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Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel All Lanes Closed Both Directions For "Tunnels to Towers" Run Sun., 9/26: 8:30 AM to 3 PM

Preliminary Partial Closures Begin Sat., 9/25 at 11:59 PM

On Sunday, Sept. 26th both tubes of the Brooklyn–Battery Tunnel will be closed from **8:30 AM until 3 PM** as a result of the 9th annual Stephen Siller "Tunnel to Towers" Run, commemorating the FDNY firefighter's efforts to make it to the World Trade Center on 9/11 by running through the tunnel.

In addition, both lanes in the Manhattan–bound tube will be closed beginning at 11:59 PM on **Saturday, Sept. 25th** in order to prepare for the event. Two–way traffic will be in operation in the Brooklyn–bound tube at this time.

Motorists are advised to use alternate routes.

Some 20,000 participants are expected to participate in the run/walk, which begins on the Gowanus approach to the Brooklyn–Battery Tunnel, goes through the tunnel and ends across from the World Trade Center site.

Siller, an FDNY firefighter assigned to Squad 1 in Park Slope, Brooklyn, was off–duty when he heard about the terror attack on a scanner. He headed toward the site but got stuck in traffic, and instead raced on foot through the tunnel with his gear strapped to his back.

He was last seen alive on West and Liberty Streets at the WTC. The Tunnel–to–Towers Run retraces the fallen firefighter's footsteps and honors the 343 firefighters who also died on 9/11. Proceeds from the run benefit various charities, including the NYC Firefighter Burn Center and burn centers across America.