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Bandera firefighters pay tribute to 911 lives lost

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Tomorrow, at 7:46 a.m. Central Standard Time, members and volunteers of Bandera Fire and Rescue held a moment of silence.

After, firefighters dressed in full gear walked from the fire station, to OST, to Lowes grocery store and back to the fire station - the same distance as the 110 stories of the Twin Towers, which New York firefighters climbed after the World Trade Center was attacked 20 years ago.

At 8:59 a.m., a horn blew three times to signal the evacuation order.

Back at the station, several commemorative exercises were held to honor what happened that day - such as exercise equipment to replicate walking up 110 flights of stairs, and stepping on a box for three minutes and 43 seconds, in honor of the 343 N.Y. firefighters who lost their lives. Everybody was welcomed to come by, and snacks and drinks were available, Bandera Fire and Rescue First Responder Officer Jeff Jilson said. Several people who arrived said next year, they intend to make the walk alongside the firefighters.

“We’re not making a celebration out of it,” Jilson said. “This isn’t a celebration, this is to remember.”