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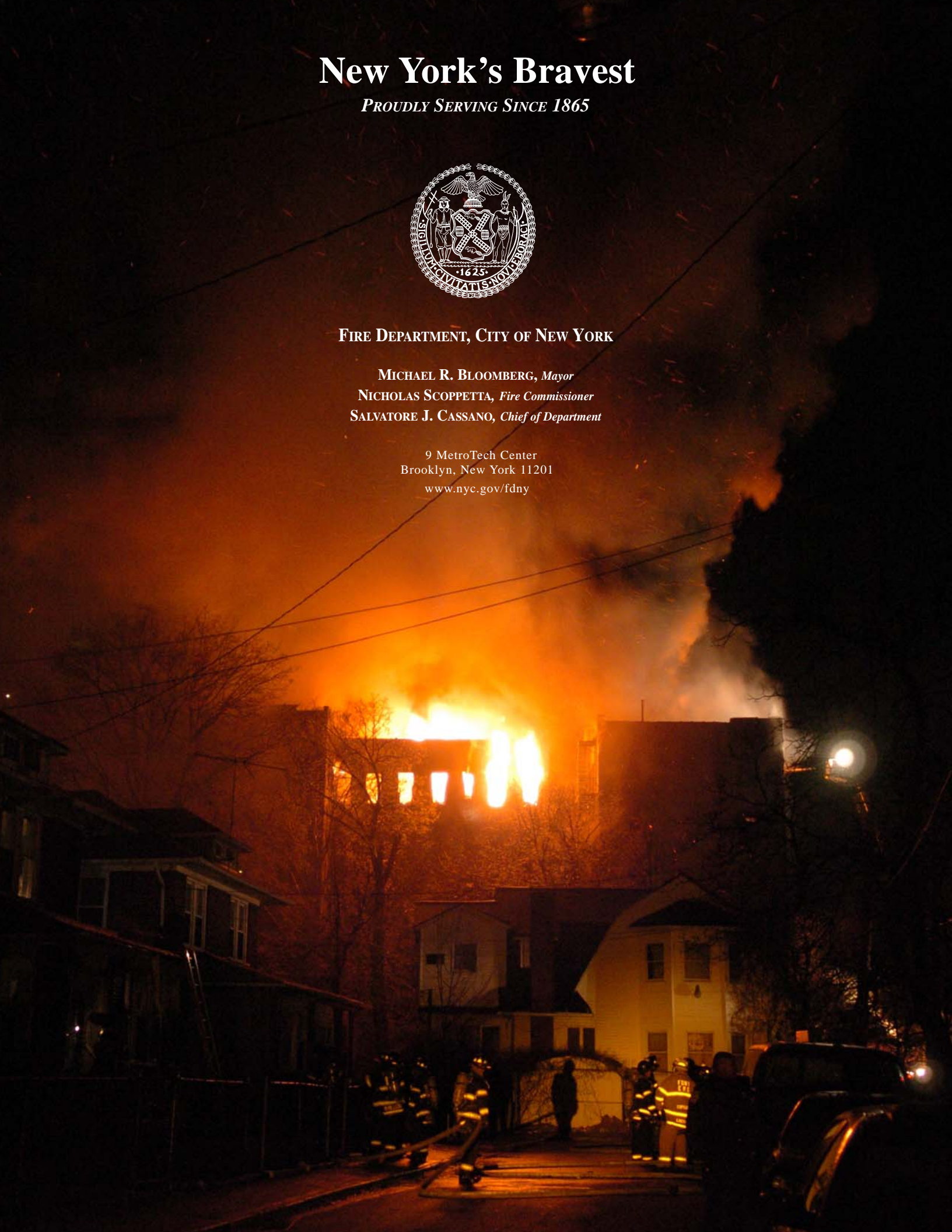
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Manhattan Box 66-0775, 370 Lexington Avenue/41st Street (steam explosion), July 18, 2007. Ladder Company 4--Lieutenant Stephen J. Elliott (Division 3) and FFs Richard P. Kane, Kevin J. Seaman, Stephen J. Hughes, Daniel Beyrer and Timothy M. Garrett--received the Firefighter Thomas R. Elsasser Memorial Medal for their heroic actions at this incident.

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Fire and EMS units operate at an automobile accident/fire in Rockaway, Queens, October 17, 2007. Three Broad Channel High School students were critically injured when the car they were driving struck an L support on Rockaway Beach Boulevard and Beach 101st Street.

One student subsequently died from his injuries.
The other two were rescued by EMS and Fire units.
Photo by Todd Maisel, *New York Daily News*

Back Cover Photo

**Queens Box 66-1045, 1056 Neilson Street,
Far Rockaway, February 3, 2007.**

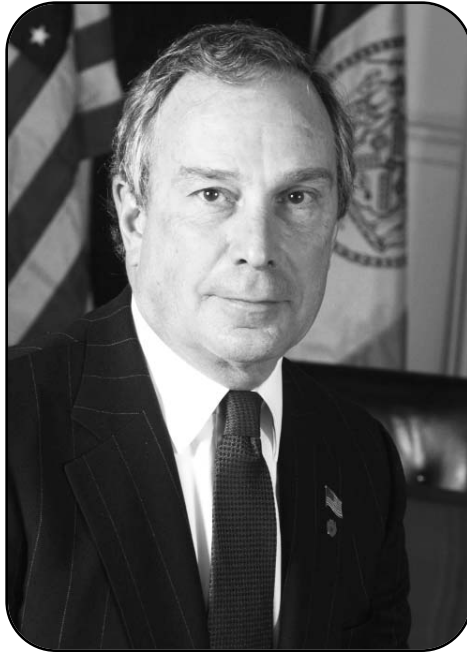
This is a scene from the arson fire for which FF Brian M. Copper, Squad Company 270, received the Albert S. Johnston Medal and Captain Fred Marsilla, Ladder Company 134, was presented with the Third Alarm Association Medal. Additionally, Fire Marshal James F. Mills was presented with the Deputy Commissioner Christine R. Godek Medal for bringing the arsonist to justice.
Photo by FF Michael Gomez, Squad 288

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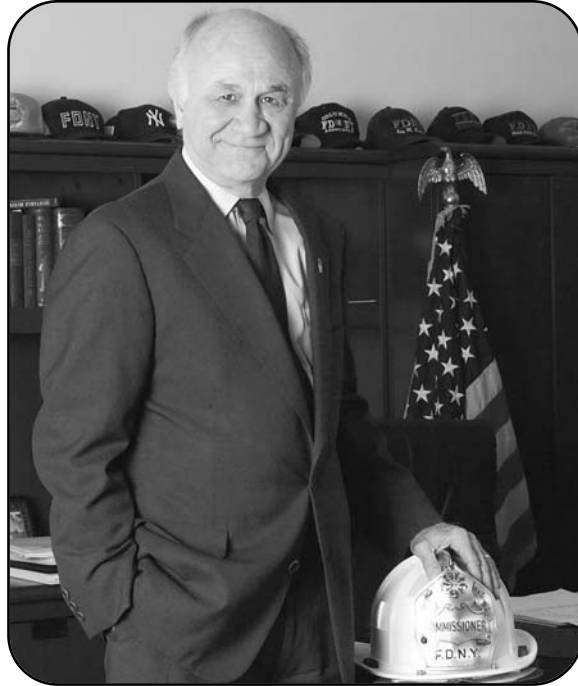


Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor

It is a pleasure to welcome everyone to the New York City Fire Department's Medal Day ceremonies. Our Bravest have always made this City proud and, in recent years, they have achieved historic success. Since 2002, we've had fewer civilian fire fatalities than any previous six-year period--even as our population continues to grow. Today, we pay tribute to Firefighters, Fire Officers and Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics, whose sacrifice, courage and commitment represent the very best of the FDNY and our great City.

Since its establishment more than 140 years ago, the Fire Department of New York has extinguished more than two million fires and saved hundreds of thousands of lives. Every day, New York's Bravest conduct themselves with a professionalism, courage and respect for life that reflect our highest shared values. Today's honorees have risen above and beyond the call of duty to serve our residents and I am delighted to applaud them as they receive this much-deserved recognition.

Congratulations to Lieutenant James F. Congema, who has earned the James Gordon Bennett Medal and New York State Honorary Fire Chiefs Association Medal; Emergency Medical Technicians Shawn Healy and Daniel Rohde, who have earned the Christopher J. Prescott Medal; and all of the heroic men and women being honored here today. Because of your devoted leadership, all New Yorkers can feel secure knowing that our safety is in good hands.



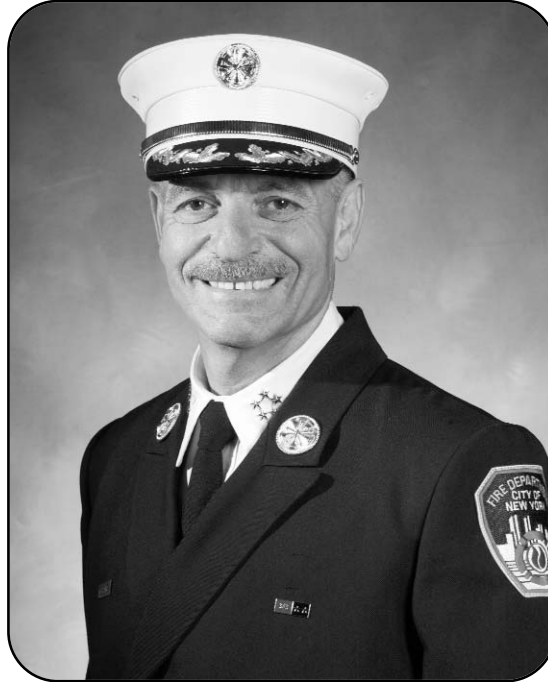
Nicholas Scoppetta
Fire Commissioner

Medal Day is our opportunity to honor the men and women whose brave and selfless actions stood out last year and resulted in lives being saved. It is the happiest day in the Fire Department's calendar year.

This year, for the first time, we will honor the achievements of our Fire and Emergency Medical Service members at a single ceremony. Both our Firefighters and emergency medical personnel work in very challenging conditions and perform exceptionally well under stressful and dangerous circumstances. And even though they go to work each day not knowing what dangers they might face, they love what they do because they want to save lives. Often, they are the difference between life and death. The stakes could not be higher.

The members and units being honored this year should be very proud. Whether it was our top Fire medalist, Lieutenant James Congema--who removed five unconscious victims from a house fire--or the top EMS medalists, Emergency Medical Technicians Shawn Healy and Daniel Rohde--who happened upon a burning Bronx apartment building and evacuated six apartments--the rescues described in this book are both riveting and inspiring.

Congratulations to all of this year's Medal Day winners--and to the teams of Firefighters, Fire Officers and Emergency Medical Service members who work with them.



Salvatore J. Cassano
Chief of Department

I am so pleased to be at the forefront of this historic first for FDNY--a Medal Day and Medal Day Book that simultaneously honor members from both the Fire and EMS Commands. It is one more step in bringing these two vital services together. While the functions and day-to-day activities of each are vastly different, the goal for both is identical--to save lives.

And, saving lives is what Medal Day is all about. It is FDNY's opportunity to shine a spotlight on those members who have gone above and beyond their job description.

Whether it was a water rescue, protecting patients caught in the middle of a gun battle or going above fire to effect multiple saves, the common thread throughout each of the following narratives is that the rescuers put those in need before themselves.

Fire and EMS cooperation could not have been better illustrated than in the Bronx incident that required moving a devastatingly ill, 700-pound man from his apartment to an ambulance and on to the hospital. Employing a stokes basket, Firefighters performed most of the hauling, while Paramedics provided exemplary pre-hospital care, including pain management and fluid replenishment. Each service needed the other to bring this incident to a successful conclusion.

My sincere congratulations to all of today's honorees. The entire Department salutes you for the lifesaving work you performed and your continuing commitment and dedication to protect and serve the people of our great City.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Salvatore J. Cassano".

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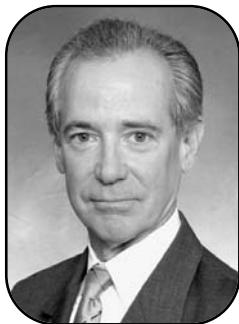


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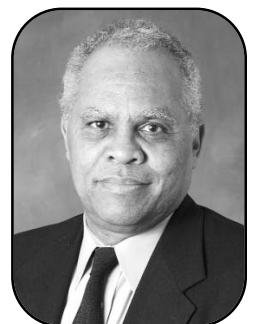
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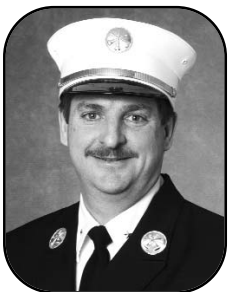
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THE JAMES GORDON BENNETT MEDAL WINNERS

The James Gordon Bennett Medal was established in 1869 and, for years, it was the sole decoration awarded for valor in the Fire Department of the City of New York. As a result of its seniority among medals, it is awarded annually for the most outstanding act of heroism after the consideration and deliberate judgment of the members of the Medal Board of the NYC Fire Department.

- 1869--Lieutenant Minthorne D. Tompkins (L-1)
 Captain Benjamin A. Gicquel (E-9)
- 1870--Lieutenant Charles L. Kelly (E-9)
- 1871--Firefighter Ambrose L. Austin (E-15)
- 1872--Lieutenant Thomas Henry (L-6)
 Firefighter Thomas Hutchinson (L-1)
- 1873--Battalion Chief William H. Nash (Bn-7)
 Firefighter Alfred Conner (L-10)
 Lieutenant Henry Schuck (E-34)
- 1874--Captain William Mitchell (E-10)
- 1875--Lieutenant James Horn (E-11)
- 1876--Firefighter Joseph McGowan (E-6)
- 1877--Firefighter Thomas J. Dougherty (L-1)
- 1878--Captain Daniel J. Meagher (L-3)
- 1879--Firefighter Paul Bauer (L-4)
- 1880--Firefighter John Levins (L-2)
- 1881--Firefighter Michael Connerford (E-12)
- 1882--Firefighter John L. Rooney (L-10)
- 1883--Firefighter William B. Kirchner (E-11)
- 1884--Firefighter John Binns (E-32)
- 1885--Captain Peter H. Short (L-1)
- 1886--Firefighter Michael Brady (E-34)
- 1887--Lieutenant Samuel Banta (L-10)
- 1888--Lieutenant William Quirk (E-22)
- 1889--Firefighter William Reilly (L-12)
- 1890--Captain Thomas J. Ahern (E-5)
- 1891--Firefighter Patrick F. Lucas (E-30)
- 1892--Firefighter Patrick H. Aspell (L-4)
- 1893--Firefighter John Walker (L-6)
- 1894--Firefighter Denis Ryer (L-15)
- 1895--Firefighter William H. Behler (E-35)
- 1896--Firefighter Martin M. Coleman (L-3)
- 1898--Firefighter James Pearl (L-7)
- 1899--Firefighter John Hughes (1) (L-14)
- 1900--Firefighter William Clark (L-14)
- 1901--Firefighter Thomas J. McArthur (E-29)
- 1902--Firefighter Richard Nitsch (E-35)
- 1903--Firefighter Charles F. Douth (L-3)
- 1904--Firefighter James R. McAvoy (L-4)
- 1905--Firefighter Michael J. Stevens (L-4)
- 1906--Firefighter Cassimer C. Wodzicki (E-17)
- 1907--Firefighter Michael Nicklaus (L-4)
- 1908--Firefighter John T. Oakley (L-11)
- 1909--Battalion Chief George L. Ross (Bn-7)
- 1910--Firefighter John R. Harcke (L-12)
 Firefighter Frank C. Clarke (L-24)
- 1911--Firefighter Richard J. Condon (2) (E-12)
- 1912--Firefighter Robert J. Boyle (L-10)
- 1913--Engineer of Steamer Seneca Larke (E-20)
- 1914--Firefighter John F. Mooney (1) (L-4)
- 1915--Captain Thomas W. Smith (E-2)
- 1916--Firefighter James T. Daniels (L-26)
- 1917--Firefighter John Walsh (1) (L-1)
- 1918--Firefighter Patrick R. O'Connor (L-14)
- 1919--Lieutenant Francis Blessing (R-1)
- 1920--Firefighter Timothy F. O'Leary, Jr. (E-15)
- 1921--Firefighter Frank J. Costello (L-12)
- 1922--Firefighter Jacob F. Ferber (E-239)
- 1923--Captain Edwin A.A. Quinn (E-14)
- 1924--Hon. Medical Off. Harry M. Archer, MD
- 1925--Captain Thomas J. O'Toole (E-27)
- 1926--Firefighter William G.R. Mitchell (E-18)
- 1927--Firefighter Michael McInerney (L-12)
- 1928--Captain James A. Walsh (1) (E-234)
- 1929--Firefighter George W. Reilly (L-19)
- 1930--Firefighter Edward V. Conroy (L-1)
- 1931--Captain Albert B. Carlson (E-66)
- 1932--Firefighter Vincent J. Hyde (R-3)
- 1933--Captain Cornell M. Garety (R-1)
- 1934--Firefighter Rudolph F. Musil (L-12)
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- 1936--Firefighter Joseph E. Smith (2) (E-211)
- 1937--Firefighter James P. Nevin (E-201)
- 1938--Firefighter Charles G. Roscher (L-1)
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- 1940--Firefighter Charles A. Merz (L-168)
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- 1943--Firefighter John Colgan (L-2)
- 1944--Firefighter Harvey W. Crook (R-3)
- 1945--Captain George H. Winter (L-3)
- 1946--Firefighter Arthur L. Speyer (L-24)
- 1947--Firefighter Anthony J. Riccardi (L-26)
- 1948--Captain Patrick T. Green (R-1)
- 1949--Firefighter James S. Norton (L-163)
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- 1952--Lieutenant John F. McGlynn (L-10)
- 1953--Firefighter Angelo Michelini (E-97)
- 1954--Deputy Chief John T. Oakley (2) (Hdq.)
- 1955--Firefighter Bernard F. Curran (E-92)
- 1956--Firefighter Michael J. O'Driscoll (L-28)
- 1957--Firefighter William Von Diezelski (L-4)
- 1958--Firefighter Nicholas Sharko (L-11)
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- 1962--Firefighter Joseph E. Almon (L-35)
- 1963--Firefighter Lawrence F. Duenas (E-59)
- 1964--Firefighter David Crowley (L-14)
- 1965--Firefighter James E. Bowler (R-2)
- 1966--Firefighter Robert E. Farrell (L-31)
- 1967--Firefighter Thomas D. Ferraiuolo (L-28)
- 1968--Firefighter Gene P. Dowling (L-25)
- 1969--Firefighter James N. Temprow (E-217)
- 1970--Firefighter Charles Varner (L-55)
- 1971--Lieutenant Richard R. Hamilton (R-2)
- 1972--Firefighter Steven C. DeRosa (L-102)
- 1973--Firefighter Raymond G. McCann (L-40)
- 1974--Firefighter Gilbert J. Murtha (L-108)
- 1975--Firefighter Thomas J. Neary (L-31)
- 1976--Firefighter Martin McGovern (L-114)
- 1977--Captain Frederick W. Gallagher (R-2)
- 1978--Firefighter James H. Battillo (L-152)
- 1979--Firefighter John J. Pritchard (R-2)
- 1980--Lieutenant Thomas J. Neary (L-28)
- 1981--Lieutenant Howard R. Kennedy (L-154)
- 1982--Firefighter Joseph H. Dirks (L-103)
- 1983--Firefighter Kenneth L. Connelly (L-111)
- 1984--Firefighter Robert Merkel (L-42)
- 1985--Firefighter James A. Sollami (E-62)
- 1986--Captain James F. McDonnell (L-42)
- 1987--Lieutenant William F. Maloney (L-34)
- 1988--Firefighter John J. McDonnell (L-28)
- 1989--Captain Richard Jacquin (L-59)
- 1990--Lieutenant Gerard M. Murtha (R-3)
- 1991--Firefighter William E. Jutt (L-22)
- 1992--Firefighter Michael M. Dugan (L-43)
- 1993--Firefighter Albert J. Gonzalez, Jr. (L-18)
- 1994--Lieutenant John M. Fox (SQ-1)
- 1995--Firefighter Gregory J. Smith, Jr. (L-108)
- 1996--Firefighter Gerard J. Triglia (L-132)
- 1997--Firefighter John K. Duddy (L-28)
- 1998--Firefighter Stan J. Sussina (R-1)
- 1999--Captain John J. Pritchard (E-255)
- 2000--Firefighter Stephen P. Fenley (L-78)
- 2001--Firefighter John F. South (L-44)
- 2003--Battalion Chief James Marketti (Bn-48)
- 2004--Firefighter James F. Mills (L-176)
- 2005--Firefighter Victor J. Rosa, Jr. (L-138)
- 2006--Captain Christopher J. Joyce (E-318)
- 2007--Firefighter James T. Byrne (L-121)

James Gordon Bennett Medal & NYS Honorary Fire Chiefs Association Medal

LIEUTENANT JAMES F. CONGEMA

Battalion 19 (assigned), Ladder Company 41 (detailed)

March 23, 2007, 0138 hours, Box 75-3205, 1717 Unionport Road, Bronx



Appointed to the FDNY on February 8, 1998. Previously assigned to Engine 231 and Ladder 120. Member of the Columbia Association and the Emerald and Holy Name Societies. Holds a BBA degree in accounting from Hofstra University. Cited for bravery on two previous occasions. Resides in Smithtown, Long Island, with his wife, Deanne, and their children, Emily, Ashley and newborn son, Andrew James.

On the fire floor, the success of operations is, to a great extent, determined by the ability of the company Officer to lead and motivate his/her Firefighters. A good Officer leads by example and does not lead from behind. It was just such an Officer who led Ladder 41 in the early-morning hours on March 23, 2007.

At 0138 hours, Ladder 41 responded first-due to Box 3205, a reported fire in a two-story multiple dwelling. Immediately on arrival, a 10-75 was transmitted for a fire on the first floor. Per FDNY's standard operating procedures, an additional engine and truck were called because of the window bars on all the first-floor windows.

Lieutenant James Congema and his forcible entry team--FF Robert Watts with the extinguisher and FF Ronilo Fuentes with the irons--proceeded down the smoke-filled hallway to the fire apartment. Lieutenant Congema ordered his forcible entry team to force the locked door. Entering the apartment, the Officer was confronted with high heat, zero visibility and thick, black, acrid smoke.

A short distance into the apartment, Lieutenant Congema found an unconscious adult. He transmitted a 10-45 for a fire victim with serious injuries. Feeling the heat, but not knowing where the fire was located, Lieutenant Congema scanned the fire apartment and hallway with the thermal imaging camera (TIC). By showing red in the screen of the camera, the TIC indicated high heat pouring from the kitchen. Now knowing exactly where the fire was, Lieutenant Congema dragged the unconscious victim to the apartment door and his forcible entry team carried the person out to the street.

Lieutenant Congema immediately returned to his search. He placed the TIC down when he dragged the first victim out and his search now was done by feel, due to the heavy smoke. He could feel the heat intensifying and there was no hand-line in place. Without hesitation, Lieutenant Congema crawled past the now extending fire and went deeper into the fire apartment. About 10 feet down the interior hall, the Officer found another unconscious adult. The rescuer transmitted a second 10-45 and began removal. He dragged the victim toward the door. His extinguisher Firefighter, FF Robert Watts,

met up with him and removed the second victim to the street.

The fire had extended from the kitchen into the living room and there was still no hose-line in place. If Lieutenant Congema returned to his search, there was the risk that if the fire continued to spread unchecked, his only path of escape would be cut off by fire. Still, Lieutenant Congema pressed on with his search.

The Officer crawled deeper into the apartment and entered a bedroom. He felt his way through the blinding smoke and found a third unconscious victim. He transmitted a third 10-45 and began to drag the victim out. The area was cluttered and removal was difficult and physically draining. FF Fuentes met up with him and removed the victim to the street.

The Lieutenant returned to the bedroom to finish the search. At this point, he was concerned that there was still no water on the fire, the front window bars were still intact and his only escape route could be cut off by the still-unchecked fire. Victim number four was found in that same first bedroom. Lieutenant Congema again transmitted a 10-45 and dragged the victim to the front door. Hearing the transmission of the fourth 10-45, his forcible entry team returned to help with removal.

Physically exhausted and knowing that the apartment could be totally involved in fire at any moment, Lieutenant Congema did not hesitate and again returned to search the last bedroom. Once inside, he found the final victim, a small girl. Knowing that all searches were complete, he transmitted a fifth and final 10-45 and then carried the unconscious girl to the street.

The coordinated and courageous efforts of Ladder 41 in this very difficult rescue operation were recognized with a unit citation. And, Lieutenant Congema's individual actions

exemplify the finest traditions of the New York City Fire Department. Because of this Officer's personal courage and perseverance, four members of the Ramos family, plus a male adult, were spared an unthinkable tragedy. For this reason, Lieutenant James Congema is recognized today with the James Gordon Bennett and New York State Honorary Fire Chiefs Association Medals.--CB



During a press conference, Lieutenant James Congema, with members of Ladder 41, describes the rescue that saved five people in the Bronx.
photo by Newsday



Brooklyn Citizens Medal/ FF Louis Valentino Award

FIREFIGHTER FRANK T. DILEO

Ladder Company 102

June 8, 2007, 0552 hours, Box 75-674, 446 Willoughby Avenue, Brooklyn

Appointed to the FDNY on August 19, 1990. Previously assigned to Engine 209. Resides on Staten Island with his wife, Joyce, and their daughters, Brittany and Rebecca.

Early-morning fires in residential buildings generally are an indication that people are trapped and in need of assistance. Such was the case on June 8, 2007, at 446 Willoughby Avenue, Brooklyn. The involved building is a renovated four-story, 20- by 60-foot brownstone, with one apartment on each floor.

At 0552 hours, numerous phone alarms were received at the Brooklyn Fire Communications Office for a fire in the first-floor apartment. This information was transmitted to the local firehouses, including Ladder 102 and Engine 235, the first-due units. Combining a fast turnout, quick response and heroic action would be necessary to lessen the severity of injuries to any trapped occupants. Through training and experience, the members of Ladder 102 were up to this task.

As Ladder 102, commanded by Captain Joseph McHugh, rolled up to the fire scene, members noticed a heavy, black smoke condition and fire venting from the first-floor windows. Civilians in the street reported to this unit that a family was trapped inside the fire apartment. Without hesitation, FF Frank DiLeo—who was part of the forcible entry team—donned his facepiece and quickly entered the front basement door under the stoop adjacent to the fire. The fire now was venting forcefully from the front apartment windows.

The hallway walls and pocket doors that normally would be found in this occupancy had been removed during renovations. Because of this renovation, FF DiLeo found himself in the immediate fire area and was driven to the ground from the intense heat. Without the protection of a charged hose-line, he rapidly crawled through the intense heat and zero visibility toward the rear of the apartment in search of the trapped occupants. The Firefighter knew through experience that the bedrooms were located in the rear and probably the location where any occupants would be found.

A flashover in the front of the living room cut off any exit from the front entrance where he had entered. The fire was rolling over his head, but FF DiLeo continued crawling toward the rear bedrooms.

As he entered a bedroom and began a search, he came across an unconscious 30-year-old female, India Green, and radioed this

information to his Officer. He then dragged her to the rear window, but, unfortunately, this exit was blocked by window bars.

