

Frankenmuth gets World Trade Center memorial

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FRANKENMUTH — A reminder of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks now stands outside a Michigan fire department.

A 10-foot-long, 930-pound girder from one of the collapsed World Trade Center towers was installed in Frankenmuth, The Saginaw News reported.

Firefighters Eric MacKinnon and Ethan Crichton picked up the piece of metal in April from a hangar at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York where parts of the wreckage were being stored.

Events remembering the tragedy are scheduled in New York this upcoming Sept. 11. A ceremony will be held that day in Frankenmuth, about 75 miles northwest of Detroit.

“We wanted to wait until after all the other events so people could come by if they wanted,” Crichton said.

More work needs to be done on the monument. About half of the \$12,000 cost has been raised.

The girder, which has a double coating of epoxy, sits on a pedestal with markers that will show photos of the collapsing World Trade Center towers after hijackers flew two passenger planes into them a decade ago.

A third plane was crashed into the Pentagon in Washington D.C., while a fourth crashed in Pennsylvania as passengers fought with hijackers.