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Alan Thompson introduced today's speaker, **Jeff Young**, Director, Franklin County Emergency Management & Homeland Security. Jeff previously served as a firefighter in Upper Arlington and as Chief of the department from 2010 to 2016. He was a member of Ohio Task Force 1 when terrorists attacked the country on 9/11/2001.

We saw a slide presentation featuring scenes from the aftermath of the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001. That night, Jeff and his fellow members of Ohio Task Force 1 drove overnight to New York City from the Task Force headquarters in the Dayton area.

There are 28 such Task Forces in the United States. Each unit has about 70 members featuring multiple emergency response disciplines. The Task Forces are comprised mostly of firefighters from various departments. Task Force 1 is the only Ohio-based unit. Historically such Task Forces were created to respond to earthquakes in California. Another impetus was the Oklahoma City Federal building bomb attack.

Task Force 1's mission was to lend aid and help where needed at the site and the surrounding area. They were organized into two teams – day/night. Jeff served as a squad officer and was assigned to the day shift.

In addition to the twin towers the World Trade Center consisted of several other buildings. The slides showed destruction and damage incurred by

buildings 7 and 6 in addition to the aftermath of the twin towers' collapse. A Marriot hotel on the site was also heavily damaged.

With the death of so many firefighters a substantial emergency response knowledge base was lost. A number of FDNY members whose expertise in emergency response had been available as a resource to others were lost in the attack.

Search and recovery at the site of the fallen towers was partially hampered in the first few days by the presence of stubborn fires at the scene. Fire suppression was an ongoing concern and standing on the debris was like standing on an oven.

A substantial part of Task Force 1's early work was searching nearby buildings for victims/survivors.

One aspect of the aftermath that isn't discussed much is the amount of heavy debris which fell from the collapse of the towers. We saw a large structural steel girder sticking out of the side of a nearby building. Most images from the scene focus on the finely ground concrete dust which blanketed lower Manhattan.

One unwritten protocol which was observed at the recovery site was that only New York firefighters would recover victims once they were found. Recovery teams would summon NYFD personnel when a victim was discovered.

Ohio Task Force 1 returned home after eleven days in New York. While in New York they had been focused entirely on the task at hand with little or no attention paid to the outside world. Upon returning to Ohio they finally began to notice that while they were in NY the rest of the country was slowly trying to return to some degree of normalcy.

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September 22

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September 15

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CALENDAR

September 15 - Scioto CC/ZOOM

Dr. Herbert B. Asher, Professor Emeritus Political Science, The Ohio State University "The 2026 Ohio Elections – Overview of the Ohio Political Landscape"
Host: Herb Gillen

September 22 - Scioto CC/ZOOM

Ross Bjork, Senior Vice President and Wolfe Foundation-Eugene Smith Endowed Athletics Director, "The Ohio State University Athletics Department"
Host: Don Ross

September 29 - Scioto CC/ZOOM
UA Schools Superintendent Bob Hunt & Treasurer/CFO Andy Geistfeld – "The UA Schools Levy and Details of the Facilities Plan"
Host: Glen Dugger

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OUR NEXT MEETING

SEPTEMBER 15TH

Scioto Country Club / ZOOM

THE MEETING



We met today at The Boathouse at Confluence Park.

President **Glen Dugger** asked **Angela Lanctot** to offer the invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Assistant District Governor **Dave Read** (Westerville)

and Columbus Rotarian **Mike Schoedinger** visited today's meeting.

Glen announced that we will return to Scioto Country Club next week.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Phil Glandon reported that **Rich Simpson** had a serious accident.

He had a bad fall while riding his bike alone on slippery pavement.

He is recovering remarkably well considering that he has a punctured lung, 5 broken ribs, a broken collarbone, shoulder blade, and thumb.

He hopes to get out of the hospital, possibly as early as Friday afternoon.

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