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Courage is beaming at 'Ground Zero'



Hyannis Fire Lt. Thomas Kenney stands in the middle of what was the World Trade Center.

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NEW YORK CITY — Less than three hours after the twin towers of the World Trade Center had collapsed in an incredulous roar of fire and dust, the six Cape Cod rescue workers were speeding to New York City.

All the years of training, all the experience, all the courage, however, couldn't begin to prepare them for the apocalyptic vision of ground zero. Tens of thousands of tons of concrete reduced to ash, as though a volcano had erupted.

These half dozen Cape Codders were part of an elite team of firefighters and emergency specialists from across the country mobilized the moment that shock turned to action.

Even on Sunday, days after the last of so few survivors had been pulled from the ungodly wreckage, Sandwich firefighter Scott Ames remained stalwart. "We still hold out hope."

Nothing less made sense to him and his five compatriots. They are Massachusetts Search & Rescue team members. They aren't salvage experts.

More than 5,000 people missing; more than 200 firefighters among them. So, as the Cape Codders stepped across the simmering rubble, as they clawed and scraped away the debris, the numbers glared at them.

Search and rescue. Search and rescue in the horror of ground zero.

Team leader and Hyannis Fire Department Lieutenant Thomas Kenney worked the day shift with West Barnstable Firefighter Jim Murphy. Ames,

Yarmouth Firefighter Robert Reardon, and Hyannis firefighters Chris Standish and Brett Grandaw worked the night shift.

"Day after day; night after night. "110 stories - two buildings - not even there," Kenney said, still awestruck after days at ground zero.

"If you leveled Main Street in Hyannis east to west it wouldn't be as big as this is. The Cape Cod Mall and the Hyannis K-Mart Plaza together would not even come close to filling it, he said.

Getting through the rubble will take workers years, he said.

But, now the goal is to find someone alive. That's what all the instincts and adrenaline and hope is all about.

The weight of the fallen towers, coupled with the

heat of fire that continues to smolder beneath debris, has created a massive crater where the World Trade Center once stood. The massive hole is crisscrossed with jagged steel up to 200 feet long and chunks of concrete.

Ground Zero should be renamed "Ground Hero," said Massachusetts team-member Jay Bourgeois, as hundreds of compatriots raced the sun toward another nightfall.

There are 27 Urban Search & Rescue teams nationwide. The Federal Emergency Management Agency deploys selected teams to respond and assist in such national emergencies.

"It is prestigious and a great honor" to become a team member, said Brett Hansard, public information

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Dennis approves visitor center funds

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Dennisport will get its visitor's center after \$275,000 was approved by Tuesday's special Town Meeting for the demolition and reconstruction of buildings on the Maloney property at the intersection of Route 28 and Hall Street.

The only warrant article not approved Tuesday was the \$73,000 designated for Road Safety Task Force projects. That article was referred back to the task force as recommended by the Dennis Finance Committee.

Almost two years to the day after Town Meeting agreed to purchase the Dennisport land, the town unanimously endorsed bringing the Maloney property project to completion. The three dilapidated buildings currently on

the property will be knocked down and replaced with a building to house public restrooms, a visitor center and public meeting space for local businesses.

"Placing a new building on the property is the best investment for the town," Cleon Turner, chairman of the selectmen, said. "That property, with a new building on it, will be a new crown jewel for the town of Dennis."

"The view will be from Route 28 and will be rather inviting for people to relax and to really get acquainted with the village," added Kay Gilmore, chair of the Maloney Property Study Committee.

Some discussion arose about possibly saving the historic barn on the property. That cost of that

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Heart attack compounds young mother's woes

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For 11 years Patty Gieselman has been struggling with the emotional, financial and physical issues of raising her severely disabled son, Kyle.

Her daily ritual involved helping him in and out of his wheelchair, dressing him for school, going off to work in Dennis and coming home to drive him to medical appointments, therapy sessions, swimming lessons, religious instruction, feeding him and, at days end, to carry him upstairs to bed.

That routine was struck a sharp blow last Tuesday evening when Gieselman, 31, had a heart attack. She was rushed to Cape Cod Hospital, where doctors found one of her arteries completely blocked. Angioplasty and a shunt reopened the artery and she was given medications to clear partial blockages in two others.

On Monday afternoon she came home to Kyle and to new struggles. She can't drive a car for the time



The gift of a van with a wheelchair lift relieved Patty Gieselman of the chore of lifting her handicapped son Kyle. But after suffering a heart attack last week Gieselman has new challenges to face.

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officer for FEMA. "It is amazing what it takes physically and emotionally."

Nine teams from across the country were called in. They represent only a fraction of the resources helping to dig New York City out of the disaster.

When the Cape Codders arrived, they found grounds stretching far beyond the towers covered with six inches of debris.

Every building surrounding the site has been destroyed structurally. Crumbling buildings and blown-out windows surrounded the crater.

"This isn't a car accident. One picture isn't going to show you everything. If you put 800 different pictures in a book, you would still have no idea," said Kenney.

The Massachusetts team was the first to be deployed to assist New York's own teams. They literally pitched their tents at the corner of Church and Dey streets and got to work.

"We wasted absolutely no time gathering resources," Kenney said.

Each member of the state team has experience ranging from four to 30 years. "I have more than 100 years of experience on my team," Kenney said, "and nobody had ever seen devastation like this."

Kenney was in Barnstable Town Hall when the first tower was hit. "I went back to the firehouse and saw that the second tower had been hit, and by the time I got home, the task force had called. We left the Cape before 11 a.m."

The state's 62-member team met at Beverly Airport - their central training facility - and left for the Jacob Javits Convention Center in Manhattan.

