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NJOHSP Pays Tribute to New Jersey Residents Who Lost Their Lives on September 11, 2001

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JERSEY CITY, NJ – On September 8, New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (NJOHSP) Director Jared Maples will speak at the New Jersey 9/11 Memorial Foundation's Empty Sky Memorial 5K Run/Walk, along with several municipal, county, State, and federal law enforcement leaders.

Director Maples will take part in the 9/11 Memorial Remembrance Ceremony that kicks off the event at approximately 9:30 a.m., followed by the 5K Walk/Run. The course for the 5K starts at the Empty Sky Memorial located in Liberty State Park in Jersey City (Hudson County) and runs along the Hudson River, with views of the Manhattan skyline, the Statue of the Liberty, and Ellis Island.

The New Jersey 9/11 Memorial Foundation was created after the tragic events of September 11, 2001, by the families of victims that called this State home. The foundation provides assistance to New Jersey for the perpetual endowment of the Empty Sky Memorial erected in 2011 to honor the 749 residents who lost their lives that fateful day.

"This year marks the 17th anniversary of the worst terrorist attack in US history. While today is a day for remembering those we lost, it is also a day for noting just how far we have come in defending the country since that terrible day," **said Jared Maples, Director of the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness.** "NJOHSP remains committed to ensuring the safety and security of all New Jersey residents and visitors. With the help of our law enforcement partners, our Office has compiled a complete picture of the State's threats, vulnerabilities, and capabilities. Our goal is to prevent future attacks and develop strategic plans for both short- and long-term solutions to emerging and evolving homeland security concerns."

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The New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (NJOHSP), a Cabinet-level agency, was created in 2006. The Director serves as the Governor's Homeland Security Advisor, and is responsible for leading and coordinating the State's counterterrorism, cybersecurity, and emergency preparedness efforts while building resiliency throughout the State across all levels of government and the private sector. NJOHSP oversees and distributes discretionary State and federal homeland security and emergency preparedness funds on behalf of New Jersey. More information about NJOHSP can be found at www.njhomelandsecurity.gov.