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Michael R. Bloomberg

It is an honor to welcome everyone to the FDNY's Administrative Medals and Awards ceremony.

New York City is fortunate to be the home of the greatest fire department in the world. And as New Yorkers braced for Hurricane Sandy and continue recovery efforts in her devastating aftermath, we are reminded of just how grateful we are for our City's Firefighters and EMS crews. They put everything on the line to provide our residents with assistance in times of need and across the five boroughs. These individuals once again are going above and beyond the call of duty, while civilian and administrative employees behind the scenes are working around the clock to ensure that the Department's operations run smoothly. The work of these researchers, analysts, technicians and investigators is crucial to the FDNY's operations and we are proud to celebrate all they do to support the FDNY's lifesaving mission. Whether they are designing innovative training programs or using their Shorty Award-winning social media platforms to save lives, these men and women are instrumental in protecting New Yorkers' health and safety. Together, we applaud them for helping us remain the safest big city in the country.

On behalf of the City of New York, congratulations to all of this year's honorees. Best wishes for a wonderful ceremony and continued success in your vital work.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael R. Bloomberg".

Administrative Medals & Awards 2012



Salvatore J. Cassano
Commissioner

It is such a pleasure to host the FDNY Administrative Medals and Awards ceremony when we recognize outstanding work performed by our members during the past year. Unlike the June Medal Day, this awards ceremony honors a broad array of people--uniformed and civilian, managerial and non-managerial--who have worked diligently on projects and programs that have served to improve this Department. While these individuals work behind the scenes of our frontline Firefighter and EMS work forces, their contributions are equally important to ensure that this agency fulfills its core mission--to save lives and protect property. As Commissioner, I am constantly reminded that it takes the collective efforts of each of our 15,600 employees working together as a team to deliver the best services possible to the eight million residents and 50 million visitors to our great City.

This year's honorees include a host of varying units/departments and people involved in some of the most interesting work that I have been witness to since becoming Commissioner nearly three years ago.

Today, we salute several teams of civilian and uniformed members who worked together on projects critical to FDNY. Among them are the web-based information system DiamondPlate, the successful minority recruitment efforts for the recent Firefighter Candidate Test and the development of a cardiac emergency register used to assess service effectiveness in first responder and EMS cardiac care. Individuals honored this year represent a kaleidoscope of professional talents and units, including the diverse work of mechanics, dispatchers, architects, Fire Marshals and web media technologists.

As we have heard so many times, this Department represents the gold standard of emergency service delivery. FDNY stands as the premier emergency service agency, bar none. As was once again demonstrated during Hurricane Sandy's rescue and relief efforts, FDNY plays an enormously critical role in guaranteeing this City's day-to-day safety. Today, we honor some of the key people who have helped ensure that we not only live up to our reputation, but that we soar to even greater heights in the years ahead.

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ADMINISTRATION MEDAL



DIAMONDPLATE

Assistant Chief Ronald R. Spadafora, Deputy Chief Michael Grogan, Battalion Chief John J. Hodgens, Captain John Regan, and Lieutenants Christopher Conley and Joseph Murphy (*retired*), *Operations*; Battalion Chief Brian T. Mulry, *Safety*; Lieutenants JonPaul Augier and Scott Casese, *Safety*; Battalion Chief Thomas J. Currao, Captain Sean S. Newman and Lieutenants Timothy A. Carroll, Thomas F. Healy and Christopher P. Ward, *CTDP*; Lieutenants Christopher J. Kendall and Charles A. Marino, Captain Cesar A. Escobar and Lieutenant Farooq Muhammad, *Training*; Fire Marshal Daniel Maye, *Training-Mand Library*; Supervising Fire Marshal Michael B. Durkin, *BFI*; Dr. Glenn H. Asaeda, Sabrina A. Askew and EMT Dulce McCorvey, *OMA*; Division Chief Rosario Terranova, *EMS*; Mary T. McLaughlin, *Director, BHS*; Agatha Ponickly, *WTC Health Program*; Thomas S. Dowling, *Director*; Edward E. Prete, *Enterprise Portal Manager*; Daniel Casucci, *Enterprise Technical Coordinator*; Kevindra Lall, *IT LAN Administrator*; Arthur V. Dimaya, *IT LAN Administrator*; Peter V. Rzcidlo, *Computer Service Supervisor*; and Philip Binik, *IT WAN Administrator, BTDS*; Saleem Nathoo, *Lead IT Engineer (Consultant)*; Catherine Brock, *Project Manager (Consultant)*; Supervising Fire Marshal Ralph Bernard, *Director*; Joseph Malvasio, *Content Manager*; Richard T. Samalot, *Program Producer*; and Thomas Brown, *Program Producer, OPI*

Developed a new training web portal that has become an indispensable communication and on-line learning tool for FDNY employees

Improving situational awareness for field units was a major concern for the Department following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. The Bureau of Operations, in particular, sought development of a communications and training tool that would enhance operational readiness and allow for transmitting real-time information to the Department's more than 300 firehouses and EMS stations. This idea became a reality with development of the Kiosk/DiamondPlate initiative.

The Bureau of Operations, in partnership with the Bureau of Technology Development and Systems (BTDS), developed a proposal that was approved for grant funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The project involved installing computers and work stations in each facility, locating them in communal areas, such as firehouse kitchens, to maximize usage and information-sharing by field members. This goal--and the myriad challenges associated with hundreds of different work locations--was an enormous and complicated task for BTDS and involved coordinating the work of installers, technicians and electricians, as well as selecting the right software program--Contribute--that editors and publishers could use easily.

The information--or content--that appears on DiamondPlate is created by dozens of uniformed and civilian employees who are Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) in their respective Bureaus, including Operations, EMS, Safety, Training and CTDP (Center for Terrorism and Disaster Preparedness). The other major contributing Bureaus are the Office of Medical Affairs, Health Services, Fire Investigation

and the Mand Library.

Content development meetings, including brainstorming sessions to keep content fresh and innovative, are held regularly with participation by representatives from each of these Bureaus. The SMEs are supported by a team of Office of Public Information videographers and editors who provide expertise in video production, editing and content management.

Together, the group has collectively tackled various issues in 2012, launching a Department-wide needlestick prevention initiative, an on-line Safety Week campaign, an increased focus on terrorism-related situational awareness and a BIPOD preparedness effort.

Feedback about the work group's various projects has been extraordinarily positive. The proof is in the numbers: since its launch on May 2, 2011, the site has attracted more than 1.5 million page views and recently has averaged more than 33,000 page views each week.

The content on the site has truly complemented the hands-on training provided at the Fire Academy on Randall's Island, the EMS Academy at Fort Totten and multi-unit and in-house company drills. SMEs' contributions offer members daily information to help ensure they are armed with the latest knowledge and training to keep them operationally ready, safe and healthy.

The success of this initiative is a true testament to the collaborative efforts between uniformed and civilian members of the FDNY. They are presented with the Administration Medal, FDNY's oldest (established in 1914) and most prestigious administrative medal.

THE LEON LOWENSTEIN AWARD



EMILY B. RAHIMI
Social Media Strategist
OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

Launched and manages all official FDNY social media channels

Emily Rahimi oversees all official social media channels for FDNY. She creates (writes/edits) content for those platforms, as well as the agency's internal (intranet) and external (internet) web sites.

Social media have become a critically important part of any communications plan for businesses and government. Due to the work of Ms. Rahimi, FDNY was one of the first City agencies to develop a presence in social media and has used it effectively, both to communicate and interact with the public and employees in new, useful and exciting ways.

Ms. Rahimi launched the FDNY's social media presence in 2009 and since has grown it into one of the largest of any City agency. She supervises nine social media channels, including two Facebook pages, two Twitter accounts, YouTube, Flickr, Foursquare, Pinterest and Tumblr. And, unlike most other City agencies, she does all the work on her own.

