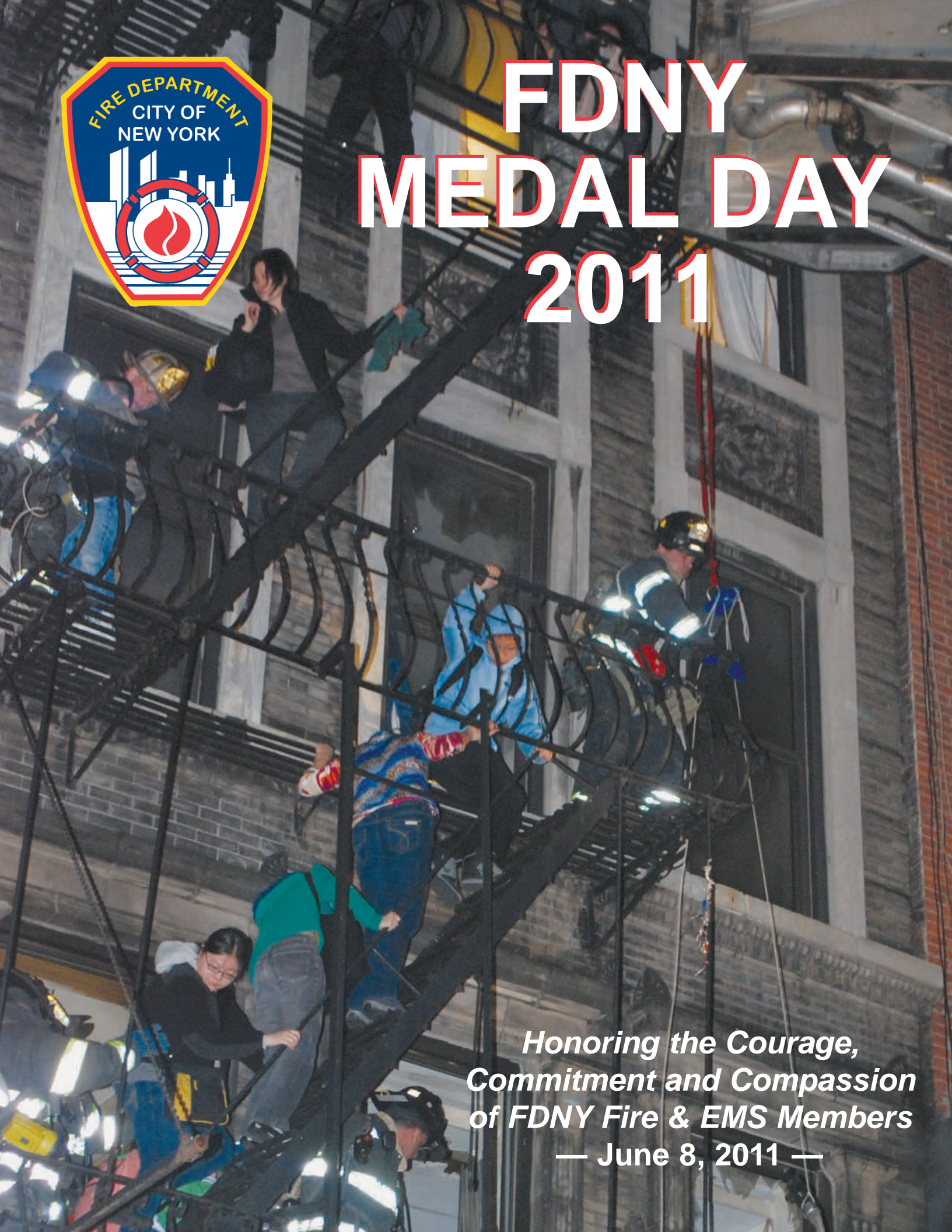




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Manhattan Box 77-0259, 283 Grand Street/Forsyth, April 11, 2010, the incident for which
FF Antonio Montesino, Squad 18, is awarded the Walter Scott Medal.

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Opposite

Queens Box 8912, Sutter Avenue/142nd Street, January 16, 2011.

photo by FF Michael Gomez, Squad 288

Back Cover

EMS Ground Transport Incident (10-32), bus accident with nine injuries, Genesee Avenue/Abingdon Avenue, Staten Island, October 25, 2010. A bus transporting handicapped adults collided with an SUV and sent the bus hurtling into a telephone pole. Firefighters removed the victims on backboards and assisted Paramedics with triage on the street.

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Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor

It is a great pleasure to welcome everyone to the New York City Fire Department's Medal Day 2011.

Our City is proud to be the home of the greatest Fire Department in the world. During the past few years, we have had fewer fires than at any time in decades, thanks to Fire Prevention programs and comprehensive building inspections. Response times by our Fire and EMS units are among the fastest ever and more of our residents are learning about fire safety and taking steps to protect themselves and their families. New York's Bravest are superbly equipped to respond to crises of any kind and, today, we take this opportunity to celebrate their amazing skill and express our gratitude for their courage in putting everything on the line to keep our City safe.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, I am honored to join you in applauding this year's medal recipients--Firefighter Peter G. Demontreux, EMT Kyle R. Barbaria, EMT Edward Rodriguez, Engine Company 63, Ladder Company 174, Engine Company 54 and Ladder Company 4, to name just a few of the many and deserving honorees.

Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful ceremony.

A handwritten signature of Michael R. Bloomberg in black ink. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned at the bottom center of the page.



Salvatore J. Cassano
Fire Commissioner

This year marks the tenth anniversary of the September 11th attacks. And while that gives us reason to reflect and remember, it is also an occasion to be proud of all that we have accomplished in the memory of the 343 members who were lost that day.

Medal Day is a great example of our endurance and strength, a decade after experiencing such devastating loss. As always, this year we will honor those members whose actions in the line of duty--putting their lives on the line to protect others--merit special recognition. Some of the highlights from this year's Medal Day include:

- **James Gordon Bennett Medal** recipient, Firefighter Peter G. Demontreux, Ladder Company 132. Both the victim and FF Demontreux became engulfed in flames during this dramatic rescue.
- **Christopher J. Prescott Medal** recipients, EMT Kyle R. Barbaria, Station 26, and EMT Edward Rodriguez, Station 20. They assisted an NYPD officer regain his weapon from an unstable patient within the confines of a hospital emergency room.
- **Lieutenant James Curran/New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation Medal** recipients, Engine Company 63, and **Firefighter Thomas R. Elsasser Memorial Medal** recipients, Ladder Company 174. Engine 63 members battled a gas-fueled fire that was set intentionally. Ladder 174 members rescued several civilians, while fighting heavy fire and thick smoke.
- **World Trade Center Memorial Medal** recipients, Engine Company 54 and Ladder Company 4. The members of these two companies performed in textbook fashion to negate a terrorist's vehicle borne improvised explosive device (VBIED) in the middle of Times Square, Manhattan.

Our members perform acts of bravery and compassion--small and large--every day. Furthermore, their actions are for the public good, not for personal acclaim. For this, they all deserve recognition and thanks. So I congratulate this year's recipients and I applaud all of our uniformed members for another exemplary year.



Edward S. Kilduff
Chief of Department

It is a tremendous honor for FDNY to host Medal Day 2011 on the prestigious aircraft carrier, *USS Intrepid*. This event could not be held in a more fitting venue. According to the dictionary, intrepid is defined as *marked by resolute courage; fearless and bold*.

Certainly, this definition is appropriate for all of our Medal Day honorees, who will be recognized today. With recent events such as the demise of Osama bin Laden, as well as the approach of the 10th anniversary of the World Trade Center attacks, the natural bond between the brave members of the FDNY and our extraordinary men and women in the armed forces is one that is time-honored and celebrated. At this year's FDNY Foundation Dinner in April, the Department recognized the 304 members who have served since September 11th in *Operation Enduring Freedom* and/or *Operation Iraqi Freedom*.

When President Obama visited the quarters of Engine 54/Ladder 4/Battalion 9, he said, *Although 9/11 obviously was the high-water mark of courage for the New York Fire Department and a symbol of sacrifice, you are making sacrifices every day*. There is no greater expression of support or honor for what our members accomplish each day.

