**New Orleans to host 4th Annual**

**9/11 Memorial Stair Climb at Benson Tower**

**For Immediate Release: January 23, 2019 – New Orleans,** **LA** – The 4rd Annual New Orleans 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb will be held on the morning of Saturday, September 21, 2019 from 7:00am until 12:00pm. Our mission is to honor and remember those fallen heroes from 9/11/01. We will also recognize any Louisiana first responder that has perished during the previous year.

Eighteen years after the collapse of the Twin Towers, the New Orleans 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb pays tribute to the 343 firefighters, 60 law enforcement officers, and 8 emergency medical service technicians that made the ultimate sacrifice with their lives.

“More than 40 Memorial Stair Climbs occur every year across the country, and I wanted an event here in New Orleans, so we could do our part to memorialize our fallen brothers,” says Event Director and Jefferson Parish Firefighter Neil Navarro. “It is a humbling experience and intense reminder of the sacrifice, dedication, and commitment required of those who serve and protect our communities”.

For 2019, 411 first responders from across the United States and other parts of the world will ascend 110 floors, the height of the former World Trade Center Twin Towers. Each registered climber will bear the name and picture of a first responder that perished at Ground Zero. Participating first responders are encouraged to wear their appropriate gear to make the climb, but it is not mandatory.

Immediately following the climb, everyone is invited to attend our family friendly annual Brotherhood Bash in Lafayette Square. Category 6 will be performing for free for our live entertainment on the Budweiser stage. The “Battle of the Badges Cook-Off” will be back showcasing cooking teams from local fire, police and EMS. They will each cook and serve up their best dish to see who will be crowned with the Championship Belt and have bragging rights for a year.

ALL proceeds from our event are donated back to families of fallen Louisiana first responders.

The New Orleans 9/11 Stair Climb is a sanctioned event of the Association of Memorial Stair Climb, a 501(c) 3 organization. Visit [www.memorialstairclimbs.com](http://www.memorialstairclimbs.com) to learn more.

**Please come out to show your support and**

**be a HERO to a HERO, because FORGETTING IS NOT AN OPTION.**

**WE CLIMB BECAUSE THEY CLIMBED!**

For more information about the New Orleans 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb and our Brotherhood Bash,

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