For the FDNY's general pages, she's built a huge following of 112,000 Facebook likes, 56,000 Twitter followers, 50,000 Foursquare check-ins, 750,000 YouTube video views and 1.5 million Flickr photo views. Ms. Rahimi also monitors the newest social media sites and develops ways to use them to the Department's advantage.

Significantly, she also launched and operates the

social media channels for FDNY's recruitment campaign. Recruitment's Facebook (12,000 likes) and Twitter (2000 followers) pages have a combined 14,000 followers and she answers every single question--totaling more than 14,000 during the height of the Firefighter recruitment campaign.

Most recently, Ms. Rahimi turned the FDNY Twitter account into a true lifesaver. During Hurricane Sandy, many stricken New Yorkers were unable to call for help. However, many could access their Twitter accounts. Tweets came in to the FDNY and Ms. Rahimi provided yeoman-like assistance to these people, taking their pleas for help and calling dispatch on their behalf to render the appropriate aid. For just this one action, Ms. Rahimi would be deserving of high praise.

In summary, in launching and overseeing the FDNY's social media strategy, Ms. Rahimi demonstrated excellent judgment, initiative and execution in building what is now a vitally important part of the agency's communications plan--one that effectively reaches both the public and our employees.

Her social media efforts for the FDNY make Emily Rahimi a worthy recipient of The Leon Lowenstein Award.

GEORGE F. MAND AWARD



MARYLAND S. SUNDAY
Associate Fire Prevention Inspector
BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION

Played an instrumental role in developing an advisory program to instruct business owners about the installation and testing of the rangehood fire suppression system, greatly reducing the required time

Associate Fire Prevention Inspector Maryland Sunday has been detailed to the New Business Acceleration Team (NBAT) since March 3, 2010. A mayoral initiative, NBAT is designed to combine inspectors from City agencies to reduce the time it takes to navigate agency rules, get plans approved and inspections conducted so a business can begin operation.

As the only FDNY inspector, Ms. Sunday was instrumental in developing an advisory program to instruct business owners in the installation and testing of the rangehood fire suppression system. This empowered business owners to be more involved in the oversight of contractors.

Working as an advisor to the business owner, Ms. Sunday maintained close contact and provided better oversight regarding the installation of the system. This continued communication gave her the ability to ensure the system was installed correctly and within the least amount of time possible. Her constant involvement in the process made sure that upon completion of the installation, a rapid test of the system could be scheduled, resulting in the test being successful on the first appointment.

Ms. Sunday's diligence and dedication to the project has resulted in the growth of the NBAT initiative. The

FDNY commitment has increased from its initial one inspector assignment to four. Importantly, the time required for the installation and testing of rangehood suppression systems has been dramatically reduced from 80 to 90, to five to nine days.

Thanks to Ms. Sunday's efforts, the FDNY has received numerous accolades in the press, from the business community, the Mayor's Office and City Council for the commitment and dedication exhibited to make the NBAT program a success.

Ms. Sunday is a credit to the Department. Her "can do" attitude and dedication to duty set the example to be followed by all FDNY Fire Prevention Inspectors.

The George F. Mand Award, established in 1966, is awarded to a Department member whose services during the prior year led to the improvement of Fire Department services. Developing and coordinating work techniques, resourcefulness, assumption of responsibility and effectiveness of accomplishments are considered when making this award.

Based on these criteria, it is clear why Associate Fire Prevention Inspector Maryland S. Sunday is being presented with the George F. Mand Award today.

CHIEF THOMAS P. O'BRIEN AWARD



WILLIAM J. HAHN
Fire Alarm Dispatcher
BUREAU OF COMMUNICATIONS

Played a key role in the successful renovation of the Bronx Communications Office, while maintaining effective live emergency operations during relocations of dispatch offices

The brief description of William Hahn's role as a Fire Alarm Dispatcher would be: Using various technologies, he is responsible for the receipt, processing and transmitting of alarms for fires and emergencies and then monitoring on-scene status, escalations, assignment of appropriate units, managing unit relocations to ensure adequate borough-wide coverage and providing status, updates and notifications to Chief Officers and responding units. The more accurate description of Mr. Hahn's role, however, is that of one who, throughout his 29-year career, consistently has demonstrated an exemplary work ethic, job expertise and dedication to the performance of his duties with the FDNY.

Mr. Hahn is recognized for his skills, initiative and willingness to learn, adapt and then teach, which have impacted the success of the ongoing transitions of the FDNY Bronx Fire Dispatch operation. Those who work on his tour know that he sets the stage for controlled and orderly operations during even the most hectic activity or dire circumstances.

Recently, the Bronx Fire Dispatch operation was challenged on many levels, ranging from the physical relocation of operations from buildings to trailers and then back, to the introduction and use of new technologies and operational procedures, as well as managing the logistics personnel working near construction areas--all of which had to be accomplished while maintaining effective live emergency operations and ensuring no increase in the borough's pro-

cessing time. Achievements of such magnitude do not come about easily. They are greatly dependent upon the input, support and endorsement of those individuals who are respected and regarded by their colleagues.

True to form and as the senior Dispatcher in the Bronx, Mr. Hahn's willingness and open-mindedness to the introduction and adaption of new systems and technologies and the "back and forth" moves of the dispatch offices to trailers, as well as the refurbishment of the Bronx Communications Office, have all been critically instrumental to the success of the Emergency Communications Transformation Program Phase 1. He helped identify and report potential problems before they occurred. His diligent attention to detail helped mitigate negative operational impact and facilitated smooth transitions. With Mr. Hahn's assistance, minor issues remained minor and critical issues were identified and addressed early on.

The bottom line is that people look up to Mr. Hahn. They respect and value his opinion; he influences positive change and helps to get things done. He has unselfishly taken on the responsibility of mentor and passes along the knowledge--such as the geographic uniqueness of the borough and nuances of the job--he has gained through his years of experience.

For these reasons, Fire Alarm Dispatcher William J. Hahn is presented with the Chief Thomas P. O'Brien Award.

THE FIRE COMMISSIONER'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE



RECRUITMENT & DIVERSITY UNIT

Michele J. Maglione, *Assistant Commissioner*; **Nafeesah Noonan**, *Deputy Director*; **Lieutenants Daniel S. Sterling, Dwayne M. DeWitt and Robert A. Smith**; **Lieutenant Mary F. Dandridge**, *Field Supervisor*; **EMT Brandon O. Mahon**, *Training Coordinator*; **Erick L. Green**, *FDNY High School Liaison*; **FF Brooke Guinan**, *Staff Coordinator*; **Wadell E. English**, *Office Manager*; **Jessica M. Forrest**, *Executive Assistant*; **Lieutenant Andre Majors**, *Officer-in-Charge*; **Lieutenant Dellon D. Morgan**, **FM Zackary H. Fletcher** and **FFs Malik S. Crawford, Keith J. Mason, Fabio A. Valencia, Juan A. Ovalle, Jason M. Cintron, Regina G. Wilson, Aaron L. Gardner, Jonathan Logan, Carlos F. Monroe, Manuel Torres, Daniel M. Whitman, Alexander J. Couch, Delvalle J. Fares, Khalid Baylor, Anthony L. Guest, Anthony D. O'Carroll, Roy Nichols and Bernard C. Randall** and **EMT Shawna N. Mitchell**, *Recruiters*; **Emily B. Rahimi**, *OPI, Social Media Coordinator*

BUREAU OF ADMINISTRATION

Designed and implemented a multi-pronged program geared toward increasing diversity within the uniformed forces of the FDNY

The Office of Recruitment and Diversity is charged with advancing and supporting initiatives in the recruitment, retention and promotional advancement of men and women of diverse backgrounds in the fire suppression and emergency medical services. Specifically, a top priority of the Department is to continue to expand its successful efforts to diversify its uniformed work force. The percentage of young men and women of diverse backgrounds entering the Fire Academy has been increasing steadily.

