



Southwest Area Type 1 Incident Management Team Visits New York for 9-11 A Decade Later

Within hours of the attack on the World Trade Center the Southwest Area Type 1 Incident Management Team, Van Bateman Incident Commander, was mobilized to assist the FEMA in New York City. Our Team would spend over a month on an assignment like no other. During those days we found ourselves adapting to this new and very urban environment; we felt the bonds to NYC and the Fire Department of New York beginning to establish and grow. It's now 10 years later. At the invitation of FDNY, a number of us from that 2001 team are making the trip to NYC to remember and honor those who lost their lives on that day. We appreciate the interest in our upcoming from the wildland fire community. We plan on sharing our experiences with friends, family and colleagues through photos and comments posted here. Lastly, I want to share something that was written 10 years ago, it expresses what we felt then and continue to feel now.

We have laughed and we have cried. Each of us in some way has been changed. This experience has been one we did not expect or seek out, but one we now feel honored to have been involved with. The world seldom has the opportunity to witness heroism. We were fortunate to see it first-hand, every day. To those who fell, those left behind, and to everyone whose lives were touched, our hopes and prayers are with you. We will never forget September 11, 2001.

