Louisville firefighters join 110-floor climb to memorialize those fallen on 9/11

LOUISVILLE, CO, Sept. 5, 2011 ... Five Louisville firefighters will join their brothers and sisters Sunday for a 110-floor climb in Denver honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice on Sept. 11, 2001. The number of floors equals the height of one of the twin towers that fell that day.

Exactly 343 firefighters, the number of those who died in the World Trade Center bombing, will begin climbing the Century Link building (former Qwest building) at 8:46 a.m., the time the first tower collapsed a decade ago. This year's climb drew firefighters from nine states. Registration closed in just over an hour.

Each firefighter who participates in the annual event is given a picture of a New York firefighter before the climb and may touch a piece of steel from the World Trade Center upon beginning the solemn ascent.

Louisville firefighter Brian Brindisi has organized the department's participation in the 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb for the past four years.

"This event has shown that the fire service will never forget the loss that day," Brindisi said. "It is a true honor to climb in the memory of the 343 firefighters and their families and the strength and bond of the fire service. It shows the true brotherhood and sisterhood of firefighters across the country."

Louisville Fire, a department with nine career firefighters and more than 70 volunteers, protects 17 square miles in Louisville and surrounding unincorporated areas. Media questions may be directed to Brian Brindisi at 720-891-6626.