Tadeo Ruiz **0911Memorial** **9/07/23**

City of Columbia first responders, officials and members of the public gathered today to commemorate the twenty-second (22nd) anniversary of the September eleventh attacks.

KBIA's Tadeo Ruiz [ROO-eaze] has more.

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It was 22 years ago today that two planes hit the world trade center in New York City.

The city of Columbia this morning hosted a ceremony that honored the Missourian first responders who helped rescue survivors of the attack.

Les Crews was a rescue team manager on ground zero. He says that as new generations grow up, they should learn about the significance of this day.

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"The meaning of this event, not getting the attention it does year after year after year. I think people are wanting to forget that and kind of put it as a thing in the past and I think it's a lesson learned that we should never forget."]

Columbia Mayor Buffaloe said she hopes the solidarity shown during the day of September eleventh, is solidarity the city can have to form a stronger community.

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