The numbers speak for themselves and highlight the success of this initiative. In 2010 and 2011, the unit aggressively sought prospective applicants and amassed a list of more than 130,000 people (the majority of whom were minorities) expressing interest in taking the 2012 test. Those names were entered into a data base from which the Department provided extensive support and communicated with prospective candidates, offering the opportunity to participate in free tutoring courses for the written exam.

FDNY recruitment efforts for the 2012 test focused on intensive media, internet and community outreach

programs to reach minority and women applicants. Ads featuring different gender and ethnic groups were used through a combination of print, radio and television media. FDNY recruitment Officers and Firefighters conducted speaking engagements, targeting local, New York City-based community organizations, colleges, job fairs and block associations. FDNY created both a Facebook and Twitter new-media campaign to keep candidates informed and up to date about filing deadlines, job requirements and on-line prep study and test-taking.

The Department's aggressive recruitment campaign for the 2012 Firefighter exam fielded the most diverse group of applicants ever--with people of color making up nearly half (45.7 percent) of the record 42,160 people who filed to take the test. Of the 45.7 percent or 19,265 people of color, 49.7 percent are Hispanic; 42.5 percent are black; and 6.8 percent are Asian. Women candidates totaled 1952 or 4.6 percent of the 42,160 total test-takers.

For executing such a well-designed program geared to increasing the diversity within the FDNY, the above-mentioned individuals are presented with The Fire Commissioner's Award for Outstanding Service.

MOE GINSBERG AWARD



KHARIK SPEKTOR
Managing Director
Fire Alarm Inspection Unit
BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION

*Implemented numerous initiatives to enhance customer service
for the Fire Alarm Inspection Unit*

Kharik Spektor serves as the Managing Director of the Fire Alarm Inspection Unit (FAIU). He supervises the day-to-day activities of five Supervising Inspectors, 16 Fire Alarm Inspectors, five clericals, two temps and one person currently assigned to the Central Station Unit, which will be increased with five field inspectors, a supervising inspector and one clerical. Some of Mr. Spektor's accomplishments follow:

- A new FAIU web site was created. The site provides the public with critical information necessary to expedite the FAIU approval process.
- The FAIU posted 12 Information Bulletins for stakeholders on the Fire Prevention web page.
- A critical path for achieving letters of approval was developed and posted on the Fire Prevention web page for stakeholders.
- The Central Station Unit has been re-engineered, leading to greater efficiency, enhanced control and greater revenue generation.
- The Fire Prevention Information Management System has been upgraded to reflect the requirements of the

newly adopted 2008 Building Code.

- The letter of approval process has been modified to be more user-friendly. This move has been praised by stakeholders such as Building Owners & Managers Association and the Fire Alarm Association of New York.
- The FAIU has implemented a newly computerized scheduling system, designed by Mr. Spektor, resulting in greater efficiency and enhanced customer service.
- The entire catalogue of forms used by Fire Alarm Inspectors has been updated, streamlining the entire FAIU process.
- Revenue generation increased from approximately \$2 to \$4 million per year.
- Due to the changes implemented, the waiting time for a Fire Alarm Inspection has been reduced from two months to three weeks.

The Fire Alarm Unit has received numerous accolades from stakeholders throughout the industry for the enhancements to customer service that have been implemented under Mr. Spektor's stewardship. For these reasons, he is presented with the Moe Ginsberg Award.

JAMES J. JOHNSTON MEMORIAL MEDAL



BATTALION CHIEF THOMAS J. PIGOTT

Chief in Charge

Technology Management Unit

BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION

Implemented numerous programs and developed partnerships with other agencies to promote the highest level of fire safety possible

The Technology Management Unit works tirelessly to ensure that the FDNY retains its pre-eminent position as the most technologically advanced fire department in the world. During Battalion Chief Thomas Pigott's tenure as Chief in Charge of Technology Management, the following innovations and cooperative ventures have been implemented, ensuring that the New York City Fire Department maintains the highest level of fire safety possible:

- The Rooftop Unit of Tech Management has worked cooperatively with the New York City Department of Buildings (DOB) and FDNY's Bureau of Operations to identify rooftop structures throughout the City and ensure they are Fire and Building Code compliant and will not hinder fire operations.
- Ensured the safety of co-generation disapproved by the Tech Management Unit, greatly enhancing the safe operation of such units throughout the City.
- Reviewed and refined many of the green initiatives undertaken by the City in recent years.
- Implemented a computerized Egress Modeling System, which has proved to be a highly valuable tool for ensuring safety of building occupants in the DJany complex buildings.
- Implemented a Computerized Fire Modeling System for emergency ventilation throughout the subway and other rail transit systems.
- Worked with the Fire Alarm Inspection Unit and the DOB to successfully transition the Plan Review Process for fire alarm systems from the DOB to FDNY. This transition has greatly enhanced the level of customer satisfaction and expedited the fire alarm approval process.
- Played a key role in developing partnerships with Con Edison, New York Fire Alarm Association, National Grid, DOB, the International Code Committee, Hotel Association of New York and major developers throughout the City, to ensure fire and life safety through enhanced awareness of Fire and Building Code Regulations, ensuring the highest levels of safety for residents, workers and first responders.
- Unit expansion from eight to 32 personnel, including one Battalion Chief, one Captain, two Lieutenants, six support staff and 22 engineers. The engineers have degrees in chemical, mechanical, electrical, fire protection and civil engineering.
- Received unit recognition throughout the United States and beyond for its expertise. The unit has provided assistance to other fire departments, such as Chicago, Providence, Rhode Island, Seattle, San Diego and Phoenix, as well as to representatives of the United Kingdom's National Fire College at Gloucestershire on the Moore in England.

For his numerous accomplishments in the Technology Management Unit, Battalion Chief Thomas J. Pigott is presented with the James J. Johnston Memorial Medal.

HONORARY CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT JACK LERCH MEDAL



NICK ALLEGRETTI

*Auto Mechanic and Assistant Supervisor of the Ladder Section
BUREAU OF FLEET SERVICES*

Provided exceptional maintenance for FDNY's ladder apparatus

The Honorary Chief of Department Jack Lerch Medal, established in 1989, is presented to a uniformed or civilian member of the Bureau of Fleet Services for outstanding service. For providing superlative service, Nick Allegretti, auto mechanic and Assistant Supervisor of the Ladder Section, is being honored with this medal.

Mr. Allegretti is a senior mechanic who is dedicated to ensuring that FDNY ladder apparatus are available for emergency response. He performs diagnostics--using sophisticated computer-aided diagnostic software--and provides repairs and preventive maintenance service for heavy-duty, custom-designed apparatus.

His prior experience in the trade provided him with a strong foundation and skill set in electrical and hydraulic systems. His specialization is rear-mount, tower ladders and tractor-trailers. Mr. Allegretti's expertise has made him particularly adept at repairing and rebuilding component systems, including starters, electrical systems, alternators, standard and automatic transmissions and hydraulic cylinders and pumps.

Mr. Allegretti is a key contributor to the FDNY fleet maintenance program. He assists with the supervision and ensures the smooth operation of the ladder section. With 27 years of experience, he is a valuable asset and tremendous resource for the Department.

His superior mechanical abilities are complemented by his interpersonal skills, versatility, resourcefulness and dedication. Mr. Allegretti is always willing to assist wherever needed and to share his expertise. He continually strives to expand his proficiencies.

Mr. Allegretti goes above and beyond to ensure that the FDNY first-line fleet has sufficient vehicles, optimally primed for emergency response. Although Fleet's mechanic staff has been depleted, he can always be counted on to work tirelessly to ensure that the daily fleet needs are met and that issues are promptly identified and resolved.

