

## Story of the Artifact



The World Trade Center (WTC) of New York City once boasted the Twin Towers; the tallest buildings in the world. On September 11, 2001, four coordinated terrorist attacks occurred killing 2,977 people, destroying the Twin Towers, damaging the Pentagon, causing a crash landing near Washington D.C., and devastating the nation. The 9/11 attacks claimed the lives of 343 firefighters and were the deadliest attacks on American soil since Pearl Harbor.

**THE ARTIFACT:** The roughly 3,100 pound beam located in the heart of the GT 9/11 Memorial Park is a portion of a support beam from the North Tower of WTC. Firefighters from GT Metro Fire Department made the trek to JFK Airport Hanger #17 and safely transported the artifact from JFK to Traverse City on April 8, 2011. The artifact was permanently placed at the GT 9/11 Memorial Park in 2012 and annual memorial services are held on 9/11.

We are honored to be the steward of the GT 9/11 Memorial Park. We appreciate your support.

Never Forget.

## GT 9/11 Memorial Park



Open 24/7  
(Behind GT Metro  
Administration Building)



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Traverse City, MI  
49686

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I will forever remember one of the FDNY firefighters coming up to us and thanking us for honoring those who were taken away on 9/11. It will stand out as one of the most fulfilling and proudest moments in my career. We assured him we would take special care of the piece of steel and headed for Traverse City ... the final resting spot for this piece of history.

-Captain Tony Posey, Grand Traverse Metro Firefighter

## Commemorative Print

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Purchase a print for \$50

- Original painting was created by local Artist, Kathleen Marks
- Prints made from that painting
- Commemorating the artifact's journey
- Order online or pickup in person



## Donations

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- Monies maintain GT 9/11 Memorial Park year around
- Additional funding allows for future improvements (i.e., water feature, road signage, lighting, benches, and more)

## Adopt -A- Hero

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Adopt-A-Hero | Adopt a brick of a fallen hero for \$75

- 343 Firefighters' name, title, and assignment
- Order online