As you enjoy this great event today, I'd like to point out that we are only a few hundred feet south of Pier 94, which housed the massive family assistance program for every family that lost loved ones on September 11th. Our members were instrumental in establishing and staffing Pier 94, where families could receive assistance in medical, legal and counseling services. The commitment of the Department to the September 11th families remains as strong now as it was in the months after the attack on the WTC.

Today, instead of focusing on any one job, rescue, medical incident or Medal Day winner, I want to salute our military for keeping us safe and defending our country and its interests within our homeland and overseas. And, I applaud all of our FDNY members--Fire and EMS--for always answering the call to protect New York City residents and visitors.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward S. Kilduff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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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)	1914--Firefighter John F. Mooney (1) (L-4)	1963--Firefighter Lawrence F. Duenas (E-59)
1870--Lieutenant Charles L. Kelly (E-9)	1915--Captain Thomas W. Smith (E-2)	1964--Firefighter David Crowley (L-14)
1871--Firefighter Ambrose L. Austin (E-15)	1916--Firefighter James T. Daniels (L-26)	1965--Firefighter James E. Bowler (R-2)
1872--Lieutenant Thomas Henry (L-6) Firefighter Thomas Hutchinson (L-1)	1917--Firefighter John Walsh (1) (L-1)	1966--Firefighter Robert E. Farrell (L-31)
1873--Battalion Chief William H. Nash (Bn-7) Firefighter Alfred Conner (L-10) Lieutenant Henry Schuck (E-34)	1918--Firefighter Patrick R. O'Connor (L-14)	1967--Firefighter Thomas D. Ferraiuolo (L-28)
1874--Captain William Mitchell (E-10)	1919--Lieutenant Francis Blessing (R-1)	1968--Firefighter Gene P. Dowling (L-25)
1875--Lieutenant James Horn (E-11)	1920--Firefighter Timothy F. O'Leary, Jr. (E-15)	1969--Firefighter James N. Tempro (E-217)
1876--Firefighter Joseph McGowan (E-6)	1921--Firefighter Frank J. Costello (L-12)	1970--Firefighter Charles Varner (L-55)
1877--Firefighter Thomas J. Dougherty (L-1)	1922--Firefighter Jacob F. Ferber (E-239)	1971--Lieutenant Richard R. Hamilton (R-2)
1878--Captain Daniel J. Meagher (L-3)	1923--Captain Edwin A.A. Quinn (E-14)	1972--Firefighter Steven C. DeRosa (L-102)
1879--Firefighter Paul Bauer (L-4)	1924--Hon. Medical Off. Harry M. Archer, MD	1973--Firefighter Raymond G. McCann (L-40)
1880--Firefighter John Levins (L-2)	1925--Captain Thomas J. O'Toole (E-27)	1974--Firefighter Gilbert J. Murtha (L-108)
1881--Firefighter Michael Connerford (E-12)	1926--Firefighter William G.R. Mitchell (E-18)	1975--Firefighter Thomas J. Neary (L-31)
1882--Firefighter John L. Rooney (L-10)	1927--Firefighter Michael McInerney (L-12)	1976--Firefighter Martin McGovern (L-114)
1883--Firefighter William B. Kirchner (E-11)	1928--Captain James A. Walsh (1) (E-234)	1977--Captain Frederick W. Gallagher (R-2)
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1886--Firefighter Michael Brady (E-34)	1931--Captain Albert B. Carlson (E-66)	1980--Lieutenant Thomas J. Neary (L-28)
1887--Lieutenant Samuel Banta (L-10)	1932--Firefighter Vincent J. Hyde (R-3)	1981--Lieutenant Howard R. Kennedy (L-154)
1888--Lieutenant William Quirk (E-22)	1933--Captain Cornell M. Garety (R-1)	1982--Firefighter Joseph H. Dirks (L-103)
1889--Firefighter William Reilly (L-12)	1934--Firefighter Rudolph F. Musil (L-12)	1983--Firefighter Kenneth L. Connelly (L-111)
1890--Captain Thomas J. Ahern (E-5)	1935--Firefighter George J. Wolken (E-60)	1984--Firefighter Robert Merkel (L-42)
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1904--Firefighter James R. McAvoy (L-4)	1948--Captain Patrick T. Green (R-1)	1997--Firefighter John K. Duddy (L-28)
1905--Firefighter Michael J. Stevens (L-4)	1949--Firefighter James S. Norton (L-163)	1998--Firefighter Stan J. Sussina (R-1)
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James Gordon Bennett Medal NYS Honorary Fire Chiefs Association Medal

FIREFIGHTER PETER G. DEMONTREUX LADDER COMPANY 132

August 30, 2010, 0427 hours, Box 22-0963, 175 Putnam Avenue, Brooklyn

Appointed to the FDNY on January 27, 2002. Previously assigned to Engine 248. Brother, Lieutenant Louis Demontreux, is assigned to Engine 154. Recipient of one unit citation, plus the Chief Ray Downey Courage and Valor Award from Fire Engineering Magazine, Daily News Hero of the Month and NY Rotary Club Service award. Holds a BS degree in Business Management from the College of Staten Island. Resides on Staten Island with his wife, Gina, and their children, Peter, Jr., Allison, Evelyn and Gwyneth.



Generally, brownstones are considered to be well-constructed and capable of withstanding the ravages of fire. This is possible since they are made of brick and stone, giving them their strength, but brownstones also contain fire and heat as do non-fireproof buildings. These factors offer the occupants security, but also make it challenging for firefighters initiating searches and rescues.

As strong as the exterior of these buildings are, they are nearly all wood on the inside, with open interior stairs that allow fire to travel quickly. This is further complicated by the lack of fire escapes (front and rear), since these are considered *private dwellings*. In reality, very few are private dwellings. The brownstone at 175 Putnam Avenue is a classic example--four stories, with limited access to the upper floors and rear of the building.

When the phone alarm came in for this Box, it was followed with numerous reports of people trapped inside the building. Engine 235 arrived first and gave the 10-75. Ladder 132 arrived a minute later and members immediately covered their positions.

Ladder 132 is a unit that has responded to numerous brownstone fires and, normally, their skills and training would make this a routine job. However, this was not a routine job.

At the third-floor window was a trapped victim; 60-year-old Henri Howell, who was in a very tenuous position with high heat and dense smoke pushing all around him. FF Peter Demontreux, the outside vent firefighter, climbed the aerial to the third floor and pulled Mr. Howell onto the aerial.

Once he had the victim safely on the aerial, Mr. Howell told his rescuer that his friend was still inside the burning apartment. Time was a critical factor; the inside team was still a floor below due to the amount of fire on the stairs and in the hall. FF Demontreux entered the third-floor window and began his search. Even with all the modern personal protective equipment (PPE), the heat and smoke drove FF Demontreux back to the window.

Meanwhile, FF Richard Myers, Rescue 2, had climbed the aerial and

began venting the adjacent window to allow some of the blistering heat and dense smoke to escape. Without hesitation, FF Demontreux turned back into the apartment to continue his search. Crawling on his hands and knees, as quickly as possible, he was able to reach the rear room where he found the other victim, the 51-year-old Clyde Mantany, who was at the window, trying to get some relief from the smoke and heat.

Knowing there was no fire escape and it would take time for a portable ladder to be brought to the rear or initiate a rope rescue from above, FF Demontreux determined the only way out was the window through which he came. Shielding Mr. Mantany as best he could, the firefighter led him back through the searing heat to the front of the building. As they entered the front room, the heat ignited into flame and engulfed both men, setting their clothes on fire. FF Myers, still at the aerial, immediately transmitted a *mayday*.

FF Demontreux, now on fire, with survival instincts telling him to get out, decided not to leave Mr. Mantany behind. Through this fully involved room and at extreme personal risk, he pulled the burning victim toward the window.

FF Demontreux, while being burned from the flames all around him, exhibited courage and tenacity by assisting the victim out the window to FF Myers, who was on the aerial. Once the victim cleared the window, FF Demontreux dove onto the aerial and both victim and rescuer were extinguished by members operating Engine 219's hand-line, which was positioned in front of the building.

Both victim and rescuer suffered extensive burns; Mr. Mantany received burns over 50 percent of his body, but is alive. Although it was destroyed, his protective gear saved FF Demontreux.

