



FDNY 2010 ADMINISTRATIVE MEDALS & AWARDS



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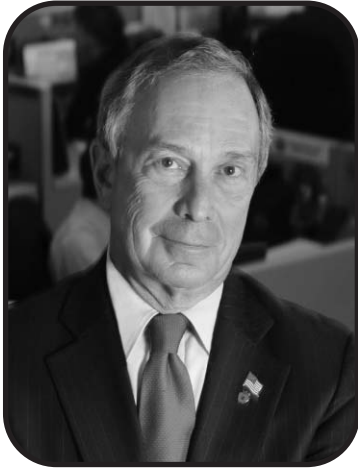
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**Michael R. Bloomberg
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It is a great pleasure to join in recognizing and congratulating all the recipients of this year's FDNY Administrative Medals & Awards.

As civilian and uniformed administrative employees, you may not run with a fire hose into a burning building or wheel a gurney with an injured patient into the back of an ambulance, but your contributions are absolutely vital to the ongoing success of the FDNY. Every day, our men and women on the front lines rely on the equipment you maintain, the policies you implement and the studies and investigations you conduct to keep millions of New Yorkers safe. Your hard work and dedication help make the New York City Fire Department the greatest in the world and we greatly appreciate all your efforts.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, thank you for your outstanding commitment to our City and please accept my best wishes for continued success.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael R. Bloomberg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "g".



Salvatore J. Cassano
Commissioner

Congratulations to this year's Administrative Medals and Awards recipients.

The FDNY has an extraordinary reputation the world over, thanks to the dedication and bravery of its members. Each day, people all across our City see Firefighters and EMS personnel respond to countless calls for emergency assistance. What they often don't see are the equally dedicated and talented civilians who stand behind those men and women in uniform, supporting the Department's lifesaving mission in many ways.

Every year, we honor those individuals for their critical and outstanding contributions in support of our first responders. Whether they are streamlining the building inspection program, improving our computer networks or helping the families of our Firefighters and EMS personnel, all of our award recipients deserve our thanks and praise. It is my sincere belief as Commissioner that teamwork between uniformed and civilian members stands as a cornerstone of the FDNY.

Today's ceremony recognizes 49 FDNY members, either in teams or individually, for the skills and professionalism they have demonstrated during the past year. It is their expertise that helps make this Department great.

I commend each of this year's winners. Your work helps keep New Yorkers safe. You should be proud of all you do, just as all of us are proud of you.

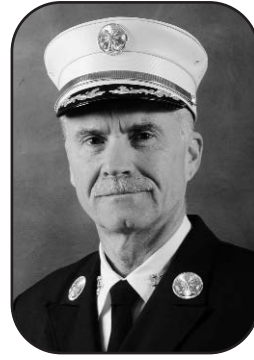
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FIRST DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT



DANIEL SHACKNAI



EDWARD S. KILDUFF

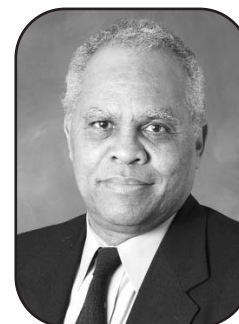
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CHIEF MEDICAL DIRECTOR

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- Reverend Stephen Harding
- Father Joseph Hoffman
- Father Christopher Keenan
- Rabbi Joseph Potasnik

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Chief of Operations



Thomas R. Galvin
Chief of Training



Thomas M. Jensen
Chief of Fire Prevention



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Assistant Chief of Operations



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Assistant Chief, Counterterrorism & Emergency Preparedness



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Assistant Chief, Assistant Chief of Fire Prevention



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Assistant Chief, Bureau of Operations



Edward J. Baggott
Deputy Assistant Chief, Bureau of Operations



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Deputy Assistant Chief, Chief of Special Operations Command



Joseph M. Woznica
Deputy Assistant Chief, Assistant Chief of Fire Prevention



Robert Maynes
Deputy Assistant Chief, Chief of Planning



Robert J. Boyce, Jr.
Deputy Assistant Chief, Chief of Communications



Stephen A. Raynis
Deputy Assistant Chief, Chief of Safety and Inspection Services Command



John Mooney
Deputy Assistant Chief, Training



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Chief Fire Marshal



J. David Lynn
Assistant Chief, Fire Marshal



Michael F. Gala, Jr.
Battalion Chief, Chief of Personnel

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*Deputy Assistant Chief
Bronx*



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*Deputy Assistant Chief
Brooklyn*



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*Assistant Chief
Manhattan*



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*Deputy Assistant Chief
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*Deputy Assistant Chief
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Nicholas Del Re
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Division 1



Deputy Chief
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Division 3



Deputy Chief
Raymond M. Stanton
Division 6



Deputy Chief
James F. Mulrenan
Division 7



Deputy Chief
Richard J. Howe
Division 8



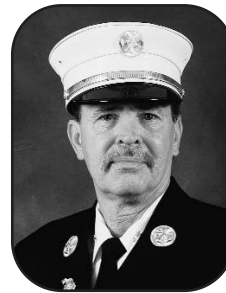
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Division 11



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James A. DiDomenico
Division 13



Deputy Chief
Mark A. Ferran
Division 14



Deputy Chief
Wayne Cartwright
Division 15

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John J. Peruggia
*Chief of
EMS Command*



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*Deputy Assistant Chief
of EMS Operations*



