

## **FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL IN OUR LOCAL PARK**

**“United We Plant 9/11 Tree Planting Program”** is the work of Lyn and Marc Cohen. They were visiting in New York City shortly after 9/11 and met three Los Angeles firefighters at Ground Zero. Together, with the ground still smoking, they viewed the destruction.

Lyn and Marc wanted to find a way to honor all the fallen firefighters of 9/11, and when they returned to Los Angeles they founded “United We Plant” with the goal of planting a tree for each of the 343 New York firefighters who perished on 9/11. These trees are all planted at or near fire stations.

In 2005 – working with Lyn & Marc Cohen, the Los Angeles Beautification Team, our City Council office, our own Fire Station 76 firefighters, and the Department of Recreation & Parks, which gave us a beautiful rock for our plaque – CPPOA created a monument to five firefighters in our local El Paseo de Cahuenga Park. Three firefighters are from the FDNY (Fire Department of New York) who perished on 9/11 and two are LAFD (Los Angeles Fire Department) firefighters who died in the line of duty in our own city.

The pink tabebuia trees planted on the west side of Cahuenga Boulevard West were also each planted in the name of a fallen firefighter.

Our hope is that these firefighters’ families will one day visit our park and they will know that their beloved fathers/husbands/brothers/sons have not been forgotten.