

Artist as Witness: The 9-11 Responders

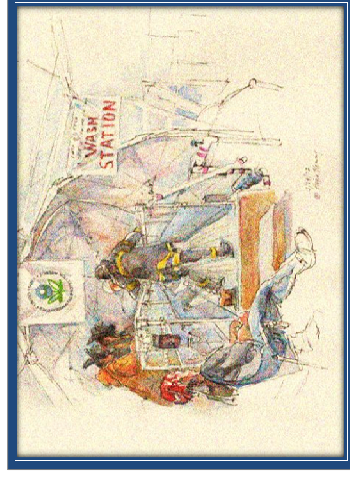
EMMY AWARD-WINNING ARTIST'S EXHIBITION OPENS

at **The CLEVELAND POLICE MUSEUM** on

SEPTEMBER 11TH 2011 from 1-4 P.M.

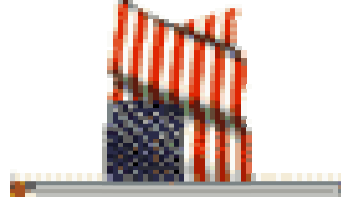
To mark the ten-year anniversary of September 11th, the Museum is honoring those who were so vital to the recovery and rebuilding of New York City from the devastating terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center. Aggie Kenny's watercolors and sketches are a rare, inside view of workers at the World Trade Center Recovery Operation, capturing everything from the mundane to the heroic. This will be the first time these views have been displayed outside of New York City.

Kenny brought her sketchbook and years of acclaimed talent as a courtroom artist to the site in the spring of 2002. She used no photographic reference; her scenes are seized from life, and from her own unique first-person perspective. The juxtaposition of exhausted dust-covered responder asleep just feet away from the smoldering pit compelled her to begin recording the tragic landscape laid out in front of her.



"Sketching scenes of the aftermath was my attempt to comprehend the incomprehensible," remembers Kenny. Her 25 sketches and watercolors capture both the intense "focused energy" and the "absolute unutterable exhaustion" of the responders. In addition to Kenny's art, the exhibit includes a small collection of tools used at the recovery site plus a short documentary film featuring an interview with the artist.

Aggie Kenny is an Emmy-award winning reportorial artist who has covered many court cases since the early 1970s. Her work has appeared on ABC and CBS News and on the pages of many newspapers around the nation, including the *Washington Post* and *Newsday*. Her many assignments have included, the Son of Sam case, the Watergate hearings, the John Hinckley case, and most recently, the guilty plea in the Russian Spy case.



***Artist as Witness* will be on view through NOVEMBER 23, 2011, Monday through Friday, 10 am to 4 pm. Admission is Free.**

The Cleveland Police Museum is located in the Justice Center at 1300 Ontario Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44113. For more information call the Museum at 216-623-5055.

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