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**On Sunday, September 11, 2011, the 9-11 Ceremony will be held at the Law Enforcement Memorial site in Tropical Park at 9:30 a.m.** The POAT sponsors this ceremony every year in conjunction with Miami-Dade Fire Rescue to remember and honor all of the heroes that were killed September 11, 2001. It is important that we never forget all of the heroes that perished that day. Please make every effort to attend.

**For those of you getting ready to retire or are already retired, remember to purchase your Service Legacy Brick** that will be placed in the walkway at the new Law Enforcement Memorial in Tropical Park. You can get a brick in the walkway by completing the application that is on our website at POAT.org and making a \$50 donation to POAT. Recently, I attended the retired officer's conferences for Miami-Dade and City of Miami Police Departments and many of the "old timers" were speechless when they saw photographs of the Law Enforcement Memorial and the fact they could have a legacy brick placed near the heroes who have lost their lives serving the community. Many took up collections and paid for bricks of officers that were close friends when they worked together but have recently died. The funds raised from the brick donations goes towards maintaining the Law Enforcement Memorial and funding the annual Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Ceremony.

**Remember POAT during your plea bargain negotiations.** You can suggest a defendant, in a case where they are opting to pay a fine in lieu of doing community service, to have the money go to POAT. What better way to support the families of fallen officers and officers in critical need.

Thanks for your support and stay safe.