The rapidly expanding fire now was advancing toward this bedroom, so FF DiLeo crawled through the unbearable heat and closed the bedroom door, allowing him some precious moments. At this time, in an extremely heavy smoke condition, he found two unconscious children--Tayvonne, a two-year-old male, who later succumbed to his injuries, and Tiara, a six-year-old female--both of whom were lying on the floor of this bedroom.

FF DiLeo immediately transmitted this information to his Officer and that they all were trapped in the rear of this apartment. Still without the protection of a hose-line and time running out for their survival, he again crawled around, determined to find a rear exit. He came across a door and working from his knees in the extreme heat condition, FF DiLeo began forcing this door.

Simultaneously, an outside team in the rear yard assisted in forcing open this door, allowing FF DiLeo to hand out the two young children to other members. Then, with the assistance of another member, they dragged the mother to the safety of the rear yard.

Once outside, members were informed by an occupant who had descended from the rear fire escape that there was still one child missing. Mustering what strength he had left, FF DiLeo re-entered the smoky apartment in search of this child. He found an unconscious four-year-old female, Elijia, lying on the floor of the bathroom. Frank DiLeo picked her up and noticing the visible fire was extinguished, raced toward the front entrance. Exiting the premises, he handed the youngster off to waiting EMS personnel.

FF Frank DiLeo's courage and selfless actions in a very dangerous situation without the protection of a charged hose-line gave life to four victims, although 20 hours later, the two-year-old boy died at Cornell Burn Center. For his initiative, bravery and heroic actions without regard for his own safety, the Fire Department is proud to honor FF Frank DiLeo with the Brooklyn Citizens Medal/FF Louis Valentino Award.--EB



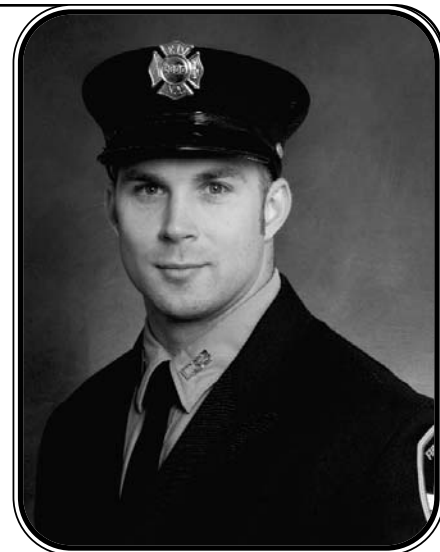
Ladder 102 in action.

Hugh Bonner Medal

FIREFIGHTER GREGORY M. LEINZ

Ladder Company 33

July 2, 2007, 1140 hours, Box 75-3338, 2420 Grand Avenue, Bronx



Appointed to the FDNY on February 2, 2003. Uncle, FF Frank Stefenak, is retired from Ladder 55; cousin, FF Doug Barry, is assigned to Engine 238; and cousin, Lieutenant Patrick Barry, is assigned to Engine 286. Holds a bachelor's degree in banking and finance from Hofstra University. Cited for bravery on one previous occasion. Resides in Copaigue, Long Island.

Standard operating procedures for removal of fire victims include: Interior--via interior stairs; horizontal--via interior hall or doorways; fire escape--either up or down; and ladders. Why are ladders so far down on the list? Because of the danger involved. Ladders can fail or fall; and victims can panic and cause the victim--as well as the rescuer--to be injured. How much more dangerous can it be when the ladder doesn't reach the window or if it's in a cantilevered position? FF Gregory Leinz, Ladder 33, faced such a scenario on the afternoon of July 2, 2007.

At 1140 hours, Ladder 33 was returning to quarters from another Box. The fire dispatcher directed Ladder 33 to Box 3338 for a fire in a building at Fordham Road and Grand Avenue. En route, a second source was received for a fire next to 2418 Davidson Avenue. As Ladder 33 approached the Box, heavy smoke was pushing from the rear of 2420 Grand Avenue, a four-story multiple dwelling. Lieutenant Moorhead, the Officer of Ladder 33, transmitted a 10-75. At time of arrival, Ladder 33 was the only unit on the scene.

FF Leinz was assigned the outside vent position and quickly went to the exposure #2 side of the building to make his way to the rear via a small passageway. Midway down the passageway, he was faced with a severe life hazard. At the third-floor window was a woman, Shakra Anton, dangling her 18-month-old daughter, Shakna, out the window. The window was open from the top down and heavy heat and smoke were pushing out where the occupants were trapped.

The young mother was in a state of panic and about to drop her baby. FF Leinz instructed her to bring the baby back into the window and that he would get them. FF Leinz notified Lieutenant Moorhead and the inside team of the trapped victims and their location. FF Leinz called the chauffeur of Ladder 33, FF David Donatelli, and told him to bring a 35-foot portable ladder to the exposure #2 side of the building in the adjoining courtyard.

FF Leinz then quickly ran to the rear of the building to check for other victims. Reaching the rear, he saw fire blowing out of two windows on the third floor adjacent to the fire escape, rendering the fire escape

unusable. He transmitted this information to the inside team and then ran to the front of the building to assist FF Donatelli with the ladder.

As FFs Leinz and Donatelli reached the side courtyard with the ladder, FF Leinz heard over the handie-talkie that the inside team was unable to get to the rear bedroom due to a heavy volume of fire blocking the interior hallway. Engine 75 was still not on the scene. FF Leinz realized that the rescue of Ms. Anton and her daughter was in his hands. They couldn't be reached via the interior; the fire escape was blocked; and the fire was rapidly extending without a hose-line in place.

The ladder was placed in the adjoining courtyard--due to obstructions in the fire building alley--and fully extended by FFs Leinz and Donatelli. The courtyard was below grade, creating a four-story climb. Therefore, the 35-foot ladder came up short of the window where Ms. Anton was located. To make matters worse, the ladder had to be placed against a six-foot block wall topped with barbed wire.

FF Leinz realized there was absolutely no time to reposition the ladder. Undaunted by the extremely dangerous position of the ladder, he climbed to the top rung. Reaching the tip of the ladder, FF Leinz told Ms. Anton to give him her baby. With the baby safely cradled in his arms, FF Leinz carried the baby down the ladder to the waiting hands of FF Donatelli, who met him halfway up the ladder.

FF Leinz then re-climbed the ladder. Using all his strength, he pulled himself up to the window. The lower portion of the window was blocked with a child-guard gate. FF Leinz climbed into the top of the window. The interior conditions were rapidly becoming untenable. The Firefighter removed the window and child-guard and lowered the dazed mother out of the window onto the top rung of the ladder, where FF Donatelli was waiting to assist her. FF Leinz then completed a primary search of the area, which proved negative.

FF Gregory Leinz' actions epitomize the highest traditions of the New York City Fire Department. For his bravery, he is honored today with the Hugh Bonner Medal.--CB



FF Gregory Leinz (right) after his heroics at Bronx Box 75-3338, 2420 Grand Avenue/Fordham Road, July 2, 2007.

photo by Honorary Deputy Chief Matthew P. Daly



Emily Trevor/ Mary B. Warren Medal

FIREFIGHTER DONAL F. FINNEGAN

Ladder Company 42 (assigned), Ladder Company 55 (detailed)

March 7, 2007, 2308 hours, Box 33-2389, 1022 Woodycrest Avenue, Bronx

Appointed to the FDNY on November 22, 1998. Member of the Holy Name and Emerald Societies. Cited for bravery on two previous occasions. Resides in Mohegan Lake, NY, with his wife, Janet, and their sons, Daniel, Matthew and Breane.

Fires and fire scenes are variable. Oftentimes, a Firefighter is required to recognize especially challenging circumstances and adapt his or her methods accordingly. Such was the case on the eve of March 7, 2007, when FF Donal Finnegan, (Ladder 42, detailed to Ladder 55), and the other members of Ladder 55 were faced with circumstances that bordered on the unimaginable. Firefighter Finnegan exhibited ingenuity and bravery as he rose to, and exceeded, the highest expectations of the FDNY.

A phone alarm was transmitted to Ladder 55 at 2308 hours. Although assigned as the second-due ladder company, a rapid response and the unforeseen delay of Ladder 42 resulted in the arrival of Ladder 55 as the initial truck company on-scene. Lieutenant Lawrence Lanza, Ladder 55, observed that the first floor of the brownstone structure was heavily involved in fire that was likely to have severely compromised the interior open stairway and upper floors.

Simultaneously, the Officer of Engine 68 informed him that there were reports of numerous children trapped in the rear. Lieutenant Lanza, FF Finnegan, the extinguisher Firefighter, and FF Bernard Madden, the forcible entry Firefighter, proceeded quickly down the alley at the exposure #2 side.

Arrival at the rear revealed that numerous people had jumped from the upper floors. These victims indicated that several children remained in the building. Employing a 24-foot portable ladder carried to the rear by Ladder 55's outside vent Firefighter, FF Darren McVeety, FF Finnegan ascended to the third-floor window and entered a bedroom through a heavy column of smoke. The room was virtually untenable with high heat and zero visibility.

Undaunted, FF Finnegan--followed closely by FF McVeety--

pushed in and located young Hatouma Magassa beneath a bed. He transmitted a signal 10-45 and removed the five-year-old female to the rear window. Subsequently, FF McVeety located a second child in the room, who also was removed to the window location. Lieutenant Lanza and FF Madden assisted as the two victims were brought to ground level.

Conscious of a rapidly narrowing window of time and the potential for more victims, FF Finnegan returned to the third-floor window and re-entered, again followed by FF McVeety. Conditions had worsened due to advancement of the fire. Nonetheless, FFs Finnegan and McVeety completed a search of the room and entered the public hallway in an effort to advance to bedrooms at the front of the building.



There were 15 10-45s at Bronx Box 33-2389, 1022 Woodycrest Avenue, March 7, 2007.

photo by Staten Island Dispatcher Chris Creighton

Lieutenant Lanza recognized the rapidly deteriorating conditions and ordered his members via handie-talkie to exit the third floor. Heavy smoke and cluttered conditions caused FF Finnegan to become disoriented and experience a period of uncertainty regarding the route of exit. However, he remained calm, gained his bearings and proceeded to the rear window. Out of air, his head-first exit from that window preceded flashover of the entire room by less than one minute.

FF Finnegan exhibited remarkable determination and fortitude in the face of incredibly tenuous circumstances, not the least of which was the absence of a hose-line in a building almost completely involved in fire. His first entry was nothing short of courageous and resulted in saving two young lives. His second entry was absolutely selfless. He has shown by his actions that he is ready, willing and able to continue the proudest traditions of the FDNY.

For this remarkable rescue effort, FF Donal F. Finnegan is presented with the Emily Trevor/Mary B. Warren Medal.--JF

Thomas E. Crimmins Medal

FIREFIGHTER DARREN M. McVEETY

Ladder Company 55

March 7, 2007, 2308 hours, Box 33-2389, 1022 Woodycrest Avenue, Bronx

Appointed to the FDNY on February 2, 2003. Cousin, FF Tim McVeety, is assigned to Engine 44 and cousin, FF Rob Dolney, is assigned to Ladder 44. Member of the Emerald Society. Attended Suffolk Community College. Resides in Amityville, Long Island.



The night of March 7, 2007, notoriously became a night of tragedy for the City of New York as 15 immigrants were killed or seriously injured in a tragic fire. Due to the heroic efforts of New York's Bravest, however, several occupants were rescued and escaped an almost certain death.

FF Darren McVeety, Ladder 55, was assigned the critical position of the outside vent Firefighter. At 2308 hours, Ladder 55 turned out as the second-due truck for a phone alarm, reporting the address of 1022 Woodycrest Avenue. As the unit was responding, the members heard Engine 68 announce their arrival and give a 10-75.

When Ladder 55 arrived, members were surprised to discover they were the first-due truck. They were confronted by a heavy fire condition on the first and second floors of a four-story brownstone. Engine 68's Officer was in front of the fire building when he alerted Ladder 55's members that there were children trapped in the rear of the burning building. This information came from neighbors and occupants who already had escaped.

FF McVeety grabbed a portable ladder and headed toward the rear of the building via an alleyway on the exposure #2 side. He was joined by Ladder 55's Officer, Lieutenant Lawrence Lanza, and the inside team, who decided to attempt entry there because of the large volume of fire in the front.

When the members arrived at the rear, they discovered that a woman had thrown two children down to civilians and then jumped to the ground herself, where she lay severely injured. Seeing how grave the situation was, Ladder 55 split into two teams. FF McVeety teamed up with the extinguisher Firefighter, FF Donal Finnegan, Ladder 42, who was detailed to Ladder 55 for this tour. FF McVeety footed the ladder while FF Finnegan climbed it and entered the third-floor window, followed by FF McVeety.

Both Firefighters were operating two floors above the fire without the protection of a charged hose-line. They encountered high heat and zero visibility, forcing them to the floor. FF Finnegan crawled along and found five-year-old Hatouma Magassa under a bed. FF Finnegan transmitted a 10-45 radio code to Lieutenant Lanza.

Crawling along to the far side of a bed, FF

McVeety was searching when he came upon six-year-old Kadidatou Magassa. He also transmitted a 10-45 and, along with FF Finnegan, they brought their victims back to the window and portable ladder. Ladder 55's Officer and irons Firefighter had been searching the first floor, but exited that location to assist FFs McVeety and Finnegan with their victims.

After handing off the victims to other rescuers, FFs McVeety and Finnegan returned to the third floor to continue with the search for more possible victims. The expanding fire on the first and second floors now had extended to the rear of the building. Engine 68 was aggressively making a push on the punishing conditions with their hose-line on the second floor, trying to reach the interior stairs that were located near the center of the building.

Fearing that FFs McVeety and Finnegan would be trapped above the fire, Lieutenant Lanza called for a hose-line to be brought to the rear to protect them. After both Firefighters completed the search of the rear bedroom, they opened the door and tried to crawl across the hall, past the interior stairs to search the front bedroom. The fire, heat and smoke conditions were too severe and both Firefighters had to return to the rear bedroom. Lieutenant Lanza ordered both members to exit the third floor.

By opening the door to the hallway, conditions in the rear bedroom became untenable and both members radioed via handie-talkie that they were having difficulty making their way back to the window. Lieutenant Lanza and the forcible entry Firefighter were preparing to climb up the ladder to assist. Simultaneously, Firefighters on the roof were setting up for a lifesaving rope rescue. Fortunately, neither was needed because FFs McVeety and Finnegan found their way to the window and descended down the portable ladder. Soon thereafter, fire began venting out of the just-vacated window.

FF McVeety put himself at risk while attempting to search for victims at this fast-moving fire. It was because of his perseverance that a little girl survived an almost certain death. It is with great honor that FF Darren McVeety is awarded the Thomas E. Crimmins Medal.--AP



The Woodycrest fire claimed 10 victims--nine children and one adult.

photo by Staten Island Dispatcher Chris Creighton



Thomas A. Kenny Memorial Medal

LIEUTENANT MICHAEL J. LAURINAITIS

Ladder Company 154

April 30, 2007, 0105 hours, Box 22-9359, 34-20 99th Street, Corona, Queens

Appointed to the FDNY on October 25, 1992. Previously assigned to Ladder 172. Resides in Bellport, Long Island, with his wife, Beth, and their children, Shaun and Victoria.

In the early-morning hours of April 30, 2007, Ladder Company 154 received a phone alarm for Box 9359, 34-20 99th Street, Corona, Queens. The run was for a fire in a private dwelling and Ladder 154 was the second-due truck. As the members arrived at the Box, they heard Ladder 138 give a 10-75 for a confirmed fire, with a request for an additional engine and truck due to the presence of window bars.

Fire was showing on the first floor, with a heavy smoke condition throughout. Members of the inside team immediately made their way to the second floor to begin their primary search. Once at the top of the stairs, the team was confronted with high heat and heavy black smoke. Additionally, operations were hindered by large accumulations of clothing and other obstructions.

With fire below them, window bars and no protection of a charged line in position, they initiated a rapid search while enduring punishing conditions. As they entered the parlor, Lieutenant Michael J. Laurinaitis heard faint moaning coming from the center of the room. Following the sound of the moans, Lieutenant Laurinaitis found Elisa Whitaker in a semi-conscious state. He immediately transmitted a 10-45 and instructed FFs Matthew Canberg with the extinguisher and FF Daniel Stanton with the irons to remove the victim outside via the interior stairs.

With reports stating fire was extending to the second and third floors, Lieutenant Laurinaitis teamed with FF Napolitano, the outside vent Firefighter, who had entered from a portable ladder. They continued their search for any additional trapped occupants. Working toward the rear, Lieutenant Laurinaitis discovered a small bedroom. The bedroom window had failed and

fire was entering and taking control of the room.

Unable to fully enter the room due to the extreme heat and no line in position on the second floor, Lieutenant Laurinaitis was forced to lie on the floor, reach in and make a sweep inside the room. He found a second female, Doreen Stevens, lying face down and unconscious, between a bed and a dresser. He dragged the victim out of the room, into the kitchen and then transmitted a second 10-45. He alerted Battalion Chief James Jacobs, Battalion 46, that fire had extended to the second floor and a line would be needed at this location.

The Lieutenant then continued to drag the victim back toward the hallway, but was impeded by a washing machine that was partially blocking the doorway to the hall. Calling for assistance, the rescuer was joined again by FFs Canberg and Napolitano, plus FF Christopher Miller, Ladder 138's chauffeur. Working together, they then completed the removal and transferred the victim to EMS personnel. The rescue now was complete.

Lieutenant Laurinaitis' actions were performed quickly, aggressively and without hesitation or concern for his own safety. Conditions continued to worsen and

without the security and protection of a hose-line, he continued his search and was responsible for the removal of two incapacitated victims from the floor above the fire. He could have waited for that hose-line, but, instead, continued his search and courageously found two victims.

The determination displayed by Lieutenant Michael J. Laurinaitis is in the finest traditions of the New York City Fire Department. This Department now recognizes his actions with the Thomas A. Kenny Memorial Medal.--TW



Ladder 154 in action at Queens Box 22-7811, 39-04 61st Street, Woodside, December 26, 2007.

Walter Scott Medal

FIREFIGHTER JOHN E. KEENAN

Ladder Company 38

June 21, 2007, 1221 hours, Box 3167, 2166 Clinton Avenue, Bronx

Appointed to the FDNY on January 27, 2002. Since this incident, promoted to Lieutenant and is covering in Division 3. Father, Battalion Chief John Keenan, is retired from Battalion 15 and brother-in-law, FF James McConville, is assigned to Engine 66. (Both father and son received medals while members of Ladder 38 and were promoted out of Ladder 38.) Member of the Emerald Society. Resides in Greenville, NY, with his wife, Regina, and their children, John, Sean, Alexandra and Taylor.



While June 21st is the “official” first day of summer, any New Yorker will tell you the temperature is hot long before summer officially starts. However, on this day, FF John Keenan got to experience real heat as he and the members of Ladder 38 were called to battle a blaze at 2166 Clinton Avenue in the Bronx.

Just shortly after noon, the call came into quarters for a fire on the fifth floor of a 125- by 100-foot, non-fireproof building. Arriving within three minutes of the call, the members of Ladder 38 found heavy, dense smoke pushing out of several windows. FF Keenan, working as part of the forcible entry team that warm day, immediately entered the building and began to ascend the stairs.

While making their way to the fire floor, the forcible entry team--comprised of Lieutenant Michael Dowling and FFs Keenan and Darren Hallock--met a distraught man. He was screaming that his apartment was on fire and his wheelchair-bound wife still was trapped in the growing blaze.

Moving rapidly, the team raced to the apartment door where Lieutenant Dowling found it closed, but unlocked. Opening the door, the team was met with a high heat condition and dense smoke. While FF Hallock and Lieutenant Dowling began to search toward the kitchen to the left, FF Keenan moved straight ahead and to the right, where he encountered a wheelchair and oxygen cylinder--but no victim.

Pressing on amid worsening conditions, FF Keenan now felt the fire’s heat under his bunker gear. He made his way down the long hallway and turning to the left, found the source of the fire emanating from the living room. With no door to close to hold the flames back and without a charged hose-line to protect him, FF Keenan made the courageous decision to continue his search.

He crawled past the fire and into a bedroom. In this

room, he found another wheelchair, but this one was overturned. FF Keenan was certain he would find someone in this bedroom. However, after expending more time and strength, he found the room empty.

As the temperature continued to rise within the apartment, FF Keenan forced himself to continue forward to rescue the victim. He crawled back down the main hallway and then left toward the rear bedroom. It was here that his determination paid off as he came across a woman lying half off the bed.

FF Keenan transmitted a 10-45. Finding the victim badly burned, he also advised that EMS would be needed. The rescuer knew the victim had to be removed immediately. Because a hose-line still was not in operation (the building configuration and large courtyard required 11 lengths of hose to reach the fire apartment), FF Keenan summoned every bit of strength and courage possible. Ignoring his own safety, he dragged and carried the woman down the 30-foot hallway--using his body as a shield--and past the main body of fire. Reaching the public hallway, he was assisted by another Firefighter and carried the victim (who was paralyzed from the waist down) to the street, where emergency medical procedures were initiated immediately.

In his report of the incident, Battalion Chief John Salka, Battalion 18, stated, “The actions taken by FF Keenan in extremely hostile heat and smoke conditions, without the protection of a hose-line and past

an unchecked and advancing fire in a room without a door, subjected him to personal risk and resulted in the successful rescue of a handicapped woman who would have certainly perished in that fire.” (Unfortunately, she died the next day as a result of her injuries.) In recognition of his bravery, the Fire Department of the City of New York is proud to honor FF John E. Keenan today with the Walter Scott Medal.--DJH



Battalion Chief John Keenan (retired from Battalion 15) is flanked by his son, Anthony Keenan, NYPD Detective, second grade, and son, Lieutenant John Keenan, recognized for his heroism with the Walter Scott Medal.



John H. Prentice Medal

FIREFIGHTER CHRISTOPHER H. DESZCZ

Ladder Company 147

March 3, 2007, 2357 hours, Box 75-2489, 870 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn

Appointed to the FDNY on July 5, 1992. Father, Lieutenant Leonard Deszcz, is retired from Engine 309. Cited for bravery on one previous occasion. Resides in Miller Place, Long Island.

Brooklyn's Ladder 147 has remained one of the more active units in the borough throughout the years. Their response area consists of apartment buildings, Queen Annes and public and commercial occupancies. Their members also have had their share of rescues of trapped civilians during those years. On March 3, 2007, two more civilians were added to that list of victims saved from a fire by Ladder 147.

Close to midnight, Ladder 147 was dispatched to Box 2489 for a reported fire at 870 Coney Island Avenue. Arriving first-due, several civilians pointed the members to an apartment at the rear of the location. The building was "O"-shaped and gave no indication of a fire from the front. As the members of Ladder 147 were crossing the courtyard, they passed some occupants fleeing the rear part of the building and saw some light smoke coming from a fourth-floor window.

The inside team of Ladder 147 for this 6x9 tour consisted of Lieutenant Gerard Curran and FF Sean O'Grady with the extinguisher and FF Christopher Deszcz with the irons. These members raced up the stairs to the fourth floor. On their arrival, they observed heavy smoke coming from apartment 4E. Lieutenant Curran radioed a 10-75.

The members masked up and made their way down the hall. FF Deszcz, a 15-year veteran, used his Halligan tool and forced open the door to the adjoining apartment 4F first. He did this to secure an area of refuge in case it was needed. FF Deszcz then forced the fire apartment door open in the same manner.

When the fire apartment door was opened, the members were met with fire, heat and thick, heavy smoke. The configuration of the apartment forced the members to crawl down a 25-foot hallway, with flames above their heads. FF Deszcz was searching for victims as he made his way toward the seat of the fire. The fire was located in the kitchen at the end of the hallway.

FF Deszcz went past the kitchen and came into the living room. Approximately 20 feet into the living room, FF Deszcz found 38-year-old Ava Flores, unconscious on the floor.

Using his body to shield the woman from the heat, while mustering all his strength, FF Deszcz dragged her past the fire, back to the hallway. Once out of the apartment, he handed the victim off to the members of Engine 250. They brought Ms. Flores down to the street and began performing CPR on her. FF Deszcz then returned back to the fire apartment to continue his search for other victims.

A charged hose-line still was not placed due to the layout of the fire building. Eventually, 15 lengths of hose were needed to reach the fire apartment. When FF Deszcz returned to the apartment, visibility was still almost zero and the heat condition was unbearable. Crawling back down the long hallway, FF Deszcz wanted to continue his search in the living room from the point where he found Ms. Flores.

Finding no other victims at that location, he moved deeper into the apartment and into a rear bedroom. In the corner of this room, FF Deszcz found two-year-old Abdul Flores, unconscious and under a mattress. Again, FF Deszcz used his body as a protective shield and carried the unconscious child past the fire and out to the hallway.

The fire intensified so much that FF Deszcz had to crawl on his belly to get past it. Once out of the apartment and in the hallway, he began CPR on the child. He rushed down to the street where he transferred the child over to EMS personnel who continued rendering aid. EMS transported him to the New York Weill-Cornell Medical Center.

Ms. Flores required a three-day hospital stay while her son was admitted and required treatment for 14 days. Fortunately, both mother and son recovered and are alive today, thanks to FF Deszcz' brave actions. Without any regard for his safety and without the protection of a hose-line, FF Deszcz crawled past a dangerous fire condition several times to search for these unconscious victims. FF Christopher H. Deszcz is being awarded the John H. Prentice Medal for his professionalism and bravery.--AP

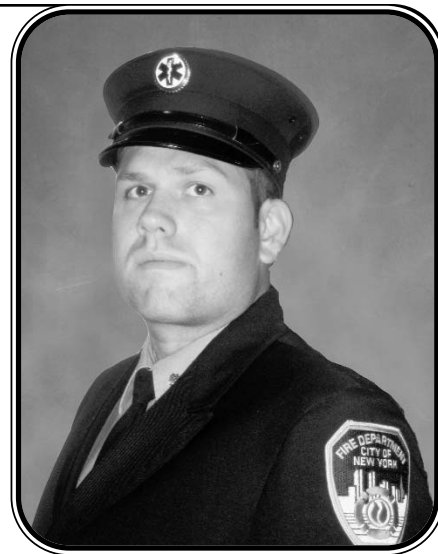


Ladder 147 operates at Brooklyn Box 33-2474, 663 Rugby Road, March 29, 2007.
photo by FF Chris Landano



Christopher J. Prescott Medal

February 9, 2007, 1643 hours,
1840 Grand Concourse, Bronx



EMT SHAWN P. HEALY

Station 19

Appointed to the FDNY as an Emergency Medical Technician on February 16, 2001. Wife, EMS Lieutenant Kelly Ann Healy, is assigned to Station 47. Member of the FDNY Football Team. Studying for an associate's degree in fire science and technology at Rockland Community College. Resides in Rockland County, NY, with his wife, Kelly Ann, and their two children, Johnny and a newborn daughter, Kasey Ann.

EMT DANIEL J. ROHDE

Station 19

Appointed to the FDNY as an Emergency Medical Technician on October 11, 2005. Previously assigned to Station 26. Attended the University of Wyoming where he studied history. Resigned on March 13, 2008, to join the City of Newburgh, NY, Fire Department. Resides in Newburgh, NY.

On February 9, 2007, at 1643 hours, Emergency Medical Technicians Shawn Healy and Daniel Rohde of EMS Station 19 were traveling the South Bronx en route to their assigned area. As they passed the intersection of Grand Concourse and Mount Hope Place, they were flagged down by a frantic civilian who pointed out smoke from the top-floor windows of a six-story, occupied multiple dwelling located at 1840 Grand Concourse.

