

Sample Script: Broadcast Segment

N.Y. Firefighters

SLUG: New York Firefighters Reporter: Helen Waligora Central Michigan University; Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

BEGINNING VO: With pencils and markers in hand, these 2nd and 3rd grade students at Pullen Elementary put forth a big effort to say two little words, thank you.

SOT

Paige Brehm Pullen Elementary Student

“I WAS VERY SAD FOR WHAT HAPPENED ON SEPTEMBER 11TH. WHAT I SAW ON THE NEWS WAS VERY HARD FOR ME. YOU'RE THE BEST PEOPLE I COULD EVER THINK OF.”

VO

And once completed, these tokens of appreciation were ready to be delivered to some of our nation's finest—one of the first New York fire companies to respond to the World Trade Center disaster.

VO

Although Mrs. Shepherd's class may not fully understand the magnitude of the September 11th attacks, their words reflect the sense of loss felt by much of the nation.

SOT Paul Bennett

Pullen Elementary Student

“I HOPE ALL THE TERRORIST ATTACKS WILL STOP.”

SOT Noelle Goffnett-Pullen Elementary Student

“I WAS VERY SAD ABOUT THE TERRORIST ATTACKS.”

STANDUP: A long way from Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, I am now standing in front of the vigil here at Fire Engine 201 in Brooklyn, New

York.

VO: The men of Engine 201 say they appreciate the cards and letters they've received from across the country, as they continue to grieve for four of their own comrades who have been missing since the collapse of the first tower.

SOT Firefighter Mike Burke:

“THIS HERE IS FIREFIGHTER GREG BUCK, THIS HERE IS LT. MARTINI, THIS HERE IS FIREFIGHTER JOHN SHOT WITH HIS BABY BOY BOBBY, AND THIS HERE IS FIREFIGHTER CHRIS PICKFORD, WHICH WERE ALL WORKING ON SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001.”

VO

To deal with their personal tragedy, the men come together around this table to eat, talk, laugh, and cry. And it was at this table they sat to watch a video of students 750 miles away in Michigan who use the same word over and over to describe these men who risk their lives serving their community.

SOT Michelle Kang-Pullen Elementary Student

YOU'RE OUR HEROES, THANK YOU FOR SAVING OUR COUNTRY.

Student - girl (too short to super)-

“YOU'RE MY HEROES.”

MOS student (again too short to super) “YOU ARE GREAT HEROES.”

Noelle Goffnett-Pullen student

“YOU'RE A REAL BRAVE HERO. YOU ARE BRAVE, TRUSTWORTHY, NICE, GOOD. THANK YOU FOR HELPING ON SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001.”

VO: And while these everyday heroes try to go on with their lives, they are constantly reminded of all that was lost on September 11th.

SOT Lt. Dennis Monohan

“YOU WALK UP TO ANYBODY, YOU KNOW, WERE YOU TOUCHED BY THE THING...AND SOMEBODY WILL TELL YOU A STORY ABOUT HOW THEY WERE TOUCHED ONE WAY OR ANOTHER...SOMEBODY THEY WORKED WITH AT ONE TIME, SOMEBODY WHO HAD A BROTHER OR A COUSIN...STUFF LIKE THAT. ITS JUST, THE TENTICLES OF THIS WHOLE THING JUST SPREAD OUT...ITS ITS INCOMPREHENSIBLE.”

VO: Banners, posters, and cards sent from almost every state in the nation plaster churches and buildings throughout New York, and one thing is clear....cities big and small are united in expressing their heart-felt support for those who risked their lives to save the lives of others.

HELEN Waligora. NEW YORK.