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CFHLA TO RECOGNIZE 9/11 ANNIVERSARY, HONOR LOCAL FIRST RESPONDERS

WHO: The Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association (CFHLA) presents the annual Patriot Day Breakfast.

WHAT: This community breakfast and awards ceremony will honor local Law Enforcement, Fire Rescue, EMS and Hotel Security Staff as well as feature the following:

• 15th Anniversary Tribute to the Victims of the 9/11/2001 attacks
• Keynote Speaker: 9/11 survivor Mike Fineo, former money market broker at Garban Intercapital located in the WTC North Tower
• Special recognition of local First Responders and Medical Personnel involved in the Pulse Nightclub attack response

Additionally, the Patriot Day tradition of honoring Central Florida “First Responders” for their life-saving and heroic acts in the last 12 months, will include:

- Heroism Award – Fire Rescue: Firefighter Ryan Allen - Orange County Fire Rescue
- Heroism Award – Law Enforcement: Sergeant Scott Ames – Orange County Sheriff’s Office
- Life Saving Award – EMS: Firefighter/Paramedic Justin Robinson – St. Cloud Fire Rescue
- Life Saving Award – Fire Rescue: Battalion Chief Dennis Miller, Firefighter Marcus Gombs, Firefighter Wesley Gonzalez, Lieutenant Rich Huebner, Firefighter David McDonald, Firefighter Dane Moyer, Firefighter Kevin Nowak & Lieutenant Kevin Welday - Seminole County Fire Department
- Life Saving Award – Law Enforcement: Sergeant Keith Vidler & Sergeant Randal Zeller – Orange County Sheriff’s Office
- Life Saving Award – Hospitality Security: Drew Bailey – Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld
- Lifetime Achievement Awards: Sheriff Donald Eslinger – Seminole County Sheriff’s Office
  Sheriff Bob Hansell – Osceola County Sheriff’s Office

Keynote Speaker Mike Fineo will be available for interviews after his Keynote Speech.

Additional attendees of distinction include Honorary Event Chair City of Orlando Police Chief John Mina, Guest Emcee WESH 2 News Anchor Jim Payne, and several elected officials, including Orange County Mayor Teresa Jacobs, Orange County Sheriff Jerry Demings and several other community leaders. More than 500 attendees are expected at this event, including nearly 200 regional first-responders.

WHEN: Friday, September 9, 2016
REGISTRATION: 7:30 AM
BREAKFAST: 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

WHERE: Orange County Convention Center
West Concourse, W311 Ballroom
9800 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819

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*Please note: This is a CFHLA Member and Community Event – registration is now closed
The Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association is the world’s largest regional hotel association, representing approximately 80% of the lodging rooms in Orange, Osceola and Seminole Counties.