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TAYLOR FIRE DEPARTMENT TO HOLD MEMORIAL MARCH ON SEPTEMBER 11

TAYLOR, Texas – The Taylor Fire Department will host a Patriot Day observance on Wednesday, September 11, in the City of Taylor. The Department will conduct a Memorial March along North Main Street starting at 7 p.m., with a Patriot Day program following at Heritage Square.

The Patriot Day program includes an invocation and benediction by Taylor Police Department Chaplain Jeff Ripple, welcoming remarks from Taylor Mayor Brandt Rydell, and a tribute from Taylor Fire Department Chief Daniel Baum. The Star Spangled Banner will be performed by retired Taylor Fire Department Lt. Robert Whitmore. A silent tribute and 3 Volley Salute will be performed by the Taylor Police Department, with a ringing of the bell by the Taylor Honor Guard.

The September 11 event will be held in conjunction with the Taylor Honor Guard academy, which teaches firefighters the fundamental elements of honor guard duties. Classes this year are being held September 9-12 at the Williamson County Expo Center.

Taylor is one of the few cities across the nation that continues to conduct a ceremony each year in honor of the first responders who died while rescuing victims of the September 11 attacks on the United States in New York and Virginia in 2001. For more information about the Memorial March, Patriot Day program, or the Taylor Honor Guard academy visit www.taylortx.gov or call 512-352-6992.

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