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HOSPITALITY GROUP HONORS LOCAL HEROES ON **SEPTEMBER 11**

On Thursday, September 11, 2014, **The Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association (CFHLA)** proudly presented the 10th Annual **Patriot Day Breakfast** to remember those that this country tragically lost on this day 13 years ago and to honor local law enforcement, fire rescue, EMS, and hospitality security staff.

Recognition was given to award recipients for going above and beyond the line of duty, among them - Deputy First Class, Jason Gainor - Orange County Sheriff's Office, Firefighters/Paramedics Carlos Tavaréz and Joshua Stewart - Orlando Fire Department, Lieutenant Michael Palmer, Firefighter/Paramedic Alicia Taylor, Firefighter/EMT Justin Hall, Firefighter/Paramedic Robert Wise, Firefighter/EMT Ron Snavelly – St. Cloud Fire Rescue, and Officer, Edwin Radcliff - The Mall at Millenia were all recognized with **Lifesaving Awards**.

Officer, Jason Hajek – Orlando Police Department, Corporal, Eduardo Bernal - Orlando Police Department, and Lieutenant Terry Myers, Lieutenant/Paramedic Steven Molnar, Firefighter/Paramedic Douglas Schenck, Lieutenant/Paramedic Joel Herrera, Firefighter Kevin Nowak, Firefighter Tyler Gaddy - Seminole County Fire Department received **Heroism Awards**. The **Lifetime Achievement Award** was presented to Battalion Chief, Michael Howell (Ret.) – Orange County Fire Rescue.

A touching keynote speech was given by **Major Dan Pantaleo (Ret.)**, author of the book, *Four Days at the Pentagon*. His 20-year career in the Marine Corps is punctuated by his service at the Pentagon during the attacks on September 11, 2001. Major Pantaleo's book offers details of the recovery efforts that occurred at the Pentagon and serves as a template for leadership actions in crisis situations. The proceeds from the sale of this book are donated to the Wounded Warrior Regiment.

Nearly 600 Community Leaders attended the breakfast event, including approximately 100 first-responders.



Keynote Speaker, Major Dan Pantaleo (Ret.)



Local Heroes – Award Recipients

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