Words are inadequate to describe FF Peter G. Demontreux' heroic actions. He put his life on the line for another human being. His courage and professionalism reinforce the traditions of the fire service and FDNY and always will be remembered by those who witnessed this act of bravery. For these reasons, he is honored with the James Gordon Bennett Medal and the New York State Honorary Fire Chiefs Association Medal.--JTV



FF Peter Demontreux tends to the victim he rescued. Both victim and FF Demontreux suffered extensive burns.
photo by Damy Iudici



Brooklyn Citizens Medal/ FF Louis Valentino Award

FIREFIGHTER CHARLES J. DODENHOFF *RESCUE COMPANY 2*

August 30, 2010, 0428 hours, Box 22-0963, 175 Putnam Avenue, Brooklyn

Appointed to the FDNY on January 16, 1994. Prior assignments include Engine 320, Ladder 54 and Squad 61. Grandfather, Battalion Chief Henry Dodenhoff (now deceased), was retired from Battalion 34. Resides in Islip Terrace, Long Island, with his wife, Michele, and their daughters, Shannon, Chelsea and Cassie.

The borough of Brooklyn is no stranger to challenging fires. Its vast population, staggering size and unique diversity of construction render *the borough of churches* a place where an FDNY Firefighter quickly develops strong skills and good judgment. These attributes were on display August 30, 2010, when an early-morning fire erupted in a heavily occupied, four-story, multiple dwelling at 175 Putnam Avenue.

Rescue 2 received the alarm while *on the air*, returning from an earlier fire. The members quickly rolled into a fire scene that tested the decision-making skills and expertise of the entire company and, in particular, the capabilities of FF Charles Dodenhoff.

The arrival of Rescue 2 coincided with numerous, rapidly developing circumstances. The fire was unusually large and had gained possession of the entire *open* interior stairwell that led to all floors. The first-arriving engine company, Engine 235, was positioned on the front entrance stoop, but had not yet received water at the nozzle. Most importantly, it was clear that numerous occupants of the building were trapped and in dire need of immediate rescue from the rapidly growing fire.

Members of Rescue 2 swung into action. While the inside team ascended to the entrance of the building, FF Dodenhoff climbed the aerial to the roof with the lifesaving rope. After assuring that preliminary roof ventilation had been accomplished, he made an inspection of the rear. The Firefighter observed a male victim who was enveloped in a stream of thick, pushing smoke in a fourth-floor window.

Recognizing that interior rescue was unlikely due to the heavy fire

conditions on the stairway and realizing that the rear of the fourth floor could not be readily accessed from the front due to the unique construction of the building, FF Dodenhoff prepared for a roof rope rescue. He worked closely with FF Abel Gonzalez, Ladder 132, in deploying the rope and tying off. FF Dodenhoff rapidly disembarked from the roof edge.

Arriving at the victim's location, FF Dodenhoff learned that a second victim, an unconscious woman, was present in the room behind the male victim. The rescuer entered the room through the window and disengaged from the rope. The male victim was exhibiting extreme anxiety, bordering on panic. FF Dodenhoff provided firm reassurance, restored the man's confidence and rapidly and adroitly secured the roof rope to the victim. He then assisted the man out the window, whereupon the victim was safely lowered to the street by FF Gonzalez.

FF Dodenhoff then turned his attention to the unconscious woman. He provided immediate medical care and was assisted by the inside team of Rescue 2, which included Lieutenant Dan Murphy and FFs Hank Fried, Richie Myers and Bill Eisengrein. These members--who also performed heroically--had fought their way up the interior stairs in a punishing climb to perform interior rescue. The woman was safely removed to the street via the interior stairs.

FF Dodenhoff effected the rescue of two civilians by employing initiative, rapid decision-making and implementation of long-practiced skills, all while facing personal danger. FF Charles Dodenhoff is worthy of recognition by the Fire Department and is awarded the Brooklyn Citizens Medal/FF Louis Valentino Award.--JF



The fire building from which FF Charles J. Dodenhoff rescued two victims.

photo by Danny Iudici

Christopher J. Prescott Medal

October 28, 2010

St. Barnabas Hospital Emergency Room, East 183rd Street/3rd Avenue, Bronx



**EMT
KYLE R. BARBARIA**
STATION 26 (LEFT)

**EMT
EDWARD RODRIGUEZ**
STATION 20 (RIGHT)



Appointed to EMS as an Emergency Medical Technician on July 7, 2004. Recipient of two pre-hospital saves. Resides in the Bronx.

Appointed to EMS as an Emergency Medical Technician on July 27, 2009. Resides in the Bronx with his wife, Yudelkis, and their children, Stephenie and Ryan.

During the response to a job, while operating on-scene or even while en route to the hospital, EMS members routinely allow instinct, experience, training and quick thinking to support their knowledge of medicine and provide their patient with the best care possible. When a crew arrives at the Emergency Room (ER), however, the sense of urgency fades as the medical professionals in the hospital continue the work started in the field. Normally, it's a time for reflection and readying themselves and their equipment for the next assignment. On the evening of October 28, 2010, however, the routine down time in the ER was anything but calm for EMTs Kyle Barbaria and Edward Rodriguez.

After arriving at the ER at St. Barnabas Hospital, each with his respective unit, EMTs Barbaria and Rodriguez were awaiting triage with their respective patients. Neither of them particularly knew the other, other than the recognition of a colleague wearing that familiar FDNY uniform and the fraternal bond that joins them as pre-hospital care professionals. In a moment, without warning, they were about to trust their very lives to that unspoken relationship.

With the ER buzzing and patients and care providers moving about, a commotion oddly different from the normal, controlled chaos began to develop in the room across from the triage area where EMTs Barbaria and Rodriguez waited with their patients. EMT Barbaria was the first to pick up on the developing commotion as an NYPD officer began struggling with a patient. He wasn't sure what was happening, but it was clear that the officer was in trouble. The patient, now turned perpetrator, was struggling with the officer, reaching for his weapon. EMT Barbaria knew he had to act and engaged the situation, exploding onto the two from behind and knocking the perpetrator and the officer to the ground.

In an instant, the room that was filled with individual groups of people in various activities organized into a controlled panic as mass groups exited the room to the frantic

statements of an NYPD officer, *he's got my gun*. The tension quickly mounted as bystanders, patients and workers alike fled for their lives as the uncertainty of the situation built. Unbeknown to EMT Barbaria, EMT Rodriguez was just steps behind him, rushing to the aid of the officer.

Reaching the commotion, EMT Rodriguez jumped on the three in an attempt to secure the weapon. He could feel the perpetrator continuing to struggle to try to squeeze the trigger and free the gun. Not knowing what would happen next, EMT Rodriguez immediately was calmed by a glimpse of the familiar shoulder patch and emblem. Seeing EMT Barbaria, EMT Rodriguez thought to himself, *okay, he's not gonna let me down. We've got this*.

With the help of EMTs Barbaria and Rodriguez, the officer was able to regain his weapon and immediately called for back-up, while the EMTs continued to subdue the patient. Other members of EMS who remained in the ER joined in to hold the perpetrator down, until resources from NYPD arrived.

In speaking of the incident later on, EMT Barbaria said his reaction was visceral. *My mind went blank and I reacted, except for one thing...my two-year-old daughter*. He worried for her, but says if it happened again today, he'd do the same thing. EMT Rodriguez calls his actions nothing special. *All we've got is each other out here*, EMT Rodriguez said. Even when their Lieutenant began the process for meritorious acts recognition, both members did not want to be recognized.

At a time of great danger to their personal safety and well-being, these two EMS professionals placed their lives on the line to help a police officer facing certain peril. Had it not been for the bravery and courage displayed by EMTs Kyle Barbaria and Edward Rodriguez, the outcome on the evening of October 28, 2010, almost certainly would have ended in tragedy. In recognition of their actions, the Department presents them with the most prestigious EMS award--the Christopher J. Prescott Medal.--RT



Hugh Bonner Medal Honor Legion Medal

FIREFIGHTER STEVEN V. TROCHE

LADDER COMPANY 58

September 15, 2010, 0615 hours, Box 22-3070, 418 Bronx Park Avenue, Bronx

Appointed to the FDNY on August 16, 1998. Previously assigned to Engine 279. Resides in Floral Park, Long Island, with his wife, Nancy, and their children, Kelly, Nicky, Julia and Olivia.

