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SALUTE FOR LOST FINEST

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Some 400 police officers from sea to shining sea convened at One Police Plaza yesterday to show their support for New York's Finest and to pay respects to the men in blue who died Sept. 11.

The men and women were part of a 45-vehicle caravan of marked cars that came from as far away as San Diego, regrouped in Richmond, Va., on Saturday, then motored into New York and Newark early yesterday.

"We were met by schoolchildren along the way, flag-waving people, deputies, you name it," said Chris Heisler of the Fraternal Order of Police. "They made sure we got here safely. We'll never forget Sept. 11."

Making a heroic sight in the police-headquarters auditorium, the officers came in all colors and styles — from honor guards with the ceremonial braided cluster on the shoulder, to state troopers in their "Smoky the Bear" hats.

They presented representatives from the NYPD with state flags, departmental flags and shoulder patches. The flags will be placed in the police headquarters' memorial lobby.

First Deputy Commissioner Joseph Dunne said terrorists were dead wrong if they thought they could intimidate America with the assault on the World Trade Center towers.

"There are 30,000 runners out there today, sending their own message to people who would think they could make us cower," said an emotional Dunne, who lamented that it took 33 days to find the first of only three police officers' bodies recovered so far.

"We have never been more united, more unafraid."

Ken Rock, on the executive board of the Fraternal Order, said cops, emergency-service personnel and firemen are the ones who run toward danger. He credited officers as being domestic America's first line of defense.

"We are Americans; and we are one," he said.

Today's funerals & memorials

These are the memorial services and funerals scheduled today for fallen heroes of the World Trade Center terror attacks:

■ **Firefighters David Arce** and **Michael Boyle**, both Engine 33. At 9:30 a.m., St. Patrick's Cathedral, Manhattan

■ FDNY **Lt. Carl Bedigian**, Engine 214. At 10 a.m., St. Cecilias Church, 84 Herbert St., Brooklyn

■ **Firefighter William Mahoney**, Rescue 4. At 11 a.m., St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, 45 Church St., Ronkonkoma, L.I.

Six added to list of confirmed dead

These names were added yesterday to the medical examiner's list of confirmed dead in the World Trade Center attacks:

Scott Matthew Davidson, 33; Thomas J. Kennedy, 36; Terence A. McShane, 37; Laura Rockefeller, 41; Michelle Scarpitta, 26; Courtney Wainsworth Walcott, 37.

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