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**Oregon Historical Society Commemorates 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11 with special guests Mike Irwin, Gerry Frank and Katie Harman Ebner**

*Sunday, September 11, 2 PM*

**Portland, OR – September 1, 2011** - As America marks the 10th anniversary of September 11, the Oregon Historical Society will host a fascinating discussion with three Oregonians with incredibly unique insights on that historic day.

**Mike Irwin** spent September 11, 2001 in the White House as the Director of Operations in the White House Military Office. He now serves as TSA's Oregon Federal Security Director, and will discuss what he saw and experienced from that remarkable vantage point.

**Gerry Frank** is the author of the best selling guide book to New York City. Nobody knows New York City better than Gerry, who will offer his reflections on how 9/11 changed that city.

**Katie Harman Ebner** was crowned Miss America within weeks of 9/11 and she devoted much of her next year to reaching out to New York City and to all of America's first responders.

**Firefighters, Police Force and their Families Admitted Free**

The Oregon Historical Society invites all firefighters, police officers and their families to the museum for free on this important anniversary in United States history.

The event will begin at 2 PM on Sunday, September 11, 2011 in the Oregon Historical Society pavilion, and is open to the public. General admission is required to visit the museum exhibits. Visit [WWW.OHS.ORG](http://WWW.OHS.ORG) for more details.

**About the Oregon Historical Society**

The Society has served since 1898 as Oregon's primary research collection and museum about Oregon history. OHS has an extensive collection of historical pieces, including over 85,000

artifacts and 3 million photographs and films. It safeguards and presents Oregon's history through a museum, research library, traveling exhibits, school programs and website content.

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