Due to their all-wood construction feature and the fact that they were built during a period of many years--some in the early 1900s--the row frame-type private dwelling presents a far more complex fire problem than the average private dwelling. Of significance, the common or poorly firestopped cockloft and cornice permit rapid fire spread into exposures. Thus, on September 15, 2010, at 0615 hours, the members of Ladder 58 and, in particular, FF Steven V. Troche, would all be reminded just how complicated it is for FDNY Firefighters to battle a fire in this kind of dwelling.

Ladder 58, commanded by Captain Joseph A. Principio, were dispatched for a phone alarm, reporting a fire at 418 Bronx Park Avenue in the Bronx, a residence for Tashauna Staples and her two-year-old son, Ahmad. Fortunately for the Staples family, this section of the Bronx is well safeguarded by the members of Ladder 58 and Engine 45.

On arrival, Captain Principio noticed heavy smoke pushing from the first floor and basement of this row frame-type private dwelling. Subsequently, while conducting his size-up, he was informed by two self-evacuating and severely burned civilians that people were still trapped in the basement apartment.

Heading toward their assigned positions, the inside team--Captain Principio, forcible entry Firefighter, FF Troche, and extinguisher Firefighter, FF Peter F. Tynan, Engine 45--entered the first floor to locate the interior stairs to the basement apartment. The stairs were located approximately 20 feet inside the first-floor hallway. These stairs were only 24 inches wide and because of their steepness, created a chimney-like effect of punishing heat and smoke.

Fighting through the discomfort caused by the intense heat during their descent into the basement, members discovered a three-bedroom apartment at the base of the stairs. Compounding this emergency was that the fire was in an advanced stage, with possession of a narrow, 30-inch-wide hallway, and extending into the bedrooms. Adding to the rapid progression of this fire was

a low ceiling height of only six feet. Ventilation was minimal, creating a toxic smoke condition with zero visibility.

Captain Principio directed FF Troche to search to the right, as FF Tynan was directed to start using his extinguisher on visible fire. Simultaneously, the Captain began his search to the left, which was the kitchen and bathroom. Passing this area and reaching the first bedroom, Captain Principio ordered FFs Troche and Tynan to continue toward the second and third bedrooms.

While negotiating through high heat and zero visibility, FF Troche found an unconscious and burned 20-year-old female on the floor, in-between two beds. While attempting to remove the victim, he discovered her two-year-old child, unconscious and badly burned, protected beneath her.

Weighing options for a speedy removal of these victims, Captain Principio relayed the severity of the situation to the Incident Commander, as FF Nicholas Marchese, the outside vent Firefighter, gained access through a rear basement door. Unfortunately, this door did not facilitate victim removal and left members no option but to risk going back up the stairs.

FFs Troche and Marchese lifted the unconscious mother, while FF Tynan scooped up the unconscious child. The members used themselves as protective shields to pass the intense heat and fire in the hallway as they made their way up the narrow and steep stairway. Through discomfort and pain, the three rescuers were able to reach the

first floor, where they were met by the advancing members of Engine 45. After reaching the first floor, both mother and child were rapidly transferred into the hands of EMS personnel.

This rescue was successful due to the selfless act of bravery of all the members of Ladder 58, but especially that of FF Steven V. Troche. Thanks to FF Troche's efforts, both victims have recovered from severe life-threatening injuries and are alive and well today. For these reasons, he is presented with the Hugh Bonner Medal and the Honor Legion Medal.--PWB



Ladder 58 members worked at Bronx Box 75-2908, 1711 Boone Avenue, near 174th Street, in the West Farms section, November 25, 2009.
photo by FF Steven Troche

Emily Trevor/ Mary B. Warren Medal

FIREFIGHTER DANTE R. MAZZETTI

LADDER COMPANY 12

August 9, 2010, 2303 hours, Box 22-0596, 214 West 21st Street, Manhattan

Appointed to the FDNY on August 5, 2007. Studied Liberal Arts and Music at SUNY at Purchase. Resides in Manhattan with his wife, Jessica.



Ladder 12 received a phone alarm for a structural fire at 214 West 21st Street, on August 9, 2010, at 2303 hours. En route, Ladder 12 was informed by the dispatchers that they were receiving multiple calls from the location, a six-story, non-fireproof building with 30 apartments. On arrival, Lieutenant Jack Bradley, Ladder 12, transmitted the 10-75 for a fire visible from two windows on the fourth floor.

The Lieutenant entered the building with his inside team, which included FF Dante Mazzetti, carrying the extinguisher, and FF Christopher Mallery, the irons Firefighter. Ascending the stairs to the fire floor, they were met by several self-evacuating building occupants who confirmed that a 96-year-old female, Katina Voultsepsis, was in the apartment, 3A.

Arriving at the apartment door, the inside team found heavy smoke pushing from around the door frame. FF Mallery positioned himself to force entry, while Lieutenant Bradley and FF Mazzetti cleared the stairs and public hall of fleeing occupants.

After forcing entry, the crew entered the apartment under high heat and zero visibility. As the team searched deeper into the apartment, the remaining windows in the apartment failed, intensifying the fire and lighting up the living room. At this point, Battalion

Chief Christopher Boyle, Battalion 7, transmitted a second alarm, expecting the fire conditions and auto-exposure to extend the fire to the floor above.

The forcible entry team took refuge in the front bedroom. Knowing a life was at risk, however, they made another attempt toward the living room, still without the protection of a charged hose-line. As FF Mazzetti moved through the apartment in an attempt to locate the fire and control it with his extinguisher, he located the woman in the living room and promptly transmitted the 10-45. FF Mazzetti shielded the woman from the intense heat as Engine 1 members arrived with their hose-line. Lieutenant Robert Narducci, Engine 1, ordered the line to protect the members effecting the removal of Ms. Voultsepsis.

In Chief Boyle's report on the meritorious act, he noted,

The actions of FF Mazzetti provided her only chance for survival. Although she ultimately succumbed to her injuries, FF Mazzetti's conduct was in the highest traditions of the fire service. In recognition for his heroic efforts under brutal conditions, FF Dante Mazzetti is awarded the Emily Trevor/Mary B. Warren Medal.-- CF



FF Dante Mazzetti (third from the left)--with members of Ladder 12--was awarded the Emily Trevor/Mary B. Warren Medal.



Thomas E. Crimmins Medal

FIREFIGHTER ROBERT A. DIAZ

LADDER COMPANY 166

February 16, 2010, 1215 hours, Box 75-3541, 2970 West 24th Street, Brooklyn

Appointed to the FDNY on May 31, 2005. Resides on Staten Island with his wife, Jeanine.

Fires occurring in occupied multiple dwellings generally mean that people are trapped and in need of assistance. Such was the case on February 16, 2010, at 2970 West 24th Street, Brooklyn. The involved building was a 17-story, 100- by 50-foot, high-rise multiple dwelling, featuring six apartments on each floor.

At 1215 hours, numerous phone alarms were received at the Brooklyn Fire Communications Office for a fire and smoke in a building in the vicinity of West 24th Street. This information was transmitted to the local firehouses, including Ladder 166. Combining a fast turnout, quick response and heroic action would be necessary to lessen the severity of injuries, if any occupants were trapped. Thanks to training and experience, the members of Ladder 166 were up to this task.

On arrival, members noticed smoke pushing out of windows on the upper floors of this high-rise apartment building. Lieutenant Michael Johnson, Engine 318, transmitted a 10-75, notifying incoming units that there was a working fire at this location. The members of Ladder 166 sized up the situation and realized the arduous task ahead of them, knowing that this operation would be a challenge to rescue any trapped civilians in the apartments on the upper floors.

FF Robert Diaz, along with other members of the forcible entry team, entered the elevator. They had the knowledge and awareness to operate this elevator on Firemen Service to ensure their safety as they ascended to the upper floors. At this time, Ladder 166 was not aware of the exact location of the fire.

Because of the lack of solid information and confusing apartment configurations (duplex apartments on several floors), search for the fire apartment began several floors below the 15th floor. On arrival at the 15th floor and advancing through a smoke-filled hallway, FF Diaz and the forcible entry team found the fire apartment. At this time, Ladder 166 was informed that the first hose-line would not be in position to protect them as they entered the fire apartment.

Despite the high heat and heavy smoke condition with zero visibility, FF Diaz crawled into the fire apartment in search of any trapped civilians. He went through the kitchen and the living room, searching all areas, then into the bedroom, where he felt a medical oxygen nebulizing machine.

