



Chico Fire Department

PRESS RELEASE

Event: Chico Fire Department to Hold September 11 Remembrance Ceremonies

Location: Multiple locations - Please See below

CHICO, CA – On Friday, September 11, 2026, all City of Chico fire stations will participate in a brief remembrance ceremony honoring those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

Beginning at **7:00 a.m.**, all on-duty Chico Fire Department personnel will assemble at attention in front of their respective fire stations or apparatus. Station flags will be raised to full staff and then lowered to half-staff.

At **7:05 a.m.**, Chico Fire Dispatch will broadcast a brief remembrance message over the department radio, followed by one minute of silence.

At the conclusion of the moment of silence, a member at Fire Stations 1 and 2 will ring the station bell in the traditional fire service manner used to honor firefighters who have died in the line of duty. The bell will be rung in remembrance of all who made the ultimate sacrifice on September 11, 2001.

Media wishing to attend the morning observance may gather at **Chico Fire Station 1 between 6:45 and 7:00 a.m.** in preparation for the 7:05 a.m. observance. Members of the public are invited to join us for the morning ceremony at any of our fire stations.

Later that morning, the Chico Fire Department's primary **September 11 Remembrance Ceremony** will be held at **10:00 a.m. at Chico Fire Station 5, 1777 Manzanita Avenue**. The ceremony will include the posting of the colors by the Chico Fire Department Honor Guard, remarks from the Fire Chief, and the traditional bell-ringing ceremony.

The public, members of the media, and representatives from all public safety agencies are invited to attend.

Media accommodations will be available for both the **7:05 a.m. observance at Fire Station 1** and the **10:00 a.m. remembrance ceremony at Fire Station 5**.

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