



Hey,

Many of you come from or have family members in the fire service-along with yourself....kind of a "family affair" in bunker gear. Some in your own departments, some in others, but Brothers, Sisters, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles, Moms and Sons, Moms and Daughters and Fathers and Sons are a nice "icing on the cake" in firefighter "family" pride.

On 9/11/01 Fathers and Sons took on a whole different and heart chilling meaning.

As many of you know, there were several FDNY firefighting sons who lost their Dads on 9/11-and FDNY Dads who lost their son's on 9/11. It's a whole other dimension of loss.

Many of the fire service magazines are doing wonderful "must read" features on 9/11-all of them with writers who were there-some arriving prior to the towers collapsing-and to read what they have to say is as sobering-10 years later. Fire Engineering, Firehouse and Fire Rescue Magazines all have Firefighter/writers who fit into that category of sharing that "life changing event" with us.

I want to take a moment to point out to you the August 2011 issue of Fire Rescue Magazine-and specifically an article entitled: **A COMMON BOND: The Fathers and Sons**. This article, with photos, is a heartfelt discussion with Fire Rescue's Tim Sendelbach and **4 FDNY FATHERS** (Lee Ielpi, Dennis O'Berg, George Reilly and John Vigiano) who lost their sons on 9/11. Additionally, as a part of that article are interviews with **3 FDNY SONS** (Joe Downey, James Dowdell and Chris Ganci) who lost their Fathers-and have followed in their Dad's footsteps. Take some time to read the August 2011 issue, filled with several 9/11 related pieces, but specifically, be sure to read the COMMON BOND piece. It's as solemnly good as it gets.

FOR YOUR FIRE SERVICE BOOK COLLECTION:

There are several 9/11 "10 Years Later" books available that are worth checking out for additions to your department and personal libraries. If you are aware of others, that are being sold to raise funds or donations related to 9/11 and Fallen Firefighters, let me know and we'll pass it on.

=WTC: IN THEIR OWN WORDS, by Harvey Eisner.

<http://www.firehouse.com/wtcbook>

=A DECADE OF HOPE: Stories of Grief and Endurance from 9/11 Families and Friends by Dennis Smith with Deidre Smith.

<http://www.tributewtcstore.org/>

=BROOKLYN REMEMBERS: The Fallen Heroes of September 11th:

<http://www.fire-police-ems.com/>

It's "WEATHER" SEASON:

This time of year, many of you follow the tropical storms, hurricanes and related weather that "form" and often head our way. Below is a link to a very cool website, operated by a retired Firefighter, that pulls all the details together in one up to the minute location.

Check it out **HERE:** <http://myfloridahurricane.info>

FIREWOMEN 2011:

Women and Men Firefighters are welcome in Colorado on October 6-9, 2011. Sponsored by the Colorado Division of Fire Safety and hosted by the High Country Training Center in Summit County, Colorado, Firewomen 2011 will offer three days of hands-on training, great classroom workshops, fun social events, and lots of networking time with local firefighters as well as firefighters from all over the country and the world.

More **HERE:** www.firewomen2011.net

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www.FireFighterCloseCalls.com