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9/11 Flag of Heroes Donated to PCFD

Dallas, Georgia – August 30th, 2017 – Paulding County Fire & Rescue recently received a 9/11 memorial flag framed with the names of the first responders on it.

Ms. Nancy O'Marra of Dallas, Georgia donated the flag to the fire department to honor her husband and the fallen responders of September 11th. Ms. O'Marra's husband, Brendan, was a volunteer Fire Fighter in New Jersey, a Police officer and an Attorney among other things related to public safety.



Brendan was born in 1955, in Tipperary, Ireland. He was adopted from an orphanage in 1960 and brought to the United States where he grew up in Point Pleasant, NJ. After graduating high school in 1973 he joined the local volunteer fire department; Point Pleasant Fire Company #2.

In 1976 he enlisted in the USMC and was stationed in Okinawa. Brendan was honorably discharged in 1981.

Brendan's career in law enforcement began in 1979 in Lakehurst, NJ. He transferred to the Hialeah Gardens, FL police department in 1982. While there he received many awards. He was named "Officer of The Year" in 1984. He was promoted to Detective in 1985.

He left law enforcement in 1989 to pursue a career as an Attorney. Brendan took and passed the state bar exam 6 months before his graduation from John Marshall Law School in 1994 and was a practicing Attorney up until his passing on Feb. 25, 2017.

During the ceremony Ms. O'Marra commented, "It means a lot to me that you accepted his "Flag of Heroes" as he was very proud of his country and spent his adult life as a public servant. His cousin was lost in the horrible events of 9/11. Brendan came from a family of law enforcement. Several of his family members have been or still are in the field. Some serving their local departments, some in the Secret Service or other branches of federal law enforcement. Wherever his flag finds its final place to hang, I'm sure it will be in a place where the names of all those can be remembered and honored. I think Brendan would be very pleased."

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