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We love that our tenants enjoy hosting events inside their own office spaces or at City Club! As a friendly reminder, when hosting events, please consider how many people will be driving in and using the valet services at the base of our buildings as our valet is staffed for regular Mon-Fri tower usage. If hosting an event brings in several more vehicles, we are happy to accommodate, but please notify us at least a week in advance so the valet team is adequately staffed and to ensure a smooth check in for your visiting guests.

For quick reference, here's the best email to use for any garage or valet parking needs:

ParkingServices@CityCenterFW.com.



Carter BloodCare

THANK YOU

Our friends at Carter BloodCare share their thanks for all who participated in the recent blood drive - we had a terrific turnout and many lives will receive critical help because of your donation!

NEXT BLOOD DRIVE:
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11
8:30 AM - 1:00 PM
PRESIDENT'S ROOM IN CITY CLUB

Retirement Announcement!

Larry Wallace, a pillar on our Engineering team, has officially retired after decades of dedicated service to City Center. Since he started his career here in 1988, his hard work, positivity, and commitment have profoundly impacted our team and our company's culture. While we'll miss his initiative, expertise and friendly presence, we wish him all the best in this new chapter. Please join us as we bid a heartfelt farewell to a cherished colleague!

We'll miss you!



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Grit & Glory

As we reflect on the recent memorial tower climb, we want to share one of the many impactful stories that unfolded during this year's climb. Each year, we're reminded of the true grit and glory our first responders face while climbing in honor of the fallen heroes from 9/11. This time, we found ourselves walking alongside an Assistant Fire Chief from a small town outside of Fort Worth. He and three colleagues arrived onsite ready to take on the challenge of climbing to level 36, 3 times in full gear (nearly 60 lbs. extra weight) and in unseasonably warm September temperatures. They began the climb in line with everyone else, stopping at the rest stops inside for a break, to drink some water and to regain strength as they repeated the trip to simulate the 110 floors of the World Trade Center. Many first responders finished the climb well before noon, the cutoff time for climbers to continue. However, the Assistant Chief had only completed two rounds in the stairwells as he was nearing this point. We were notified he was beginning his third trip despite the suggestion to stop from his team. At 11:44 am, he began the trek on his own. MedStar was alerted and on standby, as it seemed impossible for him to finish another round of 36 more floors. On level 14, my teammate connected with him and again suggested he not continue. But he was determined. She then climbed alongside him, giving us and MedStar an update as they continued to ascend. Within moments, we notified the three others in his group that were anxiously waiting at street level for updates. When we shared he was committed to finishing, they ran toward the stairs with intent to join him on the arduous journey. As one of the firefighters was heading in the doorway, she exclaimed "He wouldn't ever give up on us - we need to help him finish this climb!" and off they went. At street level, we received updates of the various floors. At level 24, the 3 firefighters and their Assistant Chief were all together now, plus my coworker, MedStar and two additional firefighters from another small town who were also determined to finish their climb. Not long after, the group made it level 26. The climb continued. Level 28...34...and finally level 36. They and the Assistant Fire Chief made it *all the way* to Level 36! Everyone still on street level was ecstatic when we learned the news. We gathered together near the doorway, ready to celebrate them as they arrived. They finally made their descent down the elevators, then the escalators and once again to street level. We celebrated and cheered, and several of us cried too. It truly was an inspiring moment to witness the sheer grit and glory of the Assistant Fire Chief, and the brotherhood to make sure no one walks alone.



As Fort Worth Police Chief Noakes shared when he finished the climb, "On every floor, there are pictures of the first responders who died on Sept. 11, 2001. So as we're climbing up and we're getting tired, we're sweating, your legs are burning and pain in our side...at every floor, we had a reminder that they kept going, which meant that we had to keep going too."

Click or scan to watch FWPD's video



To our first responders, thank you for your strength and resilience. It is truly an honor to host an event where we can continue the memory of those who lost their lives in the 9/11 attacks, but also to witness the bravery and strength of those who continue to serve and protect us every day.

Click or scan the QR code to see this year's climb photos

