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Red Knights Sept. 11 Ride Will Benefit Watertown Urban Mission

Motorcycle Club will Donate Proceeds from Annual Ride to Remember 9/11 First Responders to the Watertown Urban Mission's Local Programs Which Help People in Times of Trouble

WATERTOWN (Sept. 5, 2011)—The Red Knights MC, New York Chapter 38, is inviting motorcycle riders from throughout the community to join them in remembering the bravery of first responders and the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001 this Sunday by participating in the club's 9th Annual 9/11 Ride.

This year the club of firefighters and auxiliary will donate the money raised to benefit the Watertown Urban Mission, which offers local programs to aid people in our community when they face struggles and need help getting back on their feet.

"On this, the 10th Anniversary of those tragic attacks, it's important we continue to remember all who were lost in those attacks, especially the first responders who bravely gave their own lives to save others," said Doug Thomas, event coordinator, and member of the Red Knights Motorcycle Club in Jefferson County. "And with this our 9th run, we're thrilled to partner with the Watertown Urban Mission so that the money we raise can be used locally to help people in need right here in our own communities."

The ride will start with registration at 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, at the Eagle's Club on Washington Street (Route 11) in Watertown. At 10:30 a.m., after a blessing of the riders by Fr. Vincent Freeh from Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Watertown, and head south on Route 11, to Route 232 and connect with Route 3 heading south through Port Ontario to Mexico and head east on Route 104 to the Mapleview truckstop, then west on Route 104 to Route 11 North to return to the Eagles Club to have a cookout of hotdogs and hamburgers for the riders. The cost is \$15 per bike with rider and \$5 for a passenger.

"We are so grateful for the generosity of the Red Knights and their choice to donate the proceeds of this ride to the Watertown Urban Mission," said Erika Flint, Watertown Urban Mission executive director. "It's the generosity of this community which enables us to do what we do to give people a hand through their most difficult times and the Red Knights represent the best in our community with their dedication to service as firefighters and through the motorcycle club."

The Red Knights is a motorcycle club for members of fire service and their families who enjoy riding motorcycles. Membership is open to all firefighters, active, retired, volunteer, or industrial, who have access to a motorcycle and hold a valid motorcycle driver's license. Spouses, members' children, boyfriends, and girlfriends are also welcome as Social Members. The group is always seeking new members and for membership information go to www.redknightsmcny38.com.

The club's mission is to promote motorcycle safety, project a positive image of motorcycling, enjoy the fraternity of firefighters, and engage exclusively in social, charitable and educational activities to increase the general understanding of, enjoyment of, competency, sportsmanship and participation in the sport of motorcycling.

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