John S. McFarland
*Deputy Assistant Chief
of EMS Operations*

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*Deputy Assistant Chief
Emergency Medical Dispatch*



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EMS Operations*



Ann M. Fitton
*Division Chief
EMS Academy*



Mark A. Stone
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Logistics & Support*



Fredrick V. Villani
*Division Chief
Planning & Strategy*



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Chief EMS Division 1



James P. Booth
Chief EMS Division 2



Robert A. Hannafey
Chief EMS Division 3



Michael J. Fitton
Chief EMS Division 4



Albert T. Gehres, Jr.
Chief EMS Division 5

Administrative Medals & Awards 2010

ADMINISTRATION MEDAL



BUILDING INSPECTION SAFETY PROGRAM

**Battalion Chief Dean P. Spadaro, Captain James M. Canty, Captain Eugene Ditaranto,
Captain Paul J. Kanapes, Captain James J. Martinetion and Captain Frank J. Piarulli**
Bureau of Training

Developed the new, innovative Building Inspection Safety Program (BISP), which allows FDNY uniformed members to more effectively conduct building fire code field inspections

The New York City Fire Department has conducted Fire Prevention inspections since 1911 after the tragedy of the Triangle Shirt Waist Factory Fire, which killed 146 people. This incident dramatically showed that fire suppression and fire prevention are equally important. To enhance the Department's capabilities in fire prevention, the Building Inspection Safety Program (BISP) Unit was assembled.

This group worked off-line for close to two years in an administrative assignment, dedicated to developing a new, innovative program for performing more effective/efficient building inspections. The ultimate goal is to augment the Department's ability to secure the safety of all Firefighters and civilians.

This was an arduous task and required a tremendous amount of research regarding New York City Administrative Codes and New York State laws. The group already has delivered new, user-friendly inspectional forms to be used by all fire companies throughout the five boroughs, as well as an extensive new Fire Prevention manual. Group members have been conducting in-quarters training on BISP procedures, which has reached 80 percent of the Firefighters and Officers in the field. Additionally, they have reviewed and enhanced all BISP training cur-

riculum from the Probationary Firefighter School through all promotional training courses.

They developed a two-day BISP training course that is taught to all Chief and Company Officers. All of these new inspectional tools and curriculum aid Department members in enforcing the Fire Code and providing additional information on building code requirements. These new and innovative tools allow Company Officers to change the current incremental philosophy applied to Fire Prevention, to a philosophy that is procedural in nature.

Finally, the group also has been tasked with manning a BISP Hot Line, which receives more than 800 calls a month. These calls range from procedural issues to legal questions. The Hot Line has served as a conduit through which field units can decipher various laws, codes and rules. The new inspectional forms, manuals and training curriculum have provided invaluable new tools, training and service for Firefighters, Company Officers and Chief Officers, facilitating their fire prevention activities.

For developing this essential Building Inspection Safety Program, the Administration Medal is presented to Battalion Chief Dean Spadaro and Captains James Canty, Eugene Ditaranto, Paul Kanapes, James Martinetion and Frank Piarulli.

THE LEON LOWENSTEIN AWARD



PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE/EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM (PMO/ECTP) UNIT

Arlene Hoffman, Program Director

*Sharon J. Parhiala and Jonathan Sherman, Project Managers
Bureau of Technology Development & Systems, Administration*

Completed a five-year project required to migrate FDNY's Central Dispatch Offices in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island into PSAC

The Leon Lowenstein Award, established in 1962, is one of the oldest and most prestigious of the administrative awards. It is bestowed on a member or members of the Department who has/have performed exceptional service to the Department, in recognition of outstanding contribution and devotion to duty.

Members of the Project Management Office/Emergency Communications Transformation Program (PMO/ECTP) Unit--Program Director Arlene Hoffman and ECTP Project Managers Sharon Parhiala and Jonathan Sherman--are tasked with coordinating all activities surrounding the upgrade and migration of the agency's dispatching technologies associated with the City's Public Safety Answering Center (PSAC) project. This Mayoral initiative has consolidated Police, Fire and Emergency Med-

ical Dispatch Operations into one location (with a back-up site currently under construction) and will, upon completion, give the City a single emergency call receipt and dispatch system.

The PMO group has worked to ensure that the Department has the necessary equipment and services to guarantee uninterrupted dispatch operations for PSAC I. During the past year, this highly skilled team has met every major technological cut-over date in support of Mayoral directives in a professional, diligent and dedicated manner.

Accordingly, in recognition of their coordination and management skills and achievements, Arlene Hoffman, Sharon Parhiala and Jonathan Sherman are honored today with The Leon Lowenstein Award.

GEORGE F. MAND AWARD



REGINA WASHINGTON

Office Manager

Bureau of Personnel, Records

Managed the reorganization of the FDNY employee filing system, expansion of agency-wide Blood Drives and Employee Benefits Fairs and coordination of WEP/AARP personnel programs

Regina Washington has served the Department for more than 14 years. As supervisor of the Records Retention Unit, she has been a role model for diligence and dedication to duty. Her outstanding accomplishment in reorganizing the employee filing system has inspired confidence in the personnel records system. She created methods to ensure orderly retrieval and return of personnel folders, clearing a large backlog.

Ms. Washington effectively supervises the Employee Verification and Personnel/Medical Archives Units. In her many years as Unit Supervisor, she has instilled the values of hard work and a sense of responsibility among her staff and colleagues.