"If there's something going on, these are the guys who want to be there. It's a hell of a bunch of guys," Kenney said.

The scene of destruction is several blocks south of the convention center, which is heavily guarded by state police and the U.S. military. The entire city is guarded heavily, and teams must pass through several checkpoints by bus and on foot on their way to their stations.

Each 62-member team is divided into two groups of 31, each assigned to a 12-hour shift beginning at either 7 a.m. or 7 p.m. Shifts start on time, but do not necessarily end after 12 hours of work.

Teams do not stop a task until it is complete.

Search and rescue missions are not only physically taxing, they are emotionally exhausting, said Kenney.

"All the days have run together," he said, walking around outside in his socks after a long shift Saturday.

Firefighters are averaging four to five hours of sleep a night - with no complaints. "We are here for a mission. We're here to bring our brothers home," Murphy said.

Team members go through years of training, and give their own time, money - and this week, sweat and tears - for situations like this, said Murphy.

The Massachusetts team had successfully searched several buildings in the area since Tuesday - all with various degrees of damage.

Saturday, the team was part of a five-hour, 80-person search effort at the World Financial Center, the 34-story building adjacent to the fallen towers.

"Eerie" is how team member Grandaw described his feelings as he searched buildings. He was particularly disturbed by a photograph of a child on someone's desk.

Whether people in the adjacent buildings survived depends on which side they exited, Ames said. People leaving on the tower side would have been buried beneath the shower of debris from the collapsing towers.

Ames found a set of keys, a Dunkin' Donuts bag and an unopened cup of coffee on someone's desk. At a nearby hotel, a buffet breakfast was set up and the team found dishes of food half-eaten.

Team members have been deeply touched by the ways citizens and business are contributing to the effort.

"Everybody in the free world wants to help," Kenney said.

Citizens have been very encouraging. They line up to clap, cheer and hold flags along the rescue team's bus routes to and from ground zero every morning and evening.

"Tragic events like this really bring people together," Ames said.

Barnstable Municipal Airport feeling aftermath of terrorist attacks

By Karen Monahan
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It could take months until Barnstable Municipal Airport returns to normal after last week's temporary national air traffic shutdown ordered by the Federal Aviation Administration.

The trademark come-and-go chaos of the busy airport in Hyannis has not resumed since it re-opened last Thursday.

"Some people didn't know we were open," said Quincy Mosby, airport manager.

There are no vehicles parked near the main airport terminal. Cars cannot park within 300 feet of the terminal - now required by law for an indefinite period of time - which means travelers do not have the convenience of curbside unloading of baggage.

The immediate property looks vacant and the familiar chaotic buzz of people and traffic is missing. Several police officers are standing guard checking cars coming through, directing them to parking spaces on the property's periphery.

Thousands of feet of yellow tape are strewn across the landscape and black bags cover signs where rental cars used to park. "This is an obvious inconvenience," Mosby said. "We've lost 200 spots in our prime lot because of the restriction."

An overflow lot on Route 132 is being considered.

Mosby has spoken with property managers of the K-Mart plaza and, although it probably will not be necessary, he said, the airport may have access to a portion of their parking lot.

"We have enough parking available between the Steamship Authority's lot and the parking around the periphery," he said, so additional parking space at the shopping center would only be secured for potential backups at the airport's own lot.

Mosby has authorized a shuttle service for people who park a distance from the terminal - prompted by last Friday's rain - to try to



Tow truck operators moved all cars from within 300 feet of Barnstable Municipal Airport in Hyannis after the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington last week.

Staff photo by Robert Scott Buton

help people, he said.

Workers are paving a path across the grass island in front of the terminal to improve handicapped access. All access scenarios are being handled on an individual basis because of the unique nature of the situation and the uncertain future of regulations.

"I don't see anything changing for the next month or two," he said.

Although he has heard a few complaints from people about the inconvenience of walking from their cars to the terminal, Mosby said, "most people are taking it in stride. At least the airport is not closed, he said. "We can still fly," he said. "It's just the little inconveniences."

Among those inconveniences are tighter regulations for passengers.

"No matter what changes there are, people can't leave bags or cars unattended while in the terminal," Mosby said. Bags will be confiscated and cars will be towed if people are not with them at all

times, he said.

Bags are being checked to various degrees by individual air taxis, which may require less regulation than larger air carriers using the airport. Although owners of air taxis may not be required to, "They are following the same policies out of good faith in the security system," Mosby said.

Police presence has increased since last Tuesday, when officials arrived before 10 a.m. to block entrances and ensure that people were safe.

Barnstable police are now providing protection 24 hours a day. They are monitoring vehicles coming into the airport and ensuring that all freight - prohibited from being delivered to the terminal - is being delivered to the Island Air hangar.

Chaos continues in airport offices. Phones are ringing, meetings have been scheduled and the FAA is continuously sending print-outs of updated procedures to all U.S. airports, keeping all airport staff on their toes. By 4:30 p.m. Monday afternoon, employees were leaving exhausted and drained.

Mosby is in contact with the FAA at least one or two times per day since last week, which is an increase from random, more casual communications every other day with the federal agency.

"They want us to be more vigilant to suspicious persons, baggage, people in a hurry to leave the country and things like that," he said.

Employees have been subjected to random ID checks and are required to carry identification with them at all times.

"There have been no problems so far," Mosby said. "This is kind of a family airport."

Although the airport may have an intimate family feel, it ranks in the top three busiest airports, along with Boston and Nantucket, in New England.

"Hyannis is not one of your sleepy hole-in-the-wall airports," Mosby said.

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