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## **Ground Zero Responder To Try Again To Be Guest Speaker At Hunterdon 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony**

Called away at the last moment last year to respond to Hurricane Florence in North Carolina, a West Amwell resident who was on the scene at Ground Zero on September 11, 2001, is again the planned special guest speaker at the Hunterdon County 9-11 Remembrance ceremony, at 8:15 am, on Wednesday, September 11th, on the steps of the Historic County Courthouse in Flemington.

Gary Breuer, a New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management, Task Force 1 member, who spent many lengthy days and nights on site at ground zero immediately after the 2001 World Trade Center terrorist attack, was the scheduled guest speaker for the 2018 Hunterdon County 9-11 Remembrance ceremony.

The retired Raritan Township Police Officer was called away at the last moment prior to the 2018 event, as Task Force 1 responded to Hurricane Florence, a Category 4 storm that devastated parts of North and South Carolina, in early September 2018.

Hunterdon County Sheriff Fred Brown, who re-instituted the County Remembrance ceremony in 2017, stated, "The members of the task force never know when duty will call.

Gary Breuer, who had first-hand experience at Ground Zero, as well as many other emergencies in the state and around the country, is the perfect guest speaker to represent all the members of law enforcement and first responders who stand ready to serve and protect us today."

Chiefs and officers from many Hunterdon County Police Departments, Rescue Squads, and Volunteer Fire Companies will participate in the ceremonies.

"The 9-11 ceremony serves as an important reminder. Our Nation must always remember and never forget the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, that took the lives of nearly 3000 individuals. And it is of particular significance to us here in Hunterdon County, where 16 residents were lost," the Sheriff said.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony.