

## RETIREES OF CALIFORNIA

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To: Kathleen Tonnesen, President & Executive Director ROS Concert Tour

From: Jack Toale, President FDNY Retirees of California Subject: Release of Souls Memorial Concert, Sept 11, 2004

On behalf of the FDNY Retirees of California, Division 19, I would first like to express our humble appreciation for your invitation to attend this memorable event, and secondly to say we are extremely proud to be given the opportunity to support this event in every way that is within our power.

The Brothers of the NYC Fire Department suffered a tremendous loss on Sept. 11, 2001, as did the NYPD, the NY Port Authority Police, and many innocent workers at the World Trade Center. But no single entity felt the loss as personally as the FDNY, who lost 343 Brother Firefighters on that tragic day.

Two and a half years have passed, and the Brothers of the FDNY have somehow found the fortitude and courage to move on with their lives, and the task of protecting the citizens of New York City. But, it is events like the "Release of Souls Memorial Concert" that sends a very clear message to the World that we, as a nation, "WILL NEVER FORGET".

