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## Media Release

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### City of Joliet Commemorates the September 11<sup>th</sup> Attacks Anniversary With Ceremonies Throughout The Community

Joliet, IL – In commemoration of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks, the City of Joliet, Joliet Police Department and Joliet Fire Department are joining in to help the community honor this day of remembrance.

Mayor Tom Giarrante and the Joliet City Council will recognize September 11, 2011 as a “National Day of Remembrance” and the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the tragedy with an official proclamation at the September 6, 2011 Joliet City Council Meeting.

On Friday September 9, 2011, Gompers Junior High School will be offering a tribute ceremony at 9AM. "Remember Our Heroes" will be a tribute involving all 840 students in remembering 9/11 and honoring Joliet's Police and Fire Departments. Interim Police Chief Michael Trafton, Councilwoman Susie Barber and School District 86 Superintendent Dr. Charles Coleman will speak at the event. The school band, choir and orchestra will also perform along with bagpiper Sergeant Hall during “Amazing Grace”. This event is open to the public.

The Joliet Fire Department Company #7 will also be participating in a September 11<sup>th</sup> memorial ceremony on Friday September 9, 2011 at Joliet Junior College main campus at 8:45AM.

Joliet Mayor Tom Giarrante will be honoring the day by attending a 9:30AM memorial service at the First Assembly of God, 1741 Essington Road Joliet on Sunday, September 11.

The Southwest Community Church and JFD Pastor Joel Labertew will be “Remembering 9/11” on Sunday, September 11, 2011 with “A Day of Honor” from 9AM – 10:45AM at Jones Elementary School, 800 Barberry Way, Joliet. For more information on this event visit [www.southwestonline.org](http://www.southwestonline.org). This memorial is open to the public.

The Joliet Police and Fire Departments will be participating in the 9/11 “National Moment of Remembrance”. The U.S. Senate unanimously passed a resolution on July 22<sup>nd</sup> establishing a National Moment of Remembrance on September 11, 2011 at Noon to memorialize the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks with ringing of bells and sirens and

one minute of reflection. The Joliet Police and Fire Departments will be running their sirens at Noon for one full minute on September 11, 2011 in partnership with this effort.

The City of Joliet has also partnered with the Joliet Public Library on Sunday, September 11 from 2-3PM for a special ceremony outside the Library's Black Road Branch at 3395 Black Road, Joliet. The event will host a free ceremony to remember victims and honor our local heroes. Members of the Joliet Police Department and Joliet Fire Department Company #8 will be joined by special guests including Joliet City Councilman Mike Turk, and Joliet Fire Department Pastor Joel Labertew. This event is free and open to the public to attend.

The City of Joliet, Mayor and City Council thank our local venues and partners for their efforts in honoring area heroes and join the community in remembering the tenth anniversary of September 11<sup>th</sup>.

The City of Joliet is the fourth largest city in the state of Illinois, located just 45 miles southwest of Chicago's Loop. Home to over 147,000 residents, in addition to thriving businesses and attractions, the City of Joliet is easily accessible by rail, auto and bus transit. A perfect place to live, work and play, Joliet is constantly striving to promote growth and diversity. For more information on Joliet visit [www.visitjoliet.org](http://www.visitjoliet.org) or call 815.724.4000.

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