

SWORN AFFIDAVIT

January 7, 2003

Subject: Doug Copp, American Rescue Team International at World Trade Center site 9/11/2001

I, Stephen C. Lentz, do hereby solemnly swear that the contents of the following affidavit are true and accurate to the best of my recollection

On September 12, 2001, I, along with Doug Copp, founder of the American Rescue Team International (ARTI), and other team members, undertook rescue operations at the World Trade Center site (a.k.a) "Ground Zero," beginning Sept 12th, 2001, with the intention of locating potential survivors.

I left New York Sept 27<sup>th</sup>, 2001, however, Doug Copp remained to continue rescue operations. We were flown to NYC by private jet with special clearance from the Director of the FAA shortly after the 9/11 attacks. In the early hours of Sept 13<sup>th</sup>, we found an egress into the parking garage under Tower I, and began searching for victims. I videotaped the entire process, and the tape was subsequently used by the television news program "Inside Edition." This segment clearly depicts Doug Copp, two New York City policemen and myself searching the rubble underneath Tower I. Larry Posner (producer), or Deborah Norvill, (anchor) at the Inside Edition studios in New York can verify the authenticity and use of these videotapes

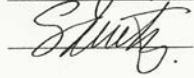
On Sept 18<sup>th</sup>, 2001, enough rubble had been removed by heavy equipment to provide access to the levels beneath Tower II, referred to by FEMA as the 10/10 location. As I videotaped the operation, Doug Copp, and 6 firefighters descended below Tower II and searched the area for victims. Several stories below ground level, we waded through water, jet fuel and effluents from ruptured sewage pipes and the Hudson River. It was in the vicinity of a large disabled escalator that I witnessed Doug Copp's fall which injured his spine.

During the duration of ARTI's rescue operations, numerous casualties, including NYC firemen, rescue workers, EMTs and policemen were located as a direct result of Doug Copp's efforts and his equipment. Since returning from 9/11, Mr. Copp has sustained debilitating health problems. It is my strong opinion that the nation has a responsibility to provide medical

compensation to a man who selflessly volunteered to put himself in harm's way with the sole purpose of rendering assistance.

I am enclosing two photographs, taken by myself, of Doug Copp at the 9/11 disaster scene. This should furnish ample evidence that Mr. Copp was indeed at Ground Zero. I urge you to immediately expedite the Victim's Compensation process and provide the services promised to those who courageously answered the nationwide call for help.

Sworn to me on January 7, 2003



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Witnessed

*Joan A. Atkinson* 1/7/03  
*my Commission Expires 3/5/05*

- Karin Atkinson, Notary Public