



## Marion County Board of County Commissioners

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## MARION COUNTY FIRE RESCUE TO HONOR FALLEN HEROES OF SEPT. 11, 2001

Immediate Release

**MARION COUNTY, Fla.** (Sept. 8, 2011) – Sunday marks the 10th anniversary of the tragic Sept. 11, 2001, attack on the United States. On that day, terrorists hijacked four U.S. planes and crashed them into both World Trade Center towers, the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field killing nearly 3,000 citizens in mere hours. In the aftermath, many firefighters and law enforcement officers also lost their lives trying to rescue citizens from collapsing buildings and the remaining rubble and debris.

The number of firefighters who died that day was 343 – a larger firefighting force than Marion County Fire Rescue's entire department at the time. To honor their fallen brothers and sisters as well as all others who lost their lives on Sept. 11, MCFR will participate in several ceremonies this year including the following Saturday and Sunday events:

### **Saturday, Sept. 10:**

10 a.m.: Ocala/Marion County 9/11 Remembrance Program  
(Ocala-Marion County Veterans Memorial Park: 2601 SE Ft. King St., Ocala)

### **Sunday, Sept. 11:**

8:45 a.m.: Knights of Columbus: Blue Mass  
(Blessed Trinity: 5 SE 17th St., Ocala)

1 p.m.: FDNY 343 Memorial Mass  
(St. Mark's Evangelist Catholic Church: 7081 SE Highway 42, Summerfield)

1:30 p.m.: VFW Retirement Home Remembrance Ceremony  
(VFW Retirement Home: 13005 NE 135th St., Ft. McCoy)

3 p.m.: VFW Auxiliary Tribute: Presentation of Flag to MCFR  
(VFW Auxiliary Post: 9401 SW 110th St., Ocala)

6 p.m.: Belleview Freedom Walk  
(Belleview City Hall: 5343 Southeast Abshier Blvd., Belleview)

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