

# BOLDPRINT

2018 SPECIAL SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> EDITION



*We Were There*  
**WE REMEMBER**

*NYCDOC Honors All of Our Employees Who Were Part of the  
9/11/01 Rescue / Recovery and Support Efforts at Ground Zero*



**Seventeen years later, we remember, and we will never forget.**

Within hours of the attack, members of DOC worked alongside NYPD, FDNY and so many first responder agencies, helping with rescue and recovery operations. It was DOC that built and managed the Ground Zero communications system that would prove invaluable in the months that followed, and our staff who helped set up the morgue at Bellevue Hospital. DOC staff also joined other responders at the Fresh Kills landfill to collect and identify remains to help provide some type of closure for the families. These stories are unknown, even within the Department.

**WE WERE THERE.**

Your BOLDNESS and bravery have been an inspiration to me. As your Commissioner, I am working to ensure that our story is told. For the first time, DOC has been invited to participate in the September 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration Ceremony on the Memorial Plaza. We are also working in close partnership with the National September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial & Museum to ensure that DOC is recognized and that our story and artifacts are added to their exhibits.

Across our country, Americans will come together in service and remembrance on September 11<sup>th</sup>. This will be a solemn time, but also a reminder that together there is nothing we cannot overcome. To help our first responders, I am pleased to announce that the Department will be starting a 9/11 support group. We must look out for each other, united as DOC.

Thank you again for your service to this Agency, to our city, and to this great nation.

**Cynthia Brann**

Commissioner

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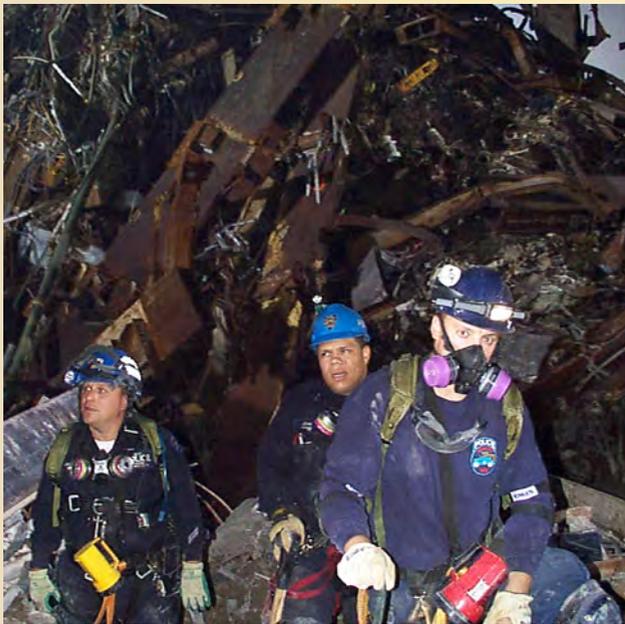
**Retired Correction Officer Hector Fernandez (ESU)**

"I physically saw with my own eyes the plane crash through the second tower and it was horrific. Everybody was your brother or your sister; not only my peers in the Correction Department, not only the uniformed forces, but every person that was down at Ground Zero. We were each other's keeper from the beginning of the day to the end of the day and that was very significant to me."



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**Retired Correction Officer Brian Hanberry (ESU)**

“We saw a lot of things that you wouldn’t expect to see as a correction officer, but we were willing to take the task at hand to bring some closure to the families. Sometimes after a shift, while riding back on the bus from the City to Rikers Island, people would break down but the team supported each other.”



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**Retired Correction Officer Erika Vernon (ESU)**

"I knew from the moment the reports came on about what happened we were going to be deployed and working down there. I called my grandfather and told him to pick up my son from kindergarten and said I didn't know what time or how many days I would be gone. Then I went straight to work calling everyone and telling them to report to work. I didn't have time to cry. I knew the magnitude of it but I also knew whoever was in Manhattan at the time and around the area needed help."