In recognition of his strong work ethic and dedication to the proper maintenance of FDNY's ladder apparatus, Nick Allegretti, auto mechanic and Assistant Supervisor of the Ladder Section, is the worthy recipient of the Honorary Chief of Department Jack Lerch Medal.

THE HONORARY FIRE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION MEDAL



CAPTAIN JOSEPH J. MATTHEWS
Water Rescue Unit
SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND

Developed a one-day training program to provide hands-on training for all water rescue-trained Firefighters and company Officers

Captain Joseph Matthews was tasked with devising, organizing, coordinating, implementing and supervising a water rescue training initiative that had never been undertaken before by the FDNY. Starting last year, he wrote a one-day training program to provide hands-on training in the bay at Fort Totten for all water rescue-trained Firefighters and company Officers.

Next, Captain Matthews researched and purchased the necessary tools and equipment for the training. Once the program was approved, equipment purchased, instructors trained and schedules made, he began coordinating the actual training course, which ran from April to October 2012. The course was held Monday through Friday, every week during this time period.

A total of 1843 members were trained. Feedback from all students was extraordinarily positive. No doubt, this was due to the quality of the training program, as well as the expertise of the instructors Captain Matthews secured.

This training program provided FDNY Firefighters with actual hands-on experience that enabled them to hone their skills for water rescue incidents in all conditions. This water rescue training course definitely has improved the efficiency and safety level of FDNY members, while simultaneously bringing a much greater life safety service to the citizens and visitors who use the waterways of New York City.

Established in 1994, The Honorary Fire Officers Association Medal is awarded to a selected uniformed member assigned or detailed to the Fire Academy, whose administrative contributions are such that they improve the Department's ability to carry out its mission or improve the delivery of Department services to the public.

Many lives will be saved in the future, thanks to the efforts of Captain Joseph Matthews. The FDNY proudly presents him with The Honorary Fire Officers Association Medal.

COMMUNITY MAYORS NICHOLAS DeGAETA AWARD



GREEN INITIATIVES WORK GROUP

Ramsey Dabby, *Chief Architect*; **Jan Z. Borodo**, *Executive Assistant to the Assistant Commissioner*; **Kevin Lovejoy**, *Project Manager*; and **Tarek Khalil**, *Energy Manager*
BUREAU OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Reduced FDNY's carbon footprint while enhancing operational capabilities and decreasing expenditures in sustainable green building design

The Bureau of Facilities Management's (BFM) primary mission is to perform maintenance, repair and new construction at more than 350 Department emergency response, training, support and administrative facilities City-wide. Since 2008, BFM has overseen agency energy consumption, making significant progress in reducing electrical consumption to comply with the PlaNYC goal of reducing emissions by 30 percent by 2017.

Working toward the goal of reduced electrical consumption has been a serious budgetary issue for the Department. Under a new directive, if the agency comes in under its annual electrical budget, the remaining funds can be reinvested in other energy-reducing projects. However, if the agency overspends its budget, the shortfall is taken from the agency's operational budget. Therefore, BFM enacted new guidelines, acquired additional staff and performed an internal restructuring across the agency's property portfolio.

BFM used various resources, including personnel skills, education and outreach, plus technical expertise in design, construction management and mechanical engineering to achieve this critical goal. During the past year, four BFM members--Ramsey Dabby, Jan Borodo, Kevin Lovejoy and Tarek Khalil--have distinguished themselves in this area and provided the Department with critically needed cost savings in its electrical usage, enhanced oversight and operations and raised the bar pertaining to sustainable green building design.

Specifically, while the City was beginning its implemen-

tation of PlaNYC, the Bureau also was initiating the design effort of a new facility for Marine 9 on Staten Island. Taking the PlaNYC goals, Chief Architect Dabby, in conjunction with Project Manager Lovejoy and Executive Assistant to the Assistant Commissioner Borodo, incorporated various innovative green energy solutions into the design specifications to make this facility a pioneer project of sustainable energy. Some of the key items incorporated into the design included hot water solar thermal panels and photovoltaic solar panels.

Monitoring electrical usage, BFM developed an application to centrally monitor this function in an effort to promote efficiencies. Energy Manager Khalil and Mr. Lovejoy developed an application to the existing Building Management System (BMS), which enabled the BFM to centrally monitor firehouse electrical usage. All electrical systems now are centrally managed to assure maximum efficiency. The application has been so successful, it is designated a standard specification when the agency designs a new facility.

Thanks to Mr. Khalil's mechanical engineering background, BFM has been able to develop arithmetic models and cost-saving analysis to optimize the technologies needed for firehouse lighting retrofit projects (and thereby reduce electricity consumption). Other projects were taken on that secured an 18 to 25 percent reduction in electricity annually.

For their skills and dedication, Ramsey Dabby, Jan Z. Borodo, Kevin Lovejoy and Tarek Khalil are recognized with the Community Mayors Nicholas DeGaeta Award.

COMMISSIONER MARTIN SCOTT MEDAL



**FIRE MARSHAL
JOSEPH B. SULLIVAN**
Auto Fraud Squad

**FIRE MARSHAL
MICHAEL A. TIERNEY**
Auto Fraud Squad

BUREAU OF FIRE INVESTIGATION

***Investigated vehicle arson-for-profit conspiracies
that resulted in numerous arrests, indictments and successful prosecutions***

The Bureau of Fire Investigation (BFI) is responsible for conducting a broad range of investigations related to fire and arson. Every year in New York City, the FDNY responds to more than 3000 vehicle fires. To meet the challenge presented by vehicle fires, BFI has expanded its ability to combat arson and enhance Firefighter safety by developing a highly specialized unit--the Auto Fraud Squad. Fire Marshals Joseph B. Sullivan and Michael A. Tierney are leaders within this elite unit.

Some background information; FM Sullivan has been with the FDNY for 12 years and FM Tierney for 26 years. Both were promoted to the rank of Fire Marshal in 2007. Since that time, FMs Sullivan and Tierney have distinguished themselves as highly motivated members of BFI. They have demonstrated the skills and resourcefulness found only in the most knowledgeable investigators, particularly in the areas of fire scene investigation and criminal interrogation. Additionally, they have proved themselves to be highly effective in breaking up arson-for-profit conspiracies involving torch-for-hire scenarios.

The impact of vehicle arson is two-fold. First, these fires present a significant hazard to both Firefighters and civilians. The FDNY Safety and Inspection Services Command reported that an average of 50 Firefighters are injured

each year while operating at vehicle fires. In addition to the safety factor, the economic impact is enormous. Typically, vehicle fires are financially motivated crimes involving arson conspiracy and high value fraud.

The dedication to duty shown by FMs Sullivan and Tierney has resulted in numerous arrests, indictments and successful prosecutions. This success has drawn the attention of the NYS Office of the Governor. In 2011, the Department of Criminal Justice Services awarded the Auto Fraud Squad a grant to fund its continued operation.

Since 1967, the Commissioner Martin Scott Medal is awarded to a member of the Bureau of Fire Investigation for distinguished service and display of unusual initiative, resourcefulness and capability in the investigation of arson and the apprehension of a perpetrator. The work of FMs Sullivan and Tierney sends forth a powerful message--to both the public and potential offenders--the FDNY will meet and confront all those who challenge the safety and security of the citizens of New York City and the Firefighters of the FDNY.

For their dedication and superior investigative skills, FMs Joseph B. Sullivan and Michael A. Tierney, Auto Fraud Squad, are duly recognized with the Commissioner Martin Scott Medal.