After notifying the dispatcher and requesting the response of fire suppression units, the two EMTs entered the fire building and proceeded up to the sixth floor where they encountered a smoke condition in the public hallway. Many of the buildings in this area of the Bronx are very large, featuring long hallways. This characteristic can create quite a challenge because occupants easily can become disoriented and panicky in smoky conditions. With no fire suppression units on the scene and without any protective clothing or respiratory gear, both EMS members calmly began to alert residents to the danger and evacuated them to the lower floors.

Once they cleared residents from both the A and B wings of the building's hallways, EMTs Healy and Rohde were retreating to a safe area of refuge. At that point, EMT Healy found himself in front of the fire apartment and observed that the door had been left open, letting smoke and heat into the public hallway.

EMT Healy entered the fire apartment and conducted a quick visual search for victims. After checking all of the rooms in the fire apartment and feeling confident that any occupants had self-evacuated, EMT Healy exited the fire apartment. He made sure to close the door behind him, thereby preventing fire extension and spread of deadly gases and smoke into the public hallway.

For risking their personal safety to assure the well-being of the building's occupants and for protecting the public hallway from deadly heat and smoke by closing the door to the fire apartment, EMT Shawn Healy and EMT Daniel Rohde are presented with the Christopher J. Prescott Medal.--JPB



Henry D. Brookman Medal

FIREFIGHTER DAVID J. GIAMBALVO

Ladder Company 31

October 29, 2007, 1622 hours, Box 75-2558, 1150 Union Avenue, Bronx

Appointed to the FDNY on February 5, 1995. Previous assignments include Engines 260 and 82. Father, FF Michael Giambalvo, is retired from Ladder 152; brother, FF Michael Giambalvo, is assigned to Ladder 155; cousin, Sean Norton, is assigned to proby school; and cousin, Captain Kevin Naughton, is covering in Division 7. Member of the Columbia Association and the Holy Name and Emerald Societies. Holds a BS degree in international business and world trade from the University of Buffalo. Resides in Miller Place, Long Island, with his wife, Judy.

By October 29, 2007, the days had grown shorter, the trees had become flush with multi-colored leaves and young children were ready to dress up as firefighters for Halloween. However, on this day, FF David J. Giambalvo showed what real firefighters do when faced with an unconscious civilian and a quickly advancing fire.

In the late afternoon of that cool day, a call came into the quarters of Engine 82/Ladder 31 for a fire on the eighth floor of 1150 Union Avenue, a 150- by 200-foot, Class 1 multiple dwelling in the Bronx. FF Giambalvo, working Ladder 31's irons position, responded with the first-due truck company to Box 2558.

On arrival, FFs Giambalvo and Michael Gumbus, with the extinguisher, along with Captain James E. Walsh (Ladder 17), quickly entered the building and began the long climb up eight flights of stairs. Along the way, FF Giambalvo and the other members of the inside team knew it would take time to stretch a hose-line because CIDS information noted the building lacked standpipes. Thus, a time-consuming rope stretch would be required.

After the team had completed their long ascent, they entered the public hallway and encountered a heavy smoke condition. Again recognizing that the hose stretch would be delayed, they moved quickly to the fire apartment and forced the door

open. Entering, they found the apartment's main hallway littered with a large amount of tangled debris and shopping carts, plus a high heat/heavy smoke condition.

Captain Walsh located the fire emanating from the bedroom on the right and FF Gumbus opened up the extinguisher to hold back the flames. Fire was advancing into the hallway as FF Giambalvo crawled past it to search the rest of the one-bedroom apartment.

While FF Gumbus engaged a second extinguisher to hold back the still-growing fire, FF Giambalvo completed his search of the kitchen. He then heard low moans coming from the living room. Moving quickly and with complete disregard for his safety, he continued his search past the advancing fire until he found an unconscious victim. The rescuer transmitted a 10-45 and then moved the victim through the apartment toward the hallway.

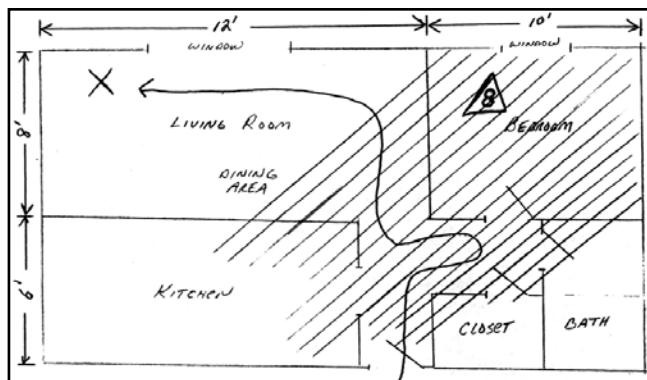
When FF Giambalvo reached the apartment's main hallway, he carried/dragged the victim over the shopping carts/debris and past the still-unchecked fire. Reaching the public hallway, FF Giambalvo was met by members of Engine 82, who had completed their hose stretch and were moving to knock down the fire. The victim was removed from the building, taken to Jacobi Hospital by EMS personnel and released from the hospital after two weeks.

In his report of the incident, Deputy Chief Paul Mannix noted, "Members were confronted with a cluttered and dangerous condition in the fire apartment because of the debris and shopping carts. Knowing that the positioning of the hand-line would be delayed, FF Giambalvo, nevertheless, conducted an aggressive search...and his actions most likely saved the victim's life."

In recognition of his aggressiveness and courage, the Fire Department of the City of New York is proud to honor FF David J. Giambalvo today with the Henry D. Brookman Medal.--DJH



FF David Giambalvo operates from the bucket of Ladder 31 at a working fire. The diagram depicts his rescue route at Box 75-2558 to remove the victim.



M.J. Delehanty Medal

LIEUTENANT STEPHEN W. CRISTELLO

Ladder Company 128

May 6, 2007, 1149 hours, Box 75-7288, 45-35 44th Street, Sunnyside, Queens

Appointed to the FDNY on January 16, 1994. Since promoted to Captain and is covering in Division 11. Previous assignments include Engine 237 and Ladder 128. Cited for bravery on one previous occasion. Resides in Smithtown, Long Island, with his wife, Liz, and their children, Elizabeth and Anthony.



At approximately noontime on the afternoon of May 6, 2007, Ladder Company 128 was 10-8 on their way to procure the meal when the members received a radio alarm for Box 7288 for a report of a smoke condition on the first floor of 45-35 44th Street in Sunnyside. Ladder 128 was assigned second-due, but because of their location while 10-8, Lieutenant Stephen Cristello and his Firefighters arrived first, well ahead of the assigned companies at the six-story multiple dwelling.

As they pulled into the block, the members of Ladder 128 saw civilians already in the street, pointing to the reported address. Smoke was showing at the front windows and Lieutenant Cristello ordered his chauffeur to transmit a 10-75. Assuming the duties of the first-due truck, the inside team proceeded to the fire apartment, while the outside team covered their assigned positions.

Arriving on the first floor of the A-wing, Lieutenant Cristello determined the fire apartment. After checking the door and finding it locked, he ordered the inside team of FF Anthony Orsogna, Ladder 128, and FF Ryan Hurney, Engine 295, to force the door. Taking the door, they were confronted by high heat and a heavy smoke condition.

Without the benefit of a charged hose-line, Lieutenant Cristello decided that immediate entry must be made in order to find any possible surviving victims. As members of Ladder 128 entered, they crawled down the 18-foot entrance hallway where they were met with a Collyers' mansion-like condition,



with boxes, debris and clothes everywhere. Confronted with high heat conditions and thick smoke, the Lieutenant led his inside team to the end of the hallway where they were met with heavy fire coming out of the bedroom from the right and beginning to enter the foyer area.

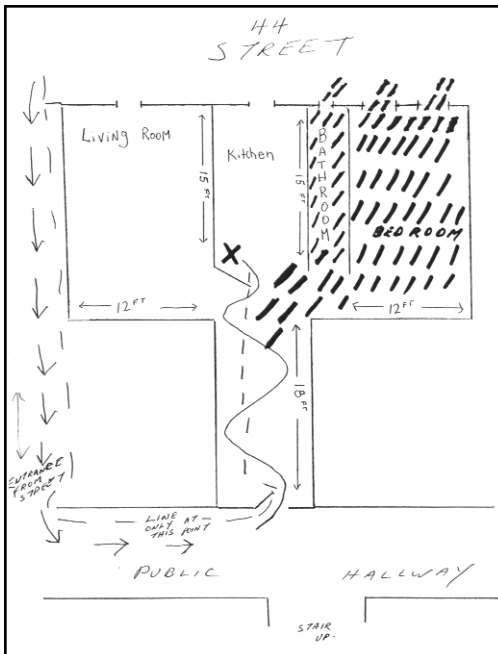
Lieutenant Cristello ordered the extinguisher Firefighter to try to hold the fire with his extinguisher while he and FF Hurney searched the rest of the apartment. While FF Hurney searched the living room, the Officer searched the kitchen and bathroom. When he reached the kitchen, he spotted a man--already suffering from burns--slumped into a wall, trying to shield himself. Lieutenant Cristello immediately transmitted a 10-45 to Battalion Chief Joseph Anzalone, Battalion 45.

At this time, the fire now was rolling over the head of FF Orsogna, who still was trying to hold the fire back with his extinguisher. Hearing Engine 325 at the apartment entrance and knowing that water now was on the way, Lieutenant

Cristello handed off the badly injured civilian to FF Orsogna. The Firefighter removed the victim to the street and to EMS personnel, completing the rescue. Lieutenant Cristello continued the primary search with FF Hurney.

The elderly victim was transported to the hospital with second- and third-degree burns of both hands, arms and ankles. He also received burns to his trachea.

The example set by Lieutenant Cristello--through his brave actions and lauding his forcible entry team, especially FF Orsogna--not only rescued an elderly man, but continues the legacy of the selfless Firefighters who have come before us. Lieutenant Stephen Cristello operated in danger and the New York City Fire Department honors him with the M.J. Delehanty Medal.--TW



Queens Box 75-7288, 45-35 44th Street, Sunnyside--the incident for which Lieutenant Stephen Cristello is being recognized. Diagram indicates the path the Lieutenant took to effect the rescue of an elderly man.



William F. Conran Medal

LIEUTENANT RICHARD P. BUCKHEIT

Engine Company 249 (assigned), Engine Company 248 (detailed)

March 7, 2007, 0315 hours, Box 75-1571, 305 Linden Boulevard, Brooklyn

Appointed to the FDNY on October 15, 1995. Previously assigned to Ladders 119 and 148. Father, FF Paul Buckheit, is retired from Ladder 78; grandfather, Battalion Chief Frank Santora (deceased), was retired from Battalion 21; and grandfather, Battalion Chief Joseph Buckheit (deceased), was retired from Battalion 22. Member of the Emerald Society. Holds a BS degree in physical education from Long Island University. Cited for bravery on two previous occasions. Resides on Staten Island with his wife, Christine, and their daughter, Bridget.

When an alarm comes in at 0300 hours, it frequently is a false alarm or structural fire. Based on the number of calls received, it takes the dispatchers only a few moments to realize the severity of the alarm. With this information, they dispatch the units accordingly; which means a full-alarm assignment, including Rescue and Squad units.

As Engine 248 approached the fire building--a six-story, "U"-shaped structure--the smell of smoke permeated the still air in the early morning of March 7, 2007. Lieutenant Richard Buckheit, detailed to Engine 248, immediately ordered a line started. He transmitted the 10-75 signal.

As the Lieutenant ascended the stairs, he was met with many occupants who were evacuating the building. When Lieutenant Buckheit reached the fifth floor, he checked the stair window and saw flames issuing from the sixth-floor apartment. He transmitted this information to Battalion Chief Barry Brandes, Battalion 41, and his nozzle team, who were still stretching their line.

Reaching the fire floor, Lieutenant Buckheit was met by panicking adults who were screaming that their children were still inside the apartment. The father, who had attempted to reach the children, but was driven back by the heat and flames, pleaded with Lieutenant Buckheit to save his children. While donning his facepiece, Lieutenant Buckheit was informed that the children were in a rear bedroom. He entered the highly charged apartment without the protection of a hand-line and began his search.

The high heat and dense smoke forced Lieutenant Buckheit to crawl into the hall and, using his hand on the wall to maintain his bearings, moved toward the rear of the apartment. He crawled approximately 25 feet and was met with intense heat from a room to his left. With no means to confine this fire (which, at this point, was lapping out of the room and into the apartment hallway), Lieutenant Buckheit

continued to crawl into the bedroom beyond the fire room.

Entering the bedroom on his right, the rescuer began his search. Approximately 10 feet inside the room, he discovered the body of a seven-year-old, Milanya Boykin, on the floor. He transmitted the 10-45 signal and because of the high heat, dragged the unconscious child toward the public hall.

At this point, Lieutenant Buckheit received a signal from Chief Brandes that there were three missing children. There still was no hand-line on the fire floor due to the long and arduous stretch. (It took all four engine companies to make the stretch.)

Lieutenant Buckheit re-entered the apartment. The fire had intensified due to the open apartment door. Crawling down the hallway, past the fire room again, he re-entered the same bedroom and found another unconscious child, four-year-old Mikhalya Boykin. Once again, he gave the 10-45 signal and began his exit to the public hall.

While exiting, the Lieutenant encountered other members entering the apartment. He told them where the main body of fire was located and in what room he found the children. Before he could re-enter the apartment for the third time, he heard the 10-45 signal for the third child. By now, his nozzle team was at the door and he called for water and proceeded into the apartment with his unit to extinguish the fire.

Lieutenant Buckheit sustained burns to his neck and a sprain to his lower back in completing these rescues. His efforts saved the lives of two children, both of whom had been burned over 25 percent of their bodies.

Lieutenant Richard Buckheit displayed outstanding courage and tenacity in his efforts to save these lives. His actions were in keeping with the traditions of the Fire Department and today he is proudly accepting the William F. Conran Medal for valor.--JTV



Engine 249 operated at Brooklyn Box 22-1003, 551 Troy Avenue/ Rutland Road, January 23, 2007.

photo by FF Steven Galucci, Engine 110

Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia Medal

FIREFIGHTER MICHAEL PFAFF

Ladder Company 107

April 15, 2007, 1748 hours, Box 22-3432, 2301 West 13th Street, Brooklyn

Appointed to the FDNY on July 28, 2002. Father, FF Frank Pfaff, is retired from Operations. Member of the Steuben Association. Holds a BA degree in physical education and an MA degree in exercise physiology. Resides in Long Beach, Long Island, with his wife, Barbara.



Weather conditions throughout the City of New York on Sunday, April 15, 2007, were poor due to a rapidly approaching nor'easter, bringing heavy rain with intense wind. At approximately 1730 hours, Ladder 107 relocated to the quarters of Ladder 153. The FDNY was operating in a Stage Three Fallback Mode, indicating a minimum response policy due to a high alarm activity rate throughout the City.

Arriving at Ladder 153's quarters, Ladder 107 immediately was dispatched as a second truck to Box 3432 for numerous calls indicating a fire in a private dwelling. While en route, Ladder 107 was notified via the Brooklyn CO that they were responding to a confirmed fire in a non-fireproof multiple dwelling and that there were people trapped on the second floor.

On arrival, FF Michael Pfaff, assigned the company's outside vent position, noted heavy fire coming out two windows of the first floor in the rear of the dwelling. Subsequently, Battalion Chief Robert Glynn, Battalion 43, announced with a radio transmission the confirmation that people were trapped above the fire on the second floor.

FF Pfaff proceeded to go to work. With high heat and heavy smoke venting from the first-floor windows, he laddered a second-floor balcony area and ascended the ladder to his predetermined position. Forcing entry through a sliding glass door servicing the balcony, he was met with severe heat and smoke conditions. He entered without a charged hose-line to begin his search for occupants.

Intense heat drove him to the floor, but FF Pfaff pressed on with his search, which ultimately concluded with the discovery of an unconscious

occupant. Alone and faced with imminent danger, FF Pfaff removed this person to the balcony and continued to assist in the victim's removal to the street via a portable ladder.

With an already high heat and smoke condition that was deteriorating and risking his own safety, FF Pfaff re-entered the second floor to continue his search for life. He continued to advance into a hostile fire environment that was in the later, free-burning phase of combustion.

Feeling great discomfort as the heat permeated his protective clothing and with zero visibility, FF Pfaff discovered a second unconscious and burned occupant, approximately 30 feet into the second-floor room of this home. Again, he summoned his inner strength and with severe heat and smoke conditions still worsening, was able to remove the victim to the balcony area. He was assisted with this person's evacuation to the street via portable ladder.

After rescuing the two occupants from certain death, FF Pfaff was determined to meet up with his company and assist them in completing a primary search of the third floor. Again, re-entering the second floor where conditions were still extremely volatile, he advanced to the interior stairwell. With extreme heat and smoke gaining control of the stairwell, FF Pfaff ascended to the third floor to join the members of Ladder 107 in conducting a primary search of the third floor of this dwelling.

FF Pfaff's ability to adapt to severe weather conditions, an unfamiliar response area and a potential flashover situation proved vital to the survival of two people and the overall success of this fire operation. For these reasons, FF Michael Pfaff is presented with the Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia Medal.--PWB



The incident for which FF Michael Pfaff was presented with the Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia Medal.

photo by Danny Ludici, New York Daily News



Chief John J. McElligott Medal/ FFs Fitzpatrick and Frisby Award

CAPTAIN JAMES BROSI

Division 6 (assigned), Engine Company 80 (detailed)

April 6, 2007, 1843 hours, Box 75-1621, 660 Riverside Drive, Manhattan

Appointed to the FDNY on July 25, 1993. Currently UFO at Ladder 23. Previously assigned to Engine 37, BFI and Ladder 55. Father, Lieutenant Joseph Brosi, is retired from Engine 88 and brother, Captain Joseph Brosi, is assigned to Division 14. Member of the Columbia Association, the FDNY Soccer Team and the Emerald and Holy Name Societies. Holds an associate's degree in business administration from Nassau Community College, a bachelor's degree in business administration from New York Institute of Technology and a masters degree in education from Queens College. Resides in Bayside, Queens, with his wife, Karen, and their daughters, Melanie and Madelyn.

In the early-evening hours of April 6, 2007, as many New Yorkers reflected on the meaning of Good Friday, Captain James Brosi became one person's salvation after a fire erupted at 660 Riverside Drive in Manhattan.

At 1843 hours, a call was transmitted to Engine 80 for a fire at a six-story multiple dwelling in Harlem. Arriving as the first-due engine company, Captain Brosi found fire coming from one window on the top floor and smoke pushing out from several others. Captain Brosi directed his company to stretch an inch and three-quarter line to the top floor. However, he knew from CIDS information that the hose-line stretch would be arduous and time-consuming because the building's single staircase wrapped around the elevator, requiring between nine and 10 lengths of hose to reach the fire.

Captain Brosi entered the building and ascended the stairs. Reaching the fifth floor, he encountered a burned civilian being brought down by a neighbor. Though burned and disoriented, the victim told Captain Brosi his apartment (6G) was on fire and his wife was still inside.

The Captain transmitted a 10-45 for the victim being evacuated. He then proceeded up the last flight of stairs and began to crawl down the hallway. While making his way toward the apartment, he encountered two police officers who had tried to rescue the second victim, but were forced back due to an increasing smoke condition. Directing these officers toward the stairs, Captain Brosi pushed on until he arrived at the apartment. Although the door was closed, it was unlocked.

Without waiting for assistance and his hose team, Captain Brosi donned his facepiece and entered the apartment to

locate the fire and the second victim. He immediately encountered a high heat and heavy smoke condition, but was able to make a brief search of the immediate area, as well as locate the source of the fire, which was directly opposite the door.

Worsening conditions pushed Captain Brosi back toward

the entrance where he was met by Ladder 23's forcible entry team--Lieutenant Lester Lightbourne and two probationary Firefighters. Captain Brosi directed them to hold down the fire with the extinguisher and search left, while he crawled past the fire on the right, toward the rear of the apartment.

With zero visibility and without the benefit of a charged hose-line for protection, Captain Brosi moved past the fire. In the course of his search, he found the apartment's closed bedroom door. Captain Brosi entered the room to search and quickly found the second victim. After transmitting a second 10-45, he removed the victim from the apartment. Reaching the hallway, he turned the victim over to Engine 84 members for CFR-D. Engine 80 had completed stretching the hose-line and Captain Brosi supervised extinguishment of the fire.

In his incident report, Battalion Chief Francis X. Donnelly, Battalion 16, noted, "There is no doubt his bravery and steadfast action saved the victim's life." Division 6's Commander, Deputy Chief Kevin Butler, concurred, stating, "Captain Brosi performed in the highest traditions of this job." Unfortunately, the victim succumbed to her injuries weeks later. For his heroic and determined actions, the Fire Department of the City of New York is proud to honor Captain James Brosi today with the Chief John J. McElligott Medal/FFs Fitzpatrick and Frisby Award.--DJH



Ladder Company 23 in action at the massive crane collapse in Manhattan on March 15, 2008.

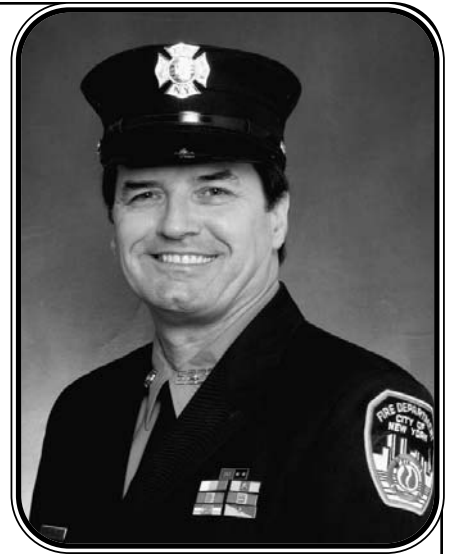
Thomas F. Dougherty Medal

FIREFIGHTER NEIL P. MALONE

Engine Company 239

**June 27, 2006, 1036 hours, Box 1326, 145 11th Street,
between 2nd and 3rd Avenues, Brooklyn**

Appointed to the FDNY on July 6, 1983. Previously assigned to Engine 8. Brother, Lieutenant Brian M. Malone, is retired from Ladder 108; uncle, FF Harry A. Malone, is retired from Engine 303; uncle, FF Charles A. Malone, is retired from Engine 242; and cousin, FF Kevin G. Burns, is retired from Ladder 160. Member of the Holy Name and Emerald Societies. Cited for bravery on four previous occasions. Resides in Brooklyn with his wife, Elizabeth, and their children, Dana and Andrew.



New York City Firefighters never know what may happen when they come to work. They have to be ready to respond to any situation that may arise. It could be a fire or an unusual incident, such as a construction accident involving an excavation trench cave-in. Such was the situation that FF Neil Malone (who was supposed to be in Mexico for a wedding) and the other members of Engine 239 faced on the day tour of June 27, 2006.

At 1036 hours, Engine 239--located in the Park Slope section of Brooklyn--received an EMS run for a major trauma at 145 11th Street, between 2nd and 3rd Avenues. Arriving members of Engine 239 found an excavation trench that was being dug parallel to the street had collapsed, trapping two men in dirt, bricks and concrete. The trench was approximately 70 feet long by 15 feet wide and 12 feet deep and was between two buildings. One victim was visible and buried up to his face in the bottom of the trench.

Captain Paul Conlon, working in Engine 239 for the day, asked if there were any additional victims. The construction supervisor, John Connolly, informed the Captain that there was a second victim. Mr. Connolly showed him the location of the second victim by pointing to a patch of dirt approximately 20 feet from the location of the visible victim.

Without any regard for his personal safety, FF Neil Malone immediately entered the trench and quickly determined that the visible victim--Herbierto Vergara, 27 years old--was breathing. Once he knew that Mr. Vergara was breathing, FF Malone made his way to the second victim, a 33-year-old male, by passing under a large and unstable slab of concrete and bricks. When FF Malone got to the area where the second victim was located, he began digging for the completely buried victim.

The members of Engine 239 placed a portable ladder into the trench, stretched a precautionary 1³/₄-inch hose-line and passed shovels and an oxygen bottle into the trench. FF

Malone found the hand of the completely buried victim--Manuel Vergara--yelled out that he had a firm grip and that the man was still alive.

Knowing that there was a chance to save the man's life, FF Malone continued to put himself at risk, frantically digging, while kneeling in the bottom of the unshored and recently caved-in excavation trench in an effort to reach the victim's nose and mouth. FF Malone eventually was able to report that he had cleared the victim's mouth, allowing him to continue to breathe. However, the victim refused an oxygen mask. FF Malone informed the other members that Manuel Vergara's grip was getting less firm. The Firefighter continued to remove the dirt from around the victim's head and face.

While FF Malone was digging in the trench, other units--Rescue 2 and other SOC and SOC support companies--arrived at the scene and shored up the excavation site. While the shoring was being done, FF Malone continued to dig. When requested to rotate out of the hole for relief, FF Malone asked to stay, stating that he had promised Manuel Vergara that he would not leave him until he was rescued.

FF Malone continued to dig and work with Lieutenant Dan Murphy, Rescue 2. After approximately one and a half hours of non-stop work, Manuel Vergara was freed from the location where he had been buried. He was secured to a stokes stretcher and carried to a waiting ambulance.

FF Malone attempted to climb from the hole, but was too exhausted. He collapsed and was carried to an ambulance by Firefighters and EMS personnel. FF Malone was admitted to the Cardiac Care Unit at Lutheran Hospital, where he spent the night. Both Herbierto Vergara and Manuel Vergara also were transported to Lutheran Medical Center.

For his bravery, determination and quick action, resulting in the lives of two construction workers being saved, FF Neil Malone is honored with the Thomas F. Dougherty Medal.--NG



FF Neil Malone is in the center of the action at the trench cave-in rescue at Brooklyn Box 1326, 145 11th Street, June 27, 2006.

photo by Todd Maisel, New York Daily News



Albert S. Johnston Medal

FIREFIGHTER BRIAN M. COPPER

Ladder Company 156 (assigned), Squad Company 270 (detailed)

February 3, 2007, 2350 hours, Box 66-1045, 1056 Neilson Street, Queens

Appointed to the FDNY as an EMT on June 9, 2000, and promoted to Firefighter on February 2, 2003. Assigned to Squad 270. Previously assigned to Ladder 156. Member of the Emerald Society. Holds an associate's degree from Nassau Community College. Resides in North Merrick, Long Island.

Just before midnight on February 3, 2007, an alarm was received for Box 1045 for a reported fire at 1056 Neilson Street in Queens. As a result of numerous calls, Squad 270 was assigned to the Box. FF 3rd Grade Brian M. Copper, assigned to Ladder 156, was on a long-term detail to Squad 270. This detail proved fortunate for Leroy Ellis, who later that night was rescued from a smoke- and heat-filled sixth-floor apartment by FF Copper.

Responding through the snowy night, the members of Squad 270 heard a radio report of a 10-45, a fire victim, found on the fifth floor. On arrival, they discovered that the fire, which was not yet showing from their vantage point, was on the fifth floor of an H-type building and they were assigned to that location. Unknown to the members at this time, the fire had traveled up the channel rail and already was gaining ground in the cockloft.

As Squad 270 reached the fifth-floor landing, a radio message reported a panicked civilian at a smoke-filled, sixth-floor window, threatening to jump. Lieutenant David Marmann, Squad 270, ordered his floor-above team--FFs William Bedell and Copper, as well as FF James Reichman, his extinguisher Firefighter, to attempt to reach the victim from the interior. Simultaneously, Squad 270's roof Firefighter and chauffeur, FFs Kurt Wehner and Mark Giannini, respectively, attempted to contact the victim from the roof and calm him.