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**COBA President Elias Husamudeen**

“Correction officers played such an important role on that day. Our support service division literally built the makeshift morgue at Bellevue and we actually manned that morgue from start to finish for months. We helped dig through the rubble to recover bodies, which uncovering these things is something I will never forget. Despite all of that, correction officers were volunteering in droves to go down there and to help.”



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### **Correction Officer Wayne Lamont (ESU)**

“By the way things looked on the news I didn’t know if I went down there if I would make it back but all I knew was I had to go there to help. We go above and beyond. That’s a part of being in the Emergency Services Unit, that’s a part of being a correction officer. When people run from situations, we run to situations. We were there to save as many people as we could.”



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\* Officer Lamont holds a piece of glass from one of the towers.



**Retired Correction Officer Lora Green (ESU)**

“Imagine driving down the street and there was not an ounce of color on the trees, vehicles, buildings and roads because of all the ash that had come from both towers. It was an experience that really hit home. I cried often. It was hard but we had a job to do.”



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**Retired Captain Edwin Brea (CARE)**

“The Department of Correction really took over. Everybody gathered together as a team and went in almost as a military force and said, ‘what do we have to do to help?’ I worked in the makeshift morgue and the memory of uncovering bodies is something I will never forget, so I focus on helping people as much as I can.”



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**9/11**  
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## **THE NATIONAL SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL & MUSEUM INVITES YOU TO JOIN THE 9/11 MEMORIAL MUSEUM RESCUE & RECOVERY WORKERS REGISTRY.**



Visit <https://registries.911memorial.org/#/registration/worker> to register an account

**BENEFITS:** Free admission to 9/11 Memorial Museum. Your story will become a part of the digital archive and your name will also be included in the Scroll of Honor, a digital scroll that lists the names and affiliations of registered workers and is located near the Last Column in the 9/11 Memorial Museum's Foundation Hall.

**CONTACT:** [911registry@911memorial.org](mailto:911registry@911memorial.org) or (212) 857-0152 for any questions or concerns.

*The National September 11 Memorial & Museum is also asking DOC staff and officers who were part of the rescue and recovery (R&R) efforts at Ground Zero if they could loan/donate any R&R-related artifacts or items. The items will be displayed at the museum and help tell our story.*

**NO DAY SHALL ERASE YOU FROM THE MEMORY OF TIME**

Virgil



# 9|11 DOC NEWS



- ▶ For the first time in 17 years, DOC was invited to participate in the September 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration Ceremony at the Memorial Plaza.
- ▶ DOC is working in close partnership with the National September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial & Museum to ensure that the Department is recognized and our story and memorabilia are added to their exhibits.
- ▶ The Department will be starting a 9/11 support group...**MORE DETAILS COMING SOON.**
- ▶ DOC will be creating a permanent 9/11 memorial to honor all DOC officers and staff who we lost, and all who served in the rescue, recovery, and support efforts...**MORE DETAILS COMING SOON.**

**Anthony Gardner, SVP Government & Community Affairs, 9/11 Memorial & Museum**

“We are truly grateful for the department’s service during the rescue and recovery operation and your partnership in documenting this important part of the ongoing 9/11 story. Your collaboration has helped to deepen our understanding of the department’s role on 9/11 and in the aftermath. With the department’s help, we have been able to increase the number of profiles of individuals affiliated with the department by 20%—a true testament to your outreach and support. We are actively collecting your stories and objects—items like hard hats, gloves, photographs, etc.—so that we may enhance how we document the department’s efforts as well as 9/11’s ongoing impacts on the health and well-being of your members who served in the recovery operation.”

