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**Massachusetts Department of Fire Services 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony  
 And Memorial Steel Dedication**

Public Safety Secretary Mary Elizabeth Heffernan, State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan, and President of the Fire Chiefs' Association of Massachusetts Chief Paul Zbikowski today conducted a respectful remembrance ceremony honoring the people who lost their lives in the attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and the aircraft in Shanksville, Pennsylvania on September 11, 2001. Nearly 3,000 lives were lost on that day, including 343 fire department members who gave their lives to save others. Special guests included Dr. Peter Moyer, retired medical director of Boston Fire, Police and EMS and Fire Department of New York (FDNY) Lt. Gregory Lynch, a Grafton, MA native. One of those lost on 9/11 was Dr. Peter Moyer's stepson Manuel DelValle Jr., an FDNY firefighter.

Marshal Coan said, "On September 11, 2001, we knew instantly that our lives had changed forever, but it took time to learn how and in what ways. We saw the buildings burn and fall and knew immediately that so many had lost loved ones and so many lives would be shattered." The gathering also honored the members of the armed services who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. "For those who serve to protect us all, we are deeply grateful," Coan added.

**Memorial Steel Dedicated**

Firefighters, employees and guests gathered at the Department of Fire Services and stood outside in front of the flagpole in remembrance. Recruits stood in formation wearing their fire helmets, taking in the beautiful sight of the American flag displayed on the training tower. A piece of steel recovered from the World Trade Center site was dedicated and the memorial unveiled. It will serve as a permanent memorial at DFS to all who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.