Ms. Washington's dedication to duty is evident in her effective coordination of the Work Experience Program (WEP) and American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). These programs augment

staffing shortfall throughout the agency. She has taken personal interest in matching each WEP and AARP participant's skills with Bureau needs for appropriate placement within the agency and implemented a WEP Orientation Program. Her insight and attention to details guaranteed success in finding employment for participants and skilled employees for the Department.

Through Ms. Washington's exceptional administrative and customer service abilities, she increased vendor participation in Employee Benefits Fairs, including organizations that provide various services to employees; i.e., the U.S. Post Office for passports. She has been recognized by the New York City Blood Center, the Combined Municipal Campaign and the American Cancer Society for her outstanding efforts, increasing employee awareness and participation.

Regina Washington is a most worthy recipient of this year's George F. Mand Award.

CHIEF THOMAS P. O'BRIEN AWARD



DEIRDRE M. EVANS
*Chief Fire Alarm Dispatcher
Bureau of Communications*

Coordinated the successful on-site relocation of three fire Borough Communications Offices into the Public Safety Answering Center (PSAC) and the conversion to unified call taking

Deirdre Evans began her career in the FDNY on May 11, 1992, as a Fire Alarm Dispatcher after spending three years with the NYPD as a Police Call Taker. Moving through the ranks, on August 8, 1999, she was promoted to Supervising Dispatcher and on January 23, 2006, to Chief Dispatcher. Throughout her career and as Chief Dispatcher of Manhattan, Ms. Evans has demonstrated that she is a knowledgeable and conscientious leader.

In 2009, as part of one of the largest projects undertaken by New York City, major groundbreaking changes were made to FDNY'S Emergency Dispatch Operations: the implementation of Unified Call Taking and moving three of the Fire Dispatch Operation Central Offices to the PSAC at 11 MetroTech Center. To make these historical and high-profile changes work seamlessly, it was clear that a well-informed professional who could help steer the operations in the right direction was needed. Deirdre Evans was just that person.

First, by overseeing the conversion to Unified

Call Taking and then the transition from the Central Offices to the PSAC environment, Ms. Evans proved that she possessed the skills and attributes to identify problems or needs and recommend and implement solutions, while simultaneously maintaining a stable and effective Emergency Fire Dispatch Operation.

Through Ms. Evans' leadership, the FDNY's Bureau of Communications was able to meet the goals set forth for this history-making endeavor. Demonstrating her professionalism, she showed that she could cope with the unique demands of these challenges and was critical to their successful implementation.

Her direction and supervision were instrumental in the transformation of the work environment, from the Central Office to the PSAC. Her responsibilities were completed in an efficient and orderly manner. To acknowledge her outstanding management qualities and ability to get things done, Chief Fire Alarm Dispatcher Deirdre Evans is presented with the Chief Thomas P. O'Brien Award.

THE FIRE COMMISSIONER'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE



FAMILY ASSISTANCE UNIT

Suzanne M. Sebert, *Assistant Commissioner*

Jennifer Steed and Evelyn Tesoriero, *Unit Counselors*

Lieutenant James W. Lane, Jr., and **Lieutenant James F. McLoughlin**

Exhibited excellence, professionalism and compassion when helping FDNY families face exceptional challenges in times of need

Established in February 2002, the FDNY Family Assistance Unit (FAU) serves approximately 450 Fire and EMS families who have suffered a line-of-duty loss or face exceptional challenges. FAU staff spends countless hours with families of FDNY members, most often during their most trying and grief-filled times. Its staff is available 24/7 for each FDNY family member. FAU personnel are committed advocates for these families, ensuring their interests are considered on any Department action that may affect them.

Listed below are some recent initiatives undertaken by FAU staff members:

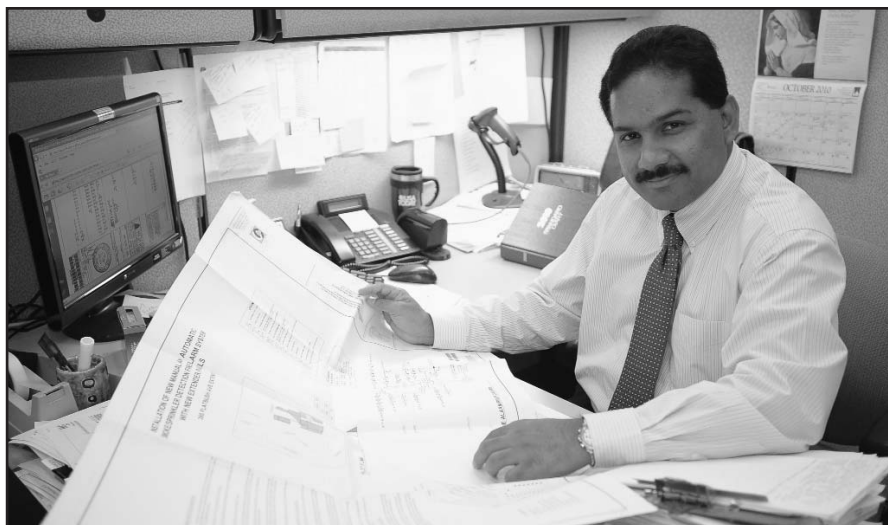
- **Three Forty Three Fireboat Event**--The FDNY commissioned its newest fireboat at a ceremony in late May. The \$27 million vessel is named for the 343 FDNY members who gave their lives on September 11th. FAU arranged a special ceremony for the families--separate from the commissioning, to which they also were invited--to allow them to view the boat and honor the memories of their loved ones in a setting that was designed to be uplifting for them. A catered picnic for almost 400 family members was held at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point on June 12, 2010. The families were all invited onboard the ship for a tour.
- **Public Service Officers Benefit**--FAU assumed responsibility for the Public Service Officers Benefit

(PSOB) applications for the FDNY. After detailed collaboration with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), which administers the Federal PSOB Program, FDNY physicians, the PSOB program staff and the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) to work out policy issues regarding these 9/11-related applications, the result has been an improved and ongoing dialogue and working relationship with DOJ PSOB staff. The lines of communication are clear, as are the application processes, which now are more organized.