Conditions in apartment 6E, the fire apartment, deteriorated as the cockloft fire grew worse. The thickening smoke and increasing heat caused Mr. Ellis to fall unconscious back into the apartment. FF Copper made it down the 45-foot, smoke-filled, sixth-floor hallway to the apartment door where he forced entry with his Halligan tool. As he opened the door, hallway conditions changed and the smoke darkened and banked down to the floor.

Now joined by Captain Marsilla, Ladder 134, the four members entered the heavily charged apartment to search for Mr. Ellis. Despite a complete lack of visibility, FF Copper, using the thermal imaging camera, was able guide the search team through the apartment to a hallway, 17 feet from the apartment door. The hallway led to a bedroom where FF Copper located Mr. Ellis.

FF Copper began to drag the victim back toward the apartment door, which was 39 feet from the victim's location. Mr. Ellis was in a semi-conscious state and became extremely

combative, suffering from the effects of carbon monoxide poisoning. The conditions in the apartment were rapidly deteriorating as FF Copper struggled with the uncooperative Mr. Ellis.

Assisted by the rest of the search team, FF Copper dragged Mr. Ellis back the 39 feet to the apartment door and then down the 45-foot-long, heavily charged hallway to the stairs. They went down to the third floor, where the Firefighter turned over the victim to the care of EMS personnel.

FF Copper then returned to the fifth floor to assist with *mayday* operations. This entire operation was completed on the floor above the fire, with heavy fire above Firefighters in the cockloft and without the protection of a hose-line. Shortly after Mr. Ellis was removed, fire could be seen at the fifth- and sixth-floor windows.

FF Brian Copper's courage, initiative, perseverance and determination resulted in Mr. Ellis surviving his ordeal. Had he not been found and removed in such a timely manner, Mr. Ellis surely would have perished. The victim was transported to Jacobi Hospital and treated in the hyperbaric chamber for severe carbon monoxide poisoning.

FF Brian Copper acted in the highest traditions of FDNY and, accordingly, is presented with the Albert S. Johnston Medal.--FCM



Box 66-1045, 1056 Neilson Street, Queens--the incident for which FF Brian M. Copper received the Albert S. Johnston Medal.

photo by FF Chris Landano

Ner Tamid Society/ Franklin Delano Roosevelt Medal

CAPTAIN GARY E. STANZONI

Engine Company 313

August 4, 2007, 1427 hours, Box 75-6131, 218-05 36th Avenue, Bayside, Queens

Appointed to the FDNY on September 25, 1982. Previously assigned to Division 15, Ladder 137, Division 13, Ladder 29 and Engine 93. Great grandfather, Captain John Dewey (deceased), was retired from Engine 262. Holds a BS degree in business administration from Long Island University at C.W. Post and an AA degree in business administration from Suffolk Community College. Cited for bravery on one previous occasion. Resides in Peconic, Long Island, with his wife, Doreen, and their sons, Gary and Thomas.



On Saturday, August 4, 2007, the Queens dispatch office received a phone call at 1427 hours, reporting a house fire with people trapped at 218-05 36th Avenue in the Bayside section of Queens. As is common in August, the temperatures were in the 90s and it was very humid.

When the alarm was sent out, Engine 313--housed in Douglaston and under the command of Captain Gary E. Stanzoni--was the second-due engine on the ticket. On arrival, Engine 306 transmitted the 10-75 for a fire in a two-story, 20-by 40-foot, wood-frame private dwelling.

When Engine 313 arrived at the job, the members assisted Engine 306 stretching the first hose-line. Before the first truck company arrived at the Box, Captain Stanzoni was met in front of the house by a woman who was screaming that her mother was trapped in the rear bedroom of the burning house.

Without hesitation, Captain Stanzoni entered the front door of the house and quickly ascended the stairs to the second floor, which

was the floor that was on fire. At the top of the stairs, Captain Stanzoni was confronted with high heat, heavy, black smoke and zero visibility. The fire originated in the bedroom in the front of the house and extended into the hallway, leading to the bathroom and other bedrooms.

At this time, the first hose-line was being stretched and was not yet in operation. Without the

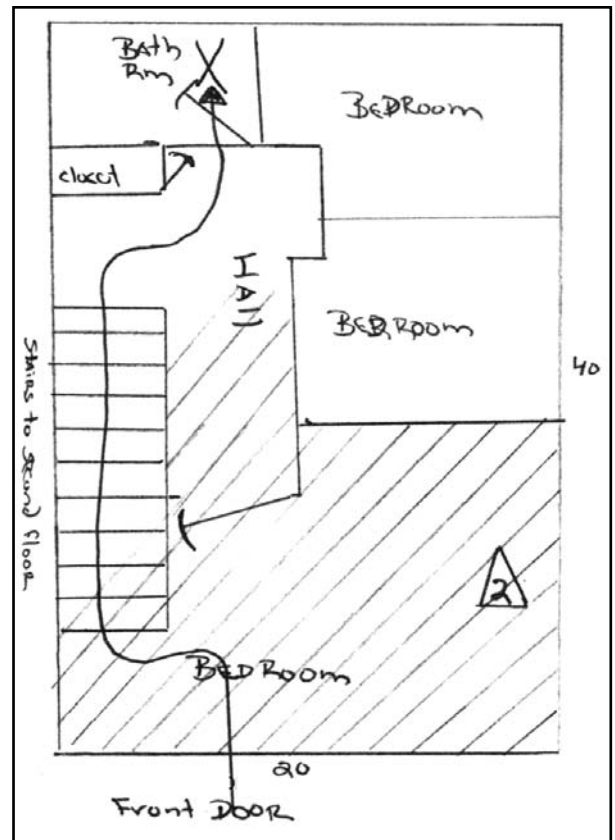


Captain Stanzoni takes his Firefighters through some hose-line drills. The schematic at right depicts the Captain's rescue route. Unfortunately, the victim later expired due to her injuries.

protection of an operating hose-line, Captain Stanzoni went past the main body of fire to the rear of the house and found an unconscious woman, Dorothy Cahn, in the rear bathroom. He proceeded to carry Ms. Cahn past the fire, down the stairs and out to the front lawn, where it was determined that she was unconscious, but still breathing.

Ms. Cahn was turned over to EMS personnel and then transported to North Shore Hospital. Despite the heroic efforts of Captain Stanzoni, Ms. Cahn passed away as a result of her injuries.

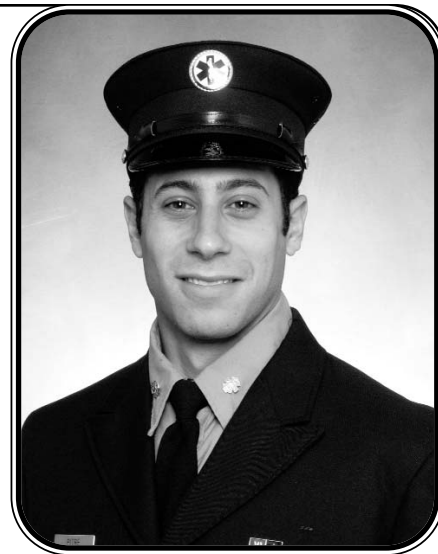
For his actions in trying to save the life of Dorothy Cahn, the FDNY officially recognizes Captain Gary E. Stanzoni of Engine 313 today and presents him with the Ner Tamid Society/Franklin Delano Roosevelt Medal.--NG





Tracy Allen-Lee Medal

July 7, 2007, 1410 hours,
Albany Avenue/Park Place, Brooklyn



PARAMEDIC JACOB W. DUTTON

Station 57

Appointed to the FDNY as an Emergency Medical Technician on July 17, 2006. Previously assigned to 28V, 17E and Station 26. Recipient of five pre-hospital saves and an excellent duty award. Resides in Manhattan.

Little did Paramedics Jacob Dutton and Joseph Fraiman know just how lucky triple 7s are until the seventh day of the seventh month of the two thousand and seventh year. At about 1430 hours on that hazy, hot and humid day of July 7, 2007, both medics rolled lucky 7s as they were transported back in time to the days of the Wild West when they got caught up in a shoot-out that afternoon.

Medics Dutton and Fraiman were monitoring a seizure patient--whom they had just treated and stabilized--while en route to Kings County Hospital during a routine transport. As they were traveling past Park Place and Albany Avenue, in the general area of Eastern Parkway and Utica Avenue in Brooklyn, they were flagged down for what turned out to be anything but just another routine motor vehicle collision.

Once the medics ensured that their original patient was stable enough to be left in the competent hands of a single medic, Central Dispatch was advised of the situation and Medic Dutton stepped out of the ambulance to appraise the MVA situation. He approached a vehicle that had just crashed into a light pole. The plan was to render emergency medical assistance until another unit could arrive on the scene to take over.

To the astonishment of everyone--but especially Paramedic Dutton--the occupant of the crashed

PARAMEDIC JOSEPH B. FRAIMAN

Station 57

Appointed to the FDNY as an Emergency Medical Technician on July 7, 2004. Resigned as a Paramedic on December 31, 2007, to attend medical school at Columbia University in the fall. Currently, in Bolivia, studying the culture to ultimately become a "doctor without borders." Resides in Rockaway, Queens.

vehicle pointed a gun right into the face of the Paramedic. Paramedic Dutton retreated to his partner. Then, together, they secured their original patient, as well as the many bystanders in harm's way, and escorted them all to a nearby area of refuge.

The incident did not end there. As the police were arriving, with gunshots ringing out, a gun battle ensued between police and the perpetrator/driver of the crashed vehicle. One bullet was aimed and fired directly at Paramedic Dutton--at point-blank range--and actually struck and penetrated the ambulance. According to newspaper reports, 135 shots were fired during the gunfight.

Once the perpetrator was shot and subdued by the police, Paramedic Dutton--even after being shot at--helped the other Paramedics now on-scene treat and stabilize the gunman. Once

there were enough other EMTs and Paramedics available to continue to stabilize the perpetrator, Paramedic Dutton returned to join his partner, caring for the original patient during this still-non-secure and dangerous incident.

For their unselfish and heroic actions during unstable and dangerously life-threatening conditions, Paramedic Jacob W. Dutton and Paramedic Joseph Fraiman are presented with the Tracy Allen-Lee Medal.--TD



Paramedics Jacob Dutton and Joseph Fraiman were flagged down for this accident scene, but wound up being in the middle of a gunfight that generated 135 shots, according to newspaper reports.

photo by Nicholas Fevelo, New York Daily News

Third Alarm Association Medal

CAPTAIN FRED MARSILLA

Division 13 (assigned), Ladder Company 134 (detailed)

February 3, 2007, 2347 hours, Box 66-1045, 1056 Neilson Street, Queens

Appointed to the FDNY on July 5, 1992. Now assigned to Ladder 134. Previously assigned to Ladders 149 and 161. Member of the Columbia Association. Holds a BBA degree in business from Brooklyn College. Resides in Massapequa, Long Island, with his wife, Grace, and their daughters, Michelle, Samantha and Sabrina.



On the cold winter night of February 3, 2007, Captain Fred Marsilla was the covering Officer in Ladder 134 when Box 1045 was transmitted at 2349 hours for a fire at 1056 Neilson Street in Queens. As the Firefighters donned their gear and raced out the door, the dispatcher began to relay reports of people trapped.

As the members of Ladder 134 pulled up in front of the six-story, H-type multiple dwelling, they witnessed a heavy smoke condition on the upper floors. Captain Marsilla and his forcible entry team raced up the stairs to apartment 5H, where they were met by a heavy fire condition at the door.

Ordering the extinguisher Firefighter to use the extinguisher in order to allow a quick search while Engine 328 stretched a line, Captain Marsilla and the irons Firefighter checked the apartment for possible victims. The search was negative, but as Engine 328 was extinguishing all visible fire, reports were received of fire on the floor above. Reports also were coming in of fire in the cockloft and a person trapped on the sixth floor, threatening to jump.

As the roof team prepared for a lifesaving rope rescue and Engine 328 repositioned their line for an attack on the sixth floor, Battalion Chief Timothy Joyce, Battalion 47, ordered Captain Marsilla to attempt to reach the victim from the interior. With his forcible entry team, the Captain quickly raced to the sixth floor. The door to apartment 6E--where the victim was reported to be--was forced. Captain Marsilla faced a heavy smoke condition. A thermal imaging camera pointed at the ceiling indicated a high heat condition that could explode at any moment.

Employing the thermal imaging camera, FF Brian Copper, Squad 270, and the Captain were able to pinpoint the victim's location. Searching his way to the bedroom located deep in the apartment, Captain Marsilla found 57-year-old Leroy Ellis in a semi-conscious state by the window. As he grabbed the victim to lead him to safety, the man panicked. He grabbed the Officer's facepiece by the purge valve and ripped it from the Captain's face, wasting precious air.

Recovering his mask, Captain Marsilla called out for help and was assisted by FF Copper. Together, they were able to subdue Mr. Ellis, who then passed out. As the rescuers removed the unconscious man, they were joined by other members of Ladder 134. While they were removing the victim down the public hallway, Captain Marsilla noticed fire in two other apartments on the sixth floor and reported it to the Chief.

The fire conditions were deteriorating rapidly as they moved the victim down the stairs to EMS personnel in the lobby. Suffering from smoke inhalation, Mr. Ellis was taken to Peninsula Hospital. His condition was so severe, however, that he was quickly moved to Jacobi Hospital and placed in the hyperbaric chamber. He was hospitalized for a week due to his injuries.

Heavy winds aided the arsonist who set what became a six-alarm fire involving a partial collapse. Captain Marsilla and the members of Ladder 134 and Squad 270 weren't able to save the building, but they were able to save the life of Leroy Ellis with teamwork and their courageous efforts. For his individual bravery and tenacious efforts, the Fire Department is proud to present the Third Alarm Association Medal to Captain Fred Marsilla.--JT



Captain Fred Marsilla was a Lieutenant at the time of this pier fire in Gravesend, Brooklyn, February 2005.

Vincent J. Kane Medal

LIEUTENANT VINCENT C. McMAHON, JR.

Battalion 17 (assigned), Engine Company 92 (detailed)

January 24, 2007, 1117 hours, Box 75-2396, 975 Sherman Avenue, Bronx

Appointed to the FDNY on July 17, 1994. Now assigned to Ladder 44. Previously assigned to Engine 21, Engine 84, Ladder 34 and Rescue 1. Brother, FF Stephen McMahon, is assigned to Ladder 56; uncle, FF Thomas McCullagh, is retired from Ladder 38; cousin, Lieutenant Michael Callanan, is covering in Division 3; and grandfather, FF Patrick McCullagh, died from a non-line-of-duty death while assigned to Ladder 52. Grandmother, Mary McCullagh (now deceased), was a matron with Engine 48. Member of the Emerald Society. Holds an associates degree from Rockland Community College. Cited for bravery on two previous occasions. Veteran of the Army's 2nd Ranger Battalion. Resides in New City, NY, with his wife, Haley.



When numerous calls come in for the same fire, it usually indicates an intense blaze. When Bronx Box 2396 was transmitted at 1117 hours on January 24, 2007, there were numerous calls for a fire at 975 Sherman Avenue. Engine 92 arrived at the five-story multiple dwelling within three minutes of the alarm, ahead of all other responding units. The fire was in a rear apartment and its exact location was not obvious to the members of the engine when they first pulled up.

Lieutenant Vincent McMahon quickly entered the building and began to locate the fire apartment. As he arrived on the second floor, he faced a heavy smoke condition and it was clear that there was a working fire. The Lieutenant ordered Engine 92 members to stretch a line to the fire apartment and Battalion Chief James Donlevy, Battalion 26, now on the scene, transmitted a 10-75 for a working fire.

When Lieutenant McMahon reached the fire apartment, he found the door unlocked, but he was met by a heavy fire condition inside. The kitchen was to the immediate right of the apartment entrance and fully involved in fire. The flames lapping out of the kitchen made any entry into the apartment precarious, but the Lieutenant heard a moan coming from the living room to the left of the entrance.

With no line in place yet, he knew he was taking a risk, but a life was at stake. Ducking under the flames roaring from the kitchen, Lieutenant McMahon searched the area from which he heard the moan. The heavy smoke condition meant

that he had to rely on his sense of touch. About 10 feet into the apartment, he came upon the unconscious form of 60-year-old Victor Garcia.

Realizing that the man needed medical assistance quickly, Lieutenant McMahon began to drag the large man back toward the apartment entrance. By this time, the fire had extended out of the kitchen and was blocking any possible exit. Using the entrance door to shield himself and the victim from the flames pouring out of the kitchen, Lieutenant McMahon gained a few more moments for both victim and rescuer. The door partially blocked the kitchen area, thus slowing the advance of the fire until the engine could get a line in place.

Ladder 44 members arrived at the apartment as the engine company was stretching the line and tried using the extinguisher to knock down the flames, but the fire was too intense. Once Engine 92 charged the line and knocked down the inferno, the members of Ladder 44 helped Lieutenant McMahon remove the victim to the public hallway.

They were relieved by the members of Engine 50, who placed the victim in a stokes basket and removed him to the street. He then was taken by EMS personnel to Jacobi Hospital, where he was treated for second- and third-degree burns.

Had it not been for Lieutenant McMahon's initiative and bravery in passing heavy fire to locate the victim and protect him from the encroaching flames until a line was in place,

another life might have been lost to fire. For the great courage he displayed in making this rescue, the Fire Department is proud to present the Vincent J. Kane Medal to Lieutenant Vincent C. McMahon, Jr.--

JT



(Above left) Lieutenant Vincent McMahon with members of Engine 92. (Above right) The Lieutenant's assigned company, Ladder 44, in action at Bronx Box 33-2285, 678 Union Avenue. photos by Honorary Deputy Chief Matthew P. Daly

Brummer Medal

FIREFIGHTER FREDERICK J. III, III

Rescue Company 1

March 1, 2007, 0650 hours, Box 499, East River,
between 14th and 18th Streets, Manhattan

Appointed to the FDNY on February 4, 2001. Previously assigned to Ladder 58. Father, Captain Frederick J. III, Jr., Ladder 2, perished on September 11, 2001. Cousin, FF Michael Pattwell, Jr., is assigned to Ladder 44. Member of the Holy Name and Emerald Societies. Attended Rockland Community College. Cited for bravery on one previous occasion. Resides in Pearl River, NY.



Usually, Rescue Company 1 is alerted to respond to an incident by the piercing sounds of the tone alarm in quarters. However, just before 0700 hours on the very cold winter morning of March 1, 2007, it was the dispatcher's announcement over the voice alarm that instructed the members to turn out. Under the command of Lieutenant Tony Tarabocchia and guided by the chauffeur, FF Kevin Kroth, Rescue 1's apparatus made its way toward the East River and 18th Street.

During the bumpy ride, the radio message informed the company that there was a confirmed person in the water. Rescue divers--FFs Cosmo DiOrio and Frederick III--started to don their diving gear. When the company arrived at the river, a witness reported that she had observed a young man wearing a white, hooded sweatshirt in the water. His exact whereabouts were unknown and he was not visible on the water's surface.

After conducting a search with negative results, FF DiOrio, who was tended by FF Jason Faso, was replaced by a second diver, FF III. FF DiOrio had reported a considerable amount of debris and a rapid current, so FF III was guided 50 feet from the seawall by his dive tender, FF James Hodges. Once he was in position, FF III descended to a depth of 30 feet and started searching. Battling the undercurrent, black water dive conditions and the possibility of hypothermia because of the icy-cold water, FF III searched in a fan pattern, similar to FF DiOrio before him.

Continuing to work in a freezing environment, with limited visibility, FF III moved along the dark waters, searching in

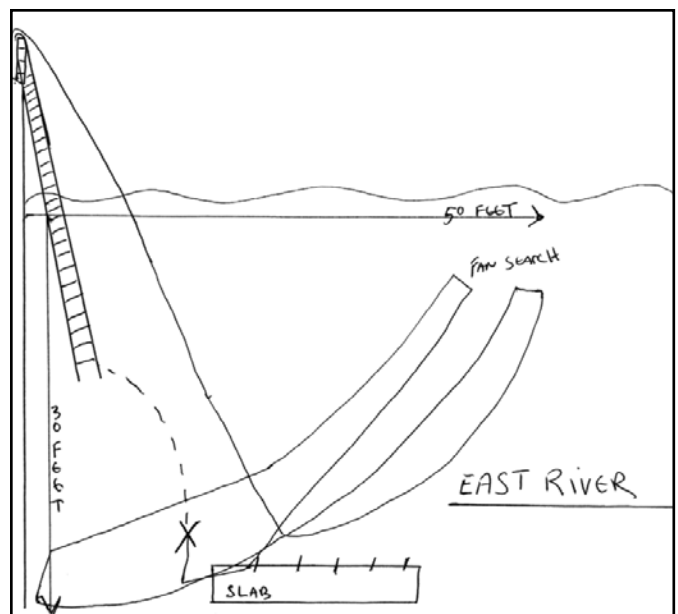
the prescribed fashion until it was determined that he should be brought to the surface. Although he asked for more line and a few more minutes to complete his search, FF III's life line became entangled on rebar, which was part of the seawall. FF III moved back along his line and was able to extricate himself from the threatening snag. As he resumed the final leg of his search, FF III saw a hazy glow and moved toward it. He had found his victim.

FF III grabbed the man, brought him to the surface and then swam, with victim in tow, to a ladder that had been dropped down by FDNY members. The drowning victim was hoisted up to the river promenade where CPR was administered by EMS personnel. Although the young man did not survive his ordeal, this in no way diminishes the courageous effort put forth by FF III.

The Firefighter's bravery and tenacity, along with his calm and professional actions under the most arduous and dangerous conditions, has earned him the respect of his colleagues and gratitude of the citizens of New York City. Because he acted without hesitation and put himself at risk, the Brummer Medal is proudly awarded to FF Frederick J. III, III.--BDG



FF III (second from left) with Rescue 1 Firefighters. The diagram illustrates the fan pattern used to retrieve the victim from the icy water.



Fire and EMS Units in Operation

photo by FF Chris Landano



Queens Box 66-1045, 1056 Neilson Street, February 3, 2007.

photo by FF Chris Landano



Manhattan Box 66-0775, 370 Lexington Avenue/41st Street (steam explosion), July 18, 2007.



EMS and Fire personnel provide aid to a victim of an automobile accident.

all photos by Todd Maisel, New York Daily News, unless otherwise credited



Fire and EMS units operate at Union Avenue incident in the Bronx.



EMTs provide expert and stabilizing medical care to a victim.



(Above and below) EMS and Fire personnel urgently attend to some of the many 10-45s at the 1022 Woodycrest fire in the Bronx on March 7, 2007.



Paramedic attempts to stabilize patient.



Frank W. Kridel Medal

FIREFIGHTER MICHAEL A. FERRARA

Ladder Company 47

May 19, 2007, 0431 hours, Box 75-3027, 2411 Butler Place, Bronx

Appointed to the FDNY on July 25, 1993. Previously assigned to Engine 72 and 64. Resides in Mahopac, NY, with his wife, Alicia, and their children, Brittany, 19, Mikey, 19, Stephanie, 17, and Michael, 13.



Just after 0430 hours, when the tone alarm shattered the stillness of the morning in the Castle Hill firehouse, the members of Ladder 47 hurried to their apparatus. As they proceeded to an address on Butler Place, FF Michael Ferrara recalled how he told his colleagues when they were at the address earlier in the tour for a water condition, that they would be returning. Apparently, the resident of the second-floor apartment was constantly setting off the apartment's smoke detector. The situation was so annoying that neighbors had removed the device. Before the company left the building on the earlier call, they installed a new working detector. It was the new alarm that was sounding and prompted a call to the Fire Department by concerned tenants of the 25- by 60-foot multiple dwelling.

The members of Ladder 47 heard Engine 64's Officer notify the dispatcher that there was a working fire on their arrival. Seconds later, Ladder 47 was on the scene. As the forcible entry Firefighter, FF Ferrara knew his assignment was to enter and search the immediate fire area. As he and his Officer, Lieutenant Ernesto Tirado, along with FF Anthony Pio--who carried a 2¹/₂-gallon water extinguisher--reached the second-floor landing, fire had taken possession of a room at the top of the stairs. Additionally, a second fire was burning in the front living room.

While Lieutenant Tirado proceeded to the front, FF Ferrara dropped down and

crawled past the fire toward the rear. Although there was no hose-line to protect him and with a heavy smoke condition present, FF Ferrara made his way down the fully charged hallway where he encountered a locked door. Recognizing that someone probably was asleep inside, he used his Halligan tool to force open the door.

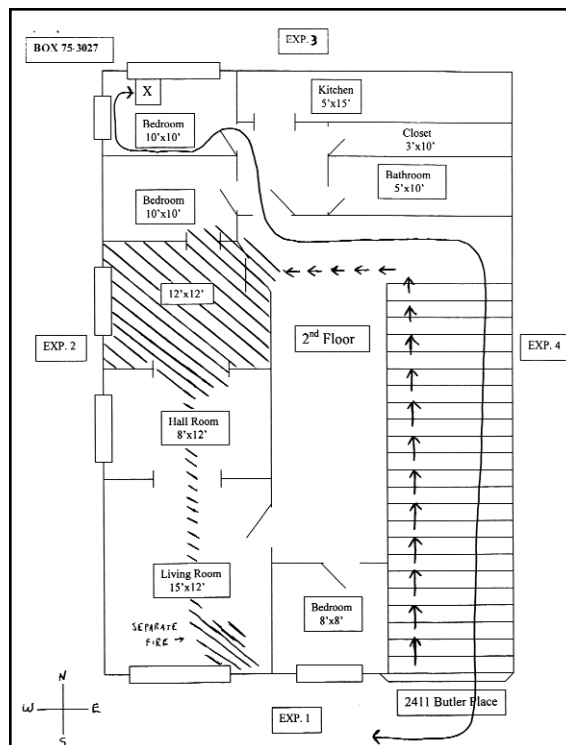
Once inside, he swept the room, searching for any victims. As he reached the bed, FF Ferrara located an unconscious woman between the bed and the wall. Although he was alone, FF Ferrara lifted the woman onto the bed, dragged her across to the other side and gently lowered her to the floor. He then dragged the victim across the floor and through the room to the entranceway. Once there, the rescuer hoisted the victim upright, shielded her with his body and carried her down the hall past the fire still burning unchecked.

As FF Ferrara reached the top of the stairs, FF Michael Schnarr (Ladder 47, detailed to Engine 64) assisted in carrying the victim down the stairs and out into the street. Once there, members of Squad 61 performed CPR prior to her being transported to the hospital.

Displaying initiative and courage by acting alone, passing a heavy fire condition and operating in dense smoke, all without the protection of a hose-line, FF Ferrara demonstrated bravery and skill in carrying out this rescue. By taking personal risk and placing himself in danger, the highest traditions of the FDNY were upheld by FF Michael A. Ferrara. It is for these reasons that he is proudly awarded the Frank W. Kridel Medal.--BDG



FF Michael Ferrara with members of Ladder 47. The diagram details the path of his rescue.



Emerald Society Medal

CAPTAIN ROBERT E. COLLIS

Engine Company 304

January 21, 2007, 1816 hours, Box 5610, 88-02 242nd Street, Queens Village, Queens

Appointed to the FDNY on September 5, 1981. Previously assigned to Ladder 1 and Engine 317. Holds a BA degree in psychology from Brooklyn College. Cited for bravery on two previous occasions. Resides in Massapequa, Long Island, with his wife, Nora, and their children, Allison and Robert.



