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Dear Friends and Brothers:

The morning of September 11, 2001 will live on in the hearts and minds of every American forever and it is with great pain and sorrow that I write this letter.

New York has been hit with a disaster of unimaginable magnitude. The loss of life is unconscionable. While I am thankful for the lives that have been saved, my thoughts continue to turn towards friends and fellow officers who have fallen due to this unspeakable tragedy.

Every injured officer and every victim has a story (spoken and unspoken) more harrowing than the next. Although we cannot change the course of these horrific events, we can ease the financial burden of those officers who have suffered catastrophic injuries and of the families of those who gave their lives trying to help others.

To meet this challenge, the New York State FOP has created an **emergency relief fund** to offset the tremendous amount of financial assistance that is needed.

I asked our fundraiser, Civic Development Group, for emergency funding and they quickly responded with an advance of twenty-five thousand dollars. Any financial assistance that *you* can give will be matched by CDG with an advance of up to one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. We are grateful for any contribution that you can provide and we appreciate the commitment CDG has once again shown for the FOP.

We ask that all contributions be made payable to:

WTC Police Disaster Fund
NYS Fraternal Order of Police
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For additional information, visit our web site at NYSFOP.org. On behalf of the members of the New York State Fraternal Order of Police, thank you for your prayers and support.

Fraternally,

Frank Ferreyra
State President