- **Activation Team**--Comprised of more than 35 Fire and EMS personnel, this team is activated for all FDNY members' funerals (line-of-duty, as well as other active duty). EMS has been more fully integrated into the new FAU funeral apparatus and protocols. Training includes instruction and guidance relating to funerals or hospitalized or ill members, including making arrangements for family members to travel to a hospital, wake or funeral. The goal is to have six independent teams in case several line-of-duty deaths occur simultaneously.

In appreciation for the vital services provided under the most stressful circumstances, the FAU staff members--Assistant Commissioner Suzanne M. Sebert, Unit Counselors Jennifer Steed and Evelyn Tesoriero and Lieutenants James W. Lane, Jr., and James F. McLoughlin--are presented with The Fire Commissioner's Award for Outstanding Service.

MOE GINSBERG AWARD



SHAJI K. JOSEPH

Chief Examiner

Bureau of Fire Prevention, Technology Management Engineering

Provided outstanding service in developing, managing and directing the newly created Fire Alarm Plan Examination Unit

At FDNY, the work done by civilians keeps the Department functioning effectively and efficiently. Their assignments frequently are performed under the radar and out of sight of the general public. The FDNY Administrative Medals & Awards Day is the Department's opportunity to bring these individuals to the forefront and honor them with some much-deserved recognition.

Established in 1975, the Moe Ginsberg Award is presented to a deserving civilian member of the Bureau of Fire Prevention. No one is more deserving of this honor than Shaji K. Joseph, Chief Examiner, Technology Management Engineering.

In 2009, Mr. Joseph played the leadership role in the establishment of a new revenue-generating Fire Alarm Plan Examination Unit within the Bureau of Fire Prevention. Working

in collaboration with the Department of Buildings, he was the driving force behind the creation of a professional certification program that streamlines the inspection process. This program has resulted in a much-needed reduction in the time required for building owners to obtain crucial certificates of occupancy.

On a daily basis, Mr. Joseph oversees complex and challenging issues that impact the public safety and quality of life in New York City. His outstanding work performance has improved customer service and increased the Department's revenue.

Mr. Joseph has served the City of New York for 19 years and has proved to be a true asset to both the Bureau of Fire Prevention and the Fire Department. Stepping to the forefront today, Shaji K. Joseph is presented with the Moe Ginsberg Award.

JAMES J. JOHNSTON MEMORIAL MEDAL



FIREFIGHTER PAUL A. ROBINSON
*Bureau of Safety,
Research & Development Unit*

Provided outstanding service, supporting several critical operational needs of the Department, which better ensure the field safety of FDNY members, including design of Water Rescue Kits, Post Radios and Quality Assurance testing of PSS and LSR equipment

FF Paul A. Robinson has played a crucial role in supporting the needs of the Department through his work at Research & Development (R&D). From his design of the Water Rescue Kit to work on the Post Radio and Personal Safety System (PSS), FF Robinson has been instrumental in advancing the tools and equipment necessary to improve members' safety.

In addition to working on special projects, FF Robinson is responsible for all Quality Assurance testing on all PSS and lifesaving rope (LSR) equipment. This data base includes more than 60,000 items. He also performs ongoing life-expectancy testing of PSS equipment every six months.

He worked with Morning Pride (now Total Fire, a Division of Honeywell) to improve the drag rescue device (DRD) design and currently is working to establish a lighter, standardized standpipe kit. FF Robinson has performed extensive research and testing of Firefighter tracking methods and equipment. His knowledge of fire tools and equipment is complemented by his innovative thinking.

Wind-driven fires are among the most challenging and devastating incidents to which the Department responds. These fires have caused Firefighter fatalities

and numerous close calls. The Wind-Driven Fire Work Group performed extensive research and testing to develop a response protocol. The multi-faceted approach implemented includes positive pressurization, wind blockage and water.

The water component focuses on using the high-rise nozzle safely from the floor below the fire. FF Robinson designed, tested and built the Department's high-rise nozzle. This innovative tool allows members to apply water quickly, easily and safely under wind-driven fire conditions. Working with Marine Division welders, FF Robinson built every high-rise nozzle currently in service.

Although the concept itself is simple, developing a successful design proved challenging. FF Robinson worked through various changes until coming up with the desired model. The high-rise nozzle has elicited interest from fire departments as far away as Japan. This potentially lifesaving tool is an integral component in the Department's protocol for addressing wind-driven fires.

The numerous achievements enumerated above are proof-positive why FF Paul A. Robinson is an asset to FDNY and validate why he is being awarded the James J. Johnston Memorial Medal.

