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Re: Reflections on 9/11 – Moving Forward

As people around the world mark the 8th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Centre, the images and memories that many hold are of fear and sorrow for the over 3000 lives lost on that day. Of these lives, 411 were emergency responders including firefighters, police officers and paramedics, who in an effort to save others lives lost their own. This historical event has had a profound impact and life has forever changed locally and around the globe.

To honor the victims of 9/11, flags will be lowered to half mast at all Nanaimo Fire Rescue stations. As we reflect on this day, Nanaimo Fire Rescue also takes this day to serve as a reminder of the lessons learned from the emergency response to this tragic event

Extensive post incident analysis has and continues to be conducted on the emergency response since 9/11. Key to the findings are recommendations to improvements in the application of the incident command system, enhanced interagency coordination and integrated communications amongst agencies.

According to Chief Ron Lambert "Through the extensive post incident research that has been conducted since the 9/11 attacks, we are now aware that if those procedures had been in place on Sept. 11th , it is possible that fewer emergency responders would have lost their lives".

The Department takes the lessons learned from 9/11 and works with local emergency response agencies to address these issues in an effort to continually enhance public safety and the safety of our emergency responders.

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