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Memorial program commemorates 9/11 anniversary

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KOKOMO, Ind. – Michael Mullan lived to serve others.

As a young boy, he shoveled snow for his elderly neighbors and helped his sister with her paper route. When he was a teenager, Michael cared for children afflicted with cerebral palsy at a summer camp in Rock Hill, New York. As a young man, Michael served his country in the United States Army. He became a registered nurse, and finally, a firefighter in the Tower 12 Ladder Company in New York City.

On September 11, 2001, Michael lost his life during the worst terrorist attack in United States history.

To commemorate the 10th anniversary of the September 11 tragedy, Marion firefighter Paul Thompson will tell Michael's story at a memorial program hosted by Indiana University Kokomo. The event will take place on Monday, September 12, at 1 p.m. in Kresge Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public. Parking is also free.

Thompson, a captain with the Marion Fire Department, traveled to Ground Zero in December 2001 to assist with recovery efforts. While there, he met Theresa Mullan, Michael's mother.

As Mrs. Mullan told her son's story to Thompson, she asked him a very important question.

"The request was for me to continue sharing the story about her son... to remember him, and to honor him, so he would not be forgotten," said Thompson. "It's been a huge honor to have made that connection. He was certainly an honorable person."

In addition to Thompson's story, the memorial service will also include a short video and local bagpiper Hope Oakes will provide special music.







Thompson has been a firefighter with the Marion Fire Department for 22 years. This year, he received the Martin A. Werner Firefighter of the Year Award from the American Legion, Post 10.

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