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## **NAPO President Mick McHale Marks the 23rd Anniversary of the 9/11 Terrorist Attacks**

23 years ago today, on September 11, 2001, nearly 3,000 of our fellow citizens gave their lives in New York City, at the Pentagon, and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania in the deadliest terrorist attack on our nation's soil. This includes the more than 400 federal, state, and local public safety officers who ran into harm's way to save others, many of whom were NAPO members.

As we remember those who died on September 11, 2001, we also must recognize those we have lost and continue to lose as the lasting effects of that day make themselves known. As we know too well, first responders across the country continue to die from their rescue and recovery efforts on and after 9/11 from cancers and other serious health conditions related to sustained exposure to toxins found at Ground Zero and at the Pentagon. Tragically, first responder deaths from 9/11-related conditions will soon outnumber those who died on that fateful day.

Today, and every day, NAPO remembers our members and all the first responders who heroically gave their lives because of their service on September 11, 2001, and in the days, months, and years after. We will forever remember these officers, their families, and all survivors of 9/11.

God bless the men and women who serve our nation as law enforcement officers and God bless America.

Mick McHale  
President