REMEMBERING HOW THE ATTACKS CHANGED US

Truman, Kirkville honor tragic memory

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The Kirksville Police and Fire Departments held a flag-raising ceremony commemorating the Sept. 11 attacks.

On the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terror attacks, Kirksville community members gathered at Kirk Memorial to remember those who lost their lives on that fateful day.

The ceremony began with the raising of the American flag at half-staff, followed by the playing of "America the Beautiful."

President Jack Magruder addressed the crowd in front of Kirk Memorial on Wednesday, expressing the importance of remembering the events of Sept. 11.

"It was a day that changed our country forever," Magruder said. "We must never forget the sacrifices made by our service members and the tragic loss of life that day." He praised first responders and the community for their support.

Throughout the ceremony, attendees shared personal stories and memories of loved ones who were affected by the attacks.

"We lost a dear friend in the collapse of the towers," said one attendee. "We will never forget her bravery and the sacrifice she made."

The event concluded with a moment of silence at 10:28 a.m., the time the second plane struck the North Tower.

"This is a time for us to come together and honor those who lost their lives," said Senate President, sophomore Brandi Moeller. "Let's remember the victims of the attack and the courage of those who continue to serve our country."