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“NEVER FORGET”

Chesterfield, MO- Fenton City Park is hosting the **‘911 COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY’** at the Heroes Memorial. You are invited to hear guest speaker Deputy Chief Les Crews share his experiences. Bring a lawn chair or blanket on Sunday, September 11, 2016 at 1:00 p.m., and join us at 1215 Larkin Williams Road.

Deputy Chief Crews brings a unique set of experiences to this event. He currently serves as a Command Officer with the Monarch Fire Protection District; he is Task Force Leader with Missouri Task Force 1, and a FEMA Incident Support Team Urban Search and Rescue Specialist. Chief Crews was recruited for these national assignments because he is recognized for his strong leadership, passion, and skill. On 9/11/01, Chief Crews was deployed, with Missouri Task Force 1, to the World Trade Center; he was assigned as ‘Rescue Team Manager’.

Deputy Chief Crews’ experiences in disaster management include Hurricanes Dennis, Katrina, Ike, Irene, and Isaac, the mudslide in Oso Washington, and the tornadoes in Vilonia Arkansas and Joplin Missouri. Recently, and closer to home, Chief Crews managed a successful swift water rescue of a Monarch Fire Protection District resident.

Deputy Chief Crews has been recognized with the ‘Life Saving Medal of Valor’ for swift water rescue, and he was recognized by the Missouri Highway Patrol for rescue of a victim trapped in a burning automobile. Les was honored as University of Missouri ‘Instructor of the Year’ and was presented the St. Louis County ‘Top Instructor Award’.

We encourage all to attend and listen to Chief Crews and other speakers give testimony and remembrance to the victims of the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001.