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Mitch Mendler, E.M.T.-Paramedic /Fire Fighter Project Manager Release of Souls 9-11 Memorial Concert and Ceremony 3616 Hartzel Dr Spring Valley CA 91977

RE: Release of Souls 9-11 Memorial Concert and Ceremony

Dear Mr. Mendler,

Thank you for the invitation to have DMAT San Diego CA-4 team members participate in the Release of Souls 9-11 Concert's Flag Ceremony, on 9/11/04.

As you know, DMAT San Diego CA-4 is a level 1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team that is affiliated with the National Disaster Medical System. Participation in the response to the Terrorist Attacks on America on Sept. 11, 2001 consisted of several groups of members at various times during the Federal response. Team members went in the following roles:

- 1) Personnel augmentation of the Disaster Mortuary Response Teams (DMORTs)
- 2) Personnel augmentation to the Medical Examiner's Office, City of New York
- 3) Pharmacist back-fill for the California-1 DMAT during a deployment to the medical First Aid Tents at Ground Zero, end of September to early October.
- 4) Team response (20 personnel) to Ground Zero as part of the ongoing response in support of Rescue and Recovery workers, New York City, November 9 to 23, 2001.
- Communications Officer response as part of the NDMS Mission Support Team (MST), New York City

The information you have presented to me has been presented in turn to our team's Board of Directors, who have unanimously agreed that this is an activity of note, and it appears in spirit to be an event that will allow appropriate remembrance, reflection, and sharing of the memories for all who responded to the call to New York City. Accordingly, DMAT San Diego CA-4 hereby gives its full support to this event, and will make such support known to all our members and colleagues in the disaster response community.

Sincerely,

Irving "Jake" Jacoby, MD

Commander