

MEDIA ADVISORY
For Tuesday, September 11

Ridgeland Firefighters Plan 9-11 Event

Run to Remember offers new way to honor those whose lives were lost

(Ridgeland, MS) – Firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians of the City of Ridgeland Fire Department will be holding a "Run to Remember" event to honor those whose lives were lost in the line of duty during the September 11, 2001 catastrophe. Captain Todd Yelverton had participated in a similar event and brought the idea to the City of Ridgeland. The fire department personnel will carry an American flag and a satchel holding the names of the deceased from 9-11.

Mayor Gene McGee said, "Remembering those firefighters and other service personnel as well as innocent victims helps to heal emotional wounds, and it honors those who selflessly served others during the event that changed the world on September 11, 2001. I am proud that our fire department continues to host an event of this nature every year on the anniversary of 9-11."

What: Run by firefighters and EMTs to Ann Smith Elementary School from Central Fire Station.

When: Tuesday, September 11, 2012, starting at 8:15 a.m. and ending at 9:05 a.m.

Where: The run will leave from Central Fire Station, 456 Towne Center Boulevard, at 8:15 a.m. The firefighters will run toward Pear Orchard Road from the station, turn north on Pear Orchard and run to Ann Smith Elementary School located at 306 S.Pear Orchard Road. They will make a return run to Central Fire Station where they will ring the bell at 8:59, the time when the first tower in New York collapsed.

<u>Photo and Video Ops:</u> At Ann Smith Elementary School, students will be waving to the firefighters as they run past. Firefighters will be wearing fire department t-shirts showing their emblem. They will carry an American flag and a satchel holding names of the deceased from 9-11. Posed photos will also be available.

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