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## NEW YORK SUPREME COURT DECISION FORCES FDNY TO RECOGNIZE RETIRED HERO IN SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL

(New York) July 27, 2010 – A retired New York City firefighter killed during the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center will be recognized as an active duty firefighter and included in The National September 11 Memorial following a New York Supreme Court decision this week.

Capt. James J. Corrigan, a retired firefighter for the Fire Department of the City of New York (FDNY) was the Fire Safety Director of the World Trade Center when he was killed Sept. 11, 2001, after he led 20 children from a day care center to safety. He went back into the building to help the FDNY with rescue operations and was killed when a stairwell in the South Tower collapsed.

While the New York State Legislature passed a law finding that Corrigan was an active firefighter when he was killed and should be recognized as such, the FDNY refused to recognize him as 'active status,' thus keeping his name off the memorial.

"The decision forces the FDNY to properly honor Capt. Corrigan's sacrifice and allows him to be listed with his FDNY brothers," said R.J. DeRose, a Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell attorney who represented the estate of Corrigan in a pro bono case. Locke Lord attorneys Bill Foley and Joe Froehlich also worked on the case.

In a July 26 decision by Judge Augustus C. Agate of the New York Supreme Court in Queens County, the court found that the FDNY acted in an "arbitrary and capricious" manner and ordered the FDNY to confirm Corrigan's active status so his name will be included in the Memorial's First Responders section.

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