Honored today are all public safety personnel who died tragically during or from the 9-11 attack on New York City and the Pentagon. When there are things that need to be done which we cannot or will not do, we call upon our police officers and firefighters. We honor and remember L/Cpl Gregory MacDonald of Burlington who in our nation's time of need, served his country to protect us. Along with honoring our public safety personnel, today is also dedicated in honor of James & Mary Trentini, Captain Thomas McGuinness, Robert Hayes all the innocent victims who lost their lives on or because of 9-11 and all others who have died serving this country following 9-11.

Police Officer Last Call
As a sign of respect for Fallen Police Officers, a Call goes out over the Police Department radio for all to hear: "Burlington Police to New York City & Port Authority Police, Burlington Police to New York City & Port Authority Police, Burlington Police to New York City & Port Authority Police, Your Tour of Duty is now Complete, Rest in Peace"

Fire Fighter Bell Ringing
Long before telephones and radios, fire departments used telegraph to communicate. When the handle was pulled on the once familiar red fire alarm boxes, a special code was transmitted to every fire station. When a firefighter died in the line of duty, the fire alarm office would tap out a special signal. That signal was five measured dashes, then pause, then five more dashes, another pause then five more dashes. This became universally known as the “Tolling of Bells” and was broadcast over all telegraph fire alarm circuits. This signal was a sign of honor and respect for all firefighters who made the ultimate sacrifice and has become a time-honored tradition.

Honor Guards
Patriot Honor Guard, Hanscom Air Force Base Burlington American Legion
Burlington Fire Department Burlington Police Department
Middlesex Sheriff’s Department Civil Air Patrol-Hanscom Air Force Base

Music
Burlington High School Marching Band Drum Line & Bugler
Boston Skyline Chorus
Westford Firefighters Pipes and Drums

BURLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
9-11 / FIFTEEN YEARS LATER
WE SHALL NEVER FORGET
SEPTEMBER 11, 2016
Burlington Town Common
Cambridge St. & Olympian Way

Photo by: Thomas E. Franklin
9-11 / FIFTEEN YEARS LATER

9:15  Opening Comments: Robert Hogan
Reading of Letter from Mayor of New York City

Motorcycles circle the Town Common

*Burlington High School Drum Line & Honor Guards:*
Step off from Police Station

*Westford Firefighters Pipes & Drums:*
Step off from Police Station
Music: Green Hills of Tyrol

Raise US Flag – Call to Colors

Music: *Boston Skyline Chorus: America the Beautiful*

Pledge of Allegiance

Fire Prayer - Fire Wreath Placement

Police Prayer - Police Wreath Placement

Speaker: Daniel Grattan, Selectmen Chair, Welcome from Town

Music: *Westford Pipes & Drums: Dawning of the Day*

Placement of three memorial wreaths for 9-11 victims: Thomas McGuinness, Robert Hayes, & James Trentini

9:59  Reading of 5-5-5 Explanation - Tolling of the Bells

Speaker: Steven Yetman, Burlington Fire Chief
Comments and Reading of Letter from New York City Fire Commissioner

Music: *Boston Skyline Chorus: Battle Hymn of the Republic*

Placement of memorial wreath for:
Marine Lance Corporal Gregory MacDonald:
KIA June 25, 2003 while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom

Sirius story: K-9 White Flag Placement

10:28  5-5-5 - Tolling of the Bells

Speakers: Colonel Roman L. Hund, Comdr, 66th Air Base Group
Lt. Colonel Kenneth Ferland, Hanscom Air Force Base
Comments & Reading of Letter from Joint Chiefs of Staff, Pentagon

Music: *Boston Skyline Chorus: Hallelujah*

Speaker: Michael Kent, Burlington Police Chief
Comments and Reading of Letter from New York City Police Commissioner

Drum Line: Presentation

Rifle Volley: American Legion Rifle Squad

*TAPS: Burlington High School Student*

Comments: White Flags with red & blue names for Fire and Police

Speaker: Kenneth Gordon, State Representative

Comments: Static Display

Music: *Westford Firefighters Pipes & Drums: Amazing Grace*

Final Police Call

Adjourn

The Memorial on the Burlington Town Common in recognition of the events of 9-11 was built by the students of the Shawsheen Valley Regional Technical High School

Refreshments under the tent following ceremony

All welcome