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District Attorney's Office Honors the Victims and Emergency Responders Killed in the 9/11 Attacks

On September 11th, we will honor and remember the 2,977 lives lost on that day in 2001, during the horrific attacks upon our country. We recognize all the innocent lives lost that day, many of whom were people simply working in their offices.

Over 400 first responders made the ultimate sacrifice while trying to save the many civilians in danger. Firefighters, police officers, court officers, paramedics and other first responders ran towards the threat as people tried to escape from harm. Their courage and sacrifice, as well as the impact to their families, will never be forgotten. We also mourn the numerous first responders who have since succumbed to illnesses developed as the result of their heroic efforts in the hours, days, and months following the attacks.

This year's 9/11 events will be particularly powerful for Boulder County's first responders, due to the tremendous courage exhibited by those who responded to the mass killing at King Soopers. Much like on 9/11, Officer Eric Talley and other officers charged into danger. Officer Talley made the ultimate sacrifice for this community.

On Saturday, the District Attorney and our staff will attend an event to honor Boulder County's first responders. The University of Colorado's Athletic Department has invited first responders and their families to be recognized for their service at the CU Buffs' football game being held at Empower Field at Mile High.

District Attorney Michael Dougherty stated, "It is difficult to believe that it has been 20 years. For all of us, the memories from that day come flooding back. I was in downtown Manhattan, preparing to give an opening statement in the trial of a violent robbery case, when I heard the first plane crashing into the North Tower. A stream of sirens followed as first responders raced towards the World Trade Center. I will never forget the events of that day and the months that followed. On this 20-year anniversary, we honor the memory of the nearly three thousand lives lost in New York, Pennsylvania, and at the Pentagon. May we, also, recognize the collective strength and spirit that can unite us and enable us to endure crisis and conflict."