

World Trade Center steel comes to Pike County

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Dan Potter, former member of the Port Authority, NY Police Department, presented a piece of steel from the World Trade Center to the Pike County Commissioners during their meeting on Jan. 11. It will be placed in the new training complex in Blooming Grove.

During the Jan. 11 meeting of the Pike County Commissioners, a piece of steel from the World Trade Center was presented by Dan Potter, a former police officer with the Port Authority, NY Department. He and his wife are survivors of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

“Two years ago Port Authority, NY was able to start distributing pieces of World Trade Center steel,” says Potter. “Many agencies applied for a piece of steel. It took awhile, with a lot of correspondence back and forth.”

The piece of steel that Potter brought to the meeting weighs around 100 pounds and is 18 in. x 14 in. He dedicated it to the new emergency services training center in Blooming Grove. He says the county will design a proper memorial fitting for the steel acquired.

“This is the only separate piece of steel that I know of in Pike County,” says Potter.

“Hemlock Farms has one and Wayne County has two pieces, one in Hawley and one in Honesdale. I believe it is an appropriate fitting for the people we lost in Pike County in the World Trade Center. We acknowledge the people in Pike County who went to work that day and never came home. This memorial designed by the community will be put at the training center for people to go and appreciate it.”

“On behalf of the commissioners and the county, thanks for your efforts in getting this presented to us,” said Richard Caridi, commissioner. “When we finally have a grand opening this will be part of the presentation and ceremonies. It is dedicated to so many people who give way above and beyond what a human being should be asked to give, in order to protect communities, and those who sacrificed their lives. We are indebted to them forever and the nation must always remember their service and sacrifice.”