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****IMPORTANT MEDIA CREDENTIAL INFORMATION****

All media looking to film or attend the services at the State House (on the front steps and inside the Chamber) MUST be credentialed through the Massachusetts State House. For those without existing credentials FOR THE FRONT STEPS, please email Amelia Sutton at ameliaranne@gmail.com by Wednesday, September 4, 2015 to receive special one-day credentials. Media without the proper credentials will not be admitted access to the front steps of the State House.

The Massachusetts 9/11 Fund Hosts 14th Annual Commemoration
Official Day of Remembrance to Take Place at the Boston Public Garden and
Massachusetts State House on Friday, September 11, 2015

(September 1, 2015; Boston MA) For the 14th consecutive year, the Massachusetts 9/11 Fund hosts the state's official commemoration for those with ties to Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island who lost their lives during the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Whether they were aboard the hijacked planes (two of which originated at Logan), a NYC firefighter, or in one of the World Trade Center towers, the individuals who lost their lives are remembered and honored every year by family members and dignitaries at a three-part morning service at the Boston Public Garden and the Massachusetts State House.

New in 2015

The day of remembrance begins at 7:30 AM at the **newly refurbished 9/11 Memorial and Garden of Remembrance** in the Boston Public Garden. Eleven years after its installation in 2004, the pink granite memorial underwent extensive refurbishment in August in preparation for the 14th anniversary. The names of the 206 people with ties to Massachusetts who died in the terrorist attacks have been newly etched and darkened, the mortar between the large stones has been replaced, and four park benches surrounding the memorial have been refinished.

The commemoration continues to the Massachusetts State House for the Flag-Lowering Ceremony, Moment of Silence, and Reading of Names on the steps of the State House. It then moves inside the State House to the Massachusetts House of Representatives Chamber for the Memorial Service and Presentation of the Sweeney Award. Due to space, this final part of the morning ceremonies is invite-only, but **the public is invited to tune in to a Live Simulcast via link below.**

- <https://malegislature.gov/Events/EventCurrentDetail?eventId=250&eventDataSource=SpecialEvents&isCurrent=True>
- Please note: A static page will go up at 8:30 AM on September 11, 2015. The program inside the Chamber will begin at 9:30 AM and will be broadcast live at that time.

Timeline and Media Availability: Friday, September 11, 2015

****It is recommended that media arrive AT LEAST 30 minutes prior to each of the three locations****

- 7:30 AM Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the 9/11 Memorial in the Boston Public Garden
The intersection of Arlington and Commonwealth Avenues, Boston MA
- 8:30 AM Flag-Lowering Ceremony, Moment of Silence, and Reading of Names at the Massachusetts
State House Front Steps
24 Beacon Street, Boston MA
- 9:30 AM Memorial Service in the Massachusetts House of Representatives Chamber

About The Madeline Amy Sweeney Award for Civilian Bravery

For 14 years, Amy Sweeney was an American Airlines flight attendant. She lived in Acton, Massachusetts with her husband, Michael Sweeney, and their two small children. On September 11, 2001, the day our nation was attacked by terrorists, Amy Sweeney was working on American Airlines Flight 11, the first airplane hijacked by the terrorists to devastate New York City by flying into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center. Before the plane hit the tower, Amy Sweeney had the courage and bravery to contact the airline's ground services crew to convey critical information about the five hijackers and their fatal actions on the plane that morning. It is for Amy Sweeney's heroism, and the heroism and brave spirit of so many of the victims on September 11, 2001, that this award has been created.

About The Massachusetts 9/11 Fund

The Massachusetts 9/11 Fund is a non-profit corporation devoted to supporting families with ties to Massachusetts who lost loved ones in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and ensuring that those lost on 9/11 are not forgotten. The organization's mission is to commemorate, educate and remember. Activities include: sustaining ties within the local 9/11 community; coordinating the annual commemoration of the anniversary in cooperation with the City of Boston and Commonwealth of Massachusetts; providing oversight and funding for maintaining the 9/11 memorial and contemplative garden in the Boston Public Garden; engaging in community service in the names of lost loved ones; and educating the public about the victims and effects of the terrorist attacks of 9/11. The Fund is governed by a community [Board of Directors](#), which maintains an active and ongoing dialog with a Family Advisory Committee. For more information, please visit www.massfund.org.