HONORARY CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT JACK LERCH MEDAL



ANTHONY S. DEMAIO
Fleet Director
Fleet Services--58th Street Operations

Demonstrated professional excellence in addressing the daily, ongoing demands necessary to maintain the Department's apparatus and vehicle support fleet, including the introduction of several ambulance design/construction innovations now used as industry-wide standards

The Honorary Chief of Department Jack Lerch Medal, established in 1989, is presented to a uniformed or civilian member of the Fleet and Technical Services Division for outstanding service. Fleet Director Anthony S. DeMaio represents this kind of excellence.

Mr. DeMaio oversees maintenance of the FDNY support vehicle fleet. Included in the fleet are more than 450 EMS ambulances and approximately 1400 emergency and non-emergency vehicles. He is directly responsible for a staff of 98 personnel in a repair facility that operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

He actively participates and makes recommendations in the ongoing process of new vehicle specifications. Additionally, Mr. DeMaio coordinates with supervisors of mechanics to prioritize the daily workload, ensuring that repairs are triaged and serviced in a timely manner.

During the past 26 years, Mr. DeMaio has been

instrumental in establishing effective protocols and procedures that allow Fleet to meet the demanding needs of the Department. He has been a driving force in making changes in ambulance design and construction that have improved vehicle safety, reliability and longevity. Many of these innovations have been adapted industry-wide.

In summation, Mr. DeMaio exhibits professional excellence each day, addressing the ongoing demands of maintaining the Fire Department's support fleet. He is a proactive individual who possesses excellent organizational skills and has the ability to maximize the efforts of supervisors and the work force, ensuring that vehicles are repaired and returned to service, meeting the Department's goals and objectives.

For his continued dedication in making the FDNY's Fleet Service the best that it can be, Fleet Director Anthony S. DeMaio is presented with the Honorary Chief of Department Jack Lerch Medal.

THE HONORARY FIRE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION MEDAL



EMS LIEUTENANT CESAR A. ESCOBAR
Bureau of Training, EMS Academy

Demonstrated professional excellence to ensure agency-wide compliance with EMS Training Orders, monthly EMS video drills and team leadership, while conducting critical care field drills

EMS Lieutenant Cesar A. Escobar is assigned to the Bureau of Training, EMS Academy, to coordinate needs of the Five-Year Recertification Program for EMS members. He ensures compliance with Training Orders and interacts with Human Resources, the Bureau of Health Services and EMS Operations to verify that all members are scheduled for their required training, including those returning from leave or light-duty status. He follows up with EMS Station Commanding Officers to ascertain that training schedules are being followed.

In addition to these essential tasks, Lieutenant Escobar also developed monthly video drills that are distributed to EMS stations throughout the City. This new initiative began in January 2009 and has proliferated. Each drill includes critical thinking scenarios and skills demonstrations for practice by members in their stations. This is a new area for EMS and quickly has become an integral part of training.

Lieutenant Escobar has formed a team of like-minded people to work with him and they have accomplished drills in many diverse areas, such as expanded triage at multiple casualty incidents (MCIs); pediatric assessment; recognition and updated treatment of acute coronary syndrome; and spinal immobilization, fracture management and personal safety initiatives.

Each month, the Lieutenant researches a topic, writes the script and oversees all aspects of production, including filming and editing. Prior to filming, he secures con-

sensus among current operating procedures and EMS Operations policies and obtains endorsement from the Office of Medical Affairs for each drill. Not only has he brought a whole new avenue of training to life with excellent production, Lieutenant Escobar has gone above and beyond all expectations in the training content. Each skill is executed flawlessly. He is relentless in his pursuit of perfection to finalize the production. He takes tremendous pride in the work of FDNY EMS and views these productions as a direct reflection on EMS' cornerstones of competence. These videos are distributed to voluntary hospitals in New York City so that patient care practice is impacted throughout all the boroughs.

Additionally, Lieutenant Escobar worked side by side with Fire Academy instructors to develop and incorporate the medical response to blast injuries presentation into the bus bomb drill. This presentation has been shown to both Fire and EMS units since March 2009. He continues to collaborate with Fire Academy instructors in exploring combined drills for the future.

While all of these accomplishments speak to the dedication, integrity and competence of Lieutenant Escobar, he frequently works long hours--through the night at times--to complete these drills. He does so without complaint or any expectation of reward. For elevating the training of EMS members, Lieutenant Cesar Escobar is awarded The Honorary Fire Officers Association Medal.

COMMUNITY MAYORS NICHOLAS DeGAETA AWARD



IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE (IED) TRAINING GROUP
Battalion Chief Stephen J. Geraghty and Battalion Chief Thomas A. Robson,
Captain Anthony Sannella and Captain John W. Spillane
Bureau of Operations

Developed and implemented bus bomb Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Training for FDNY terrorist incident first responders, most recently used with critical operational success in the May 2010 Times Square car bomb mitigation

For the past five years, Battalion Chief Stephen Geraghty was the Chief of the Fire Academy. During that time, he oversaw all training initiatives and activities at Randall's Island. One of those initiatives involved the bus bombing training scenario that introduced new strategies and tactics for dealing with incidents involving a suicide bomber on a City bus.

Chief Geraghty guided the development of the bus bomb exercises, an extremely important training initiative because it required teaching first responders a *new* mindset. Unlike a fire where speed is of the essence, a terrorist incident requires first responders to slow down and continually search for the *secondary* and *tertiary* devices that may have been planted to specifically harm first responders.

