

On behalf of the New York Crime Victims' Assistance Task Force I would like to invite to you to attend the:

**Memorial Brick Dedication Ceremony
New York State Crime Victims' Memorial
Friday, April 20, 2012
1:00 – 3:00pm.**

The Memorial is located on the grounds of the Empire State Plaza in Albany, directly behind the Legislative Office Building. The ceremony is held, rain or shine, but, of course, we all hope it will be a beautiful sunny day as it has been in most years.

In order to begin the ceremony promptly at 1:00pm, we ask that, if possible, you arrive around 12:30pm so that you may find a seat near the Memorial. We will have many chairs available but the configuration of the site makes it difficult for everyone to sit close to the podium. Promptly at 1:00 pm, a procession led by Police color guards will proceed to the Memorial from the east entrance of the Legislative Office Building. You are invited to join in this procession if you would like to.

The entire program generally lasts about two hours. Towards the end of the ceremony, new names in the walkway will be read first by the District Attorneys in attendance. After the new names are read, you will then be invited to come to the podium to say your loved one's name. Persons with new bricks may also say their loved one's name again at that time. Please note if you purchased a brick after the 2011 ceremony, those bricks will be laid in the walkway in the Spring of 2012 and the names of these victims will be included in this year's program. If you are attending the ceremony for the first time or for the tenth time, you may find this ceremony to be very emotional. We have several task force members available to provide emotional support and assistance. Task Force Members will be wearing a specific name tag in order to easily identify someone to ask for assistance.

We realize the ceremony can be long and tiring for younger children so we have arranged a special, supervised activities program at a space very close to the Memorial for them. We hope you will take advantage of this if needed.

I look forward to seeing you at the Dedication Ceremony.

Sincerely,

Tricia S. George
Supervising Victim Witness Specialist
Albany County District Attorney's Office

*Directions to the Memorial and parking arrangements are on the reverse side of this letter.

DIRECTIONS TO THE EMPIRE STATE PLAZA

From the North: Take Interstate 87 (Northway) to Interstate 90 (East) exit. Proceed to Interstate 787 and take Empire Plaza exit.

From the South: Take New York State Thruway (Interstate 87) to Exit 23—straight through tollbooth to Interstate 787; then take Empire Plaza exit.

From the East: Take Interstate 90 and cross Hudson River. Take exit to Interstate 787 South, along river. Take Empire Plaza exit.

From the West: Take the New York State Thruway (Interstate 90) to Exit 24 (Albany), proceed east on Interstate 90 to Interstate 787 South, along river. Take Empire Plaza exit.

PARKING AT THE EMPIRE STATE PLAZA

All visitor parking under the Empire State Plaza is located in the "V" Lot (formerly known as P-3 North). Visitors entering the V Lot are required to show a photo identification, and their vehicle is subject to a search. Handicapped parking is available. The parking fee is \$2 for the weekends at the "V" lot. Cash or credit card can be used. As stated above, there are **limited** spots for free parking, please contact Rachel Seeber using the contact information provided in the letter if you are interested to reserve your parking spot.

There is free parking at several visitor lots on Madison Avenue, which borders the Plaza on the south: the Cathedral and Madison Avenue lots, on either side of the New York State Museum (The Cathedral lot also offers handicapped parking) and the East Garage on Eagle & Madison Avenue.

Limited street parking is available also on State Street in front of the Legislative Office Building and on Washington Avenue, one block north of State Street.

BUS INFORMATION: Both **Adirondack Trailways** and **Greyhound Bus Lines** come to Albany. The Empire State Plaza is a few blocks away from the Albany bus stop. Privately hired buses generally drop off passengers on Madison Avenue and passengers proceed over to the Memorial (about two blocks).

Groups: Buses should discharge passengers on Madison Avenue near the New York State Museum. Once passengers are discharged, buses should proceed up Madison Avenue to the first light and turn right onto Swan Street, stay in the left lane (downhill) to go into tunnel. Exit onto □Rensselaer/I-787 South□. Merge onto I-787 South and follow I-787 to the end. Turn right onto Route 9W. At the first light, turn right into the entrance for the McCarty Avenue Lot. To return to the Madison Avenue pickup location, exit the McCarty Avenue Lot, taking a left turn onto Route 9W. Immediately after, turn left onto I-787 North. Take Exit 3A, "Rensselaer/Empire State Plaza,□ follow signs for the Empire State Plaza. Travel into the tunnel, stay in the left lane. Keep left and continue around the horseshoe loop. Continue through the tunnel, then take the last right before exiting the tunnel into □P1 South Garage Entrance□, bear left to egress and continue up to Madison Avenue. Take a right onto Madison Avenue. It is suggested that the driver and group make prior arrangements for pickup following the Ceremony. Task Force Co-Chair, Rachel Seeber will provide directions and parking assignments as necessary prior to April 1st.