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## **9-1-1 Gives Back to 9/11**

### ***Public Safety Association Donates Funds to IAFF, NYFOP***

COLUMBUS, Ohio (August 13, 2002)—The National Emergency Number Association (NENA) is donating funds collected from its membership to the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) and the New York Fraternal Order of Police (NYFOP). The presentation to the IAFF was made on Monday, August 12, 2002 and the presentation to the NYFOP will be Tuesday, August 20, 2002.

The NENA Emergency Responder Fund was initiated following the September 11 tragedy. The Association's membership—9-1-1 managers and professionals from across North America—wanted to help their public safety brothers and sisters affected by the tragedy.

NENA donated \$320,000 to the IAFF New York Fire Fighters 9-11 Relief Fund, and will donate approximately \$74,575 to the NYFOP WTC Police Disaster Relief Fund. NENA officers John Melcher, president, and Sharon Counterman, immediate past president, are presenting the donations.

“Because of the overwhelming response to our request to our membership to help the families of the police, fire and EMS personnel who lost their lives on September 11, we are able to forward more than \$394,000 to the IAFF and the NYFOP,” said Mr. Melcher.

Media are invited to attend the August 20 presentation to the NYFOP at 11:00 a.m. local time at the NYFOP offices in Hicksville, NY. The August 12 presentation to the IAFF took place at the Mandalay Bay Hotel in Las Vegas, NV (immediately following the IAFF conference opening session).

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A not-for-profit corporation, the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) is the only educational organization dedicated solely to the study, advancement and implementation of 9-1-1 as America's universal emergency number. With the participation of a wide variety of stakeholders and public safety entities, NENA has an individual membership of more than 7,000 public safety executives, and is organized into 48 chapters. The organization strives to provide an effective and

accessible 9-1-1 service for North America, measuring its success in the lives saved by 9-1-1 each day. NENA also develops recommended operating standards and protocol for 9-1-1 services from its headquarters in Columbus, Ohio. Learn more at [www.nena.org](http://www.nena.org).