During the past 18 months, the Fire Academy has run this training course to reach every uniformed member in the field with these new tactics. Extensive research on Madrid, Israel, London, Moscow and Northern Ireland was instrumental in the creation of these new tactics.

On May 1, 2010, Fire units responded to what was reported as a routine car fire in Times Square. On arrival, their size-up of the situation--car pulled into the curb haphazardly, motor running, driver who had run away, light

white smoke coming from the passenger compartment, license plates that didn't match the car, fireworks odor in the air--led the Fire Officers to request NYPD's Bomb Squad and take a defensive position. The car turned out to have been rigged with fire bombs that did not ignite. The normal aggressive fire extinguishment tactics normally used for a car fire were not used because the car did not *look* right to the Fire Officers and Firefighters.

Upon conclusion of this incident, the Fire Officers stated that the bus bomb training provided them with the tools needed to safely and correctly address this situation. Furthermore, without that training, they may have used standard firefighting tactics that would have disturbed the bomb, possibly causing great harm and damage to Firefighters, civilians and surrounding properties.

The training initiative that Chief Geraghty and his team developed and implemented provided the knowledge needed to successfully and safely handle this dangerous situation. FDNY is pleased to honor Battalion Chiefs Stephen J. Geraghty and Thomas A. Robson and Captains Anthony Sannella and John M. Spillane for their efforts by presenting them with the Community Mayors Nicholas DeGaeta Award.

COMMISSIONER MARTIN SCOTT MEDAL



SUPERVISING FIRE MARSHAL SALVATORE RIGNOLA
Bureau of Fire Investigation (BFI)
Auto Arson/Fraud Squad

Demonstrated professional dedication to duty and resourcefulness as Team Supervisor of the BFI Auto Arson/Fraud Squad, which successfully investigated 800 car arsons, nearly 700 of which were determined to be linked to insurance fraud

Supervising Fire Marshal (SFM) Salvatore Rignola commands the Bureau of Fire Investigation, Auto Arson/Fraud Squad. This Squad is comprised of four Fire Marshals and is responsible for the investigation of approximately 800 suspicious vehicle fires. Of these 800 investigations, nearly 700 have been determined to be arson and were linked to insurance fraud.

These successful investigations resulted in saving the insurance industry hundreds of thousands of dollars. Insurance fraud is a financial crime that costs everyone due to increased insurance premiums.

SFM Rignola effectively managed this unit, which produced tremendous results and is responsible for more than 150 arrests. He showed initiative by streamlining the investigative process to help handle the challenging caseload. Additionally, he recognized the need to interface with other law enforcement and investigative entities and established solid working relationships with the National

Insurance Crime Bureau, the New York State Department of Insurance and the private sector.

According to the FDNY Safety and Inspection Services Command, during a five-year period, on average, there are 50 injuries to Firefighters from operating at vehicle fires each year. The Auto Arson/Fraud Squad helps combat these intentionally set fires and can help reduce injuries to FDNY Firefighters.

The long-standing (since 1967) Commissioner Martin Scott Medal is awarded to a member of BFI for distinguished service and a display of unusual initiative, resourcefulness and capability in the investigation of arson and the apprehension of a perpetrator. SFM Rignola has served the FDNY for nearly 25 years and more than exceeds these medal guidelines. For his dedication to duty and resourcefulness, Supervising Fire Marshal Salvatore Rignola is honored with the Commissioner Martin Scott Medal.

THE FIRE COMMISSIONER'S AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE



CONSTRUCTION, DEMOLITION & ABATEMENT (CDA) PROGRAM LEADERSHIP TEAM

Office of the Fire Commissioner

Joseph L. Barracato, Jr., CDA Director; **Jason Cheng**, BTDS Deputy Director for Programming;
Kamaldeep K. Deol, BTDS Applications Manager; **Gary J. Finiguerra**, BITS Associate Disciplinary Counsel;
Darlene K. Hasselbring, BTDS Administrative Staff Analyst;
Dominic F. Loccisano, Executive Director, Compliance and Internal Audit;
Battalion Chief John Rice, Bureau of Operations; **Linda L. Shang**, BTDS Computer Specialist

Spearheaded the successful development and implementation of FDNY's City-wide Construction, Demolition and Abatement Program, critical to ensure public and Firefighter safety

Established by then-Fire Commissioner Howard Safir in 1994, The Fire Commissioner's Award for Meritorious Service is given 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. Members of the Construction, Demolition & Abatement (CDA) Program Leadership Team--CDA Director Joseph L. Barracato, Jr.; BTDS Deputy Director for Programming Jason Cheng; BTDS Applications Manager Kamaldeep K. Deol; BITS Associate Disciplinary Counsel Gary J. Finiguerra; BTDS Administrative Staff Analyst Darlene K. Hasselbring; Executive Director, Compliance Internal Audit, Dominic F. Loccisano; Battalion Chief John Rice, Bureau of Operations; and BTDS Computer Specialist Linda L. Shang--certainly meet these criteria.

The CDA Leadership Team spearheaded the effort to

ensure that all buildings under construction, demolition and/or abatement receive timely and thorough inspections. Team members have verified that timely compliance with inspections remained consistently above 93 percent, often rising close to 100 percent.

Additionally, the Team has ensured full compliance with the agreement entered into with the Manhattan District Attorney's office following the tragic 130 Liberty Street fire. The above-listed team members exemplify the best in inter-bureau collaboration, working with Fire Operations, Fire Prevention, Legal, Compliance and BTDS.