Expect the unexpected is an adage that has profound meaning for New York City Firefighters. The value of this catch phrase was made particularly evident by the circumstances faced by Engine 304 on January 21, 2007, on their arrival at the scene of an alarm in the Queens Village section of Queens. The subsequent actions of Captain Robert Collis reflect the value of mental and physical preparation in overcoming surprise and adapting to circumstances.

It was shortly after 1800 hours and roll call had just ended when a seemingly routine alarm was received for a reported manhole condition at 88-02 242nd Street. Response was rapid and, arriving on-scene, it became apparent that the members of Engine 304 had more than they bargained for.

Expecting a manhole fire, Captain Collis observed heavy smoke pushing from the gable vents and upper-floor windows of a two-and-one-half-story, wood-framed private dwelling. Under normal circumstances, the situation would represent a significant challenge. However, several factors magnified the severity of the response. First, Ladder 162, normally first-due, was operating at another Box location. The only ladder company assigned on the initial alarm--Ladder 150--was delayed due to a long travel distance. Secondly, the second-due engine company--Engine 251--had not arrived yet. Finally, and most critically, on-scene but off-duty Deputy Chief Michael O'Keeffe, Division 1, reported the extreme likelihood of a handicapped elderly woman on the second floor.

Chief O'Keeffe's earlier attempt to gain access to the second floor without the benefit of a

mask had proved futile due to heavy smoke and heat conditions. Recognizing the rapidly deteriorating conditions on the second floor, Captain Collis determined that immediate entry and search were essential if the victim was to have any chance of survival.

Simultaneously, the Captain ascended to the second-floor level via the smoke-charged interior stairway and ordered a line stretched immediately to that location. Entry to the second-floor level required a face-down posture and a rapid crawl. Approximately 12 feet into the apartment, Captain Collis came upon the immobile body of 87-year-old Eleanor Champion.

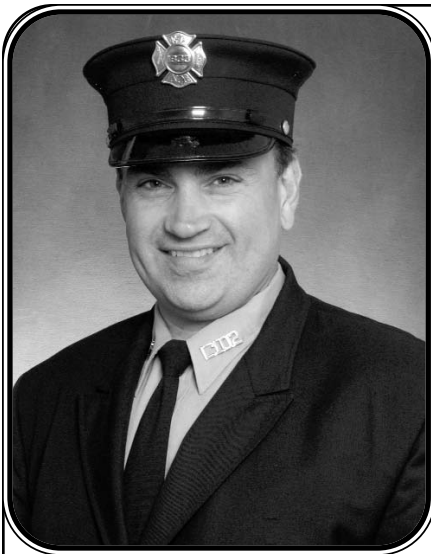
Captain Collis' only recourse was dragging the unconscious woman away from the worsening heat and smoke. He proceeded down the narrow stairs, negotiating past his company members as they attempted to place the hose-line in position. The rescuer delivered the victim to Chief O'Keeffe and Lieutenant William Schillinger (retired), who successfully performed CPR on Mrs. Champion. Captain Collis immediately returned to the second-floor level to supervise extinguishment operations.

Captain Collis exhibited exceptional initiative and bravery under dire exigent circumstances. He acted without regard to his own personal safety as he effected an admirable rescue. (Unfortunately, the elderly victim succumbed to serious inhalation burns to her respiratory tract the next day.) His selfless actions reflect proudly on the FDNY and, today, Captain Robert Collis is presented with the Emerald Society Medal.--JF



Captain Collis (center) is no stranger to heroics as this photo shows. On May 10, 1983, he helped to remove this woman from a train derailment on the IRT subway in lower Manhattan.

photo by the New York Post



Chief Wesley Williams Medal

FIREFIGHTER SALVATORE A. D'IORIO

Ladder Company 102

July 18, 2007, 1846 hours, Box 75-252, 79A Seigel Street, Brooklyn

Appointed to the FDNY on July 9, 1995. Previously assigned to Ladder 15 and Engines 235 and 209. Attended Wagner College where he studied economics. Resides in Staten Island.

Due to their unpredictable construction characteristics and unique internal features, the private dwelling presents a far more complex fire problem than meets the eye. Fires in private dwellings account for approximately 70 percent of the City's and nation's fire fatalities. Private dwelling fires immediately absorb all available personnel due to the genuine possibility of portable ladder rescues and the number of areas that may have to be entered and searched.

On July 18, 2007, at 1846 hours, Ladder 102 responded to a phone alarm for a fire at 79A Seigel Street. While en route, the company was informed by the Brooklyn Dispatcher's Office that they were receiving numerous calls for people trapped behind the window bars on the first floor. Compounding the urgency was the reality that the first-, second- and third-due normally assigned engine companies--as well as the normally assigned first-due ladder company--were not available because they were operating at another emergency.

Arriving on the scene first, Battalion Chief Michael Burke, Battalion 35, transmitted the signal for a serious fire and confirmed that numerous people were trapped behind the

window bars in the rear of the house on the first floor of this two-story private dwelling. When Ladder 102 arrived, members were instructed by the Incident Commander to initiate a rescue of the trapped occupants.

The inside team--FFs Salvatore D'Iorio and Paul Dobson (Engine 219)--was led by Lieutenant Michael Brady through the front door of the house to the fire apartment. Arriving at the fire apartment, the members were met with an unlocked door and a well-advanced fire in the living room. After ensuring that his Firefighters had fully donned their personal protective equipment, Lieutenant Brady ordered FF Dobson to expel his fire extinguisher in an attempt to hold the fire at bay.

With the extinguisher depleted and no hose-line in place, Lieutenant Brady instructed FF D'Iorio to attempt to make his way past the fire to the confirmed life hazard. Forced to crawl due to intense heat and in zero visibility, FF D'Iorio made his way down the hallway to a bedroom where he discovered three semiconscious victims in immediate danger.

Simultaneously, FF Andrew Hassell, Ladder 102, was removing the window bars off the back bedroom window with a forcible entry saw and Halligan tool. Under extreme heat and fire conditions, FF D'Iorio was able to buy himself and the victims some time by closing the bedroom door. The rescuer positioned himself and the victims at the rear window in anticipation of being rescued.

Once FF Hassell completed removing the window bars, FF D'Iorio was able to remove the family members out the rear window to safety. Due to FF D'Iorio's selfless act of bravery--advancing past a fire without the protection of a hose-line, knowing that there would be a delay in the engine companies' arrival--three members of the Cruz family are still alive today.

It is for these reasons that FF Salvatore D'Iorio is presented with the Chief Wesley Williams Medal.--PWB



102 Truck arrives at a job.

Holy Name Society Medal (Brooklyn/Queens)

FIREFIGHTER MICHAEL T. COLUMBIA

Ladder Company 2

September 3, 2007, 0205 hours, Box 75-893, 320 East 54th Street, Manhattan

Appointed to the FDNY on May 4, 2003. Previously assigned to Engine 8. Holds an associate's degree in liberal arts from Suffolk Community College. Resides in Babylon, Long Island.



Like father, like son is an adage that seems to fit the Columbia family perfectly. When FF Michael Columbia's father was an inspector for the New York City Taxi & Limousine Commission, he was recognized for saving a life. Now, it is his son's turn to be acknowledged. The events of Labor Day weekend 2007 will not be forgotten soon.

Just after 0200 hours on September 3, 2007, Ladder 2, commanded by Captain Phillip Davey, was turned out of its midtown quarters by FF Michael Columbia, who was on housewatch duty. They were responding to a reported structural fire in a 200- by 200-foot high-rise multiple dwelling. While they were racing to the scene, the dispatcher reported that numerous calls were being received for a fire on the 11th floor.

When FF Columbia, Captain Davey and FF Albert Barry (Engine 65)--comprising the inside team--reached the hallway of the fire floor, they were greeted by a very heavy smoke condition and high heat. These factors created an extremely hazardous situation. The inky-black, dense smoke made the task of locating the fire apartment exceptionally difficult. When the exact location finally was determined, luck was with the team. The door, although closed, was unlocked and so it was not necessary to expend time and energy to force it open.

Although there was no hose-line in place to protect him, FF Columbia did not hesitate to enter the contaminated environment. Despite fire raging in the bedroom, he commenced a search of the living room area. Through the noxious smoke and high heat, the rescuer persevered until he located an unresponsive female lying on the

floor.

He immediately started to carry her out of the hostile atmosphere and was assisted by his Captain in removing her. The victim started to become sluggishly responsive when she was finally in the public hall and stairway as she was taken to the floor below the fire. FF Columbia's actions were indicative of a well-trained and skilled Firefighter.

As Battalion Chief William Chilson, Battalion 8, noted in his report regarding FF Columbia, "...his thorough search under punishing conditions resulted in the rescue...before she sustained life-ending injuries..." By acting without hesitation, disregarding his own personal safety and risking his life to save another, the FDNY proudly presents the Holy Name Society Medal (Brooklyn/Queens) to FF Michael T. Columbia.--BDG



As a proby, FF Michael Columbia goes through his rappelling evolutions at the Fire Academy. As the recipient of the Holy Name Society Medal (Brooklyn/Queens), his training obviously has served him well.



Hispanic Society Memorial Medal

FIREFIGHTER VINCENT A. TAVELLA, JR.

Rescue Company 2

March 7, 2007, 0315 hours, Box 75-1571, 305 Linden Boulevard, Brooklyn

Appointed to the FDNY on October 23, 1994. Previously assigned to Ladder 11 and Squad 270. Father, Lieutenant Vincent Tavella, Sr., is retired from Engine 159 and cousin, FF Edward Cowan, is assigned to Rescue 2. Cited for bravery on three previous occasions. Resides in Staten Island with his wife, Carroll, and their sons, Keith and Vincent.

Members of FDNY's Rescue Companies offer Incident Commanders the ability to fill in the gaps when critical tasks must be carried out. In the early-morning hours of March 7, 2007, FF Vincent Tavella of Rescue 2 performed such a critical task and saved the life of a four-year-old girl.

On this particular 6 by 9 tour, FF Tavella was assigned to the forcible entry position, working alongside his Officer, Lieutenant Liam Flaherty, and FF Tom Lambui. At 0315 hours, Brooklyn fire alarm dispatchers assigned Rescue 2 to Box 1571 after receiving numerous calls for a fire in a multiple dwelling.

When Rescue 2 arrived at 305 Linden Boulevard, first-due units were transmitting a 10-75, confirming a working fire at the location. The members of the rescue company exited their apparatus and entered the U-shaped courtyard of the multi-winged, six-story building complex. Just as the members were walking up to Battalion Chief Barry Brandes, Battalion 41, to report in, a 10-45 signal was being transmitted by Lieutenant Richard Buckheit, Engine 248, notifying the Chief that a civilian victim was found.

Reports had been received that children were still trapped in the sixth-floor fire apartment. Chief Brandes immediately ordered Lieutenant Flaherty and FFs Tavella and Lambui to go to the fire apartment and help augment the rescue effort.

When FF Tavella arrived on the fire floor, he donned his facepiece and without hesitation, entered the burning apartment. The high heat condition forced the Firefighter down to the

floor where he crawled along, approximately 25 feet. Conditions were rapidly deteriorating in the apartment because no hose-line was in operation yet. Crawling along on his belly, FF Tavella went through high heat and zero visibility past the fire, which was extending out of a room and down the hallway.

With no hose-line yet in position, FF Tavella passed this room and moved deeper into the apartment, searching for more victims. Feeling his way along the right wall, FF Tavella entered the right rear bedroom, where his persistence paid off when he found the unconscious Eddaysha Seabrook. He transmitted a signal 10-45 over his radio and exited the bedroom, shielding the small child with his body. FF Tavella crawled under the fire, which was extending along the hallway, lighting up the doorway to the bedroom he had just searched.

FF Tavella made his way back through the apartment to the public hallway. He then proceeded to remove the victim down to the street where he handed her off to waiting EMS personnel. He assisted them in resuscitating the little girl. The child survived her ordeal after being hospitalized at Brookdale Hospital. She received treatment for smoke inhalation.

FF Tavella searched the fire apartment without the protection and benefit of a hose-line, enduring a severe heat condition and with no visibility. Undaunted, he pressed on to find and remove an unconscious child. For these brave actions, FF Vincent Tavella, Jr., is presented with the Hispanic Society Memorial Medal.--AP



FF Tavella operates at Brooklyn Box 1326, 145 11th Street, trench cave-in rescue, June 27, 2006.

photo by Todd Maisel, New York Daily News



Chief James Scullion Medal

November 17, 2007, 2110 hours,
1026 East 180th Street, near Boston
Road, Bronx



EMT

OMAR QUINONES

Station 20

EMT

JOSEPH M. JIMENEZ

Station 20

Appointed to the FDNY as an Emergency Medical Technician on February 6, 2004. Recipient of two pre-hospital saves and a meritorious accomplishment with merit. Holds an associate's degree in human resources. Resides in the Bronx with his wife, Paola, and their children, Chalthiza and Omar, Jr.

Appointed to the FDNY as an Emergency Medical Technician on April 2, 2007. Attended Mount St. Vincent College. Resides in the Bronx.

On the evening of November 17, 2007, EMTs Omar Quinones and Joseph Jimenez were called to a routine, non-critical injury for a 40-year-old male, who had fallen in his apartment. What the EMTs didn't realize was that this call would turn out to be anything but routine.

When EMTs Quinones and Jimenez arrived at the fifth-floor apartment, they found the family of the patient very upset and clearly shaken. The family stated that their brother had gone up to the roof of the building. Additionally, he was intoxicated. The EMTs immediately called the dispatcher to request that the Police Department respond to the location, 1026 East 180th Street, near Boston Road, in the Bronx.

EMTs Quinones and Jimenez made their way to the roof of the six-story building. Once they reached the roof, they encountered a male sitting by the edge of the building in the darkness of night.

The EMTs tried to approach the male in an attempt to persuade him away from the edge of the building. He warned the

rescuers to stay away from him. Suddenly, the man threw his leg over the rooftop in an attempt to jump. The dispatcher was called a second time to request Police Department assistance.

The EMTs knew they had to do something quickly. Simultaneously and without hesitation, both EMTs Quinones and Jimenez leaped toward the male at the edge of the building and wrestled him to the ground. They realized they would have to subdue him until police arrived. The pair safely guided the victim down the stairs of the building and then were met by police officers. Before transporting the man to the nearest hospital, EMTs Quinones and Jimenez assessed the male inside the ambulance.

With their quick thinking and brave actions, EMTs Quinones and Jimenez prevented what could have been a tragic event. Without regard for their own safety, the EMTs performed beyond the call of duty. For these reasons, EMTs Omar Quinones and Joseph Jimenez are presented with the Chief James Scullion Medal.--ML



Captain Denis W. Lane Memorial Medal

FIREFIGHTER TIMOTHY K. LYONS

Engine Company 254 (assigned), Ladder Company 159 (detailed)

November 11, 2006, 1040 hours, Box 75-3225, 2922 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn

Appointed to the FDNY on May 31, 2005. Now assigned to Engine 234. Holds a bachelor's degree in social work from Providence College. Resides in Mineola, Long Island.

In years past, in order for a young Firefighter to get cross-training in an engine or truck company and work in different parts of the City, there was a rotation program. In recent years, the rotation program has been replaced by a short-term detail to an engine or truck company.

On November 11, 2006, FF Timothy K. Lyons of Engine 254 was on the last day of his 90-day cross-training detail to Ladder 159. At 1040 hours, the company received an alarm to respond to 2922 Nostrand Avenue. On arrival at the address, the members saw smoke and fire showing from a third-floor window in the front of a seven-story, non-fireproof, occupied multiple dwelling.

FF Lyons, who was assigned the irons for the tour, was the first FDNY member to enter the building. He quickly checked the hallway layout on the second floor. The civilians who were exiting the building informed the Firefighters that an elderly person might still be inside apartment 3L, which was the fire apartment.

After making their way down a long hallway, FF Lyons, Ladder 159's extinguisher Firefighter--FF Brian Mollica--and Lieutenant Andrew DiFusco sized

up the locked door to the fire apartment. FFs Lyons and Mollica forced it open. Once the door was forced, the inside team was met with a heavy smoke condition because the entire apartment was charged as a result of the door to the fire room being open.

FF Lyons began his search by going to the right and found

his way down a hallway leading to the two bedrooms. At the end of the hallway, FF Lyons discovered 72-year-old Harold Brodsky, who was hunched over, incoherent and in a life-threatening situation because of the heavy smoke that was coming out of the bedroom. Mr. Brodsky was laying in the hallway, right next to the room that was on fire. FF Lyons had to partially support Mr. Brodsky as he assisted the disoriented victim back toward the apartment door.

Simultaneously, FF Mollica was conducting a search in one of the bathrooms and Lieutenant DiFusco was entering the hallway. The Officer met FF Lyons and transmitted the 10-45. Lieutenant DiFusco then continued down the hallway

of the apartment and found the fire extending toward the partially open bedroom door, leading to the area from which Mr. Brodsky was just removed. Lieutenant DiFusco closed the bedroom door to contain the heat and smoke to that room. Mr. Brodsky was removed to Beth Israel Hospital where he was hospitalized with smoke inhalation.

In the Report of Meritorious Act, FF Lyons was cited "for acting decisively and with the skill that is

commensurate of a member who is much more experienced." For his actions in rescuing this victim before a hose-line was in position and operating, FF Timothy K. Lyons officially is honored by the FDNY with the Captain Denis W. Lane Memorial Medal.--NG



FF Lyons after a job with 159 Truck.

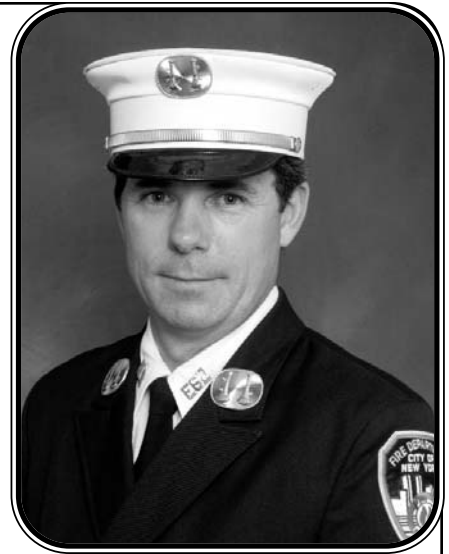
Uniformed Fire Officers Association Medal

CAPTAIN ROBERT C. GINLEY

Engine Company 62 (assigned), Ladder Company 32 (detailed)

December 21, 2007, 1712 hours, Box 75-3576, 3506 Hull Avenue, Bronx

Appointed to the FDNY on February 4, 1985. Recently promoted to Battalion Chief. Previously assigned to Engine 50, Ladder 19 and Engine 307. Father, FF Joseph Ginley, Senior, is retired from Engine 8; brother, Lieutenant Joseph Ginley, Junior, is assigned to Ladder 59; and brother, Lieutenant Timothy Ginley, is assigned to Engine 76. Brother, Lieutenant John Ginley, Engine 40, perished on September 11, 2001. Additionally, cousin, FF Jack Ginley, is assigned to Engine 233; cousin, FF Ed Ginley, is retired from Squad 270; and brother-in-law, FF Shawn Murphy, is retired from Ladder 129. Member of the Anchor Club and the Holy Name and Emerald Societies. Attended Pace University, majoring in computer science. Cited for bravery on one previous occasion. Served with the Air National Guard for six years. He and his wife, Susan, reside in Warwick, NY, with their three sons, Sean, Jared and Ryan.



On the afternoon of December 21, 2007, at 1712 hours, Ladder 32 was dispatched as the first-due ladder to a report of fire at 3506 Hull Avenue in the borough of the Bronx. The building in question was a six-story, H-type multiple dwelling with fire reported on the fourth floor.

On arrival, smoke could be seen from windows on the fourth floor. Neighbors reported that the handicapped occupant, Victor Soto, 49, was trapped in apartment 4K on the fourth floor.

Ladder 32, commanded by the detailed Captain Robert Ginley, raced to the apartment and found the bottom panel of the apartment door kicked in by neighbors, who had attempted to rescue Mr. Soto. The neighbors knew that because of Mr. Soto's limited mobility, he would require assistance leaving his apartment. The neighbors--unable to assist Mr. Soto due to the heavy fire behind the door--were frantic. The partially opened door now was creating a medium smoke condition in the public hall and intensifying the fire in the kitchen, just to the right of the door.

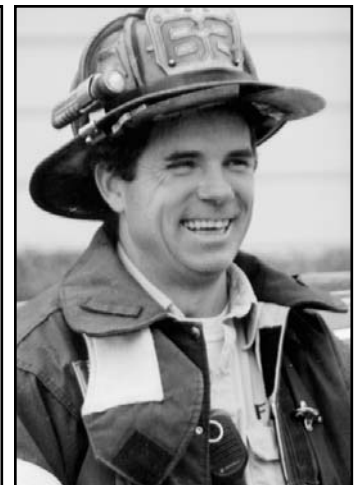
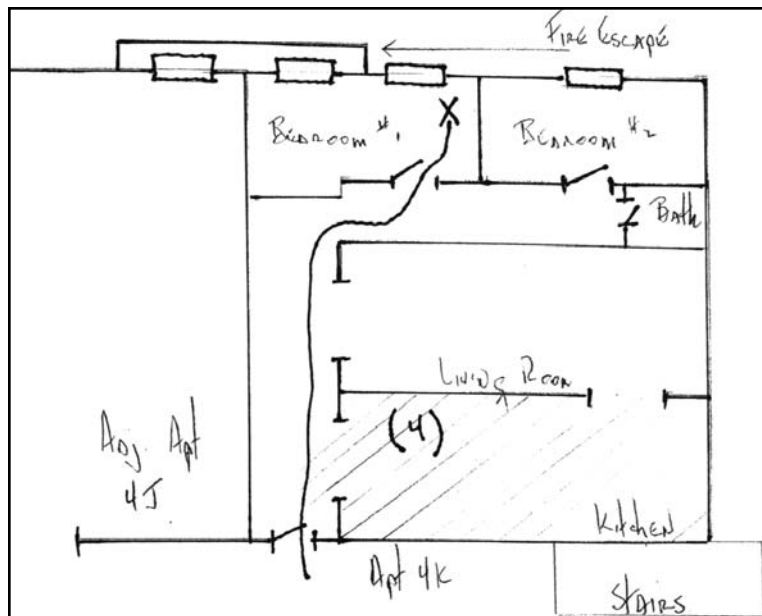
As Captain Ginley prepared to enter, he received a report from FF Christos Sakellariou, the outside vent Firefighter. The Firefighter said he could see the victim's hand in the window off the fire escape from his position on the outside as he was ascending the aerial. Sensing the urgency of the situation and in light of developing fire conditions, Captain Ginley and FF Darren Taylor with the extinguisher entered the apartment through the opening in the apartment door. Simultaneously, FF William Tonner com-

pleted forcible entry.

Captain Ginley ordered FF Taylor to control the fire in the kitchen with the extinguisher while he advanced to the bedroom toward the victim. Making his way to the rear of the apartment under high heat and near-zero visibility, the Captain entered the bedroom and located Mr. Soto, who was unconscious and on the floor. Captain Ginley transmitted the 10-45 signal and requested assistance from FF Tonner. The pair of rescuers dragged Mr. Soto back to the apartment door as FF Taylor expended the last of the water in the extinguisher. Engine 62 now was prepared to advance on the fire.

Mr. Soto was treated in the public hall by members of Engine 38 and then was placed in the care of EMS personnel. FDNY Emergency Medical units transported Mr. Soto to Jacobi Medical Center where he was admitted in critical condition.

Because of Captain Ginley's quick and decisive actions, going past the fire without the protection of a hose-line, Victor Soto was removed and given the chance to make a complete recovery. For his bravery, Captain Robert Ginley is this year's recipient of the Uniformed Fire Officers Association Medal.--
CF



Captain Robert Ginley (since promoted to Battalion Chief) enjoys a laugh after a job well-done. The schematic details the route he took to save the victim.



Dr. Albert A. Cinelli Medal

LIEUTENANT JOHN T. SULLIVAN

Ladder Company 108

November 14, 2007, 0849 hours, Box 75-252, 67 Manhattan Avenue, Brooklyn

Appointed to the FDNY on July 5, 1992. Previously assigned to Ladder 103. Brother, Captain Steve Sullivan, is assigned to Ladder 103. Member of the Emerald and Holy Name Societies. Cited for bravery once before. Currently pursuing a degree in fire science from Community College of Chicago. Served with the Air Force as a Staff Sergeant, handling fire/rescue. Resides in Lynbrook, Long Island, with his wife, Therese, and their children, Jack and Leanna.

On the morning of November 14, 2007, at 0849 hours, Ladder 108 received a phone alarm for a fire on the 14th floor of a 22-story, high-rise multiple dwelling. Lieutenant John T. Sullivan and the members of 108 Truck responded with a response time of three minutes.

On their arrival, the members made their way to the 11th floor using a Fireman Service elevator. While Ladder 108 continued up to the 14th floor, Battalion Chief Michael Ajello, Battalion 35, was receiving reports from civilians and the NYPD that there was someone trapped on the balcony of the fire apartment. Fire was venting out this balcony door and windows, exposing an unconscious man. Following additional investigation, Chief Ajello confirmed the presence of the victim--with a wheelchair beside him--and relayed this information to Ladder 108 above.

Lieutenant Sullivan ordered FFs Richard Cadotte and Tim Morenzoni to perform the following tasks: the forcible entry Firefighter was told to control the fire door and act as a sentry, while the extinguisher Firefighter was instructed to hold the fire back operating from a safe area, as Engine 216 members completed their hose-line stretch. With a known life hazard, Lieutenant Sullivan was going to attempt to pass the fire to reach the back of the apartment and the balcony area.

Spectators outside looked above and witnessed a spectacular scene as Lieutenant Sullivan rolled out onto the balcony with fire and smoke venting out over him. He had crawled past the immediate fire area without the benefit of a hose-line and dove onto the balcony to reach the victim. He transmitted

the 10-45 signal. Going back through the apartment was not possible. The height of the fire floor negated an exterior removal. Additionally, the balcony was enclosed in steel, which ruled out any attempts to remove the victim from above or adjoining balconies. The Lieutenant's best option was to shelter in place.



Ladder 108 operates its ladder pipe at Brooklyn Box 279, Morgan Avenue/Maujer Street, September 16, 2007.

photo by Allen Epstein

After conferring with Engine 216 and Chief Ajello, the decision was made to begin the advancement of the hose-line while Lieutenant Sullivan used his body to protect the victim until the fire was knocked down. As Engine 216 extinguished the fire, the rescuer removed the victim through the apartment and transferred him to a CFR-D Engine in the public hall. EMS personnel were waiting on the floor below and removed the victim to

Woodhull Hospital. Subsequently, the victim was transferred to the Burn Center at Cornell.

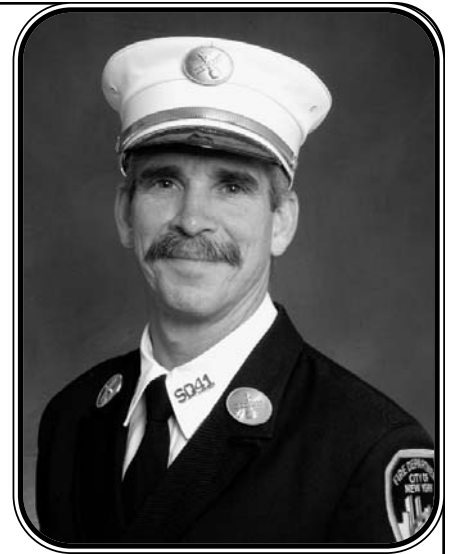
Lieutenant Sullivan acted on the confirmation of a known life hazard and without the protection of a hose-line. He decided, without orders, to perform a brave act while employing incredible initiative. His actions make his family very proud of him, but also demonstrates the standards of excellence of Ladder 108 and the Officers and members of Union Street.

