

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

DATE: September 13, 2019
TO: Mayor and Councilmembers
FROM: Kevin Lomeli, Fire Chief
CC: Jerene Watson, City Manager; Department Directors
SUBJECT: 9-11 ceremony

The is an expanded report is in response to a question regarding the 9-11 ceremony held at DFD.

DISCUSSION:

2019 marks the eighteenth anniversary of the Sept 11, 2001 tragedies. Throughout the past 18 years the Douglas Fire Department (DFD) has often held ceremonies, with the 17th anniversary being the largest. There have been many changes within the Fire Department in 2019 and staff decided to honor the fallen in more introspective ways, encouraging more private reflections. DFD staff paused for a moment of silence as the station flag was lowered to half-mast in the morning. The DFD ladder truck was placed on Dolores Ave and 10th St. with the large U.S. flag draped from the extended ladder as a symbol of remembrance and honor for all those affected by 9-11-2001. The truck remained on display until 6:00 pm.

RECOMMENDATION / CONCLUSION:

Douglas Fire Dept. staff hope to have a ceremony this upcoming year and a special ceremony for the twentieth anniversary of 9-11. Invitations will be sent out prior.