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Mayor, Commissioners, I'm Dennis Ulmer, and I asked to speak today about Remembering September 11, 2001.

We all know what happened on that day. People all over America were starting their day. Then the plane struck. First one tower of the World Trade ^{CENTER} building in New York City, then the other tower, we knew that this was no accident, that America was under attack. Soon a plane also struck the Pentagon, and one crashed in a field near Shanksville Pennsylvania, when the passengers engaged with their hijackers, knowing about the attack at the World Trade Center. Almost 3,000 people died in the horror. It was an awful day for America.

This year the National 9-11 Museum opened in New York City, near the ~~earlier~~ ~~Grand~~ water fall memorial on the footprint of the former World Trade Center Buildings. There are also memorials to those who died and were injured at the Pentagon and the Field of Honor in Shanksville. These memorials serve as a Tribute to those who were killed as a permanent way for us to remember and Honor them.

But the families also wish these memorials are a reminder. Not only a reminder of what happened on that fateful day, but a reminder of what happened before and after.

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Our lives were forever affected by that day's events, but America didn't buckle to Terrorists who thought that attacking buildings and killing innocent people would Somehow change our national resolve and unity. Their mad and senseless attack did just the opposite. For we came together. America was wounded, but never Destroyed.

We most always remember those who lost their lives or were injured on September 11 2001, but I believe, and I think that they would want us to remember them the days before September 11th. Not how they died at the hands of coward terrorists but how they lived as everyday Americans, and how they were loved and loved their families and friends

Today we face even more danger, not only from al-Qaeda., the group ISIS inflicts terror abroad and executes people, including Americans, in a horrific manner while Threatening harm to all America.

The best way for all of us to combat terrorism is to remember. Remember 9/11, But also remember its aftermath. How we came together united as one. Just Like the motto on our national seal says "E Pluribus Unum" which translated Means From Many, One.

Terrorists can threaten ^{to} destroy buildings and kill, but they can never take away what we will not give them. For united we will not be destroyed and united we will always be, as we always are the home of Liberty and Freedom for all.

Because what those that mean us harm don't understand is that is truly what America is and what Americans stand for, and will always unite for.

They will never take that from us

As long as we remember September 11th, 2001, as a special part of our history, America will prevail, for we are survivors. We value our liberty and as a great Nation, we will remember our history on our terms, never our enemies.

I want to mention the Fort Lauderdale Fire and Safety Museum will hold a brief Remembrance ceremony on Thursday, September 11th, 2014 beginning at 9:30 A.M. at the restored Fire Museum located at 1022 West Las Olas Boulevard , Fort Lauderdale. This information is also available on the City of Fort Lauderdale's website. I hope that those listening will plan to attend.

So let us indeed remember, remember 9/11 but remember our greatness in unity. For that will help to keep us safe, and will give us victory over any adversaries

May God Bless America and keep us safe from harm. Thank you.