Because of his heroic efforts, putting his own life in jeopardy to save another, the City of New York and the New York City Fire Department proudly recognize Lieutenant John T. Sullivan with the Dr. Albert A. Cinelli Medal.--TW

Fire Chiefs Association Memorial Medal LIEUTENANT SEAN A. GENOVESE *Squad Company 41*

July 27, 2007, 0423 hours, Box 75-2591, 1225 East Fulton Avenue, Bronx

Appointed to the FDNY on February 17, 1987. Previously assigned to Squad 61, Engine 72 and Engine 41. Member of the Emerald and Holy Name Societies, Columbia Association and Company Officers Association. Holds an associate's degree in science from Bergen Community College. Resides in Palisades, NY, with his wife, Theresa, and their daughters, Jacqueline and Caitlyn.



Squad 41, under the command of Lieutenant Sean Genovese, arrived shortly before 0430 hours to a fire in a one-story delicatessen. On reports of people trapped, Battalion Chief John Shea, Battalion 26, ordered Lieutenant Genovese to take his members and search the store. Before entering, the Lieutenant questioned a civilian on the sidewalk who frantically confirmed that workers were inside and, most likely, they were trapped in a sleeping area on a rear mezzanine.

Lieutenant Genovese split his company into two teams. The outside team was ordered to the roof to vent, which would assist the search, and then try to reach the mezzanine area from the rear. The inside team was charged with reaching the search location from the front entrance.

With the hose-line not yet in place, Lieutenant Genovese tied off a search rope and entered the smoke-filled store with FF Steven Gillespie, Squad 41. Due to the layout of the store, they first veered left and then crawled about 35 feet down a long aisle to the rear of the store where they discovered a long refrigeration unit. By following the two-foot-wide aisle, which was 21 feet long, Lieutenant Genovese quickly made his way 25 feet to the right/rear side of the building in search of the mezzanine stairs.

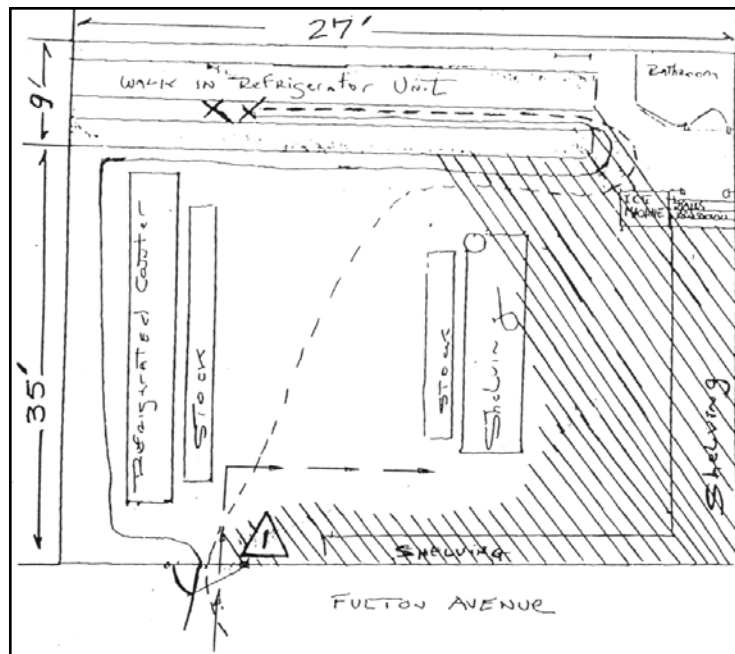
He was met by fire at the ceiling, which could quickly intensify and separate Lieutenant Genovese from his only exit. Suspecting that the workers were near, the Officer crawled under the fire and found the door for the walk-in refrigeration unit that he had just passed.

Lieutenant Genovese climbed over stock in the narrow walkway inside the refrigerator and met up with FF Gillespie, who had just found two brothers--Abdullah and Bassam Eloudi--both of whom lay unconscious on the floor. Lieutenant Genovese transmitted the discovery to the Chief, cleared stock out of the way and then assisted FF Gillespie with the removal of the first victim, Abdullah Eloudi. Lieutenant Genovese passed the victim to other Firefighters as Engine 50's nozzle team protected the rescue. Fire had consumed half of the store.

As the first victim was being removed by other Firefighters, Lieutenant Genovese crawled back to the walk-in refrigerator for the second man. He was assisted by FF Daniel Barry, Rescue 3. Then, the two Firefighters dragged Bassam Eloudi to the safety of the front of the store. Lieutenant Genovese still was not finished. He went back to search for a reported third victim, but no one else was inside.

Despite the fact that the workers took refuge in the walk-in refrigerator and were not where they were reported to be missing,

Lieutenant Genovese and FF Gillespie persevered and found the two men because of their aggressive and thorough search. According to the ranking Chief at the scene, the two workers surely would have perished if not for the efforts of Squad 41, led by Lieutenant Genovese. His bravery and leadership under punishing conditions reflect the highest traditions of the FDNY. For his actions, Lieutenant Sean A. Genovese is awarded the Fire Chiefs Association Memorial Medal.--SN



This schematic details the route that Lieutenant Sean Genovese took during the rescue of a pair of brothers trapped in a refrigeration unit. Fire had consumed half of the store.



Fire Marshals Benevolent Association Medal

FIREFIGHTER STEPHEN E. McANULTY

Ladder Company 43

December 24, 2007, 0421 hours, Box 1277, 425 East 102nd Street, Manhattan

Appointed to the FDNY on May 4, 2002. Previously assigned to Ladder 15. Member of the Holy Name and Emerald Societies and the FDNY Soccer Team. Holds a BS degree in political science from Columbia University. Resides in Brooklyn.

The early morning of Christmas Eve day was cold when the members of Ladder 43 responded to a reported structural fire. As the apparatus raced the three blocks from their quarters, the dispatcher announced that numerous calls were being received, people reportedly were trapped and fire was blowing out the windows.

FF Stephen McAnulty was assigned the irons position, which meant that he was responsible for forcing entry to a fire location and conducting searches. When the company arrived at the location, FF McAnulty quickly stepped off the truck and ran into the courtyard of a six-story, 100- by 100-foot multiple dwelling. As he looked up at the building, he saw a very large man standing on the windowsill, screaming for someone to save his wife and children. Apparently, the man had crashed through the window, was bleeding profusely from broken glass and was ready to jump from the third floor.

Once inside the building, FF McAnulty, along with his Officer, Lieutenant Gregory Prial, and FF Aswad Hutchins, dashed to the third floor. When they reached apartment 3A, heavy smoke was pushing out from the top of the locked door. Using his expertise, FF McAnulty employed the Rabbit tool to force open the door. Immediately inside the entry was a kitchen and beyond that, a living room, which was fully involved in fire. The intense fire condition had taken total possession of the area and was encroaching on the rear bedrooms.

Although there was no hose-line to protect him, FF McAnulty dropped to his knees and commenced his search. He crawled beneath the fire rolling overhead, down a hallway and into a bedroom where he found a female victim. He lifted the woman up and carried her through the flames and out of the apartment.

Knowing that time was of the essence and the man he had seen from the courtyard was still standing in the window, FF McAnulty re-entered the apartment, again passed through heavy flames and approached the male victim. The gentleman's build was very large and he had become stuck in the window housing. Again, using his forcible entry skills--this time with a Halligan tool--FF McAnulty removed the double-hung window framing and extricated the man.

He then brought him inside the flat. Engine 53 had just completed a long hose-line stretch and had started extinguishing the fire. The rescuer released the victim to the care of medical personnel.

By employing his knowledge and skill, operating in an extremely dangerous and hostile environment and passing through

fire more than one time without the protection of a hose-line, FF McAnulty demonstrated disregard for his personal safety in order to rescue two individuals, surely saving their lives. For his determination and courage, the FDNY is proud to present the Fire Marshals Benevolent Association Medal to FF Stephen E. McAnulty.--BDG



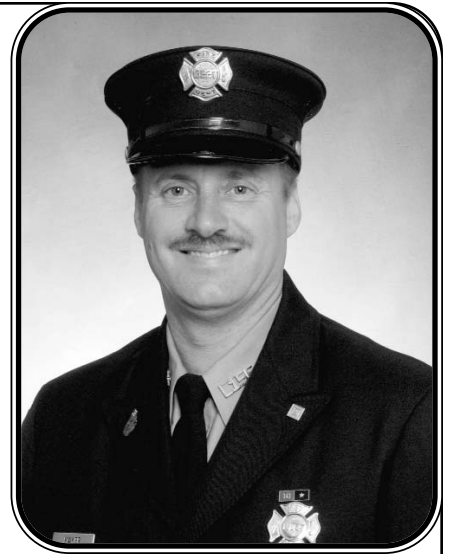
Do Firefighters have a heart? You bet they do. Not only did FF Stephen McAnulty and the members of Ladder 43 and Engine 53 rescue this family on Christmas Eve, they made sure that the children had presents for Christmas Day. FF McAnulty is the Firefighter in the back row, on the left.

Community Mayors, Inc./ Lt. Robert R. Dolney Medal FIREFIGHTER JOSEPH M. MAYER

Ladder Company 156

June 2, 2007, 0143 hours, Box 4274, 1716 Avenue T, Brooklyn

Appointed to the FDNY on October 24, 1993. Previously assigned to Engine 276. Member of the Emerald and Holy Name Societies and the Columbia Association. He is a proud bone marrow donor. Attended Suffolk Community College. Resides in Islip Terrace, Long Island, with his wife, Diane, and their sons, Marc and Joseph, and daughters, Stephanie and Victoria.



Fires in the middle of the night are the most dangerous for all concerned. The fire victims are awakened from their dreams and thrust into a nightmare where they have trouble seeing, as well as breathing. They can easily become disoriented in surroundings that normally are familiar to them. The Firefighters who respond have a harder time seeing where the fire is located and they have many more people to remove from harm's way. Additionally, the late hour gives the fire time to grow undetected.

FF Joseph M. Mayer was assigned the irons position on the forcible entry team in Ladder 156 on the night tour of June 2, 2007, when the evening's calm was disrupted by the computer spitting out a ticket for Brooklyn Box 4274 at 0143 hours. As the members of Ladder 156 pulled up in front of the six-story multiple dwelling at 1716 Avenue T, they didn't have to look for smoke. They could see the flames lapping out of two windows on the fifth floor.

FF Mayer followed Captain Patrick Sobota, along with the extinguisher Firefighter, FF Craig Hachemeister, as they raced up the interior stairs to the fifth floor. The fifth-floor hallway was filled with smoke, but with a quick search, they were able to locate the fire apartment--5H.

The rescuers were met at the front door by a female occupant, who was screaming that her boyfriend was still inside. She wasn't sure where he was, so they had to split up to search the entire apartment. The fire in the front bedroom was exposing the interior hallway to high heat and smoke.

Operating without a hose-line in place, Captain Sobota

and FF Hachemeister made a right into the bedroom to search and FF Mayer crawled past the bedroom toward the living room area. As he searched by sense of touch in the smoke-filled apartment, he came upon the large figure of retired police officer Stevan Curry. The 46-year-old male was unconscious on a couch in the living room.

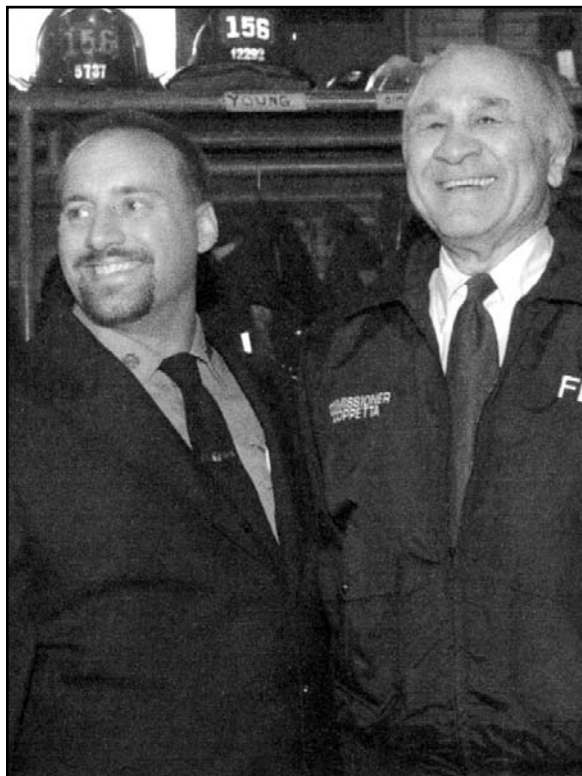
Apparently, Mr. Curry had been overcome by the smoke, without ever waking up. FF Mayer transmitted a 10-45 signal to Battalion Chief Lawrence Nostramo, Battalion 33, and began to drag the victim toward the apartment front door.

It was no easy task dragging the victim through the smoke-filled room toward safety. FF Mayer was grateful when he was met by the other Firefighters who assisted in dragging the man past the flames lapping out of the bedroom. With their help, he was able to get Mr. Curry out to the public hallway.

The members were met by Emergency Medical Service personnel, who assumed medical care and rushed him to Staten Island University Hospital. At the hospital, he received extensive treatment for the burns he had suffered to his lungs. Despite the efforts of FF Mayer and the other members of Ladder 156 and the best of medical attention, Mr. Curry expired

after 26 days in the hospital.

Because of the courage and bravery he displayed in this daring rescue, the Fire Department is proud to present the Community Mayors Inc./Lieutenant Robert R. Dolney Medal to FF Joseph M. Mayer.--JT



FF Mayer and Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta enjoy a laugh at Ladder 156.



Battalion Chief Frank T. Tuttlemondo Medal FIREFIGHTER MICHAEL P. RHATIGAN

Squad Company 1

April 15, 2007, 1748 hours, Box 22-3432, 2301 West 13th Street, Brooklyn

Appointed to the FDNY on October 28, 2001. Previously assigned to Ladder 169. Father-in-law, Lieutenant John H. Fiumano, retired as a covering Lieutenant and now is employed by the FDNY Foundation. Holds an associate's degree in business administration from Kingsborough Community College and a bachelor's degree in finance and investments from Baruch College. Resides in Brooklyn, with his wife, Theresa, and their children, Michael, Jr., and Theresa.

If you were to ask a baseball historian to identify the bravest event in the history of the game, many would tell you it occurred on April 15, 1947, when Jackie Robinson debuted for the Brooklyn Dodgers and broke the game's color barrier. Sixty years to the day, another brave event occurred in Brooklyn when FF Michael P. Rhatigan of Squad 1 responded to a second alarm fire at 2301 West 13th Street.

A short time before 1800 hours, a call came into quarters for a fire on the first floor of a three-story, 20- by 50-foot, class three multiple dwelling. While responding, the company received reports of numerous 10-45s and on arrival, members were ordered to assist with searches of the second and third floors.

FF Rhatigan, working the irons position, along with FF Charles Puza, with the hook, raced toward the entrance. However, because other units were battling the out-of-control blaze at the entranceway, they used a portable ladder to gain access--via a balcony--to the building's second floor.

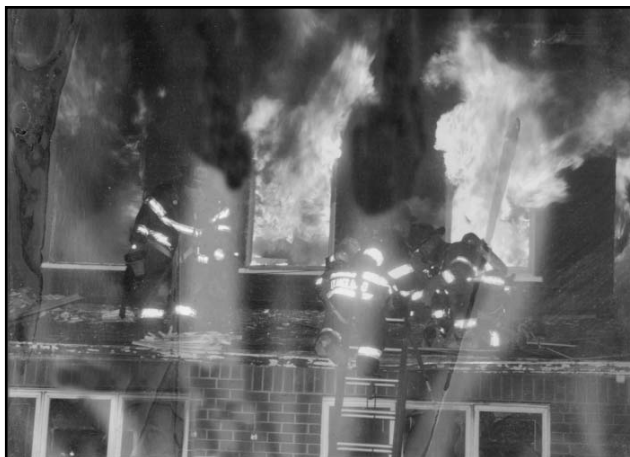
FF Rhatigan was confronted with a high heat and dense smoke condition when he entered the building. Working in zero visibility, he began a search pattern to the right and toward the rear of the building. He then searched back to the front. When he reached the stairs, he came across a door and, in an effort to be as thorough as possible, checked to see if a victim was between the door and the wall.

As he moved the door, he discovered a second door which, when opened, led to another bedroom. Moving quickly because he was working above the yet uncontrolled fire, FF Rhatigan began to search this room. His thoroughness paid dividends when he located a male victim lying unconscious on the bed.

FF Rhatigan transmitted a 10-45 and called out to FF Puza for assistance. The two Firefighters dragged the victim to the stairs where they were met by Captain Richard Portello, Squad 1. FF Rhatigan explained where he found the victim, so additional searches could be made. Then he removed the man from danger.

After getting the victim to the street, FF Rhatigan checked for vital signs and found the man was not breathing and had no pulse. Removing his SCBA, he placed it over the victim's face and opened the purge valve until the man's chest began to move. He also directed another Firefighter to begin chest compressions.

A voluntary EMT arrived and FF Rhatigan asked for an OPA (oropharyngeal airway) and BVM (bag valve mask). Using these items, FF Rhatigan provided the victim with oxygen while the EMT continued chest compressions. A short time later, their combined efforts paid off as the man began to breathe on his own and then was removed to a hospital.



FF Michael Rhatigan in action at Brooklyn Box 75-3283, East 26th Street, between Avenue Z and Voorhees Avenue, January 27, 2007. FF Rhatigan is in the background, crouching down. Other FDNY members are from Ladder 153 and Squad 1.

In reporting on this incident, Deputy Chief James Leonard, Division Commander of Division 8, stated that FF Rhatigan exhibited both bravery and individual capabilities while conducting an aggressive interior search above the fire. Battalion Chief Robert Glynn, Battalion 43, stated, "a civilian was saved not only because of his bravery, but also because of his professionalism, which were in the highest traditions of the Fire Department." FDNY is proud to honor FF Michael P. Rhatigan with the Battalion Chief Frank T. Tuttlemondo Medal.--DJH

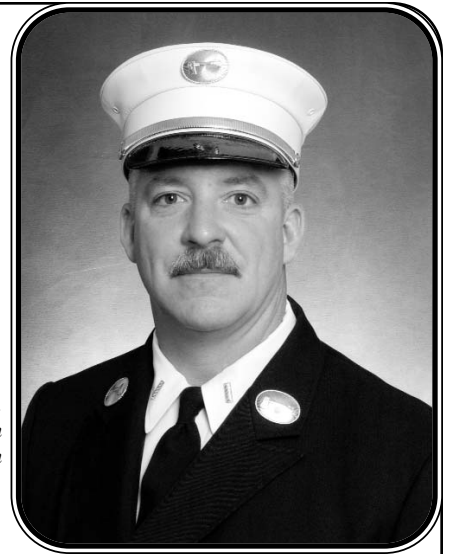
Dr. John F. Connell Medal

LIEUTENANT DANIEL McWILLIAMS

Battalion 37 (assigned), Ladder Company 107 (detailed)

April 15, 2007, 1748 hours, Box 22-3432, 2301 West 13th Street, Brooklyn

Assigned to the FDNY on October 21, 1990. Previously assigned to Ladders 9, 157 and 3. Father, FF Patrick J. McWilliams, is retired from Ladder 76 and father-in-law, Battalion Chief Daniel Zaveckas, is retired from Battalion 40. Member of the Emerald and Holy Name Societies. Cited for bravery on two previous occasions. Resides in Massapequa Park, Long Island, with his wife, Debra, and their four children, Erin, Kaitlin, Tara and Daniel.



Leading a group of Firefighters as a covering Officer is a challenging task because of the variety of firehouses to manage and the diversity of the buildings to which the members must respond. However, the Department's traditions of Officers "leading from the front," responding quickly and working to ensure the safety of the Firefighters they lead, as well as the general public, never change.

On April 15, 2007, Lieutenant Daniel McWilliams was the covering Officer at Ladder 107. The Department was in a Stage 3 Fallback Mode due to high-alarm activity, prompted by a pending nor'easter bringing heavy rains and wind. At 1730 hours, Ladder 107 was relocated to the quarters of Ladder 153. Arriving at the Avenue U firehouse approximately 20 minutes later, the company immediately received a second-due call for a fire in a private dwelling at 2301 West 13th Street.

While responding to this location, a 10-75 radio signal was given for a fire on the first floor of the three-story, attached private dwelling. Arriving within four and a half minutes, Lieutenant McWilliams saw heavy fire venting from two windows on the exposure #3 side of the first floor. Battalion Chief Robert Glynn, Battalion 43, informed him that at least two civilians were trapped above the fire and ordered his team to initiate a search of the upper floors.

Moving quickly, Lieutenant McWilliams led the members of Ladder 107's forcible entry team to the building's front door where they were met by a high heat and heavy smoke condition. Even though a charged hose-line was not in place, Lieutenant McWilliams led the team upstairs where conditions were deteriorating quickly.

Moving approximately 15 feet toward the rear of the building, Lieutenant McWilliams found an unconscious victim. After transmitting a 10-45 code, he dragged the victim back to the second-floor doorway and ordered the forcible entry team members to evacuate the victim via the interior staircase.

Lieutenant McWilliams then retraced his path back toward the rear of the second floor and continued to search. Knowing he now was operating directly above the fire raging on the first floor, Lieutenant McWilliams quickly completed the primary search and then proceeded toward the front of the building.

Reaching the front section of the dwelling, the Lieutenant found the second victim. He dragged this person to a balcony, where both victim and rescuer were removed via a portable ladder.

After completing these two saves, Chief Glynn ordered Lieutenant McWilliams to regroup his team and search the third floor. Even though there was the possibility of a flashover, Lieutenant McWilliams led the team back through the dense smoke and extreme heat. The search proved negative.

In his report of the incident, Chief Glynn noted, "Lieutenant McWilliams led an unfamiliar team through a very difficult fire situation. His leadership and tenacity were evident at this highly successful lifesaving operation, where he knowingly operated in an area above the fire...His actions and leadership were consistent with the highest traditions of the Department." For these reasons, the Fire Department of the City of New York is proud to honor Lieutenant Daniel McWilliams with the Dr. John F. Connell Medal.--DJH



The incident--Brooklyn Box 22-3432, 2301 West 13th Street, April 15, 2007, for which Lieutenant Daniel McWilliams received the Dr. John F. Connell Medal. Shown on the balcony, the Lieutenant was instrumental in effecting the rescue of two people.

photo by Danny Ludici, New York Daily News



Lieutenant Kirby McElhearn Medal

PARAMEDIC CRAIG C. ROEDER

Station 54

December 5, 2007, 0052 hours, Van Wyck Expressway/South Conduit, Queens

Appointed to the FDNY on May 2, 2005, as an Emergency Medical Technician. Completed Paramedic Basic in November 2007. Assigned to Station 54 as a Haz-Tac Paramedic. Previous assignments include Division 4 and Station 50. Resides in Middle Village, Queens, with his wife, Maureen.

Paramedics Craig Roeder (54Z2) and Kenneth Silas (54Z3) were heading back to the station at the end of their tour on December 5, 2007, a cold and chilly night. Suddenly, they were flagged down on the Van Wyck Expressway, near the entrance to JFK Airport, for an overturned vehicle. They noticed numerous cars had pulled over to the side of the road and people were outside their vehicles. The rescuers immediately informed the dispatcher that they were on the scene of an accident and needed additional units to respond.

Paramedics Roeder and Silas began to assess the accident scene.

They observed a horrific situation. Besides the overturned vehicle, they noticed a victim lying on the ground in a large area of brush. Paramedic Silas immediately made his way through the brush and began to evaluate the victim, who had been thrown from the vehicle. Paramedic Silas knew his patient was critically injured with multiple trauma and had to be transported quickly.

While Paramedic Silas was treating his patient, Paramedic Roeder approached the overturned vehicle. He could see a victim still inside, but realized that the only thing holding the vehicle up

was the guardrail. He knew he would have to crawl underneath the vehicle in order to gain access to the patient.

Ignoring his own safety, Paramedic Roeder crawled underneath the overturned vehicle. He comprehended that if the vehicle moved, he, too, just as easily could become a victim. The rescuer quickly evaluated the patient, who had multiple trauma and lacerations to the face and head. He immediately began to administer oxygen and guarded the patient's airway as Firefighters worked to extricate the victim from the vehicle.

Once the victim was extricated, Paramedic Roeder quickly

immobilized the patient's spine on a long board and prepared for transport to the hospital. That's when Paramedic Roeder discovered another victim in the vehicle. Again, the Paramedic put himself in danger to gain access to the patient. Paramedic Roeder would not leave his patient and was underneath the vehicle for 20 minutes.

For disregarding his own safety and methodically applying his newly acquired Paramedic skills while working in an unstable envi-

ronment, Paramedic Craig C. Roeder is presented with the Lieutenant Kirby McElhearn Medal.--ML



The incident for which Paramedic Craig C. Roeder received the Lieutenant Kirby McElhearn Medal. He ably demonstrated his Paramedic skills, which were instrumental in the rescue of two victims from this automobile accident.

photo courtesy of ABC 7 News

Fire Bell Club Medal

FIREFIGHTER STEVEN M. GILLESPIE

Squad Company 41

July 27, 2007, 0423 hours, Box 75-2591, 1225 East Fulton Avenue, Bronx

Appointed to the FDNY on April 17, 1994. Previously assigned to Engine 63. Uncle, Battalion Chief Rich Goldstein, is retired from Battalion 15 and cousin, FF Peter Gillespie, is retired from Engine 92. Member of the Holy Name and Emerald Societies. Resides in Newburgh, NY, with his wife, Jennifer, and their son, Griffin.



On July 27, 2007, at 0428 hours, the Bronx fire alarm dispatcher received a phone alarm reporting a fire in the store at 1225 East Fulton Avenue. On arrival, heavy smoke was visible from two stores in the one-story, 50-by-100-foot taxpayer. Battalion Chief John Shea, Battalion 26, received reports from civilians who identified themselves as workers in the Fair Trade Deli that their co-workers were trapped in the rear of the deli.

Squad 41 responded on the 10-75 signal. On arrival, members were directed by Chief Shea to search the rear of the store. The civilians had reported that their co-workers probably would be located in a mezzanine area in the rear, above the walk-in cooler. This area had been built so the workers would have a place to rest.

Lieutenant Sean Genovese, along with FFs Steven Gillespie and Michael Lindy, tied off a search rope to an old pay phone stand on the sidewalk and entered the store. They advanced down the left-hand side of the store behind the counter. Fire now was over their heads as they reached the rear. This inside team was operating without the protection of a hose-line in place.

The Lieutenant and FF Lindy continued to search with the rope, moving to the right, looking for the stairs to the mezzanine. FF Gillespie moved to the left. He entered a door that he believed might contain the mezzanine stairs.

What he found was a storage area and the entrance to the walk-in cooler.

Undaunted, the Firefighter moved forward through the narrow aisle in thick smoke. As he advanced, stock was falling behind him, blocking his path of escape. He continued forward through the cooler for approximately 12 feet and found two unconscious victims. Apparently, the two men had sought refuge in the refrigerator from the thick smoke.