At this time, the heat was intensifying and visibility was non-existent. FF Diaz followed a medical oxygen line to a closet, where he encountered piles of clothes and pillows. At the bottom of this pile, he discovered a young boy. FF Diaz began dragging the unconscious child toward the public hallway, even though the fire now was rolling over their heads. He had to shield the victim with his body to lessen the severity of injuries. As they reached the public hallway, FF Diaz carried the 11-year-old boy to the floor below the fire, providing mouth-to-mouth resuscitation en route.

FF Diaz' courage and selfless actions in a dangerous situation, without the protection of a charged hose-line, are indicative of his heroic rescue of the young boy. For his initiative and bravery, without regard for his own safety, the FDNY is proud to honor FF Robert A. Diaz with the Thomas E. Crimmins Medal.--EB



FF Robert Diaz leaves his apparatus to go to work.

Thomas A. Kenny Memorial Medal

LIEUTENANT EDWARD J. GONZALEZ

LADDER COMPANY 161

August 27, 2010, 0238 hours, Box 22-3545, 2686 Colby Court, Brooklyn

Appointed to the FDNY on July 5, 1988. Previously assigned to Engine 210 and Ladder 122. Son, EMT Edward J. Gonzalez, Jr., is assigned to EMS Station 57. Recipient of one unit citation. Holds an AAS degree in Applied Science from the College of Staten Island. Resides on Staten Island, with his wife, Cindy, and their four children, Edward, Jr., Brittany, Nicholas and Samantha.



August 27, 2010, was an in-between night--not too hot and not too cold--with the temperature in the high 60s. Soon, however, it became quite hot for Lieutenant Edward Gonzalez, a 22-year veteran of the Department, and his inside team of Ladder 161. At 0238 hours, they responded first-due to a report of fire at 2686 Colby Court, a six-story, 50-by 200-foot, H-type, Class 3, multiple dwelling that provided a home to 120 families. Despite the heavy foliage of the neighborhood trees, the fire was immediately visible on the building's top floor.

Lieutenant Gonzalez led his interior team--FFs Nicholas Shelse, forcible entry Firefighter, and Keith Norris, the extinguisher Firefighter--up the building's single, centrally located, interior stairs. Because the apartment door was open, thick, black smoke already was banking down the stairs as they masked up on the fifth floor. Arriving on the sixth floor, the Lieutenant put the unit's thermal imaging camera to good use, piercing the impenetrable wall of smoke and identifying the fire apartment.

As they crawled down the hall toward the fire apartment, they could hear the efforts of the engine company stretching the first hose-line. It was a long stretch--13 lengths--and Lieutenant Gonzalez knew that they would have to operate for some time without the protection of a charged line.

Now, at the apartment door, despite the increasing heat and without the protection of a hose-line, the Officer initiated his primary search inside the smoke-choked apartment. The Lieutenant directed FF Shelse to search left, while he and FF Norris searched to the right. FF Shelse quickly encountered a victim in the apartment hallway. After transmitting the 10-45 signal, notifying the Incident Commander that a victim had been found, Lieutenant Gonzalez directed FF Shelse to drag the victim down the hall and out of the fire apartment. He then had FF Norris try to hold the expanding fire in check with his 2 1/2-gallon extinguisher, while he continued the search, moving deeper into the apartment.

Fire was extending out of the bedroom on his right as Lieutenant Gonzalez received

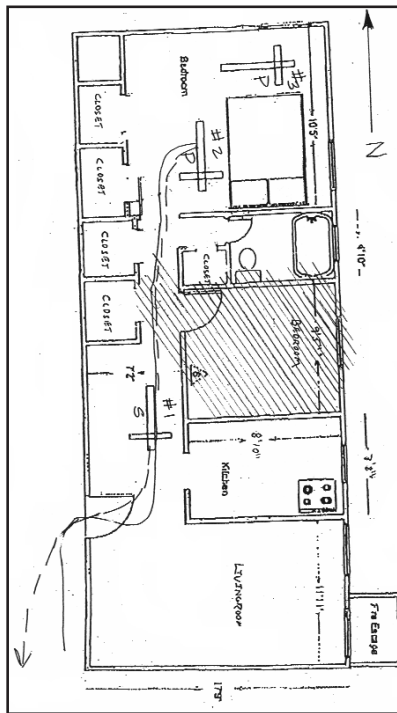
a radio message from his outside vent Firefighter, stating that fire had extended into the cockloft. Two more victims were reported to be somewhere in the apartment. The Officer, despite the fact that there still was no hose-line protecting him, knowing he was at risk of having his escape route cut off by the expanding fire and that the fire now burned over his head in the cockloft and could drop down on him at any time, pushed past the fire, extending his search deeper into the confines.

The Lieutenant crawled into the rear bedroom and found the second victim, an 80-year-old woman. As he transmitted the second 10-45 signal and began dragging her out of the bedroom and back toward the public hall, Lieutenant Gonzalez heard the welcome sound of Engine 245's Officer call to his chauffeur to start water in his line. Moving down the hallway toward the apartment door, the Officer encountered Engine 245 members advancing their line.

As he passed them with the victim, Lieutenant Gonzalez' mask was dislodged, exposing him to a witch's brew of hot smoke. At this point, FF Shelse was able to assist him in removing the victim from the burning apartment, out into the public hall. Once in the hall, the victim was entrusted to a Firefighter from Engine 254 for removal and patient care.

Hearing another 10-45 transmitted for a third victim and despite having taken a feed when his mask was dislodged, Lieutenant Gonzalez and his team returned to the rear bedroom and removed the victim from the apartment and down to the fourth floor. During this process, the Lieutenant lost his balance and fell on the stairs. He was removed to the hospital and treated for smoke inhalation and an injured elbow.

Lieutenant Gonzalez performed in accordance with the highest traditions of the FDNY. He exhibited initiative, leadership, determination and competence. Because civilian life was at stake, he knowingly put himself in danger to save Estelle Galperin. Because of his heroism that day, Lieutenant Edward J. Gonzalez is recognized with the Thomas A. Kenny Memorial Medal.--FCM



As indicated in the diagram, Lieutenant Edward Gonzalez twice passed fire to rescue a victim.



Walter Scott Medal

FIREFIGHTER ANTONIO MONTESINO

SQUAD COMPANY 18

April 11, 2010, 2214 hours, Box 77-0259, 283 Grand Street, Manhattan

Appointed to the FDNY on May 4, 2003. Previously assigned to Engine 52. Resides in New City, NY, with his wife, Betty, and their children, Lorenzo and Luna.

Just after 2200 hours on April 11, 2010, Squad 18 was sent from their firehouse to an apartment building fire at 289 Grand Street in Chinatown. On arrival, the members of Squad 18 noticed heavy smoke from several buildings, making it very difficult to pinpoint the origin of the fire. After reporting to Deputy Chief Robert E. Carroll, Division 1, the Squad members were ordered to search two buildings adjacent to the then-assumed fire building.

Lieutenant Edward F. Cancro split his company between the two buildings (283 and 285 Grand Street) to expedite the searches. FF Antonio Montesino was sent to 283 Grand Street, a six-story tenement. Unknown to him and the other Firefighters and Officers, he was headed to the fire's origin.

As FF Montesino entered the building, he was surprised by the heavy smoke encountered on the first floor. A civilian told him that more people were trapped upstairs, a piece of information that changed his approach drastically. Even though he was alone, FF Montesino had to search more aggressively with the knowledge of a confirmed life hazard. He transmitted his location and the conditions to the Command Post and donned his facepiece, entering the black smoke. FF Montesino found the stairwell and ascended to the second-floor public hallway.

While crawling down the pitch-black hallway, FF Montesino found an apartment door to his left. From behind the door, he heard the sounds of a struggling occupant; time was running out for this person. FF Montesino determined that the apartment door was locked, but he was able to break through the locks and open the door with his Halligan tool.

After crawling about 10 feet into the apartment, he found a semi-conscious, 86-year-old woman, Mei Ge Zheng, on the kitchen floor. FF Montesino tried to transmit the signal for a confirmed fire victim on the handie-talkie, but radio traffic was too heavy. The second time FF Montesino transmitted, Lieutenant Cancro acknowledged his Firefighter and headed toward FF Montesino to assist him.