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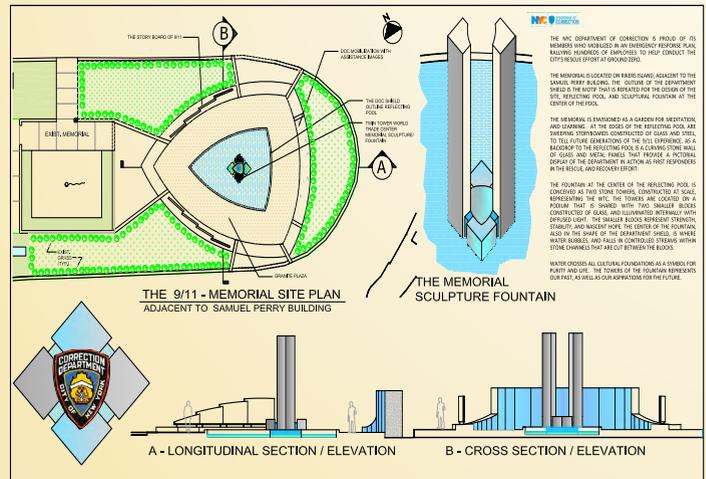


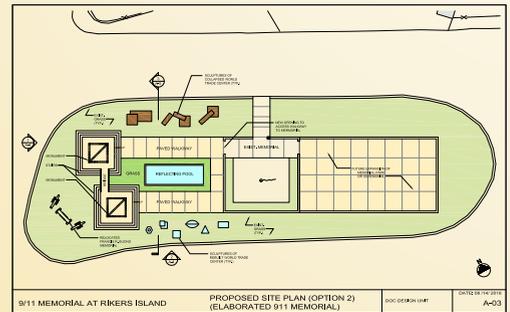
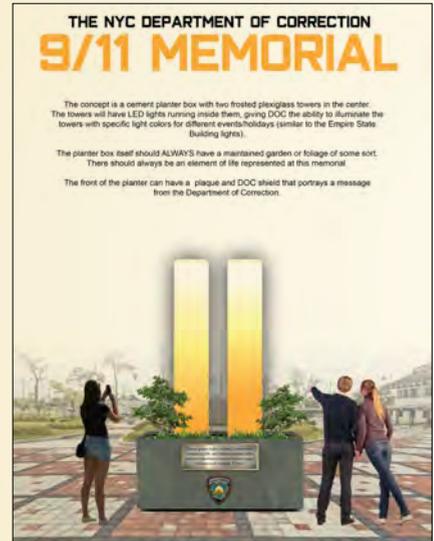
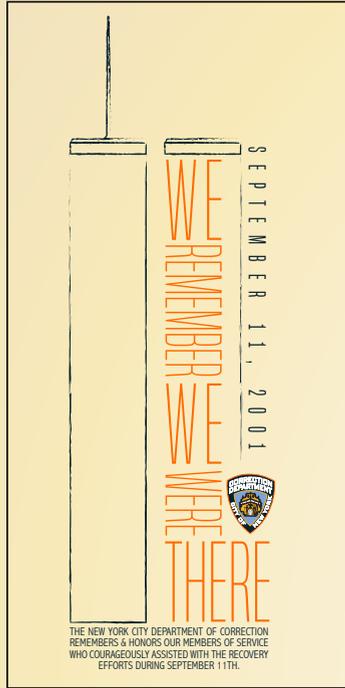
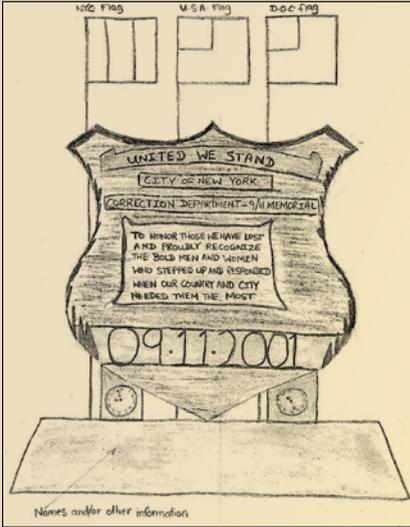
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*Thank You*

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