FF Gillespie made radio notification to Chief Shea and requested assistance. Lieutenant Genovese came to his aid and removed the fallen stock to expedite the rescue. FF Gillespie dragged the first unconscious male to the front of the store as Engine 50 members were advancing their line on the fire. The rescuer then returned for the second victim.

The first victim, later identified as Abdullah Eloudi, was taken to St. Barnabas Hospital in cardiac arrest. His brother, Bassam Eloudi, the second victim, was taken to Jacobi Medical Center. Abdullah's condition was stabilized and he later was transferred to Jacobi's Hyperbaric Chamber where he was treated and released. Both men have made complete recoveries.

FF Gillespie's actions demonstrated his personal bravery. In recognition of his initiative and determination, FF Steven Gillespie is presented with the Fire Bell Club Medal.--CF



FF Steven Gillespie is on the fire escape at Manhattan Box 44-1358, 269 West 113th Street/Powell Boulevard, January 21, 2008.

photo by FF Michael Gomez, Squad 288



Firefighter David J. DeFranco Medal

FIREFIGHTER JOHN R. RIZZO

Marine Company 1

**March 21, 2007, 2339 hours, Box 352, Hudson River,
off the shoreline of Houston Street, Manhattan**

Appointed to the FDNY on October 23, 1994. Previously assigned to Ladder 127. Father, FF John Rizzo, is retired from Ladder 104 and uncle, FF Frank Rizzo, is retired from Engine 235. Member of the Columbia Association. Cited for bravery on one previous occasion. Resides in Southold, Long Island, with his wife, Meg, and their children, Anthony and Jessica.

Firefighters always have saved lives at fires, whenever physically possible. The concept of saving lives has spread to the point that the modern fire department is responsible for almost all rescue activities, including dive teams, urban search and rescue, technical rescue, swift water rescue, cliff rescue and auto accident extrication capabilities, along with advanced life support capability. The Marine Division of the FDNY has become increasingly tasked with this rescue responsibility.

On March 21, 2007, at 2339 hours, Marine 1 received an alarm for a technical rescue response for a person in the Hudson River. Expediently, members responded with their 27-foot Safe-boat and crew of one FDNY Officer and three Firefighters. (Usually, there are only two Firefighters assigned to the crew.) Ultimately, this staffing provision contributed to the successful outcome of this technical rescue.

While underway, Lieutenant Michael Finer monitored a report on the NYPD Special Operations Division radio, stating that a man had jumped into the water while evading police. This exclusive information indicated that in addition to the dangers of a water rescue, there was the added factor of rescuing a possibly dangerous person. Moreover, adding to this already inherently dangerous mission was the total darkness, as well as the strong current (two knots) and the known typography of the numerous submerged pilings that lay beneath the water.

While the Lieutenant continued to extract pertinent information from both the NYPD and the U.S. Coast Guard, the Fire/Rescue boat's Pilot, FF John Cashman concentrated solely on the task of navigation as FF Timothy Moynihan assisted FF

John Rizzo in donning the Mustang Coldwater Suit. FF Moynihan tied the necessary knots to tether FF Rizzo to the required safety line. Subsequently, spotting activity in the distant Manhattan shoreline at the end of Pier 40, FF Cashman skillfully

maneuvered through the strong current, avoiding submerged pilings, all the while holding his vessel's position throughout the rescue.

When Marine 1 arrived at the location, Lieutenant Finer proceeded to the front of the boat to communicate with NYPD personnel on the pier. NYPD members confirmed that there was a person in the water, they had deployed a life ring attached to a line and were awaiting the arrival of their emergency service teams.

The Lieutenant shined his light under the pier and could see the empty life ring, but not the person. His size-up included the following three important facts: First, there were only 12 inches between the water surface and the underside of the pier due to the high tide condition. Second, the victim had been in the water for approximately 20 minutes. Third, the water temperature was only 38 degrees.

With his size-up completed, the Officer determined that there was an imminent life hazard and decided to deploy FF Rizzo into the water. Entering the water, FF Rizzo encountered little clearance between the water surface and the underside of the pier and was hampered by turbid conditions. Still, he managed to swim 25 feet against the strong current, reaching the victim, who was barely hanging onto a piling and suffering from severe hypothermia.

Throughout his rescue-swim, FF Rizzo realized that the victim might be hostile, since he had been pursued by the NYPD. Subsequently, approaching the victim from behind, FF Rizzo grabbed him and called out to FF Moynihan to pull him and the victim in on the tether line. Additionally, FF Rizzo had to maneuver around several pilings as he and the victim were pulled out from under the pier. Despite physical exhaustion, FF Rizzo maintained a firm grip on the victim until he was pulled into the boat by the crew of Marine 1.

Entering the water for rescue is one of the most dangerous endeavors for a specially trained Firefighter. There is no recommended safe area on a vessel or in the water during a true emergency. Each diving or surface-water rescue operation must be evaluated by the on-site supervisor, as well as the crew and rescuer.

FF John Rizzo's ability to adapt to an extremely dangerous environment and his willingness to risk exposure to both contaminated water and a dangerous person were integral to the successful completion of this technical rescue. He is presented with the Firefighter David J. DeFranco Medal.--PWB



FF John Rizzo (right), with members of Marine 1.

Lieutenant James Curran/New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation Medal

ENGINE COMPANY 92

LIEUTENANT CHRISTOPHER S. REGINELLA
FIREFIGHTER MICHAEL F. MAGERLE
FIREFIGHTER JOHN D. HOLLINGSWORTH
FIREFIGHTER MARK A. WARD
FIREFIGHTER PHILIP J. FALSONE
FIREFIGHTER MATHEW L. RYAN, JR.

June 27, 2006, 0159 hours, Box 75-2573,
1161 Sherman Avenue, Bronx



There is no such thing as a “normal operation” in the Fire Department. Day or night, winter or summer, multiple dwelling or single-family home, every response is different--requiring the members to overcome certain obstacles--and shows the true caliber of those we call “New York’s Bravest.” Such a situation occurred on June 27, 2006, when, shortly before 0200 hours, an alarm was transmitted to Engine 92 for a fire at 1161 Sherman Avenue.

Working that night were Lieutenant Christopher S. Reginella and FFs Michael F. Magerle, John D. Hollingsworth, Mark A. Ward, Philip J. Falsone and Mathew L. Ryan, Jr. The company responded quickly and turning onto Sherman Avenue, members saw fire from a window on the fourth floor of the six-story, class three multiple dwelling. A car was blocking access to the building, as well as the hydrant.

A 10-75 was transmitted and Engine 92’s Officer ran to the building, while the company was directed to move the car out of the way. With civilians self-evacuating, Lieutenant Reginella made his way into the building and up the stairs. Along the way, he encountered a police officer assisting a civilian. The police officer told the Lieutenant, “It’s up there,” but when questioned further, could not provide more information.

As the Lieutenant reached the fire floor, he found a heavy smoke condition and fire coming from the kitchen of apartment 4B. Fire was extending into the public hallway. Due to the time of night, he knew civilians probably were inside the apartment. However, because the first-due ladder company was operating at a different alarm, a search team with an extinguisher was not in place yet.

Meanwhile, the other members were stretching a hand-line around the back of the apparatus, the patrol car and into

the building’s courtyard. The company’s chauffeur found the car still had a key in the ignition, so he moved the vehicle out of the way. He then raced back to the apparatus and moved into the appropriate position, while other members of the company continued to stretch the hose-line until it reached the fire floor.

While Lieutenant Reginella continued to control the door, the nozzle Firefighter stayed low and flaked his length of hose up the half-landing as the hose-line was charged. Members of Ladder 19 had arrived and with the hand-line charged, Engine 92 began to extinguish the fire in the hallway. The door was opened and as Engine 92 began to knock down the fire, reports were received of children still in the apartment.

Lieutenant Reginella cleared the hallway of furniture and debris while Ladder 19’s inside team began their search. Engine 92 continued to knock down the fire, but also operated out the window to help vent the heat and smoke. Meanwhile, the inside team found two small children in a rear bedroom. One was removed via an aerial ladder, while the other child was removed to the street with the assistance of Lieutenant Reginella. Once in the street, Engine 92’s chauffeur revived one of the victims and provided oxygen until EMS personnel arrived.

Then-Deputy Chief Richard Tobin, Division 6, noted, “Engine 92 participated in an outstanding company operation, dependent on teamwork and cooperation in order to achieve success.

The members overcame numerous obstacles present and their actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Department. Their teamwork, professional actions and tenacity were vital to the survival of these two victims.” For these reasons, the Fire Department is proud to honor Engine 92 today with the Lieutenant James Curran/New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation Medal.--DJH



Left to right are FFs Phil Falsone and John Hollingsworth, Lieutenant Chris Reginella and FFs Mike Magerle, Matt Ryan and Mark Ward.

Firefighter Thomas R. Elsasser Memorial Medal

LADDER COMPANY 4

LIEUTENANT STEPHEN J. ELLIOTT (DIVISION 3)

FIREFIGHTER RICHARD P. KANE

FIREFIGHTER KEVIN J. SEAMAN

FIREFIGHTER STEPHEN J. HUGHES

FIREFIGHTER DANIEL J. BEYRER

FIREFIGHTER TIMOTHY M. GARRETT

July 18, 2007, 1800 hours, Box 77-0775,
370 Lexington Avenue/between 41st and 42nd Streets, Manhattan



Evenings in the middle of July are when most New Yorkers seek relaxation and get out of the day's heat and humidity. However, on Wednesday, July 18, 2007, an incident occurred on Lexington Avenue that gripped the City like nothing since that horrible day in September 2001; and like that day, Ladder 4 responded immediately to save others.

At 1800 hours, a call came into the firehouse for an explosion with multiple injuries. Leading the company was Lieutenant Stephen J. Elliott. He was joined by FFs Richard P. Kane, Kevin J. Seaman, Stephen J. Hughes, Daniel J. Beyrer and Timothy M. Garrett. The members witnessed thousands of civilians fleeing on foot from the area of 42nd Street and Lexington Avenue.

As they got closer and their adrenaline flowed faster, the members saw a gigantic chasm in the middle of Lexington Avenue with a huge plume of steam, mud and debris rising more than 100 feet into the air. This site was accompanied by a sound that only could be described as the roar of a jet engine.

Knowing this would not be an ordinary response, the company disembarked from their apparatus and proceeded on foot south on Lexington Avenue toward the incident. At this point, Ladder 4 was directed by Battalion Chief John Joyce, Battalion 9, to search for civilians in three buses close to the abyss and the spewing geyser.

As bits of brick, hot water and other types of debris rained down, the company members moved to the first bus and found an elderly woman and the male bus driver still aboard. Firefighters Hughes and Garrett carried the woman to a safe location on 42nd Street, where she was further assisted by the bus driver. With this accomplished, Ladder 4 members moved to search the second bus.

Now standing in approximately two feet of scalding water and working extremely close to the rift in the middle of the Avenue, Ladder 4 found five trapped civilians frozen with fear. Each civilian was carried from the danger by FFs Garrett, Hughes, Beyrer and Seaman and Lieutenant Elliott.

Simultaneously, FF Kane, assisted by FF Joseph Ceravolo, Battalion 9 Aide, entered 380 Lexington Avenue, an office building adjoining the explosion site. At this location, they found a severely burned woman, a man whose truck had fallen into the crater and a woman with a broken leg. Firefighter Kane carried the burned woman safely to waiting EMS personnel and assisted the truck driver get to a safe location. Then, FF Kane, assisted by FF Ceravolo, carried the other woman out of harm's way and to the care of EMS personnel on-site.

With the buses searched and civilians removed, Ladder 4 was ordered by Chief Joyce to search 380 Lexington Avenue for additional victims. At this point, the members encountered a number of panic-stricken civilians. The Ladder 4 members acted with courage, professionalism and teamwork to ensure the civilians were evacuated safely from the disaster site.

In his report, Chief Joyce noted, "The conditions under which the members acted can only be described as extraordinary." He added, "While this incident turned out to be *just a steam leak*, the members acted without knowledge that this was not a terrorist act of more serious consequence." Therefore, the Fire Department is proud to honor the members of Ladder 4 today by presenting them with the Firefighter Thomas R. Elsasser Memorial Medal.--DJH



Manhattan Box 77-0775, 370 Lexington Avenue/between 41st and 42nd Streets, July 18, 2007.

photo by FF Michael Gomez, Squad 288

Deputy Commissioner Christine R. Godek Medal FIRE MARSHAL JAMES F. MILLS *BFI--Special Investigations Unit*



February 3, 2007, 2346 hours, Box 66-1045, 1056 Neilson Street, Far Rockaway, Queens

Appointed to the FDNY on May 9, 1993. Previously assigned to Ladder 176. Brother, FF Richard Mills, Jr., is assigned to Engine 248; father, Captain Richard Mills, Sr., is retired from Ladder 166; and uncle, Deputy Chief Joseph Mills, is retired from Division 3. Member of the Emerald and Holy Name Societies. Cited for bravery three times previously; recipient of the Dr. Harry M. Archer Medal and the James Gordon Bennett Medal. Resides on Long Island with his wife and their son and daughters.

The same bravery that secured FDNY's top two medals for valor--the Dr. Harry M. Archer and James Gordon Bennett Medals--impelled Fire Marshal James F. Mills to successfully hunt down the gun-toting arsonist who set a roaring six-alarm fire that endangered hundreds in Queens on the coldest night of the year.

Approximately 250 Firefighters from 50 units fought the wind-driven inferno at 1056 Neilson Street, Far Rockaway, Queens, which first was reported at 2346 hours, Saturday night, February 3, 2007. Some 200 fearful residents, including several rescued by Firefighters, fled in sub-freezing temperatures in nightclothes, stopping only to gather their children. Five occupants and 33 Firefighters were injured.

Preliminary BFI investigation showed an accelerant was used to torch the building, a half-block-long, fully occupied, six-story multiple dwelling. FM Mills, Special Investigations Unit (SIU), was assigned to run the case. The point of origin was found to be a fifth-floor apartment occupied by a squatter couple involved in drug sales and prostitution. They were identified as Sandra Brown, who had previous vice arrests, and Marcello McDonald, a recent ex-convict and violent offender, with 63 arrests and 26 convictions. He also had an outstanding arrest warrant and was known to carry and use a firearm.

Intense surveillance of Far Rockaway, in cooperation with local vice and drug law enforcement, led to FM Mills conducting a routine street stop and the arrest of Mr. McDonald on the outstanding warrant. An all-night interrogation produced more critical information and witnesses, plus Mr. McDonald's full oral, written and videotaped confession.

After hearing the evidence presentation--largely provided by FM Mills--a Queens County grand jury indicted Mr. McDonald on March 14, 2007, on felony charges of arson, burglary and reckless endangerment for the revenge motive fire. Exactly a year later, Mr. McDonald pled guilty and was sentenced to 12 years in prison.

This is a significant Fire Marshal investigation and prosecution. The perpetrator in this case showed a depraved indifference to human life when he used flammable liquid to set a nighttime fire in a fully occupied building. FM Mills worked diligently, under the most challenging conditions, to develop investigative leads. Then, with fearless resolve, he set out to hunt and apprehend an ex-con drug dealer known to carry and use a firearm.

Once FM Mills made the apprehension, he distinguished himself in his knowledge of the law and skilled use of interview/interrogation techniques, which resulted in a full confession and powerful prosecution. FM Mills testified professionally and successfully. Throughout the course of this investigation, FM Mills, committed to excellence, demonstrated the resourcefulness and ability found only in the most knowledgeable investigators.

The results of this investigation send forth a powerful message--to both the public and potential offenders--that the FDNY will meet and confront all those who challenge the safety of the citizens of New York City and the Firefighters of the FDNY. Fire Marshal James F. Mills is a highly valued member of this Bureau and his actions represent the highest tradition in law enforcement. For these reasons, he is honored with the Deputy Commissioner Christine R. Godek Medal.--JDL and JM



Medal winner Fire Marshal James F. Mills (right) with his brother, FF Richard Mills, Jr., Engine 248 (left), and father, Captain Richard Mills, Sr., retired from Ladder 166.



Firefighter Kevin C. Kane Medal

LIEUTENANT ROBERT E. ALLEN

Ladder Company 13

April 1, 2007, 0407 hours, Box 1158, 326 East 85th Street, Manhattan

Appointed to the FDNY on May 7, 1983. Previously assigned to Engine 3, Ladder 12, Engine 69 and Ladder 28. Instructor at the FDNY Proby School. Uncle, FF Robert Allen, is retired from Engine 232 and uncle, FF James Kelly (now deceased), was retired from Ladder 173. Member of the Holy Name and Emerald Societies. Recipient of two Unit Citations. Attended Suffolk Community College. Resides in North Babylon, Long Island, with his wife, Mary-Jane, and their children, Emma, 17, Mary-Caite, 16, and Robert, Jr., 10.

Just after 0400 hours, the alarm sounded and the lights flicked on in Ladder 13's Yorkville firehouse. The members quickly boarded their apparatus and the rig raced eastward, under the command of Lieutenant Robert Allen, to a reported structural fire. While en route, the dispatcher reported that numerous calls were being received. Although nothing was visible on arrival, the smell of smoke dictated that the two outer glass doors be forced open so that it was possible to enter the four-story tenement building. The irons Firefighter, FF Frank Portelle, handled this responsibility.

Lieutenant Allen started up the stairs. As he looked up the stairwell opening, he saw heavy black smoke on the top floor. On the hallway and staircase walls between the second and third floors, dripping smoke stains indicated the presence of a heavy fire condition.

It later was determined that the heavy smoke was caused by the fact that the resident left his apartment door open when he fled the burning flat--only to return in an attempt to collect his possessions. When he re-entered, the door closed behind him.

By the time Lieutenant Allen and his forcible entry team reached the fire apartment, fire had taken possession of the entire living room and bedroom area of the studio apartment. The fire was blowing out two windows and heading toward the doorway leading to the public hall.

The Lieutenant decided that he and his forcible entry team should back out and wait for a hose-line to be in place. However, not wanting to give up the fight and despite the worsening conditions, he pulled back to the door and took a final look through the lens of his thermal imaging camera. It was then that he spotted the image of a victim lying motionless in the fire area.

Lieutenant Allen did not hesitate. Although there was no hose-line in place to protect him and with considerable fire rolling through the entire room, he instructed FF James Finney, who carried a 2¹/₂-gallon water extinguisher, to spray the area directly above him.

He then dropped to his belly and started crawling toward the victim.

The rescuer finally reached a 33-year-old, unconscious male. He grabbed the man and dragged him to the apartment entrance. Once there, the victim was removed to the street by members of Engine 44. He was treated in the hospital for severe smoke inhalation. One week later, he was discharged.

Acting decisively by entering a hostile environment without the protection of a hose-line and without regard for his own safety, Lieutenant Allen saved the life of another. His actions upheld the highest traditions of the FDNY and the entire fire service. Therefore, it is with great pride that the Firefighter Kevin C. Kane Medal is presented to Lieutenant Robert E. Allen.--BDG



Ladder 13 in action.

Captain John J. Drennan Memorial Medal

LIEUTENANT MARK D. GREGORY

Ladder Company 111

December 27, 2007, 1923 hours, Box 75-886, 354 Stuyvesant Avenue, Brooklyn

Appointed to the FDNY on April 14, 1991. Previously assigned to Ladder 132, Rescue 2 and Battalion 41. Father, Stephen Gregory, Jr., retired as the Assistant Commissioner of Communications; grandfather, Lieutenant Stephen Gregory, Sr., is retired from Ladder 163; and brothers, FFs Steve Gregory and Chris Gregory, are assigned to Engine 235 and Ladder 102, respectively. Member of the Pulaski and Company Officers Associations. Cited for bravery on three previous occasions and also received a Firehouse Magazine Heroism & Community Service Award. Serves as a Deputy Chief Instructor at the Suffolk County Fire Academy. Completing a bachelor's degree at Empire State College and Columbia Southern University. Resides in East Quogue, Long Island, with his wife, Theresa, and their children, Mark, Jr., and Taylor.



Just once, every parent should put him/herself into the position of the Rogers family of 354 Stuyvesant Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. Several years ago, they suffered the tragic loss of their daughter to a fire in their house. Fast forward now to December 27, 2007. The Rogers family once again is watching in disbelief as fire consumes their home. But to the horror of all present, their little girl, three-year-old Gabriela Rogers, is trapped inside the developing inferno. If you were outside this house watching this unfold in front of you, who would you turn to? Luckily for the Rogers family, they were able to turn to the members of Engine 214 and Ladder 111 with Lieutenant Mark Gregory in command.

On December 27, 2007, at 1923 hours, the members of Engine 214 and Ladder 111 responded to a phone alarm for a structural fire at 354 Stuyvesant Avenue. On arrival, Engine 214 transmitted a 10-75 for fire blowing out of the second-floor (parlor) window of a four-story multiple dwelling.

Lieutenant Gregory and his forcible entry team--FFs John Norman with the extinguisher and Vincent Niesi with the irons--raced to the front of the fire building. People were shouting that a person was still inside, some indicating that she might be on the first floor. The Lieutenant immediately realized that he had to split his forcible entry team to make an instantaneous search of all likely areas where Gabriela might be located.

Lieutenant Gregory assigned FF Niesi to the first floor below the stoop, where the door behind the locked gate was showing a heavy smoke condition. The Officer and FF Norman then climbed the steps to the front door to search the most severely exposed area, the fire floor. Immediately on entry into the vestibule, the pair faced heavy fire and high heat pouring from the front room into the public hall. With the fire pushing into the hallway, Lieutenant Gregory ordered FF Norman to attempt to close the door with his hook to prevent the fire from

extending throughout the house. FF Norman attempted this, but was unable to do so. (They learned later that the door had been removed for construction purposes.)

Lieutenant Gregory was running out of options. The fire was cutting off access to the building, Engine 214 was still in the process of stretching the line and Gabriela was running out of time. The Lieutenant ordered FF Norman to use the extinguisher to suppress the advancing fire as best he could; the effect of this tactic was minimal. Then, Lieutenant Gregory crawled beneath the rolling flames above his head.

Lieutenant Gregory had reached the midpoint in the building when he heard the faint moaning of a child. He made a quick sweep of the area and found the unconscious Gabriela Rogers, who had suffered severe burns. The Officer transmitted a 10-45 and began to retrace his path toward the front door.

As Lieutenant Gregory neared the entrance, the severe heat and thick, roiling smoke made him fear that the hallway was about to flash over. He radioed Engine 214 to knock the fire down so he could get Gabriela out. Lieutenant Richard Braunreuther of Engine 214 advised him that they still didn't have water in the line. Almost simultaneously, FF Norman advised Lieutenant Gregory that his extinguisher was out of water. With only seconds to act, he cradled his precious cargo to his chest and shielded her with his own body as he crawled past the conflagration surrounding them.

Luckily, the Officer was able to remove Gabriela safely to the street. He immediately called for medical assistance and handed her off to EMS and Engine 217 personnel. The child then was transported to the Cornell Burn Unit.

Lieutenant Mark Gregory's courageous actions under extremely dangerous conditions saved the Rogers family from an unspeakable tragedy. It is for this reason that he is honored today with the Captain John J. Drennan Memorial Medal.--CB



Lieutenant Gregory exits a job.

Jack Pintchik Medal

December 27, 2007, 0230 hours,
2055 Saint Raymond Avenue,
#5C, Bronx



DR. LINCOLN COX, EMS FELLOW
LIEUTENANT LLOYD C. ARSCOTT, STATION 20
EMT ANDRE P. GONZALEZ, STATION 20
PARAMEDIC MIGUEL ANGEL FLORES, 03 RESCUE
PARAMEDIC THOMAS J. MONAHAN, SENIOR, 03 RESCUE

On December 27, 2007, at 0230 hours, EMS resources responded to an assignment at 2055 Saint Raymond Avenue, #5C, in the borough of the Bronx. What initially started as a routine BLS assignment for 20D1--a male patient in bed with body pain and inability to move--quickly spiraled into a very complex and serious medical call, warranting ALS care, as well as on-scene medical control for discretionary protocols and the establishment of crush medicine techniques.

EMTs Andre Gonzales and Arron Maus arrived on-scene at 0234 hours and encountered an approximately 700-pound male patient lying prone on a mattress on the floor of a rear bedroom of the apartment. It was obvious to the crew that the patient was presenting with very serious medical concerns. Noting urgency, the crew made a request for additional resources.

Lieutenant Lloyd Arscott was assigned to the call and arrived approximately 10 minutes later. On his arrival and following his evaluation, the Lieutenant outlined a complex and difficult life-threatening extrication to implement. The patient had a diabetic history and had suffered a fall, apparently dislocating his left hip and fracturing his left ankle about four weeks earlier. Since then, the patient had been unable to move and had been lying in the prone position in which he was found amid his own body waste, which caused a severe infection.

Further complicating the situation, the patient's extreme diabetic condition was apparent with necrotic tissue in and around the feet and legs, with active maggots and tissue decomposition. Recognizing the patient's dire condition and considering his weight, Lieutenant Arscott decided to view the injury under the guidelines of crush medicine.

Special-calling unit 03R1, staffed with Rescue Medics specially trained in the effects of these injuries, Lieutenant Arscott set in motion the treatment modality for this patient to facilitate transportation to the hospital and, in all likelihood, save his life. Rescue Paramedics Thomas Monahan and Miguel Flores began their assessment of the patient. Immediate concerns regarding the infection site and the natural build-up of lactic acid in the patient were considered. The patient could not be moved in the prone position, but because of his significant size and the uncertainty of the injury site under the patient, pain management and fluid replenishment became priorities. The chemical imbalance that would occur through spontaneous re-orientation of the patient to a supine position was a concern. The crew began establishing ALS and

made Telemetry contact.

This assignment immediately exceeded the abilities to communicate necessary treatment modality via landline and prompted the response of OMA Fellow Dr. Lincoln Cox. Dr. Cox initiated pain management through the authorization of morphine, Versed and Etomidate by the Paramedics.

The established ALS services stabilized the patient's condition enough to consider moving him. A stokes basket was employed through the fire companies--Engine 64, Ladder 47 and Squad 61--on-scene and resources were deployed around the victim. EMS resources had begun irrigating the wound site to separate tissue bound to the mattress and sheets. The stokes was deployed directly adjacent to the patient and the first phase of the extrication was accomplished through the "log roll"-style movement of the patient onto the stokes.

EMS members were presented with a complete open dislocation of the left hip with a large fistula that extended from the apex of the left hip through the injury site and into the genitals and groin area of the patient. The extent of the injury site added further complication to the extrication of the patient because the left leg was attached only by tissue in the posterior of the victim. Additionally, the limb was angulated, making it impossible to secure to the body. Special care had to be taken to remove the victim and avoid a traumatic amputation of the limb.

After further steps for pain management by the ALS resources, both Fire and EMS members worked together and slowly moved the victim from the bedroom through the main area of the apartment, into the main hallway, into the elevator and finally into the awaiting ambulance. Firefighters removed doors and door frames to facilitate the victim's removal. It was close to five hours from the time of the initial response to the victim's arrival at Jacobi Medical Center.