THE FIRE COMMISSIONER'S AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE



BATTALION CHIEF TERENCE M. CASHIN
Executive Officer
BUREAU OF OPERATIONS

*Integrated the EPA's computerized Hansen Hydrant Repair System into the FDNY,
resulting in hydrant inspection and tracking efficiencies*

Battalion Chief Terence M. Cashin was the Executive Officer of the Brooklyn Borough Command and was tasked as the Water Resources Coordinator for the entire Department. In this position, he was responsible for direct contact regarding inspectional and repair activity with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). All hydrant inspectional activities are monitored and coordinated through the Brooklyn Borough.

Additionally, the Chief was responsible for the integration of EPA's computerized Hansen Hydrant Repair System into the FDNY. NYC DEP uses its computerized hydrant repair system to track and maintain the 109,000 hydrants in the City. Chief Cashin met numerous times with ranking members of DEP to bring this important program into the FDNY. The program saved the DEP thousands of dollars in staffing costs. The benefit to the FDNY is a modern, computerized tracking system for inspecting and repairing all the DEP hydrants in the City.

This program has streamlined the repair process and reduced the amount of time in which repairs can be completed, thus ensuring defective hydrants are placed back in service in the shortest time possible. It has revolutionized the ability of the Department to track in real time hydrant availability. This has increased situational awareness of this critical infrastructure of the City of New York. The program is

fully supported and in line with the goals of the Department of Homeland Security.

Chief Cashin developed the training program given to all Officers in the FDNY. The training program also was presented on DiamondPlate. He procured the funding after meeting with Assistant Commissioner Stephen Rush, Chief of Training Thomas Galvin, then-Chief of Operations Robert Sweeney and Director of Grants Irene Sullivan, among others. Chief Cashin also had extensive meetings with FDNY's Bureau of Technology Development & Systems, along with the IT personnel from NYC DEP. Currently, Chief Cashin is developing a new All Units Circular 205, Hydrant Reporting System.

Chief Cashin's expertise in incorporating the Hansen Project have brought the FDNY into the 21st century regarding a modern, efficient inspection and tracking tool for the City's hydrant infrastructure. His efforts have enhanced the efficiency of the FDNY, as well as the NYC DEP. Chief Cashin's work has reinforced FDNY's commitment to working with other City agencies to provide the highest level of life safety to the visitors and citizens of NYC.

For his exemplary efforts, Battalion Chief Terence M. Cashin is presented with The Fire Commissioner's Award for Meritorious Service.

THE FIRE COMMISSIONER'S AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE



EVE R. CHARLACK
Special Projects Coordinator
BUREAU OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Planned and coordinated numerous beneficial programs for human resources

As the Special Projects Coordinator, Eve R. Charlack plans and coordinates human resource-related special programs and other related functions as determined by the Assistant Commissioner for Human Resources. She analyzes operations and makes recommendations to increase productivity and efficiency. Additionally, she acts as liaison with all levels of staff within the Department and oversight agencies City-wide.

Other responsibilities include maintaining certifications and acting as agency career counselor, creating reports for management and coordinating other programs, including but not limited to, the Summer College Internship and Government Scholars Programs. Ms. Charlack also tracks EMS and Uniformed personnel assigned to off-line positions and develops and publishes the bi-weekly *Employee Bulletin*.

Throughout her FDNY career, Ms. Charlack has made outstanding contributions to the Bureau of Human Resources. She has exceptional computer skills and initiative that she has used to design various data bases. She played a key role in designing the off-line data base,

which she administers. She also designed the Bureau's PAR and Performance Evaluation data bases for tracking civilian personnel actions and performance evaluations. She created the Financial Disclosure data base to monitor FDNY members required to file financial disclosure. She reorganized and standardized the Bureau acronym coding system for in-house computer programs developed by the Bureau of Technology Development & Systems. She developed the Employee Resource Manual, which is pending publication. Finally, she worked diligently with Training and EMS operations to ensure accuracy of maintaining EMS certifications.

Ms. Charlack is a conscientious employee who continually introduces new tools to enhance the Bureau's ability to store, track, retrieve and report on personnel data. Her attention to detail is unparalleled and critical in ensuring the accuracy of the reports and documents she produces.

For all of these reasons, Eve R. Charlack is the worthy recipient of The Fire Commissioner's Award for Meritorious Service.

THE FIRE COMMISSIONER'S AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE



ALISON J. CHEN
Assistant Counsel
BUREAU OF LEGAL AFFAIRS

Drafted numerous legal documents that have served to secure FDNY favorable determinations in various litigation

Legal Affairs attorneys are the agency's in-house legal counsel. They provide FDNY's executives and staff with the day-to-day legal guidance needed to ensure that the agency complies with the myriad rules and regulations with which every employer and City agency must comply.

Additionally, these attorneys draft all manner of contracts and agreements, policies and procedures, and legislation and rules; act as liaisons to the New York City Law Department in connection with Fire Department litigation; respond to subpoenas and freedom of information law requests; and represent the agency before human rights agencies in connection with equal employment opportunity complaints.

As a staff attorney in the Bureau of Legal Affairs, Alison J. Chen is at the forefront of many of the legal issues that confront the FDNY. She has demonstrated excellence in all aspects of these legal tasks. She is thorough and thoughtful and a skillful drafter of legal documents. She delves into and masters the details necessary to address and resolve legal problems.

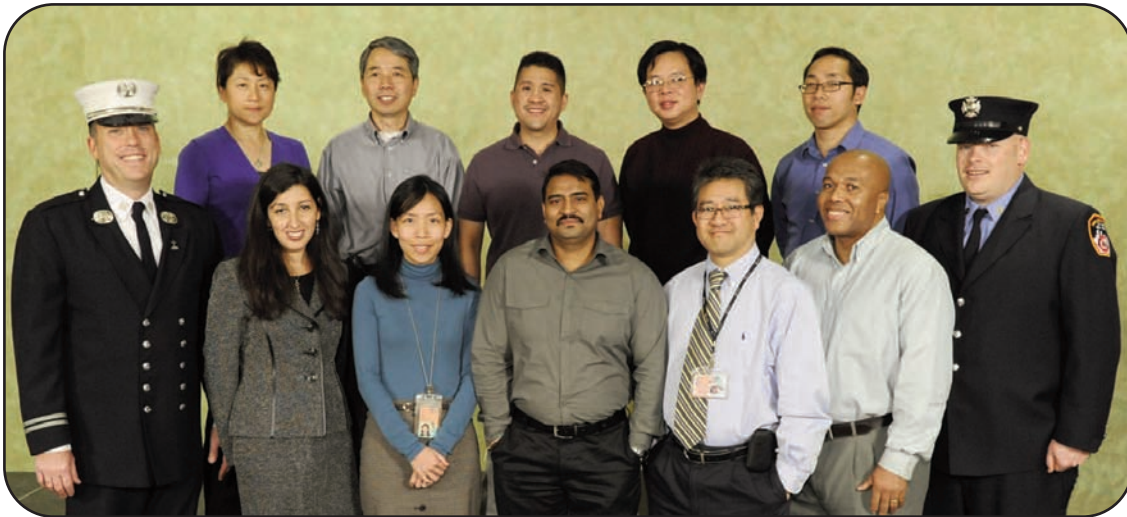
Ms. Chen played an important role developing time and leave and overtime protocols for Facilities personnel and continues to counsel supervisors in that unit and in

other Bureaus on labor and employment matters. These policies have been key to FDNY securing favorable determinations in Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) litigation. Ms. Chen continues to perform similar work for Communications personnel.

The memoranda of understanding, license agreements, donation agreements and other agreements drafted by Ms. Chen have facilitated a wide range of agency operations. Her confidentiality agreements have enabled the Department to obtain sensitive information from other City and State agencies for emergency response planning, operations and training. She provided the legal support that enabled the City to condemn the property currently being used as EMS Station 39.

