WEBINAR GLOSSARY

Adversity: Difficulties or hardships.

al-Qaeda: An international Islamist extremist terrorist network responsible for the 9/11 attacks; al-Qaeda is responsible for multiple terrorist attacks since their founding by Osama bin Laden and others in the 1980s.

Armageddon: The site of a destructive battle or conflict.

Awning: A cover that extends from a building that provides shade or shelter.

Buffalo Soldiers: An historically all-Black unit in the United States Army.

Commandeer: To take by force or without permission.

Concourse level: A shopping level at the World Trade Center, beneath the Twin Towers, where people from all over the world would visit and shop.

Debris: The remains of something broken down or destroyed.

Emergency Service Unit (ESU): A specially trained unit of police officers from the NYPD that respond to high-risk situations.

Engine Company: A company within the fire department that responds to an emergency with trucks that carry fire pumps, hoses, and water.

FDNY: Fire Department of New York. 343 FDNY firefighters were killed on 9/11.

First responders: Uniformed officers, like firefighters, police officers, and emergency medical technicians (EMTs), who are trained to help in an emergency. 9/11 was the largest mobilization of emergency personnel in American history, and thousands of first responders rushed to the World Trade Center to help.

Ground Zero: The World Trade Center site and surrounding area after the collapse of the Twin Towers. The area was filled with 1.8 million tons of debris.

Hijack: To take control by force.

Ladder Company: A company within the fire department that responds to an emergency with trucks that carry ladders, rescue gear, and tools such as hooks, axes, and sledgehammers.

Marine Reservists: Members of the United States Marine Corps Reserve. Reservists are soldiers who are not actively serving in the United States Marine Corps (one of the six branches of the US military), but who can be called to serve whenever they are needed.

Mount Sinai Hospital: One of the oldest and largest teaching hospitals in the United States, located on ...
**NYPD:** New York City Police Department. 23 NYPD officers were killed on 9/11.

**PATH trains:** Short for Port Authority Trans-Hudson, the PATH trains are a system of commuter railroads that connect Manhattan and New Jersey.

**Perseverance:** The power of continuing to do something despite difficulties.

**Port Authority Bus Terminal:** The nation’s largest and world’s busiest bus terminal, located in midtown Manhattan.

**Port Authority of New York & New Jersey:** An agency run by New York and New Jersey that oversees many facilities shared by the two states, including airports, bridges, tunnels, and the World Trade Center. The Port Authority also has its own police department, the Port Authority Police Department (PAPD).

**Rescue Company:** Specially trained firefighter units that respond to a variety of unique emergencies in addition to fires; including building collapses, high-angle rescues, hazardous materials incidents, and water rescues. The FDNY has five rescue companies, one for each borough.

**Terrorist:** A person who uses violence and fear, especially against civilians, to force people or countries into taking a certain action.

**Tower One:** Refers to the North Tower of the World Trade Center.

**Tower Two:** Refers to the South Tower of the World Trade Center.

**World Trade Center:** A 16-acre complex in lower Manhattan that contained seven buildings, a large plaza, and an underground shopping mall that connected six of the buildings. The Twin Towers were the centerpiece of complex.
WEBINAR MAPS

NEW YORK CITY MAP
1: Manhattan
2: Brooklyn
3: Queens
4: Bronx
5: Staten Island
Location in brown represents JFK airport.

PRE-9/11 WORLD TRADE CENTER MAP
1 WTC: North Tower
2 WTC: South Tower