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### **Sunset Ceremony Honors Those Who Lost Their Lives on Sept. 11, 2001**

Lower Township will honor those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001 with a sunset flag ceremony on Thursday.

The ceremony is scheduled for Thursday Sept. 11 at 6 p.m. at Sunset Beach by the flag pole, located at the end of Sunset Boulevard in Lower Township.

The casket flag of Paul Pansini, a New York City firefighter who lost his life at the World Trade Center, will be flown during the ceremony.

When Pansini joined the Fire Department in 1991, he was assigned to Engine Co. 10 in Manhattan, one of the firehouses closest to the World Trade Center.

Pansini served for six years in the naval Reserve, qualifying as an electrician's mate. In 1988 he joined the former New York City Transit Authority Police Department before going to the fire department. He also served as a delegate to the Uniformed Firefighters Association.

Pansini was a devoted husband and father to his three children and remembered as the kind of guy who would do anything for anyone. So when Midtown's Engine Co. 26 called for an extra man on Sept. 11, he volunteered. When he arrived, he didn't even have time to sign in, because the company was responding to the fire caused by the attack on the World Trade Center.

Marvin Hume, a World War II veteran, has paid tribute to those killed on Sept. 11 since 2003. He has led sunset flag ceremonies for more than 40 years between Memorial Day and Labor Day at Sunset Beach.

Firefighters from Lower Township volunteer fire companies will attend the ceremony along with members of the Lower Township Police Department and Lower Township Rescue Squad. Cape May Point and West Cape May volunteer fire companies, members of the Coast Guard and the Red Knights, an international firefighter's motorcycle club, will also attend the event.