

Patriot Day

By Deputy Chief Ted Gauthier

The Bloomfield Village Fire Department, B.V. Police Dept. and the Bloomfield Township F. D. were all represented at the Detroit Country Day Middle School this year. Deputy Fire Chief Ted Gauthier spoke on this annual observance to remember those who were injured or died during the terrorist attacks in the United States on September 11, 2001. Many Americans refer to Patriot Day as 9/11 or September 11.

Patriot Day is not a federal holiday and schools and businesses do not close. Each year, Detroit Country Day Schools will invite the Fire and Police Departments to remember and reflect on this tragic event.

Our Flag

The President has given direction for the flag of the United States of America to be displayed on the homes of Americans, the White House and all United States government buildings in the whole world. The flag should be flown at half-mast as a mark of respect to those who died on September 11, 2001. Many people observe a moment of silence at 8:46 AM (Eastern Daylight Time). This marks the time that the first plane flew into the World Trade Center. Some communities, particularly in the areas directly affected by the attacks, hold special church services or prayer meetings.

What happened

On September 11, 2001, four planes were hijacked. The hijackers then deliberately flew three of the planes into two important buildings, the Pentagon in Washington DC and the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York. The fourth crashed into a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The loss of life and damage that these hijackings caused form the biggest act of terrorism ever on United States soil.

There were **2,985** people who died September 11, 2001 during the terrorist attack. It was a very sad day and still to this day people still remember this tragic event.

343 firefighters lost their lives in the twin towers on 9/11. Another 300 were placed on leave for respiratory problems by 2002. The fires at the towers continued to burn for 99 days after the attacks.

23 officers of the NYPD and 37 Port Authority officers fell in the line of duty.

Please don't Forget

We must not forget the men and women who lost their lives and thank those in our community who work and volunteer their services to help others.

We are so honored to have our Village Volunteer firefighters and Village Police.

Thank you, thank you, thank you.....for everything you do for our community.