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Local firefighters unveil memorial to 9/11 victims

To commemorate the 10-year anniversary of 9/11, the Kelowna Fire Department will hold a parade and unveil a memorial statue that symbolizes a tradition of service.

"This year, we will mark the 10th year since the 9/11 terrorist attacks in New York claimed 343 firefighters and this occasion is a very fitting time to unveil the Kelowna Firefighters' memorial monument," said Kelowna Fire Chief Jeff Carlisle.

The coordinator for the monument project, Paid On-Call District Chief Rick Jennens, said this initiative has been 15 years in the making and is delighted to see the vision of recognizing the service of all Kelowna Firefighters come to fruition.

In 1996, a joint initiative was agreed upon by the Kelowna Professional Firefighters Association, the Kelowna Paid-on-Call Firefighters, and the City of Kelowna to cost share the procurement and installation of a Firefighters' memorial monument.

On July 7, Kelowna city council supported the firefighters' memorial monument and approved the budget to complete this tribute.

The Kelowna Firefighters' memorial monument symbolizes the tradition of service provided by the Kelowna Fire Department over the last 106 years.

The granite Maltese cross base provides the foundation for a brass statue of two firefighters and a child during a rescue.

The likenesses depict Kelowna firefighters from a historical and present-day perspective.

This memorial monument will serve to honour all Kelowna firefighters who have sacrificed in serving the citizens of this city.

Representatives of local protective services agencies will attend the ceremony, along with a number of local dignitaries.

On Sunday, Sept. 11, from 8 to 11:30 a.m., Enterprise Way will be closed to traffic between

Dilworth Drive and Leck-

Fire Department will con-

duct a monument dedica-

tion and parade as part of the 9/11 memorial cere-

mony. Traffic personnel will be onsite directing motorists during the closure.

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Funding for water

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Kelowna-Lake Country MP Ron Cannan, on behalf of Environment Canada, has presented \$76,000 to the Okanagan Basin Water Board for four water-related projects.

OBWB executive-director Anna Warwick Sears said the funds will go toward a hydrometric monitoring database, which gathers information on streamflows in the basin; the Osoyoos Lake Water Science Forum scheduled for Sept. 18 to 20; training in use of the Streamlined Water Use Reporting Tool for water utilities; and funds for the Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Program biodiversity strategy.

"The Okanagan is a priority ecosystem for Environment Canada and funding projects here enhances the work that's already been done here," said Warwick Sears.

"I think the funds have come here too, because we're a small, compact watershed with representative issues. Research done here can then be applied elsewhere in the country."

The funding announcement was made at the annual general meeting of the OBWB today in Kelowna.