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Legislator Day will be Keynote Speaker at New City Fire Department Memorial Day Ceremony

Ceremony scheduled immediately after the conclusion of the New City Memorial Day Ceremony at the County Courthouse

New City, NY (May 20 th, 2010) – Rockland County Legislator and Deputy Minority Leader Ed Day (New City-Haverstraw), a former "first responder", will be the keynote speaker at the New City Fire Department Memorial Day Ceremony, which will be held at the New City Firehouse, located on Maple Avenue opposite Clarkstown Town Hall, immediately after the New City Memorial Day Ceremony scheduled for Monday, May 31st. The volunteers of the New City Fire Engine Company No. 1 organize this annual event.

Legislator Day is a senior security consultant for a major security systems firm in New York City. Prior to that, he had a 25-year career in law enforcement, where he received 40 citations for conspicuous action in the line of duty; attained the rank of Commander of Detectives for the New York City Police Department; and served as Chief of Detectives with the Baltimore Police Department.

"During my years in law enforcement, I saw first hand the daily heroism of my brothers and sisters in the fire service. I am humbled and honored to have been selected by them to address our community on this very special day that is one of the most solemn of commemorations," said Legislator Day.

Legislator Day has a long and continuing history of community involvement. He is affiliated with numerous community and charitable organizations, such as ARC of Rockland, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Jawonio, PTA, Rockland County Shields, the New City Chamber of Commerce, and the Little Tor Neighborhood Association in New City. He continues a now 17-year involvement in youth sport programs as coach with the New City Rams' Football program.

Legislator Day is also a proud "military family" member with his eldest son Christopher, a 2007 Yale University graduate and Airborne qualified Army Ranger, presently serving a tour of combat duty in Farah province, Afghanistan as a First Lieutenant and Infantry platoon leader with the 4-73 Cavalry, 82nd Airborne Division. Chris is also a combat veteran of "Operation Iraqi Freedom."

"As the father of a young man who is serving, and who years ago was a youngster at my side watching the parade, this year's commemoration will be quite poignant," said Legislator Day, adding, "I see the commonality between Chris, his comrades, and our local firefighters, in that they are volunteers whose mantra is simple yet singular; "Service and Sacrifice".

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