

# Tenafly to receive steel beam from World Trade Center for proposed memorial (UPDATED)

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The Port Authority will formally present a piece of steel from the World Trade Center to the borough on Tuesday.

The event, scheduled for 1 p.m., will take place in front of the Tenafly Fire Department on River Edge Road.

The section of steel beam will be used as part of a Tenafly memorial honoring all first responders in the borough.

Details are still in the planning stage for the memorial.

The piece of steel was initially delivered to Tenafly in April, but the Port Authority was unable to make a formal presentation to the borough at that time. Mayor Peter Rustin admitted that the timing could have been better: "They are going to hand it over to us and we will put it in the garage because we have no other place to put it right now," he said. "But I'm not going to look a gift horse in the mouth."

The deputy executive director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey is coming, as is a representative from the Governor's Office, Rustin added.

Councilman Anthony Barzelatto, who was a 9/11 first responder, arranged for the steel to be delivered to Tenafly in the first place.

Tenafly lost four residents in the 9/11 attack, and many others from town went to the World Trade Center to help with the rescue effort. Among the plans that have been proposed is a stone memorial in front of the firehouse to support the metal piece in an area graced with benches, trees and the old fire bell.