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**“We Will Not Forget the Day That
Changed America As We Know It:
9/11 a Generational Tragedy.”**

DATE: Wednesday, October 21, 2020

TIME: 7:30 pm

PLACE: <https://zoom.us/j/97320748671?pwd=UVBPVjhzcDhzZ2R6bGJwT1VXSXZzdzo9>

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About the presentation:

19 Years On, Does a Post-9/11 Generation Remember the Attacks? For many young people, though, 9/11 is a subject learned secondhand. For me, it is though it happened yesterday.

As we recently commemorated the 19th Anniversary of the attacks in New York City, at the Pentagon, in Shanksville, PA and in local communities, we remember the 2,977 lives lost on that tragic day.

September 11 is also a day to pay tribute to all those who have been affected since.

We honor the lives of the over 3700 and counting who have died of 9/11 related illnesses and offer our support to their grieving families. We also recognize the over 52,000 survivors and responders who are currently suffering from serious medical and mental health conditions.

We also honor all the men and women of our United States Military, who protect and defend our Country and Freedom. You and your families have given our Country your life, time, energy and love. For those who have sacrificed so much and fought so bravely we thank you

In early 2019, a friend, a brother in blue, who worked at the site showed amazing courage and strength as he battled 9/11 related cancer sent a message to “go out and tell people that “we have not forgotten, and we will never forget” He has since passed away from 9/11 related cancer, he is a hero! I am here tonight doing my best to honor him and fulfill his request.

About your speaker:

John Frucci is currently employed at Oklahoma State University in the School of Forensic Sciences. John has been with OSU for 7 years and is the Program Director of the Arson, Explosive, Firearms and Tool Marks Investigation graduate program. He is also the Director of the Center for Fire & Explosives, Forensic Investigations Training & Research, or CENFEX.

John began his law enforcement career in 1992 in Newark, N.J. with the Essex County Sheriff's Office. He was initially assigned to the uniform division, and then promoted to Detective in 1994 assigned to the fugitive squad. In 1996 he was transferred to the Essex County Prosecutor's Office Major Case Unit and Arson Task Force. Where he investigated organized crime, homicides, fire and explosives cases. During his time with major case unit that Newark was ranked as the most violent city in America and car-jacking capital in the United States.

In 2000, he was transferred to the Emergency Operations Unit which included SWAT, K9 and Bomb Unit. John was full-time FBI Certified Bomb Technician, where he completed his career as the Commander of the Bomb Squad. He worked with the NJ Render Safe Task Force which was part of the NY/NJ FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force during that time.

John earned his bachelor's degree in political science from Rutgers University in 1997. He earned his master's degree in education administration in 2000 and his education specialist degree in education administration and supervision in 2006, both from Seton Hall University. John completed his doctorate degree in May of 2018 at Oklahoma State University.

John is about to complete an additional master's degree from the Missouri University of Science and Technology in Explosives Engineering and Technology.