These pre-hospital care providers recognized a significant medical case and addressed the presenting issues compassionately and professionally, while providing this victim with his dignity during perhaps the most compromising position of his lifetime. The attending physicians at the hospital credit the efforts of Dr. Lincoln Cox, EMS Fellow, Lieutenant Lloyd Arscott, EMT Andre Gonzalez, EMT Arron Maus, Paramedic Thomas Monahan and Paramedic Miguel Flores in stabilizing this victim and saving his life. For these reasons, they are presented with the Jack Pintchik Medal.--RT

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EMT Dennis Rodriguez (2)	Lieutenant Michael Sheridan	Lieutenant Robert Trigili (3)	Paramedic Roman Yusupov
EMT Edward Rodriguez	EMT Brendan Shipley	Paramedic Timothy Troeber	Paramedic Jerry Zender (2)
EMT Joseph Rodriguez	Paramedic Kenneth Silas (3)	EMT Noel Trowers	Paramedic Evgeni Zenkovich
Paramedic Luis Rodriguez	Paramedic Arnold Silva (2)	Paramedic William Truoccolo	EMT Joel Zepeda
Paramedic Craig Roeder	Paramedic Roberto Silveira	EMT William Tung	EMT Zheng Zhang
EMT Stephen Rogers (2)	EMT Johnny Simonis	EMT Salvatore Turturici	Paramedic Marvin Zuniga (2)
Paramedic Lynwood Rollins	EMT Merisa Simons	EMT Gerardo Urena	

Unit of the Month--2007

<i>Month</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Members</i>
January	49V3	Paramedics Antonio Amor, Joseph Fazzino, Guillermo Villaverde
February	54A3	EMTs Steven Schmutzler, Michael Schultz, Paul Yunek
March	18B3	EMTs Christopher Crutchfield, Anthony Mazzariello, Emily Moy
April	53B3	EMTs Marc Basile, Donna Schulz, David Weissman
May	48Z3	Paramedics Michael Coeyman, William Heegan, William Neri
June	39E3	EMTs Mathew Jordan, Erik Rivera, George Trail
July	44A3	EMTs Edward Gerber, Jonathan Marino, Leon Michel
August	49R3	Paramedics Hugo Canedo, Kimberly Marshall, Mario Ramirez
September	03F3	EMTs Alexander Arroyo, Theresa Burgos, Eric Franco
October	28V2	Paramedics Daniel Fitzpatrick, Hoover Lopez, Roman Yusupov
November	44D3	EMTs Dewey Mendonca, Joseph Searles, Henry Snead
December	28V2	Paramedics Craig Colamarino, Matthew Galard, Valarie Longo

UNIT CITATIONS

Engine Company 15
December 10, 2005 Box 75-252

Engine Company 69
May 17, 2006 Box 75-1579

Ladder Company 40
June 9, 2006 Box 1469

Engine Company 67
June 14, 2006 Box 1661

Rescue Company 2
June 27, 2006 Box 1326

Squad Company 1
June 27, 2006 Box 1326

Ladder Company 131
June 27, 2006 Box 1326

Engine Company 279
June 27, 2006 Box 1326

Engine Company 92
June 27, 2006 Box 75-2573

Ladder Company 49
January 8, 2007 Box 75-2577

Engine Company 68
January 8, 2007 Box 75-2577

Engine Company 271
January 17, 2007 Box 814

Ladder Company 32
January 22, 2007 Box 3617

Engine Company 68
January 31, 2007 Box 2760

Squad Company 270
February 3, 2007 Box 66-1045

Ladder Company 134
February 3, 2007 Box 66-1045

Ladder Company 42
February 4, 2007 Box 2557

Engine Company 233
February 12, 2007 Box 22-816

Ladder Company 34
February 20, 2007 Box 22-1678

Engine Company 84
February 20, 2007 Box 22-1678

Engine Company 168
February 26, 2007 Box 3725

Ladder Company 114
March 18, 2007 Box 2677

Ladder Company 41
March 23, 2007 Box 3205

Engine Company 88
March 23, 2007 Box 3205

Engine Company 262
March 26, 2007 Box 7446

Ladder Company 35
March 27, 2007 Box 33-973

Rescue Company 1
March 27, 2007 Box 33-973

Ladder Company 49
April 8, 2007 Box 33-2936

Engine Company 42
April 8, 2007 Box 33-2936

Engine Company 75
April 8, 2007 Box 33-2936

Ladder Company 32
April 9, 2007 Box 75-3422

Engine Company 62
April 9, 2007 Box 75-3422

Ladder Company 107
April 15, 2007 Box 22-3432

Engine Company 253
April 15, 2007 Box 22-3432

Ladder Company 157
April 15, 2007 Box 2424

Engine Company 255
April 15, 2007 Box 2424

Ladder Company 132
April 28, 2007 Box 1077

Ladder Company 102
May 18, 2007 Box 75-369

Marine Company 8
July 1, 2007 Box 3496

Ladder Company 116
July 3, 2007 Box 7164

Engine Company 260
July 3, 2007 Box 7164

Ladder Company 107
July 8, 2007 Box 2032

Ladder Company 123
July 12, 2007 Box 75-1608

Ladder Company 4
July 18, 2007 Box 0775

Rescue Company 1
July 18, 2007 Box 0775

Marine Company 3
August 4, 2007 Box 1456

Rescue Company 3
September 24, 2007 Box 4075

Engine Company 72
September 24, 2007 Box 4075

Squad Company 61
September 24, 2007 Box 4075

Squad Company 288
October 5, 2007 Box 7041

Ladder Company 14
October 6, 2007 Box 22-1407

Engine Company 91
October 6, 2007 Box 22-1407

Ladder Company 26
October 6, 2007 Box 22-1407

Ladder Company 54
October 12, 2007 Box 75-2801

Ladder Company 58
October 14, 2007 Box 22-3069

Engine Company 90
October 14, 2007 Box 22-3069

Ladder Company 16
October 18, 2007 Box 0937

Engine Company 71
November 20, 2007 Box 22-2185

Engine Company 321
November 26, 2007 Box 3292

Engine Company 45
December 15, 2007 Box 2943

Ladder Company 6
December 23, 2007 Box 75-201

Ladder Company 43
December 24, 2007 Box 1277

MEDAL AND AWARD DONORS

James Gordon Bennett Medal

In addition to the Bennett Medal, first awarded in 1869, the Commissioner Robert O. Lowery Award of \$600 is provided by the late Honorary Deputy Chief Bertram Brummer and his wife, Susie. The recipient also is awarded \$1000, donated by The Kenneth H. Straus Fund of the Fire Foundation of New York. The organization was established in 1968 by a group of prominent New York City businessmen, friends of the FDNY, in the interest of rewarding Fire Department members who perform acts above and beyond the call of duty. (Page 11)

Brooklyn Citizens Medal/ FF Louis Valentino Award

In 1896, a committee of Brooklynites endowed this medal "to be given to the most deserving Fireman in the Brooklyn Fire Department, as he shall be selected by the Fire Department of the City of New York." An award of \$500 is donated by The Kenneth H. Straus Fund of the Fire Foundation of New York. This organization was established in 1968 by a group of prominent New York City businessmen, friends of the FDNY, in the interest of rewarding Fire Department members who perform acts above and beyond the call of duty. The recipient also is awarded the Firefighter Louis Valentino Award, a medal endowed in 1998 by Diane Valentino and the Valentino family. The recipient also will receive a gift of \$500. (Page 12)

Hugh Bonner Medal

Endowed by the Reverend James Johnson, Fire Chaplain assigned to Grace Church, and named in honor of Chief Hugh Bonner, "a stalwart Chief of Department who preferred to rule by example." The medal first was awarded in 1897. In addition, an award of \$250 is made by the Joseph Reich Memorial Fund, a trust fund recognizing "outstanding heroic service rendered by members of the Department." This organization was established in 1968 by a group of prominent New York City businessmen, friends of the FDNY, in the interest of rewarding Fire Department members who perform acts above and beyond the call of duty. (Page 13)

Emily Trevor/Mary B. Warren Medal

These sisters, in their deed of gift, wrote "....for the purpose of encouraging the members of the force in the exercise...of heroic endeavor under circumstances of special danger." Awarded for the first time in 1899. In addition, an award of \$250 is made by the Joseph Reich Memorial Fund, recognizing "outstanding heroic service, rendered by members of the Department." This organization was established in 1968 by a group of prominent businessmen, friends of the FDNY, in the interest of rewarding Fire Department members who perform acts above and beyond the call of duty. (Page 14)

Thomas E. Crimmins Medal

Mrs. May M. Burke provided in her will for the endowment of this medal in memory of her father, a contractor, builder, loyal New Yorker and the son of a volunteer firefighter. First awarded in 1912. Also awarded \$500, donated by The Kenneth H. Straus Fund of the Fire Foundation of New York. This organization was established in 1968 by a group of prominent New York City businessmen, friends of the FDNY, in the interest of rewarding Fire Department members who perform acts above and beyond the call of duty. Also awarded \$200 by Honorary Deputy Commissioner Dorothy Marks, in memory of the late Jeffrey S. Childs, great-great-grandson of Thomas E. Crimmins. (Page 15)

Thomas A. Kenny Memorial Medal

Honorary Deputy Chief William F. Kenny endowed this medal in memory of his father, a Battalion Chief who served in the Department, faithfully and conspicuously, from 1876 until 1903. It is given as a "perpetual token of zeal and enduring interest." First awarded in 1918. Recipient also is awarded \$500 by the Honorary Fire Officers Association, a line organization of the FDNY. (Page 16)

Walter Scott Medal

Colonel Walter Scott, a successful New York merchant, was intensely interested in the city's protective forces. In 1920, he endowed a medal for valor bearing his name, to be awarded annually to a member of the FDNY. Recipient also is awarded \$500, donated by The Kenneth H. Straus Fund of the Fire Foundation of New York. This organization was established in 1968 by a group of prominent New York City businessmen, friends of the FDNY, in the interest of rewarding Fire Department members who perform acts above and beyond the call of duty. (Page 17)

John H. Prentice Medal

This medal is the gift of Mrs. Marion Prentice Brookman in memory of her father. The medal is for "an act of intelligent bravery." First awarded in 1921. Recipient also is awarded \$1000. (Page 18)

Christopher J. Prescott Medal

Named in honor of EMT Christopher Prescott, the first EMS member to make the Supreme Sacrifice in the line of duty in 1994, the Prescott Medal is the highest honor bestowed upon a member of the EMS Command. There is a cash award of \$500 (split between recipients), donated by Robert Ungar. Sponsored by the Uniformed EMTs and Paramedics and Fire Inspectors Union. (Page 19)

Henry D. Brookman Medal

Mrs. Marion Prentice Brookman, in making this award possible, wrote, "...to

help the authorities in installing into the Department the fact that the service rendered by the firefighters is of a character held in high esteem by the people and to perpetuate the old fealty and admiration held by the late Henry D. Brookman for the FDNY." First awarded in 1921. Recipient also is awarded \$1000. (Page 20)

M.J. Delehanty Medal

The founder and dean of civil service schools bearing his name endowed this medal in 1937, "to be awarded annually to a member of the Department whose distinguished service in the line of duty receives recognition by the Board of Merit of the Fire Department." Recipient also is awarded a \$200 savings bond by Honorary Assistant Chief Harvey Ball. An additional \$200 savings bond is donated by Honorary Battalion Chief James Palozzolo. (Page 21)

William F. Conran Medal

Honorary Chief Conran endowed this medal in 1937. His profession of fire protection engineer enabled him to improve the efficiency of firefighting appliances. Recipient also is awarded a \$500 savings bond, donated by Paul and Dennis Sanner, in memory of Frank Muller, FDNY. (Page 22)

Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia Medal

The Honorable Fiorello H. LaGuardia, while Mayor, frequently "turned out" at large fires. He had a keen interest in the problems of fire prevention and extinguishment. First awarded in 1937. Recipient also is awarded \$400 cash, donated by the Uniformed Firefighters Association (UFA). (Page 23)

Chief John J. McElligott Medal/ FFs Fitzpatrick and Frisby Award

Named in honor of the late Chief and Fire Commissioner, Chief McElligott. He joined the Department in 1905 and retired in 1941 after a long and fruitful career. This medal was endowed by William F. Conran and first was awarded in 1937. Recipient is awarded \$200 cash, donated by Honorary First Deputy Fire Commissioner Brian Mulheren, in memory of his father, Joseph A. Mulheren, a friend of the FDNY. Recipient also is awarded the Fitzpatrick and Frisby Award, a medallion endowed by the Fitzpatrick and Frisby Foundation, in memory of these two firefighters who made the Supreme Sacrifice. Also awarded \$250 cash by the Fitzpatrick and Frisby Foundation. (Page 24)

Thomas F. Dougherty Medal

Chief Dougherty served with the Department from 1888 to 1933 with distinction and honor. In addition to inventing the nozzle that bears his name, he was a colorful member of the Fire College faculty, where he specialized in teaching the tech-

nique and efficacy of ventilation. First awarded in 1937. Recipient also is awarded \$100 cash, donated by Honorary Deputy Chief Sidney D. Rosoff. (Page 25)

Albert S. Johnston Medal

Albert S. Johnston was a Captain in the New York Fire Patrol with a record of 50 years of faithful service. Ten years after his retirement in 1927, this medal was endowed by William F. Conran and may be awarded to a member of Fire Patrol. \$100 is awarded in memory of the officers and members of the NYC Fire Patrol who died in the line of duty, donated by Honorary Deputy Chief Edward Pospisil. An additional \$100 cash award is donated by Honorary Deputy Chief Stuart A. Foreman. (Page 26)

Ner Tamid Society/ Franklin Delano Roosevelt Medal

This medal was endowed by the officers and members of FDNY's Ner Tamid Society in honor of the late president. First awarded in 1946. Also awarded \$300 by former First Assistant Commissioner Robert A. Ungar. (Page 27)

Tracy Allen-Lee Medal

EMT Allen-Lee is nationally recognized as the first EMS professional in the country to be awarded the Public Safety Officer's Benefit by the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, after dying from a communicable disease sustained in the line of duty. There is a cash award of \$500 (split between recipients), donated by Robert Ungar. Sponsored by the Uniformed EMTs and Paramedics and Fire Inspectors Union. (Page 28)

Third Alarm Association Medal

The Third Alarm Association, a group of men interested in Fire Department activities, endowed this medal for valor in 1950. A \$200 cash award also is included. (Page 29)

Vincent J. Kane Medal

This medal is named in honor of the late Vincent J. Kane, labor leader and long-time President of the Uniformed Firefighters Association. It was endowed by the UFA before World War II. Also awarded \$400, donated by the UFA. (Page 30)

Brummer Medal

The late Bertram Brummer and his wife, Susie, have had a long-standing interest in the FDNY. Bertram, a member of the New York Stock Exchange, received training during World War II at the Fire Department College and was assigned to Engine Company 44 in the Auxiliary Corps. In 1961, Bertram and Susie Brummer endowed this medal to be awarded annually for an act of bravery. First awarded in 1962. Recipient also is awarded \$850. (Page 31)

Frank W. Kridel Medal

Awarded by the Hotel Association of New York City to a member of the FDNY in recognition of an act of valor above and beyond the call of duty. In addition, \$500 is awarded by the Association. First awarded in 1962. (Page 34)

Emerald Society Medal

Endowed by the Emerald Society. First awarded in 1965. Also awarded a \$500 savings bond donated by the Society and \$100 donated by Sandy and Terry Sansevero. An additional \$100 is donated by retired Lieutenant James J. Finegan of Ladder Company 48. (Page 35)

Chief Wesley Williams Medal

Endowed by the Vulcan Society. First awarded in 1966. Also awarded a \$250 savings bond, donated by the Society. (Page 36)

Holy Name Society Medal (Brooklyn/Queens)

Endowed by the Holy Name Society (Brooklyn-Queens) in memory of Chaplain Emeritus Very Reverend Monsignor Merrit E. Yeager. First awarded in 1967. Also awarded \$250, donated by the Society. (Page 37)

Hispanic Society Memorial Medal

Endowed by the Hispanic Society as "a memorial tribute to the 12 Brother firefighters who made the Supreme Sacrifice at the East 23rd Street fire on October 17, 1966." First awarded in 1968. Also awarded a \$200 savings bond, donated by the Society. \$100 is awarded in memory of the officers and members of the NYC Fire Patrol who died in the line of duty, donated by Honorary Deputy Chief Edward Pospisil. Also, a \$100 savings bond is donated by Joseph Rodriguez, Founding President, Hispanic Society, Ladder Company 54, retired. The recipient also is awarded a \$1000 savings bond by the Mendez family, in memory of Battalion Chief Anthony Mendez, and another \$1000 bond, donated by N.Y. Hospital. (Page 38)

Chief James Scullion Medal

Recognized as a pioneer in his field, Chief James Scullion was instrumental in bringing both basic and advanced life support services into the modern-day emergency medical system in the City of New York in the early 1970s. His dedication and commitment to excellence are memorialized through this award. There is a cash award of \$500 (split between recipients), donated by retired Chief of EMS Operations Robert A. McCracken and the Superior Officers Association. Sponsored by the Superior Officers Association. (Page 39)

Captain Denis W. Lane Memorial Medal

Endowed in honor of the late Captain Denis W. Lane. Established by the Honorable Joseph M. Lane and Ms. Joan M. Lane. Captain Lane was appointed to the Department in 1913. A life-long member of the FDNY Anchor Club, he retired in 1958 after a long and dedicated career. Awarded to a deserving member of the uniformed force in recognition of an outstanding act of bravery. First awarded in 1976. Recipient also is awarded a \$500 savings bond, donated by the FDNY Anchor Club. (Page 40)

Uniformed Fire Officers Association Medal

Endowed in 1977 by the Uniformed Fire Officers Association "for an act of heroism and bravery performed by a fire officer at a fire." Accompanying the medal is a \$500 cash award, donated by the UFOA. (Page 41)

Dr. Albert A. Cinelli Medal

Endowed by the UFA in memory of Dr. Albert A. Cinelli, a longtime friend of the FDNY. Dr. Cinelli was responsible for founding both the Medical and Surgical Specialists Plan and the Surgical Assistance Fund. Serving without salary as the director of both programs, Dr. Cinelli won the admiration and respect of every member of the FDNY. In keeping with these thoughts, this medal has been dedicated to his memory. Awarded for the first time in 1978. Also awarded \$400, donated by the UFA. (Page 42)

Fire Chiefs Association Memorial Medal

The Fire Chiefs Association has endowed this medal to honor the memory of those chief officers of the FDNY who, from volunteer days to the present, have given leadership, inspiration, courage and, sometimes, their lives, to the development of the finest firefighting force in the world. First awarded in 1979. Recipient also is awarded \$300, donated by the family of retired Deputy Director of Dispatch Operations, Joseph E. Higgins, Jr. (Page 43)

Fire Marshals

Benevolent Association Medal

This medal was endowed in 1980 by the Fire Marshals Benevolent Association, to be awarded to a member of the uniformed force for performance of an outstanding act of valor. Recipient also is awarded \$200, donated by William B. Norden. In addition, \$200 in savings bonds are donated by retired FMs Jim McSwigin and Charlie Wagner, in memory of FM Terry Cullen. (Page 44)

Community Mayors, Inc./ Lt. Robert R. Dolney Medal

This medal is sponsored by the Community Mayors, Inc., and is dedicated to the memory of Lieutenant Robert R. Dolney, who gave his life so that others might

live. The Community Mayors organization, dedicated to helping handicapped children, will present this medal annually to a member of the Department who performs an act of bravery in attempting to save the life of a firefighter. However, if an act of this nature does not occur during the year, it then will be presented to a member who performed an outstanding act of heroism. First awarded in 1981. Recipient also is awarded \$300, donated by Dominick Della Rocca. (Page 45)

**Battalion Chief
Frank T. Tuttlemondo Medal**

This medal is endowed by the members of the 44th Battalion in honor and memory of their late, beloved Chief, who served the Brownsville area of Brooklyn most of his firefighting career and gave his life to save his men. The medal was designed by Firefighter George Guinan, formerly of Ladder 120. It is presented annually to a member of the Department who performs an act of bravery and courage in keeping with the highest traditions of the FDNY. Also awarded \$200, donated by the members of the 44th Battalion. First awarded in 1982. A \$200 cash award is donated by retired Assistant Chief Matthew Murtagh on behalf of Fire Tech Promotional Courses. (Page 46)

**New York State Honorary
Fire Chiefs Association Medal**

The New York State Honorary Fire Chiefs Association, Inc., founded in 1950, is an independent, non-profit and tax-exempt organization, dedicated to promoting the interests of the firefighters of the State of New York. The active Association is affiliated with the New York State Professional Fire Fighters Association and is celebrating 50 years of volunteer service to the Firefighters of New York and their families. The medal, which first was awarded in 1984, is presented every year to a firefighter who has performed with valor. This medal is dedicated to honoring all firefighters who have performed with valor. With this medal, a check for \$1000 also is awarded and donated by the members of the New York State Honorary Fire Chiefs Association, Inc. (Page 11)

Dr. John F. Connell Medal

Awarded since 1983 in honor of the late Dr. John F. Connell, adopted in 1923 by Engine 2, in what was then Hell's Kitchen. With encouragement of firefighters who became his substitute fathers, he received his medical degree. He attended thousands of fires, treating firefighters and civilians without a thought of personal recognition. Endowed by his son, the late John F. Connell, Jr., and first awarded in 1983, the award continues from Rosemary Connell, the widow of John F. Connell, Jr. Included is a \$250 award. (Page 47)

Lieutenant Kirby McElhearn Medal

A dedicated professional with a passion for communications, Lieutenant McElhearn is remembered for his instrumental involvement in the research and development of the first modern-day Field Communications Unit (FieldComm) for EMS. A \$400 U.S. Savings Bond is donated by Paul and Michael Sanner. Sponsored by the Uniformed EMS Officers Union. (Page 48)

Fire Bell Club Medal

The Fire Bell Club, the oldest and largest such group in the New York City area, consists of individuals, both in and outside of the fire service, who have an interest in the FDNY. The Fire Bell Club awards this medal bi-annually as an expression of their admiration and appreciation of the camaraderie that has existed between the FDNY and the Club since its founding in 1939. First awarded in 1984. Also awarded \$500, plus an additional award of \$200 from Honorary Deputy Chief John Davis, a member of the Fire Bell Club. (Page 49)

Firefighter David J. DeFranco Medal

In honor of the memory of FF David J. DeFranco for his dedicated efforts on behalf of the FDNY. This medal, awarded for a water-related rescue, is presented, along with a \$400 cash award, by the Uniformed Firefighters Association (UFA) in memory of David's father, FF Dan DeFranco. FF Dan DeFranco was assigned to Engine Co. 17 and Ladder Co. 18 on the lower east side for more than 33 years during a period of extremely heavy fire duty. FF Dan DeFranco also served on the executive board of the UFA for eight years at the post of sergeant at arms with honor, dedication and devotion to his Brother Firefighters. The recipient of the FF David J. DeFranco Medal also is presented a \$200 cash award by the David J. DeFranco Memorial Scholarship Fund. (Page 50)

**Lieutenant James Curran/
New York Firefighters
Burn Center Foundation Medal**

The New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation is an organization committed to the goals of quality burn care and fund-raising endeavors. Similarly, the FDNY is engaged in safeguarding and improving the quality of life for city residents. It is this semblance of purpose and collaborative spirit that is deserving of recognition. With this in mind, the New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation awards a medal to the most worthy of units in appreciation of "a concentrated super effort based on teamwork." Proceeds for this endowment, as well as a \$100 savings bond for each recipient, are provided solely through the generosity of the Horowitz family, in memory of Honorary Deputy Chief Peter Horowitz. (Page 51)

**Firefighter Thomas R. Elsasser
Memorial Medal**

Endowed by the Uniformed Firefighters Association, this medal is named in honor of Firefighter Thomas R. Elsasser, a 20-year veteran of the FDNY, whose firefighting career was cut short in 1990 by his untimely death. Firefighter Elsasser was a major contributor to UFA charity sporting events. In addition to the medal awarded to the unit, each member receives a medal and \$100, donated by the Thomas R. Elsasser Memorial Fund. (Page 52)

**Deputy Commissioner
Christine R. Godek Medal**

Established and presented by Honorary Deputy Commissioner Dorothy W. Marks and (now-deceased) Honorary First Deputy Commissioner Shelly Rothman in honor of Christine R. Godek, the first female Deputy Fire Commissioner of the FDNY. Presented annually to an outstanding New York City Fire Marshal for unusual display of initiative, improving techniques, resourcefulness and capability in the investigation of arson. Also awarded \$100 by Dr. Jean D. Pratt, in honor of the Juvenile Firesetters Program. A \$350 cash award also is donated. (Page 53)

Firefighter Kevin C. Kane Medal

This medal has been established in honor of Firefighter Kevin C. Kane, who made the Supreme Sacrifice in the discharge of his duties, protecting life and property on September 13, 1991. This medal is awarded bi-annually to a member of the Department who performs an act of outstanding bravery and courage as deemed by the Board of Merit. Also, a \$500 cash award is donated by the Kane family in memory of both Kevin and his father, Assistant Chief Edward Kane. (Page 54)

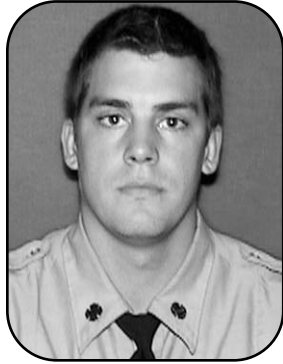
**Captain John J. Drennan
Memorial Medal**

Endowed by the Viking Association of the FDNY in memory of Captain John J. Drennan, who sacrificed his life in the line of duty. This medal is awarded to members of the Department who perform acts above and beyond the call of duty. A \$200 cash donation also is awarded. (Page 55)

Jack Pintchik Medal

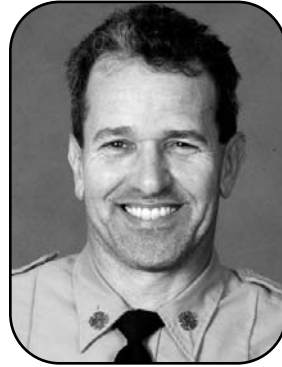
Following successful resuscitation from cardiac arrest by EMS Paramedics, Jack Pintchik, founder of the Pintchik Home Improvement Stores, honored members of EMS by establishing the first formalized EMS Awards & Recognition ceremony. In his memory, the Pintchik family continues to show their respect and support of EMS professionals through the Jack Pintchik Medal. There is a cash award of \$500 (split among recipients), donated by Matthew Pintchik. Sponsored by the Pintchik family. (Page 56)

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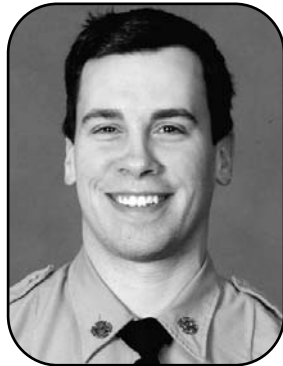
Firefighter Daniel F. Pujdak
Ladder Company 146

Died on June 21, 2007, as a result of injuries sustained
in the performance of duty at Brooklyn Box 75-0247.
Appointed September 25, 2005.



Firefighter Robert Beddia
Engine Company 24

Died on August 18, 2007, as a result of injuries sustained
in the performance of duty at Manhattan Box 77-0047.
Appointed October 24, 1983.



FF Joseph Graffagnino
Ladder Company 5

Died on August 18, 2007, as a result of injuries sustained
in the performance of duty at Manhattan Box 77-0047.
Appointed May 9, 1999.
Posthumously promoted to Lieutenant.



Lieutenant John H. Martinson
Engine Company 249

Died on January 3, 2008, as a result of injuries sustained
in the performance of duty at Brooklyn Box 22-3762.
Appointed May 9, 1993.