When the Lieutenant found FF Montesino, he was dragging the victim out of the apartment and down the hall as fire and smoke conditions deteriorat-

ed. Lieutenant Cancro was able to get through on the radio to relay the message about victim removal. On hearing the radio signal, Battalion Chief James A. Smithwick, Battalion 2, and Engine 7 responded to the location, where Engine 7 members helped remove the victim down the stairs and out of the building.

With the first victim removed, Lieutenant Cancro and FF Montesino re-entered the second-floor apartment to complete the search. Due to high heat and crackling sounds, the Officer knew that the fire soon would overtake the second floor, so he requested, via the radio, a protective hose-line, which would not be in place for several minutes.

FF Montesino crawled past the point where he found the first victim, following the wall to his left about 25 feet into the apartment, when he heard a faint moan to his right. The rescuer crawled at a right angle from the wall, toward the moans, into a bedroom. He found a bed and began searching under and over it. With only seconds left before he would have to retreat from the apartment due to the intense heat, FF Montesino made one last lunge over the bed to find a second victim, 80-year-old Chung Shimi Lam, between the bed and the wall.

FF Montesino grabbed the victim under the arms and made his way back out of the apartment. Nearing exhaustion, the Firefighter dragged the unconscious victim through the apartment and into the public hallway. At this point, the victim was passed to FF Brian R. McGuire, also from Squad 18, who removed the victim to the street and began CPR. It was learned later that at the same time FF Montesino located the second

victim, the floor collapsed in another room of the apartment, which greatly intensified the heat build-up in the area.

FF Montesino's decisive and aggressive actions, combined with clear and accurate communications, were instrumental in the removal of the two victims. He operated alone in an advanced fire environment without a charged hose-line, putting himself in danger. Had it not been for FF Montesino's training, coupled with his courage and determination, the victims surely would have perished. For his bravery, FF Antonio Montesino is awarded the Walter Scott Medal.--SN



Squad 18 members operate from the fire escape at Manhattan Box 77-0259.

photo by Fred Bacchi

John H. Prentice Medal

FIREFIGHTER ROBERT CUCCIO

LADDER COMPANY 58

July 18, 2010, 1452 hours, Box 2971, waterfalls at Bronx Park at East 180th Street/Boston Road, Bronx

Appointed to the FDNY on July 28, 2002. Previously assigned to Engines 36 and 45. Resides in Baldwin, Long Island, with his wife, Sara, and their children, Kyle, Anna and Olivia.



In the afternoon of July 18, 2010, Ladder 58 received a call for reports of a child in the water, a drowning or possibly a missing child. On arrival, the members of Ladder 58 witnessed a commotion in an area about 100 yards into Bronx Park. This particular location is the top of a waterfall, which is fed by the Bronx River. Additional information indicated that two teenagers had entered the water and were not seen exiting.

FF Robert Cuccio, Ladder 58, along with FFs Martin Murphy and Thomas Wutz, Jr., also of Ladder 58, climbed over a fence, climbed down the steep rocks and removed their handie-talkies. The men immediately dove into the water. Captain Joseph Principio conferred with an NYPD Lieutenant on the scene regarding whether the situation was confirmed. It was, in fact, confirmed and two people were missing. They were pulled underwater and tangled in debris.

The Captain ordered the lifesaving rope deployed as a lifeline for FF Cuccio and the other members in the water. FF Phil Leto, Ladder 58, manned the rope on the river bank, while FF Duane Davis, Ladder 58, brought the necessary tools to the point of operation so the fence could be opened for better access to the scene. The Captain and remaining Firefighters continued to monitor the water from the river bank and provide back-up assistance as needed.

The water running in this waterway measures about 100 feet wide, is very dark and murky and the riverbed is strewn with branches and debris. FF Cuccio and the members in the water kept diving, frantically searching as best they could without the benefit of

scuba equipment. After approximately seven to eight minutes, in an area just above the waterfall, FF Cuccio dove down and located a 15-year-old female, who was entangled in tree branches approximately 15 feet below the water's surface.

FF Cuccio worked to disentangle her and was able to bring her to the surface. He then swam with her to the eastern bank of the river. She was passed off and removed across the waterfall, where EMS personnel were standing by to tend to her. She was packaged and removed up the rocky embankment by EMS members, along with FFs Leto and Davis. With her removal, Captain Principio ordered his members to continue diving and searching until Rescue 3 entered the water. The young woman was transported to St. Barnabus Hospital.

At this incident, FF Cuccio made repeated efforts, diving below the dark, murky waters, searching through tree branches for the victims. Using his sense of feel, he groped through the debris until he found the overcome woman. His tenacity, bravery and skill were rewarded. He was in peril as he dove into the water to attempt to find the two missing people.

FF Cuccio's brave actions gave the young woman the best chance for survival. Although she ultimately expired in the hospital, the Firefighter's efforts are by no means diminished. His bravery was in keeping with the highest traditions of Ladder 58 and Engine 45, as well as the New York City Fire Department. In recognition of his heroism, FF Robert Cuccio is awarded the John H. Prentice Medal.--TW



Ladder 58 operates at Bronx Box 22-3177, 452 East 182nd Street/Washington Avenue, in the Tremont section, on April 15, 2011.
photo by FF Michael Gomez, Squad 288



Henry D. Brookman Medal

FIREFIGHTER WILLIAM L. ROESCH, JR. LADDER COMPANY 168

November 1, 2010, 1230 hours, Box 75-2840, 1738 79th Street, Brooklyn

Appointed to the FDNY on August 16, 1998. Previously assigned to Engine 243. Uncle, FF Glenn Ott, is retired from Engine 266; cousin, FF Mike Ott, is assigned to Engine 311; and brothers-in-law, FFs Mike Donovan and Craig Dunn, are assigned to Ladder 36 and Engine 313, respectively. Member of the Steuben Association and Emerald Society. Resides in Queens with his wife, Shannon, and their sons, William, III, and Jack.

While New York City sanitation workers are known as the *Strongest*, there are moments when the *Bravest* demonstrate how brute strength, coupled with determination and devotion to duty, make a difference at a critical moment. This was the case on a chilly November afternoon as a fire broke out at 1738 79th Street in Bensonhurst, Brooklyn.

At 1230 hours, FF William L. Roesch, Jr., and Ladder 168, while on inspection duty, were dispatched to Box 2840 for a reported fire. On arrival, members did not detect any fire from the front of the three-story, 40- by 80-foot, old law tenement. However, conditions inside the building were far different.

Engine 243 (a four-Firefighter engine) began to stretch a 1³/₄-inch line. Ladder 168's Officer, Lieutenant Michael Doda, had entered the building as part of the forcible entry team and transmitted a 10-75 signal as fire was found on the landing of the second floor. The Officer then radioed entry could not be made due to the advancing fire and a delay in advancing the hose-line. Lieutenant Doda also noted the occupant of apartment 2R was missing.

FF Roesch, working the outside vent position, was familiar with this kind of structure. He knew that if a person was cut off from the primary egress, he/she would move to the back bedroom to access a fire escape. The Firefighter proceeded to the rear of the building and climbed the fire escape. Reaching the second floor, his instincts were rewarded as he saw an unconscious victim on the floor of the room. However, access was cut off by a heavy-gauge steel security gate mounted on the inside of the window frame.

Working quickly, FF

Roesch removed the aluminum-clad window, sash and jamb. However, he was unable to access the lag bolts that held the security bars. The Firefighter employed all possible means of entry, managing to make only a narrow opening at the bottom of the bars. As the smoke lifted somewhat, he saw the victim again and realized time was short. The rescuer then got onto his hands and knees and placed his shoulders to the security bars. Using all his strength, FF Roesch was able to bend the bars just enough to access the interior.

On entry, FF Roesch was met with a high heat and smoke condition. The badly burned victim was in a prone position, wedged between several storage boxes. The victim could not be dragged, so the rescuer was forced to lift her up and carry her the short distance over the debris until the heat became unbearable. He lowered her to the floor to escape the horrific conditions, but quickly renewed his efforts. He repeated these steps several times and used a short piece of webbing, which provided him with a better grip to move the woman. The Firefighter slowly moved her to the front of the apartment. Here, FF Roesch was met by the forcible entry team moving into the apartment. These members assisted in removing the victim.