Ms. Chen's investigative skills and effective advocacy in her representation of FDNY in EEO proceedings filed with Federal and State human rights agencies and her work with the New York City Law Department in EEO lawsuits resulted in favorable outcomes for FDNY or mutually favorable resolutions for all parties. The Fire Commissioner's Award for Meritorious Service rightfully recognizes Alison J. Chen for her abilities, dedication and accomplishments.

THE FIRE COMMISSIONER'S AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE



10-35 PROJECT

Captain John F. Regan, Operations; Lieutenant Michael G. Kinnane; Yat-Wee Cheng, Deputy Director for Programming; Tayo Kurzman, Assistant Counsel; Linda L. Shang, Computer Specialist, Project Leader; Shan Guo, Computer Specialist, DBA; Lieutenant Trevor McNeice; Lloyd Ferguson, Data Entry Unit Supervisor; Tian Q. Wen, Applications Administrator, BTDS; Sarath Suragana, Application Administrator, BTDS; Francis Fung, Programmer, BTDS; Xueliang Fang, ADF Programmer, BTDS; Lungwa Li, BPM Programmer, BTDS; and Victor Vitulli, Deputy Chief Inspect Supervisor of ECB Representatives, Legal Unit

Developed the electronic 10-35 NOV form, which generated \$1.8 million in revenue

On August 16, 2010, Section 907-01 of Title 3 of the Rules of the City of New York was changed regarding the enforcement of unnecessary and unwarranted alarms. Following this change, the Bureau of Operations was tasked with enforcement. Under the direction and guidance of the Chief of Operations, the 10-35 Desk was formed to create, develop and maintain this enforcement initiative.

The first step in creating the enforcement procedure was to gain a solid understanding of the rule change and identify previous procedures that had to be adjusted. Captain John Regan coordinated all activity with other Bureaus (Budget and Finance, Bureau of Legal Affairs and Operations) and acted as Operations project manager. Lieutenant Michael Kinnane was the lead Officer of the 10-35 desk. Their goals: Get this project done in a timely, cost-effective manner and identify any additional uses of the new software being created for this project.

Tayo Kurzman from Legal and Jason Cheng from the Bureau of Technology Development and Systems joined Lieutenant Kinnane and Captain Regan to form the “core” four. While these four acted as the leads, there were other FDNY individuals (listed above) who worked diligently on this initiative.

The electronic 10-35 Notice of Violation (NOV) form

- Enabled the 10-35 teams to use an Oracle-based program to increase effectiveness and efficiency of the 10-35 NOV

process by automatically populating data on the electronic 10-35 NOV and assigned electronically to the Administrative Unit.

- Electronically directed the NOV to the Environmental Control Board (ECB). This was prioritized on the Mayor’s “Datashare” project, which resulted in groundbreaking steps to receive approval of an electronic 10-35 NOV form from the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings, ECB.
- Process significantly reduced errors, thereby reducing ECB dismissals of 10-35 violations.
- Improved the tracking of 10-35 data, reduced paper and printing vendor costs and laid the groundwork for future electronic processes within the Department.

During 2011, the 10-35 Desk wrote more than 4000 NOV’s for unwarranted and unnecessary alarms, generating \$1.8 million in revenue.

The people on this project started from scratch, developed a procedure and rolled out a product that is generating revenue for the Department. In the future, the software and procedures developed will be used for other administrative procedures within the organization, thereby reducing paper and vendor costs and streamlining reporting procedures between Bureaus and other City agencies.

It is for these reasons that the above-listed individuals are presented with The Fire Commissioner’s Award for Meritorious Service.

THE FIRE COMMISSIONER'S AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE



EMS SUPPORT FACILITIES PROJECT

David J. Harney, *Chief of Staff, Bureau of Technology & Support Services*

Irma L. Fontaine, *Architect, Bureau of Facilities Management*

Secured property and provided design to give EMS support facilities in Midtown West and Washington Heights, Manhattan, to facilitate better response times and save more lives

Since the City's Emergency Medical Service (EMS) function was merged into the Fire Department in 1996, the agency has worked to site additional EMS support facilities as part of a program to reduce ambulance out-of-service times. The rationale was simple: reducing out-of-service times has a corollary effect on in-service times. Greater in-service times allow for faster emergency medical responses and thereby may save more lives.

While FDNY had achieved great success in this effort, two areas of Manhattan--Midtown West and Washington Heights--remained problematic due to lack of available property (either City or privately owned) and project funding. However, during the past two years, events and opportunities arose and Architect Irma L. Fontaine and David J. Harney, Chief of Staff to the Deputy Fire Commissioner for Technology and Support Services, stepped up to play an integral role to address these site needs.

In 2010, St. Vincent's Hospital in Greenwich Village closed. Mr. Harney coordinated the FDNY's effort to build an EMS station in this important area. He developed detailed analyses of the problem, worked to obtain funding authority (for both site acquisition and construction) from the Office of Management and Budget and managed search for property with the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS). With a site selected, he coordinated myriad land use and political activities with numerous agencies and committees. Additionally, he worked with DCAS to develop a license agreement to use the parcel and currently is collaborating with them on a long-term lease.

Miss Fontaine managed the design and construction efforts. She worked for more than six months on the complex "from the ground up" design effort. There were numerous issues--such as noise attenuation--which Miss Fontaine worked tirelessly and successfully to rectify with the affected agencies. She closely managed the construction (fabrication, site work, delivery, installation) process of more than 3600 square feet of trailers, consisting of nine interconnected modular units. Construction began in mid-2011 and the station, which has a staff of 77 and runs 21 ambulance and three Officer tours a day, officially opened in October 2011.

As the design effort for the West 23rd Street site was proceeding, the FDNY was presented with a unique opportunity for EMS expansion into Washington Heights. Located at West 172nd Street and Amsterdam Avenue, the vacant, approximately 7500-square-foot parcel was optimally located for EMS operations in this area of Manhattan.

Similar to the situation downtown, Mr. Harney moved quickly and again coordinated activities to secure the Fire Department's ownership of the parcel, obtain project funding and coordinate land use activities. Simultaneously, Miss Fontaine doggedly worked the design effort and coordinated with numerous consultants to ensure the design would enhance EMS' operational capability. Construction is anticipated to be completed by late November and the station operational by Christmas.

As recipients of The Fire Commissioner's Award for Meritorious Service, Irma L. Fontaine and David J. Harney are recognized for their dedication to meeting the mission of the FDNY.

THE FIRE COMMISSIONER'S AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE



TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT/ROOFTOP ACCESS UNIT

Tamara Saakian, *Director of Technology Management*; **Lieutenant Alfred Trinidad**, *Unit Supervisor*; **Lieutenant Jose M. Morales**, *Examiner*; **Michael B. Yohannan**, *Assistant Electrical Engineer*; **Matthew R. Guido**, *Assistant Mechanical Engineer*; and **Winnie Lei**, *(Consultant)*
BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION

Developed a training program to educate plan examiners, constantly update CIDS to keep Fire personnel safe and assist the public with Fire Code requirements

When the Fire Code was promulgated in 2008, new requirements for FDNY rooftop access were established. As a result of these new requirements, a Rooftop Access Unit was created. With Battalion Chief Thomas J. Pigott providing capable leadership, Director Tamara Saakian, Lieutenants Alfred Trinidad and Jose M. Morales, Assistant Electrical Engineer Michael B. Yohannan, Assistant Mechanical Engineer Matthew R. Guido and consultant Winnie Lei were instrumental in the implementation of this new effort.

Within two years' time, the unit reviewed more than 4000 plan submissions for telecommunication installations (Verizon, AT&T, MetroPCS, T-Mobile, Sprint, Clear Wire), solar and solar thermal installations, penthouses, greenhouses, bulkheads, green/blue rooftops, roof gardens, fencing/fence enclosures, railings, skylights, decking and bars. The unit members traveled around the City, making presentations at seminars that included attendees from City agencies, industry leaders, architects, designers and installers whose work involves rooftops.

