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## Winter Park Fire-Rescue releases "Answering the Call" documentary series in recognition of Patriot Day, capturing the journey of local heroes

WINTER PARK, FL, an internationally recognized, award-winning city with multiple accredited agencies (September 2, 2021) The Winter Park Fire-Rescue Department announced the release of "Answering the Call," a four-part documentary series, highlighting the unique journey of four of their very own fire service members.

The series, which will be released weekly throughout the month of September, was timed to coincide with Patriot Day, a national day of remembrance honoring the brave men and women, including 343 firefighters, who made the ultimate sacrifice during the historic events of September 11, 2001.

The department produced the series as an effort to showcase the individual and unique paths that led their personnel to fire service. In their own words, the series profiles a former prosoccer player, Florida State University football player, professional boxer, and surfer turned second generation firefighter.

"Often we see these individuals in their gear or on the fire truck, but behind the bunker they are our neighbors, family members, loved ones and even talented athletes. Their dedication to others is immeasurable. We hope their stories inspire people to reach out in support of their local heroes, remember those we've lost, or perhaps even pursue a career helping others," said Fire Chief Dan Hagedorn.

Videos will be released on the department's <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> accounts throughout the month of September. The <u>teaser</u> and full series can be accessed at <u>vimeo/WinterParkFla</u>.

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