

*Retired FDNY Lieutenant Tom O'Connor worked in the FDNY for 26 years. Spending 20 years in Engine 53 in Spanish Harlem, Bronx and was then promoted to Lieutenant. In January 2000, He was assigned to Engine 302 in South Jamaica, Queens. On September 11, 2001, Tom was off duty and in Watermill Long Island when he was made aware of the attack on the World Trade Center. He made his way into Engine 302 quarters where they gathered their gear and assembled at Cunningham Park in Queens. From there they were bused into the World Trade Center site where they worked all afternoon and evening. They were relieved and returned to their quarters. On September 12, 2001, they returned to the site and worked all day and night. Tom spent close to 3 months working at the World Trade Center site. Upon a forced retirement due to injuries in 2005, he started volunteering with T2T doing disaster relief after Hurricanes and tornadoes. Today, Tom is a Board member of T2T and he has traveled the country doing ribbon cutting at home dedications for our Military and First Responders.*