CDA Team members Joseph Barracato, Jr., Jason Cheng, Kamaldeep Deol, Gary Finiguerra, Darlene Hasselbring, Dominic Loccisano, Battalion Chief John Rice and Linda Shang are recognized today for their accomplishments and presented with The Fire Commissioner's Award for Meritorious Service.

THE FIRE COMMISSIONER'S AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE



MEDICAL EQUIPMENT UNIT (MEU)

**Gregg Burzine, Director; Richard Kemp, Deputy Director;
EMS Lieutenant Robert J. Hart; Paramedic Sean S. Lahey;**

**EMT Moussa M. Diaz; EMT Patricia C. Magas; EMT Nathaniel V. Mitchell; EMT Kevin N. Morrone;
EMT Matthew Newman; EMT Yvonne Rosas-Diaz; EMT Keith A. Schneider; EMT Peter Torres;**

Suzanne P. Vaccaro, Principal Administrative Associate

Bureau of Fleet & Technical Services

Ensured quality control and proactive management of Department ambulances and other patient-care vehicles, including testing and inspecting critical medical equipment and devices

used throughout FDNY field operations

In 1999, the Medical Equipment Unit was tasked with ensuring that all FDNY ambulances and other patient care vehicles are self-compliant with the Department of Health's (DOH) regulations for medical devices. This was accomplished by initiating the first FDNY Dynamic Recertification/Preventive Maintenance Inspection program.

The Unit began to inspect the fleet's patient care vehicles' onboard medical equipment, as well as all medical devices to ascertain that they are compliant, but also are above and beyond what is required by DOH. Additionally, the Unit is charged with newly acquired assets with onboard ambulance equipment acceptance testing.

The Unit is comprised of a team of highly trained professionals who are dedicated to the quality assurance of this mission. They meticulously inspect and correct problems that arise with the many complex pieces of lifesaving equipment that are part of the FDNY's patient care system. These assets range from the everyday ambulances to the specialty vehicles, such as the Medical Emergency Response Vehicle (MERV), the Mobile Respiratory Treatment Unit (MRTU) and the newly commissioned fireboat *Three Forty Three*.

To improve the program and compliance in the field, the group met with the individual Divisions to provide insight and

a visual demonstration for compliance with the field portion of the inspection process. Currently, the Unit trains new members assigned to the stations as requested by the Commanding Officer to assure the programs continue successfully.

The Unit has aspired to excellence and built a foundation for superior patient care equipment for the world's best EMTs and Paramedics. Evidence of this is implementing many improvements during the past 10 years. Since the initial Division meetings in 2005, the compliance rate has risen to more than 90 percent, approximately a 30 percent increase. All of the innovative ideas implemented to bring the program from its beginning phase to the success it is today assures the citizens of New York City that they have the most reliable equipment and tools that are so vital in the lifesaving mission of the FDNY.

For their accomplishments, commitment to excellence and improving the quality of medical devices and equipment, MEU unit members are honored today with The Fire Commissioner's Award for Meritorious Service: Director Gregg Burzine; Deputy Director Richard Kemp; EMS Lieutenant Robert Hart; Paramedic Sean Lahey; EMTs Moussa Diaz, Patricia Magas, Nathaniel Mitchell, Kevin Morrone, Matthew Newman, Yvonne Rosas-Diaz, Keith Schneider and Peter Torres; and PAA Suzanne Vaccaro.

THE FIRE COMMISSIONER'S AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE



THOMAS G. McGUIGAN

Radio Repair Mechanic

Bureau of Technology Development & Systems, Radio Shop

Analyzed complex configurations of various FDNY communication systems, to facilitate the consolidation and high-level redundancy of the Bureau's PSAC, Queens Central Office and Bronx Central Office dispatch facilities

The Fire Commissioner's Award for Meritorious Service was started in 1994 to recognize individuals or groups for their distinguished service, superior accomplishment, performance of duties, innovation and commitment to the Department's mission to provide citizens with vital public safety services. Because the FDNY has so many outstanding employees--both uniformed and civilian--the award can be bestowed on more than one person or group in any one year. This is just such a year and Radio Repair Mechanic Thomas McGuigan is one of these outstanding FDNY employees.

The technology behind the agency's radio dispatch operations is extremely complex. It is imperative that these systems operate seamlessly and with a high degree of redundancy. During the past year, Mr. McGuigan completed a detailed analysis of these systems (and their configuration) to con-

solidate a number of network systems. This consolidation has improved the agency's communication redundancy capability, not only at the City's new Public Safety Answering Center (PSAC I), but also at FDNY's Central Communication Offices in the Bronx and Queens.

Mr. McGuigan handled this intricate project in addition to his daily workload and also trained fellow Department radio mechanics in the techniques and protocols needed to maintain and configure these critical network systems. Thanks to his knowledge, dedication and technical expertise, FDNY now has a radio network that is robust *and* more secure. This improved network can be easily maintained without the Department incurring additional costs.

In appreciation of his contributions to the FDNY, Thomas McGuigan is presented with The Fire Commissioner's Award for Meritorious Service.

THE FIRE COMMISSIONER'S AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE



JOSEPH M. DOWNS, JR.

