

TO: WTC 9/11 Families

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SUBJECT: RELEASE OF ADDITIONAL 9/11 – 911 CALLS

As you know, the City of New York has previously released redacted recordings of telephone calls made by persons who called 911 from the Twin Towers on September 11<sup>th</sup>. The New York City Police Department recently discovered additional portions of a number of calls that had been previously released and some conversations that had not been released at all. In all, 19 such calls or portions of calls are being released today.

As you may know, when a person calls 911, the call is usually answered by the Police Department. If the call concerns a fire it is then usually transferred to the New York City Fire Department. Fifteen of the calls being released had been transferred to the Fire Department; the Fire Department portions of these calls have been released previously. It is only the initial Police Department portions of these calls which have not been released previously, and which are being released today.

In addition, there are 4 calls which were not transferred to the Fire Department. The Police Department portion of the call is the entire call. Those calls have not been previously released, and will also be released today.

As in the past, in accordance with the ruling of the New York Court of Appeals, the 911 callers' part of the call is protected by the right of privacy and has been redacted from these calls (except for one caller, a Fire Safety Director at the World Trade Center, who was performing his job duties and whose conversation was thus not protected by the right of privacy.)

The City of New York has been able to identify some of the callers. We have already contacted the next of kin of the identified callers (except for one person who moved out of the country without leaving a forwarding address), and have informed them that we have identified one or more calls made by their loved one and offered to provide them with unredacted recordings of their loved one's calls. If any one else has not been contacted, it means we have not identified a call from his or her loved one.

We are sorry for any additional pain that is caused by this public release of additional 911 calls.

We ask that you share this information with members of your organization and anyone else you think appropriate. If you have further questions please call the Mayor's Office, CAU at 212-788-7418. Thank you very much for your assistance.