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Will Travel Throughout State to Twelve Communities Constructing September 11th Memorials

Trenton, NJ – Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno and Bill Baroni, Deputy Executive Director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, will visit twelve New Jersey communities to present police and fire departments, municipalities, and community organizations with pieces of steel from the World Trade Center for inclusion in public memorials to honor the victims and remember the attacks of September 11, 2001.

During the rescue and recovery efforts at the World Trade Center following the attacks of September 11, 2001, artifacts were identified among the wreckage and preserved for their historical significance. Stored at Hanger 17 at JFK Airport, these artifacts include various pieces that have been cataloged by a professional curator to ensure they were kept as close as possible to their original condition.

"As we mark the 9th anniversary of September 11th, I'm honored to present twelve communities with pieces of steel from the World Trade Center to be part of their local memorials," said Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno. "As these memorials are completed, I know they'll stand as lasting testaments to the more than six hundred New Jerseyans who died at the World Trade Center as well as to the hundreds of New Jersey citizens who so bravely assisted in the rescue and recovery efforts."

Bill Baroni, Deputy Executive Director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey noted, "The steel recovered from the World Trade Center after September 11, 2001 is being distributed to police departments, fire departments, municipalities and other community organizations as a public display to the memory of 2,752 victims, including 343 New York City firefighters, 37 Port Authority police officers, and 23 New York City police officers. These historically important artifacts will help generations remember and honor the past as we work every day to rebuild together."

The communities receiving pieces of steel include: Fair Lawn (9/7/2010), Linden (9/7/2010), East Brunswick (9/7/2010), Manalapan (9/8/2010), Monroe Township (9/8/2010), Hamilton (9/9/2010), Mount Laurel (9/9/2010), Matawan (9/9/2010), Iselin (9/10/2010), Toms River (9/13/2010), Vineland (9/13/2010), and Woodstown (9/13/2010).

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