

# Borough gets steel from World Trade Center

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Hasbrouck Heights Police Chief Michael Colaneri, Mayor Rose Heck, Capt. Jack DeLorenzo, Capt. Joseph Cronin and Sgt. Joseph Rinke gather together as World Trade Center steel was delivered to the borough on Aug. 11.

The Borough of [Hasbrouck Heights](#) retrieved two 8-foot pieces of steel artifacts from the World Trade Center (WTC) last Thursday morning that will be a part of the Firemen's Memorial Park for the 10th anniversary of Sept. 11.

Members of the 9/11 Memorial Committee including Borough Administrator Mike Kronyak, WTC survivor Paul Carris and Fritz Rethage represented the borough to pick up the steel along with Department of Public Works (DPW) Superintendent Bill Spindler and Police Chief Michael Colaneri. Capts. Jack DeLorenzo and Joseph Cronin and Sgt. Joseph Rinke escorted the DPW truck that carried the two 350-pound pieces of steel and former Fire Chief Angelo Racco and Steve Daus of the DPW manned the truck.

"It all went very well" Spindler said. "We were given a tour of the hangar where they house all the artifacts from the WTC including beams, equipment left behind, fire engines, police cars and all kinds of first responder vehicles were there."

Once the two pieces of steel were secured on the truck by Colaneri and the DPW members, a flag was placed over the two beams. Carris, who is a survivor and serves as a Deacon at Corpus Christi Church, held a moment of silence and spread holy water on the beams before they left to go back to the borough.

"It was a very touching moment," Spindler said.

Outside of the municipal building, Mayor Rose Heck and Councilman Russell Lipari were waiting for the arrival of the artifacts. Borough Engineer Ken Job was also there and he will be the one to determine the method of preparing the beams to be welded for their placement in concrete.

"It will allow the entire 8 feet of beam to be above ground," Heck said. "The artifacts will be placed in such a way to replicate the World Trade Center buildings and lighting will be provided to shine on the beams."

Heck and Spindler expect the beams to be placed at Memorial Park on Springfield and [Passaic](#) avenues in the week or two.

Additional work planned for the park includes adding electricity to light up the flag pole at all times and for sound systems during events, an irrigation system, additional landscaping, redoing the sidewalks and new benches. The borough was awarded an Open Space Trust Fund grant to help it with the work on the park for \$18,000 that the town has to match. The town is planning to put \$20,000 aside for the park, with an extra \$2,000 in case of any emergencies. As a way to offset the funding from the taxpayers, red, white and blue bands will be sold at Heights Florist and other stores around town.