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## **NENA Booth Memorializes September 11**

*Conference Attendees can Contribute to the Spirit of 9-1-1*

Columbus, Ohio (June 7, 2002)—The National Emergency Number Association (NENA), in conjunction with Plant Equipment, Inc. (PEI), is hosting a special memorial tribute and fund raising effort during the 2002 Annual Conference to be held June 16-20 in Indianapolis, IN.

Booth #410 at the show will be dedicated to “The Spirit of 9-1-1,” and will feature displays and artifacts linked to the September 11 tragedy. Visitors will see an American Flag that was flown in Afghanistan, memorial awards presented to telecommunicators who were involved in 9/11, and more. There will also be 9-1-1 memorial throw rugs raffled off each day of the conference.

“The purpose of the booth is to honor those who were affected by September 11 and to raise funds to help the families of police, emergency and firefighter personnel who perished in the 9/11 tragedy,” said Sharon Counterman, NENA president. “Moneys collected at the booth will go to the NENA Emergency Service Relief Fund, which is an ongoing effort.”

The fund has raised more than \$374,000, which will be presented to the International Association of Firefighters and the New York Fraternal Order of Police. The Spirit of 9-1-1 booth will continue the ongoing fund raising effort.

NENA Conference attendees will be able to make tax deductible contributions to the fund at the booth. Those contributing will receive memorial lapel pins that read “9-1-1 for 9/11.”

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NENA, a nonprofit educational foundation, fosters the development and implementation of 9-1-1 as a universal emergency number. NENA’s 6,500 members manage America’s 9-1-1 centers that answer and process 9-1-1 calls. NENA also develops recommended standards and protocol for 9-1-1 services. NENA’s international headquarters is in Columbus, Ohio. Visit [www.nena.org](http://www.nena.org).