In reporting the incident, Acting Deputy Chief Michael McLaughlin noted: *FF Roesch's actions exemplify those traits and characteristics that this Department holds most dearly. Through determination and great effort, he entered an area that placed him in direct exposure to the push of the advancing hose-line. This risk was compounded by his limited means of egress, had the situation deteriorated. His actions were the only actions that would have resulted in a successful rescue.* Therefore, the Fire Department is proud to honor FF William L. Roesch, Jr., today with the Henry D. Brookman Medal.--DJH



Ladder 168 operates at Brooklyn Box 75-2840, the job for which FF William Roesch is being honored with the Henry D. Brookman Medal. Inset photo shows FF Roesch and Ladder 168 members, who worked with him that day.

M.J. Delehanty Medal

FIREFIGHTER JAMES G. McNULTY

LADDER COMPANY 170

February 5, 2010, 1818 hours, Box 75-1986, 752 Snediker Avenue, Brooklyn

Appointed to the FDNY on February 4, 2001. Member of the Emerald Society. Recipient of two Class As and two unit citations, as well as the Daily News Hero of the Month award. Holds a BA degree in History from Binghamton University. Resides in Kings Park, Long Island, with his wife, Elizabeth, and their son, J.T., and daughters, Caitlin and Ciara.



Inscribed on the lobby wall of Buildings 9 and 11 at the FDNY Fire Training Academy on Randall's Island is the saying, *Let no man's ghost come back to say, his training let him down.* FDNY's Firefighters constantly train and drill so that they may be prepared for any challenge they encounter. This extensive training was on display and exhibited by FF James McNulty at Box 1986, 752 Snediker Avenue, Canarsie, Brooklyn, when he rescued a two-year-old boy from a burning old law tenement.

On February 5, 2010, at 1818 hours, the Brooklyn communications office received a telephone alarm, reporting a fire in a multiple dwelling. After receiving the alarm, Engine 257 and Ladder 170 responded. While en route, the dispatcher reported receiving multiple calls and reports of occupants trapped in an apartment.

A 10-75 was transmitted for a fire on the top floor of a two-story old law tenement building. As FF McNulty grabbed his irons to head in with the inside team--which also included Lieutenant William Croak and FF Paul Peterson--he observed a woman hysterically screaming that her children were trapped in the fire apartment. At this time, the intensity of the fire was such that the apartment windows had failed and heavy, black smoke was emanating from the apartment.

FF McNulty and the inside team reached the fire apartment and donned their masks. Making entry into the fire apartment, the acrid smoke reduced visibility to zero, making search conditions extremely difficult.



FF James G. McNulty on the fireground.

The team members made their way toward the rear of the apartment, where the fire fully involved one of the two bedrooms and was extending into the living room, making it impossible for the trapped children to escape.

Lieutenant Croak ordered FF Peterson to control the fire with his extinguisher and FF McNulty to search the adjoining bedroom. At this time, without the protection of a charged hand-line, FF McNulty made his move past the raging fire into the second bedroom, where he located two-year-old Reynaldo Perez, face-up and unresponsive on a bed. FF McNulty transmitted a 10-45 to Lieutenant Croak and Battalion Chief John McKeon, Battalion 58.

FF McNulty then carried the motionless child past the fire, again without a hand-line in place, and out of the apartment. He carried him down to the street, where he immediately began CPR. Once FF McNulty was relieved of the youngster's care by members of Engine 257--who did an outstanding job, employing their CPR skills--he returned to the fire apartment to continue his search. EMS personnel then transported the boy to Brookdale Hospital and subsequently to Cornell Hospital.

The heroic actions of FF McNulty, effecting a rescue without the protection of a charged hose-line and putting himself in danger, is the reason why Reynaldo Perez is alive today. For his bravery and serving as a role model for the Department, FF James G. McNulty is awarded the M.J. Delehanty Medal.--SI



William F. Conran Medal

LIEUTENANT WILLIAM R. CROAK LADDER COMPANY 170

February 5, 2010, 1818 hours, Box 75-1986, 752 Snediker Avenue, Brooklyn

Appointed to the FDNY on September 25, 1982. Previous assignments include Engines 237 and 274 and Ladder 124. Member of the Steuben Association. Recipient of the Thomas F. Dougherty and Albert S. Johnston Medals, as well as two unit citations. Retired as a Command Master Chief after 30 years with the Navy SeaBees, both active and reserve. Resides in Valley Stream, Long Island, with his wife, Karen. They have three children--Billy, Jr., Janette and Jason.

Shortly into the night tour of February 5, 2010, Ladder 170 was responding to a reported fire in a multiple dwelling. Commanding the company on this tour was Lieutenant William R. Croak. He acknowledged the Brooklyn dispatcher's report of multiple calls with people trapped.

Arriving at 752 Snediker Avenue, the members of Ladder 170 saw numerous people rapidly exiting the two-story, 20- by 50-foot brick dwelling. As Lieutenant Croak and his inside team of FFs Paul Peterson, the extinguisher Firefighter, and James McNulty, the irons Firefighter, entered the building, they were told by the fleeing occupants that kids were trapped on the second floor. In his size-up, Lieutenant Croak noticed that smoke was billowing from the second-floor windows, which already had failed, due to the heat. He requested that Battalion Chief John McKeon, Battalion 58, transmit the 10-75.

When Lieutenant Croak and his Firefighters made their way to the second floor, they found the hallway filling with smoke because the apartment door had been left open. On their hands and knees and masked up, Lieutenant Croak and his inside team entered the fire apartment, where they were met by high heat and heavy smoke. Without the protection of a hose-line, the members began to feel their way toward the bedrooms located in the back of the apartment.

FF Peterson went to the bedroom on the left and used his extinguisher to hold the fire back. The fire was extending into the living room, which is where Lieutenant Croak began his search, while FF McNulty began searching the adjoining bedroom. Engine 290 had arrived, but members

were just beginning to stretch their hose-line from the street to the second-floor fire apartment.

After finding a victim, FF McNulty transmitted a 10-45 over his radio. Hearing this report, Lieutenant Croak knew that another victim was trapped somewhere in this apartment. His search of the living room yielded negative results. The Officer doubled his efforts, passed the fire and entered the same bedroom in which FF McNulty had found his victim.

Lieutenant Croak thoroughly searched this room and lifted the mattress from the bed. It was here that the Lieutenant's experience paid off, because after lifting off the mattress, he found the motionless body of a child, face-down under the bed. Four-year-old Ezekial Perez was not breathing and had no pulse. Lieutenant Croak radioed his find to Chief McKeon, scooped the child up and felt his way back to the apartment entrance.

After exiting the fire building with the injured child, the Officer handed him off to the members of Engine 257. These Firefighters did an outstanding job and successfully revived the child before turning his care over to EMS personnel, who transported him to Brookdale Hospital. Due to the severity of his

injuries, the youngster was transferred to NY Cornell Hospital for treatment in the pediatric hyperbaric chamber.

Lieutenant Croak's experience and bravery, particularly without the protection of a hose-line, led to the rescue of Ezekial Perez. It is with honor that Lieutenant William R. Croak is awarded the William F. Conran Medal for his actions.--AP



Members of Ladder 170 operated at Bristol Street, between Linden Boulevard and Ditmas Avenue, Brooklyn, April 9, 2009.
photo by FF Peter Brady, Ladder 174

Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia Medal

FIREFIGHTER ANTHONY E. CHAIMOWITZ

LADDER COMPANY 112

March 10, 2010, 2228 hours, Box 75-0851, 732 Decatur Street, Brooklyn

Appointed to the FDNY on February 16, 1999. Previously assigned to Ladder 15. Cousin, FF John Vaeth, is assigned to Engine 257. Member of Ner Tamid Society. Served as a USN Petty Officer, 2nd class. Resides in Shoreham, Long Island, with his wife, Amy, and their sons, Gabrielle and Jack, and daughter, Peyton.



Ladder 112, stationed in the Bushwick section of Brooklyn, received a run to respond as the second-due truck for a fire at 732 Decatur Street with reports of people trapped, on March 10, 2010, at 2228 hours. FF Anthony Chaimowitz was assigned the irons for the tour and knew that his company would be operating on the floor above the fire, which is always a dangerous position.