The unit members continually strive to educate the public on requirements of the Fire Code and how it impacts firefighting operations and life safety of FDNY

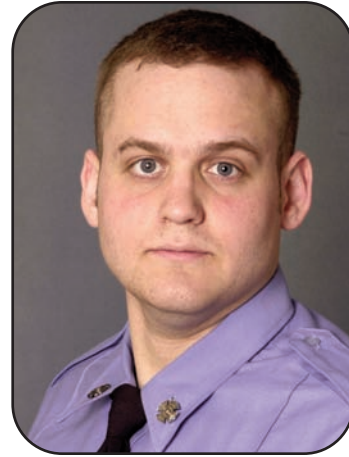
personnel.

Members of this unit have developed a training program for the Department of Buildings, Department of Citywide Administrative Services and School Construction Authority plan examiners. Additionally, members were involved in expediting the process for tax abatement and grants issuance for solar and green/blue roof installations and played an important role on the committee for the Solar Map developed by CUNY. This interactive web site calculates solar production for any building in the City, while following the various agencies' code requirements.

These members constantly update Critical Information Dispatch System (CIDS) information that is critically important to Firefighters' operations and Officers' decision-making processes. They also assist Operations personnel in updating the Fire Department Manual with regard to rooftop obstructions.

Because the Rooftop Unit's performance has significantly improved the safety of FDNY Operations and decreased the number of personnel injuries, members of the unit are duly and gratefully recognized with The Fire Commissioner's Award for Meritorious Service.

THE FIRE COMMISSIONER'S AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE



SCUBA UNIT

Lieutenant Brian P. McMahon, *Unit Supervisor*, and **Firefighters John P. Abplanalp**, *Maintenance Coordinator*, **Thomas B. Larkin, Jr.**, *Maintenance Coordinator*, and **Matthew J. Seeman**, *Training Coordinator*
SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND

*Developed the SCUBA FAST Pak,
which increases survivability chances for a distressed rescue diver and
provided certification, training and budgeting services for FDNY's 125 Municipal Rescue Divers*

The Special Operations Command (SOC) SCUBA Unit is responsible for the certification, training and budgeting for the Fire Department's 125 Municipal Rescue Divers. The unit is staffed with one Officer--Lieutenant Brian P. McMahon, Unit Supervisor--and three Firefighters--John P. Abplanalp, Maintenance Coordinator, Thomas B. Larkin, Jr., Maintenance Coordinator, and Matthew J. Seeman, Training Coordinator--who also purchase and service all of the SCUBA equipment associated with the Department's rescue diver program.

Recognizing the need for additional safety options to assist FDNY rescue divers in the event of a dive emergency, the SCUBA unit developed and implemented a SCUBA FAST Pak for use as an additional air source for FDNY members. This innovative "gas block system" permits the

use of a surface-supplied, emergency air source to assist any FDNY diver who is trapped underwater and cannot ascend to the surface. The FAST Pak system greatly increases the chances of survivability for a distressed rescue diver.

Created in 1994, The Fire Commissioner's Award for Meritorious Service is awarded to individuals or groups selected for distinguished service, superior accomplishment, performance of duties, innovation and commitment to the Department's mission to provide citizens with vital public safety services. The efforts of Lieutenant Brian P. McMahon and FFs John P. Abplanalp, Thomas B. Larkin, Jr., and Matthew J. Seeman, as well as their dedication, make them very deserving recipients of The Fire Commissioner's Award for Meritorious Service.

THE FIRE COMMISSIONER'S AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE



COMMUNICATION UNIT CONCEPT

**Battalion Chief Gerard Z. Koziak; Lieutenant Kevin J. Pfundstein; FF Frank P. Bifone
Daniel A. Nastro, Supervising Fire Alarm Dispatcher; Jonathan M. Hadden, Fire Alarm Dispatcher
Horatio H. Mauri, Deputy Director; Christopher Ambrose, Director; David I. Fields, Deputy Director
Linda M. Van Kerckhove, Purchasing Agent**

Developed the Communication Unit concept to facilitate better communications of field units

In order to facilitate more robust communications for FDNY units in the field, the above-listed group of professionals, from different areas of the FDNY, worked together to meet that goal. Eight engine companies were chosen to operate around the City as field communications satellite units to supplement operations of the Field Communications Unit (FCU).

Battalion Chief Gerard Koziak (Battalion 8, Tactical Training off-line at the Fire Academy), Lieutenant Kevin Pfundstein (Special Projects, Fort Totten) and FF Frank Bifone (Engine 243) were instrumental in the development of the Communications Unit concept. They designed the two-day training curriculum, trained the instructors, obtained the equipment and visual aids needed for training, revised the Department documents, developed the training materials for the Mobile Training Teams, adjusted dispatch procedures and determined the appropriate equipment and tools to purchase to equip these units.

Supervising Fire Alarm Dispatcher Daniel Nastro, who heads the FCU, with Fire Alarm Dispatcher Jonathan Hadden (FCU) and Deputy Director Horatio Mauri (Radio Repair), designed, developed and tested the enhanced Post radio, which greatly improves on-scene fire communications in situations when FDNY's standard handie-talkies

prove to be less than optimal. Deputy Director Mauri worked with the members of the FCU to extend the range of the Post radio by hard-wiring a handset to the radio. The prototype was successfully field tested at a drill in a West Virginia tunnel. Subsequently, it was improved by replacing the wire used with sound-powered phone wire and adding the capability to steer the channel in use from the attached handset.

Director Christopher Ambrose, who oversees the Radio Shops, and Deputy Director David Fields provided expertise and guidance on all the radio equipment used by the FDNY. They worked together to obtain the components and assemble the enhanced Post radio.

Purchasing Agent Linda Van Kerckhove (Fire Academy) provided expert guidance and assistance in purchasing and grant compliance issues pertaining to this project. She researched vendors who could provide the equipment to fulfill FDNY's specific requirements. She worked with the vendors to obtain information and ensure timely bids, as well as timely delivery of the equipment.

For their superb efforts to enhance the Department's ability to maintain effective communications at the scene of a major alarm, the above-listed individuals are presented with The Fire Commissioner's Award for Meritorious Service.

EMS EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH (EMD) COMMENDATION



EMT MARIELA FLORES
Technology Unit
BUREAU OF COMMUNICATIONS

*Assured continuity of communications by maintaining the Department's wireless devices,
as well as FDNY's wireless equipment data bases*

The Bureau of Communications Emergency Medical Dispatch Commendation is awarded at the discretion of the Assistant Commissioner for the Bureau of Communications to any Emergency Medical Dispatch member who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the mission and the objectives of the Bureau. Assuring continuity of communications by maintaining FDNY's wireless devices, EMT Mariela Flores has demonstrated her commitment to the mission and the objectives of the Bureau.

Currently, she is tasked with maintaining the Department's wireless devices, including cellular telephones, BlackBerry devices, Wi-Fi cards and mobile hot spots, as well as the Department's wireless equipment data bases. Additionally, EMT Flores is responsible for ordering, tracking, troubleshooting and replacing cellular telephones, pagers and all other wireless devices.

EMT Flores keeps her certification and proficiency as an Emergency Medical Technician up to date and provides care and transport of patients in accordance with New York State and New York City regional protocols and FDNY procedures.

As part of her job specifications, EMT Flores interacts daily with representatives from Verizon, Sprint and the City's Department of Information, Technology and Telecommunications. To facilitate replacement or new issuance of wireless devices, EMT Flores frequently stays past her regular tour of duty. This dedication ensures that managers and supervisors on all levels--including the Commissioner's Office and Staff Chiefs--remain in constant communication.

