



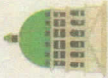
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Leaders to sign 9-11 banner

City of Topeka officials and local emergency response workers will meet to write messages of peace and love today on a “We the People” banner that is making its way across the United States to memorialize victims of the Sept. 11 attacks.

The gathering will be at 9:30 a.m. in Room 354 at City Hall, 215 S.E. 7th.

The banner, which features a black-and-white photo of the World Trade Center towers shot in October 2000 by award-winning photographer Michael Joseph, is being taken across the country and signed during events that began July 4 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Signings are taking place at various churches, schools, fire stations, police stations, state Capitols and other landmarks. The trip will end with signings at Washington, D.C., on Sept. 10, and New York City on Sept. 11.

Organizers say they hope to make the banner “a giant love letter/postcard” from America. Joseph also is asking people to sign a petition proposing the photograph be chosen to adorn a U.S. postage stamp.