Computer Systems Manager

Computer Network Services/Wide Area Network (CNS/WAN)

Bureau of Technology Development & Systems

Provided supervision and management of the BTDS WAN Team, including support of the new ECTP infrastructure, off-hours technical support of the FDNY FDOC and operational monitoring of the centralized network

The Fire Commissioner's Award for Meritorious Service is given to individuals or groups selected for their distinguished service, superior accomplishment, performance of duties, innovation and commitment to the Department's mission to provide citizens with vital public safety services. With approximately 10 years of service with the FDNY, Computer Systems Manager Joseph M. Downs, Jr., has shown that he more than embodies the above-listed ideals of this award, which was established in 1994.

The Bureau of Technology Development and Systems (BTDS) Wide Area Network (WAN) Team is a group of highly skilled technicians and supervisors who are regularly tasked to develop, implement, support and troubleshoot a very

diverse and complex environment. This environment consists of several large campus settings and more than 300 remote locations.

With limited staff and taxed with the regular daily workload, the WAN Team, under Mr. Downs' supervision, has taken on the support of the new Emergency Communication Transformation Process (ECTP) infrastructure, off-hour technical support of the agency's Operations Center (FDOC), the design and implementation of centralized network operational monitoring and provided additional technical expertise on numerous other mission-critical projects.

Officially recognizing his supervisory and management skills, FDNY is pleased to present Joseph M. Downs, Jr., with The Fire Commissioner's Award for Meritorious Service.

EMS EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH COMMENDATION



EMT EVA M. WILSON
*EMS Emergency Medical Dispatch
Bureau of Communications*

Demonstrated professional excellence, leadership and quality service delivery in her role as Assignment Receiving Dispatcher, Radio Dispatcher, mentor and new employee instructor in the EMS EMD center

EMT Eva M. Wilson is one of FDNY's premier dispatch instructors. She is responsible for training new employees in (call taking) Assignment Receiving Dispatchers for medical 911 emergencies. EMT Wilson develops lesson plans, strategies, telephone triage algorithm criteria and pre-arrival first-aid instructions for use in Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD). She is instrumental in providing operational and functional perspectives for enhancing the EMS CAD system used for Dispatch.

EMT Wilson conducts quality assurance with members of EMD in a learning environment. She is part of an inter-agency team (FDNY/NYPD), responsible for developing Public Safety Answering Center (PSAC) standards for 911 call-taking and dispatch operations.

Multi-talented, EMT Wilson functions as an Assignment Receiving Dispatcher, Radio Dispatcher, mentor and instructor in the Emergency Medical Dispatch center. Frequently, she is tasked to dispatch at special events, such as New Year's Eve and the NYC Marathon.

EMT Wilson's work habits are exemplary. She is a role model for her peers and is evaluated as an outstanding employee by her superiors. Always cognizant of her envi-

ronment, she reaches her audience at the proper learning level. She is a dedicated instructor who strives to meet the needs of each student and uses motivational techniques and hands-on learning with real-life scenario case studies. She often devotes additional time with students who require practice on a particular skill and those who strive to excel at their assigned jobs. EMT Wilson displays admirable leadership skills and instills pride in EMD. She is well-respected by members assigned to EMD, as well as the EMS community.

EMT Wilson promotes camaraderie with her peers and has been a part of the EMD Response team for the annual EMS Competition. Friendly, cheerful and considerate, she is always willing to help anyone in need. She visits hospitalized members, recognizes their achievements and supports her coworkers at every opportunity.

As an excellent patient care provider, dedicated EMS professional, role model and one who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the mission and objectives of the Bureau of Communications, EMT Eva M. Wilson, indeed, is worthy of the EMS Emergency Medical Dispatch Commendation.

FDNY ADMINISTRATIVE MEDALS/AWARDS--2010

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 to the Department, in recognition of outstanding contribution and devotion to duty. Presented 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) and funded by Honorary Assistant Chief William Higgins, 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. Presented 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 Fleet and Technical Services Division 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 Bureau of Training 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 an individual or group 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. Now funded by William Higgins, Honorary Assistant Chief. 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.

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MISSION STATEMENT

As first responders to fires, public safety and medical emergencies, disasters and terrorist acts, the FDNY protects the lives and property of New York City residents and visitors. The Department advances public safety through its fire prevention, investigation and education programs. The timely delivery of these services enables the FDNY to make significant contributions to the safety of New York City and homeland security efforts.

C O R E V A L U E S O F T H E D E P A R T M E N T

■ SERVICE

The Department continues its unwavering call to protect and serve.

■ BRAVERY

Courage is the foundation of our character. Bravery is the ability to overcome fear through fortitude, instinct, compassion for others and training.

■ SAFETY

Our citizens must be reasonably free from danger, especially deliberate, harmful acts. With the best equipment and training, the Department can reduce the risk to the public and its members at fires, emergencies and medical incidents.

■ HONOR

The enormous commitment necessary to perform the Department's tasks requires excellence of character. We inspire each other through pride in our unit, which is a belief that every action reflects on all the members of the unit, both past and present.

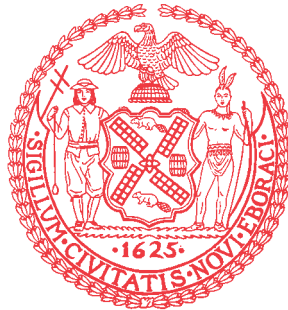
■ DEDICATION

A commitment to the objectives of our mission is an essential part of our code of conduct.

The faithful observance of duty calls for us to fulfill our obligations professionally and honestly.

■ PREPAREDNESS

By combining all the components of our core values, the FDNY will maintain its constant state of readiness to meet all threats and challenges, traditional and new.



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