## Welcome

In the immediate aftermath of the September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001 attacks, our nation demonstrated fortitude and perseverance. Firefighters from around the country arrived in New York City within 48 hours to assist with the recovery missions. As the fire service mourned the loss of 343 members of FDNY along with other first responders and civilians who died that day, it was clear that collectively we would promise to never forget.

\_\_\_\_\_ years later, buildings have been rebuilt, memorials established and remembrances held. The fire service continues to honor the 343 in numerous ways. I welcome you and I thank you for joining us as we have upheld our promise to never forget.