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240 MILE 9/11 CHARITY RUN FROM PENTAGON TO GROUND ZERO GETS ASSIST FROM ELIZABETH FIREFIGHTERS

ELIZABETH, NJ – September 4, 2014 - Over the course of four days, Jeremy Boyd of Cary, NC will run 240 miles from the Pentagon to Ground Zero. The purpose of his run is to honor and support people directly impacted by the events of September 11, 2001, by raising funds for two charities that provide support services for survivors. Jeremy hopes "People will think I am crazy, and out of curiosity, be intrigued enough to investigate my cause."

Charities benefiting from The Run to Never Forget include Tuesday's Children and the Special Operations Warrior Foundation. Tuesday's Children was founded to promote long-term healing in all those directly impacted by the events of September 11, 2001. Their mission today is to keep the promise to those children and families while serving and supporting communities affect by acts of terror worldwide.

The Special Operations Warrior Foundation ensures full financial assistance for a post secondary degree from an accredited two or four-year college, university, technical, or trade school; as well as educational and family counseling to the surviving children of armed forces personnel who lose their lives in combat. It also provides immediate financial assistance to severely-wounded and hospitalized special operations personnel and their families.

Jeremy will start his journey on September 8 at 6AM at the Pentagon. His route will take him through towns and cities in Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York. He hopes to arrive at the 9/11 Memorial around 6:15PM on September 11. Anyone wanting to run (or ride) with Jeremy for a mile or 50 is welcome to join him as he will be averaging roughly 60 miles per day. His route can be found at www.RunToNeverForget.org.

The final leg of the run will bring Jeremy to Elizabeth around 1PM where he will meet up with firefighters from Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association of New Jersey, Branch No. 9, Inc. and fire officers from International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 2040 at the quarters of Engine 1 and Ladder 3 located at 24 S. Broad St. The fire unions have organized a lunch for Jeremy and his support team donated by John's Caffé' Pizza & Catering, a multi-generation staple of the Peterstown section of Elizabeth. "We are honored that Jeremy has included our members in his noble journey to benefit those affected by the events on that somber day," said FMBA Local 9 President Michael Guarino. He added, "Partnerships like the one with Jeremy are what strengthens the social fabric of our communities as we come together to remember."

To memorialize those lost, Joanne Galvin, who together with her husband Stephen designed the 9/11 National Remembrance Flag, has donated a flag for Jeremy to carry for the remainder of his run that will be presented to him by the Elizabeth firefighters. "The flag strongly symbolizes our grief and sorrow that resulted from 9/11," said Capt. Steve McConlogue, IAFF Local 2040 President, "the City of Elizabeth lost citizens and our members lost family and friends on that fateful day as our department responded steadfastly to Ground Zero to work the pile."

As Jeremy departs the firehouse he will run to the Elizabeth 9/11 Memorial located at the Elizabeth Train Station on West Grand St. before he leaves the city. The Memorial will be the site of Elizabeth's September 11th Memorial and Remembrance Ceremony that commences promptly at 8:46AM that morning, the time the North Tower was struck by the first plane.

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The Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association of New Jersey, Branch No. 9, Inc. (FMBA Local 9) is a community organization that represents and promotes the interests of the firefighters of the City of Elizabeth, NJ Fire Department. FMBA Local 9 is a branch of the New Jersey Firefighters Mutual Benevolent Association.

The purposes for which the corporation is organized include the following:

- *to provide moral support and aid to its members in good standing and to firefighters in the local community of the City of Elizabeth;*
- *to bring about civic betterment and benevolence, improved public services, and social and safety improvement with respect to firefighting in the local community of the City of Elizabeth;*
- *to promote the legal rights of firefighters in the local community of the City of Elizabeth;*
- *to publicly or privately support acts or legislation deemed beneficial to the local community of the City of Elizabeth;*
- *to take necessary action to achieve the revocation or repeal of acts or legislation deemed detrimental to the local community of the City of Elizabeth;*
- *to promote, advance, and improve financially and otherwise the welfare, conditions, and interest of firefighters in its environs and to aid and cooperate with the New Jersey State Firemen's Benevolent Association.*