

SOUTH PASADENA FIREFIGHTERS



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Dear Ron,

As the President of the South Pasadena Firefighters and founder of the National Firefighters 9-11 Memorial Patch, I was contacted by Mitch Mendler to see if I could coordinate the L.A. area "Release of Souls Memorial," sculpture viewing and concert. I had worked with Mitch before on another 9-11 related project and it was a great experience. After hearing from Mitch, I contacted Kathleen Tonnesen who is the executive director of ROS and I made the decision to spearhead the event in L.A. Kathleen is a Canadian artist and the effort behind the ROS Memorial. I also met with her and was very impressed with her talent and vision.

I strongly believe this event will have a great impact on firefighters in the U.S. as well as civilians. I have talked in great length with World-Memorial founder and American Airlines pilot Brus Messinger and his heart is absolutely in the right place. I have also talked to Vancouver FD's Joe Foster and know their Local heavily supported the event, as they hosted it in November of last year.

Our local is hosting this event in L.A. and hope that your Local will stand behind Mitch in making this event a success in San Diego. I would like to offer your Local any assistance we can in terms of sharing resources and developing good media coverage leading up to the events.

Please feel free to contact me anytime regarding this event.

Best Regards,

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