For her dedication to duty, the FDNY is pleased to present EMT Mariela Flores with the EMS Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) Commendation.

EMS OFFICE OF MEDICAL AFFAIRS (OMA)-- DR. JOHN E. SHERIDAN COMMENDATION



ON-LINE MEDICAL CONTROL UNIT

James D. Braun, *Lead Statistician, OMA*; Paramedics Suh San I. Aronberg, Robert W. Caggiano, Octavio D. Collado, Alfred Colon, Lorena I. Concepcion, Allison E. Fry, Carlo Gabrielli, Dona D. Gonzales, Roxanne P. Gunthorpe, Scott Heinze, Adam S. Minkow, Cricilus S. Moore, Carmen L. Pellot and Arlene R. Simmons; Lieutenants Stephan J. Petras and Margaret Vega; and Pekoia R. Jenkins, *Grants Assistant*
OFFICE OF MEDICAL AFFAIRS

Amassed one of the largest cardiac arrest registries in the world and a dataset specific to therapeutic hypothermia for managing out of hospital cardiac arrest

The individuals listed above all work or have worked in the FDNY's Office of Medical Affairs (OMA) (James Braun) or On-Line Medical Control (OLMC) Unit (all other nominees). Mr. Braun is the lead statistician for the OMA and provides statistical support and analyses for all OMA projects, research activities, quality assurance initiatives and other special projects as requested by the Chief Medical Director of the Special Assistant to the Commissioner for Health Affairs.

Pekoia Jenkins assists with the administration of the FDNY's 9-1-1 System Grant (NYS Department of Health Program Agency grant). The remainder of the nominees comprise the EMS staffing for the FDNY's OLMC, which is responsible for the day-to-day direct medical direction for the NYC 9-1-1 System. These providers work with the OLMC physicians to provide direct medical control (medical orders for advanced care) to field units; facilitate refusals of medical care; selectively allow for medically appropriate transport decisions that may bypass a closer 9-1-1 receiving facility; track the use of all narcotics by Paramedics in the 9-1-1 system; and provide operational and clinical consultation for field units.

In addition to their existing workload, the staff members of OMA and the OLMC unit have taken on the added respon-

sibility of overseeing the data collection and analysis for NYC Project Hypothermia. For the OLMC staff, this includes both tracking all medical control contacts for possible cardiac arrest cases and performing post-resuscitation interviews with the Paramedics who provided the on-scene care for those cases, performing more than 7000 interviews each year, entering the data from those interviews into a central data base and screening an additional 30,000 to 40,000 calls to ensure that no cardiac arrest incident is missed.

Ms. Jenkins has assumed the responsibility of entering hospital data, submitted by the 9-1-1 receiving facilities to the FDNY for each of those 7000 cases into the OMA data bases. And, Mr. Braun assists with the analysis of the resulting cardiac arrest registry.

As a result of the work, commitment and exemplary skills of the above-listed individuals--both EMS and civilian--the FDNY has amassed one of the largest cardiac arrest registries in the world and possibly the largest dataset specific to therapeutic hypothermia for managing out-of-hospital cardiac arrest, positioning the FDNY to be a leader in this field. For these reasons, members of the On-Line Medical Control Unit, Office of Medical Affairs, are presented with the Dr. John E. Sheridan Commendation.

FDNY ADMINISTRATIVE MEDALS/AWARDS--2012

ADMINISTRATION MEDAL (ESTABLISHED 1914)

This award encourages uniformed and civilian members of the Department to study Department problems and develop viable solutions. Awarded to a member whose ideas and experience have proved to benefit the Fire Department. Established by former Fire Commissioner Robert Adamson "in order that the Fire Department may have the benefit of the ideas of its trained Officers and men."

THE LEON LOWENSTEIN AWARD (ESTABLISHED 1962)

Awarded to a member of the Department who has performed exceptional service for the Department, in recognition of outstanding contribution and devotion to duty. Established by John M. Bendheim in memory of his uncle, Leon Lowenstein.

GEORGE F. MAND AWARD (ESTABLISHED 1966)

Awarded to a Department member whose services during the prior calendar year led to the improvement of Fire Department services. Developing and coordinating work techniques, resourcefulness, assumption of responsibility and effectiveness of accomplishments are considered when making this award. Established by the late Bertram F. Brummer and his wife, Susie.

CHIEF THOMAS P. O'BRIEN AWARD (ESTABLISHED 1967)

This award is presented annually to a deserving civilian member of the Bureau of Fire Communications. Established by Thomas A. Coleman (deceased) in memory of former Assistant Chief-in-Charge of the Bureau of Fire Communications, Thomas P. O'Brien.

THE FIRE COMMISSIONER'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE (ESTABLISHED 1971)

Rewards an FDNY member who performs acts above and beyond the call of duty. Established by a group of prominent New York City business people and friends of the FDNY.

MOE GINSBERG AWARD (ESTABLISHED 1975)

Presented to a deserving civilian member of the Bureau of Fire Prevention in honor of Moe Ginsberg, former Senior Management Consultant in the Bureau of Fire Prevention and dedicated member of the fire service. Established by George Kelly (retired FDNY).

JAMES J. JOHNSTON MEMORIAL MEDAL (ESTABLISHED 1984)

Presented to a Fire Department member who has contributed significantly to the Department in the areas of fire extinguishing operational procedures, fire prevention programs and recognizing and reporting defects in design and construction practices. Established by the friends of Chief Johnston, in recognition of the devotion and loyalty with which he served.

HONORARY CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT JACK LERCH MEDAL (ESTABLISHED 1989)

Presented to a uniformed or civilian member of the Bureau of Fleet Services for outstanding service. This medal was endowed by Mrs. Roberta Lerch to honor her husband, Honorary Chief of Department Jack Lerch.

THE HONORARY FIRE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION MEDAL (ESTABLISHED 1994)

Awarded to a selected uniformed member assigned or detailed to the Fire Academy, whose administrative contributions are such that they improve the Department's ability to carry out its mission or improve the delivery of Department services to the public.

COMMUNITY MAYORS NICHOLAS DeGAETA AWARD (ESTABLISHED 1994)

Presented to a group or individual who demonstrates the commitment to excellence and persistence of duty, valued and exhibited by Mr. Nicholas DeGaeta, in meeting the Department's mission. This award was established by the New York State Community Mayors in honor of Mr. DeGaeta, a retired Firefighter and highly decorated World War II veteran.

COMMISSIONER MARTIN SCOTT MEDAL (ESTABLISHED 1967)

Established by Thomas A. Coleman (now deceased), Honorary Fire Commissioner, in honor of former Commissioner Martin Scott. Awarded annually to a member of the Bureau of Fire Investigation for distinguished service and a display of unusual initiative, resourcefulness and capability in the investigation of arson and the apprehension of a perpetrator.

THE FIRE COMMISSIONER'S AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE (ESTABLISHED 1994)

Awarded to individuals or groups selected for distinguished service, superior accomplishment, performance of duties, innovation and commitment to the Department's mission to provide citizens with vital public safety services.

EMS EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH COMMENDATION (ESTABLISHED 2004)

The Bureau of Communications Emergency Medical Dispatch Commendation is awarded at the discretion of the Assistant Commissioner for the Bureau of Communications to any Emergency Medical Dispatch member who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the mission and the objectives of the Bureau.

EMS OFFICE OF MEDICAL AFFAIRS (OMA) (ESTABLISHED 2004), renamed in 2007, posthumously, as DR. JOHN E. SHERIDAN COMMENDATION

Presented to an EMS member who epitomizes the enthusiasm, motivation and dedication of a true professional, Dr. John E. Sheridan, who joined EMS in 1993 as a Telemetry Control Physician.

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