When Ladder 112 arrived at the Box, the members were met by heavy fire and smoke venting out the front door of the parlor floor of a three-story brownstone. The fire had control of two rear rooms on the second floor and the second-floor hallway and was extending up the interior stairs to the third-floor hallway and into the third-floor rear bedroom via an open door.

Lieutenant Victor Rosa, Ladder 112, ordered FF Chaimowitz up to the third floor with the truck's outside team to conduct searches for the trapped occupants. As the engine company began to knock down the fire on the second floor, FF Chaimowitz, without hesitation or regard for his own safety, proceeded up the stairs to the third floor. As the Firefighter was making his way up the stairs, the hallway reignited and he was forced to the floor.

The conditions became worse and FF Chaimowitz had

to search for and locate the door to the third-floor apartment in zero visibility with a high heat condition surrounding him. He was able to locate the apartment door and passed a bathroom and kitchen before locating the bedroom. A hose-line was not operating yet on the third floor as FF Chaimowitz performed his search and located 40-year-old Eddie Ortiz on the bed in the rear bedroom.

FF Chaimowitz then transmitted a 10-45, removed the victim to the floor and began dragging him to the front windows. As the rescuer was passing the front door to the apartment, he could hear Engine 233 operating its hose-line up the stairs. FF Chaimowitz opened the door to check the conditions and realized that he could remove the victim down the interior stairs and out to the street.

He was preparing to start CPR on the victim, but turned patient care over to an engine company. The man's pulse was restored and he was transported to Interfaith Medical Center by EMS personnel. Unfortunately, he passed away while in the hospital.

In spite of the sad outcome, FF Anthony Chaimowitz gave Eddie Ortiz his best chance to survive. For his heroics, he is officially recognized by the FDNY on Medal Day and is presented with the Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia Medal.--
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Ladder 112 operated at Queens Box 75-4044, 1717 Palmetto Street/Seneca Avenue, July 21, 2010. FDNY members removed nine civilians who were suffering from smoke inhalation and minor injuries.

photo by Allen Epstein



Tracy Allen-Lee Medal

November 1, 2010
Brooklyn Avenue/Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn



EMT DEWEY A. MENDONCA STATION 44

*Appointed to EMS as an Emergency Medical Technician on July 11, 2005.
Recipient of a Unit of the Month award. Resides in Queens.*

EMT GARFIELD A. SMYTHE STATION 44

*Appointed to EMS as an Emergency Medical Technician on February 22,
1988. Resides in Brooklyn.*

The 44C3 crew of EMTs Dewey Mendonca and Garfield Smythe started their tour on Monday, November 1, 2010, in much the same way that other units start their tour at Station 44, Brownsville, also known as the *Rockaway Roadrunners*. The pair received and checked their equipment, conducted an ambulance inspection, logged on and believed it would be another routine day in the life of an FDNY EMS Paramedic or EMT.

How quickly that assumption changed. EMTs Mendonca and Smythe received an assignment not too long after they logged on. They responded, treated and transported one of the day's many 911 callers to the nearest hospital. As soon as the crew became available from the hospital, the dispatcher called them and dispatched a 911 call for an injury at Brooklyn Avenue and Eastern Parkway. Little did the EMTs know that this next so-called routine injury assignment would make a crucial impact on the life of the patient.

The ambulance and crew arrived at the intersection of Brooklyn Avenue and Eastern Parkway, only to find an adult male being attacked by a pit bull terrier, while a second dog paced back and forth near the man. Several bystanders who called 911 were watching the events unfold from a safe distance and NYPD had not arrived at the scene yet.

As the victim was struggling to restrain the dog's head after receiving deep lacerations to his right arm and left wrist, the patient--wounded and exhausted from the struggle--could not hold the dog off any longer. Recognizing that there was an imminent life threat to the victim, EMTs Mendonca and Smythe attempted to help hold the dog down. The pit bull terrier then released its grip from the victim, managed to break free from the EMTs and bit EMT Mendonca on the right forearm.

EMT Mendonca was able to free his arm from the pit bull and his partner, EMT Smythe, shouted and waved his arms, scaring the animal away. Noticing he had some swelling and compression bite marks to his right forearm, EMT Mendonca stated he didn't want an additional unit to treat him. He could monitor and continue patient care while en route to the hospital and get himself checked after turning patient care over to the hospital staff.

While being treated at the hospital, a puncture wound to EMT Mendonca's right forearm was noted. According to the victim, since he had been struggling for 10 minutes prior to the arrival of his rescuers, he could have been killed if it wasn't for the actions of the two EMTs.

In recognition of their bravery and, indeed, putting their safety at risk, EMTs Dewey Mendonca and Garfield Smythe are recognized for their efforts with the Tracy Allen-Lee Medal.--MLR

Chief John J. McElligott Medal/ FFs Fitzpatrick and Frisby Award FIREFIGHTER BRIAN T. MITCHELL

LADDER COMPANY 122

June 22, 2010, 1530 hours, Box 75-1273, 571 10th Street, Brooklyn

Appointed to the FDNY on March 8, 2005. Previously assigned to Engine 220. Cousin, FF Jessie Vitucci, is assigned to Ladder 118. Member of the FDNY Baseball Team. Recipient of the Liberty Mutual Fire Mark Award for 2010. Studied Physical Education at Long Island University/C.W. Post College. Resides on Staten Island with his wife, Laura.



There is no such thing as a *regular* tour for the New York City Fire Department. This reality was reinforced for members of Ladder 122, including FF Brian T. Mitchell, on June 22, 2010, a day that started the first heat wave of the summer for the City, with temperatures well into the 90s.

At 1530 hours, the Brooklyn Communications Office transmitted Box 1273, reporting a phone alarm for fire on 10th Street in the Park Slope section of the borough. Ladder 122--located only a block away on 11th Street--responded quickly. Captain Joseph Parella, covering the day tour, was advised by the Brooklyn dispatchers that there were numerous calls reporting children trapped in the basement and they would be going to work. Captain Parella also was told that Engines 220 and 239 were both delayed, due to heavy traffic conditions.

On arrival, Captain Parella transmitted a 10-75 for a fire in the basement of a four-story brownstone attached on both sides. As members started disembarking the apparatus, FF Mitchell was summoned by a frantic civilian, who stated that his bedridden mother was trapped on the parlor floor. As FF Mitchell began his size-up, he noticed thick, billowing smoke from the basement windows. As he ascended the brownstone stairs, he was met with blinding, velvety smoke and a significant heat condition. The Firefighter, with the irons, donned his personal protective equipment and entered the parlor-floor foyer. Beginning his primary search, he began crawling and felt a door jamb. He entered the room where he believed the trapped woman was reported to be.

Keeping the son's frantic message in the back of his mind, FF Mitchell was met with an increasing amount of heat and smoke to the point that he was working in zero visibility. Using

his Halligan tool as an extension of his arm, he felt the tool hit what appeared to be a metal object. He followed the metal object upward and felt a mattress. In unbearable heat, he managed to get on his knees and search the hospital bed, finding a 78-year-old female.

FF Mitchell quickly notified Captain Parella of his findings and location. Without waiting for assistance, the Firefighter lifted the victim from the mattress and placed her on the floor. With fire, heat and smoke conditions becoming untenable due to the open basement door and still no protection of a charged hose-line, he began the arduous task of removing the woman.

The victim's gown and sheets that were pulled off the bed were getting hung up, delaying the woman's desperately needed care. At this point, FF Mitchell was almost at the foyer when he was met by Captain Parella and FF Paul Patras, the extinguisher Firefighter. With great effort, the three rescuers were able to lift the woman slightly off the ground and remove her to safety.

Once removed from the building, patient care was initiated by Engine 220 members, who began lifesaving measures. The three members of the inside team re-entered the fire building to search the immediate fire area and assist Engine 239 with fire extinguishment.

The courageous actions of FF Mitchell, who operated in untenable conditions without the protection of a charged hose-line, directly resulted in a life being saved. FF Brian T. Mitchell has upheld the traditions of both the FDNY and Ladder 122. For his bravery at Brooklyn Box 1273, he is awarded the Chief John J. McElligott Medal/FFs Fitzpatrick and Frisby Award.--
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FF Brian Mitchell, Ladder 122, checks his gear following his dramatic rescue of a woman.



Thomas F. Dougherty Medal

CAPTAIN KIERAN M. KILDUFF

LADDER COMPANY 19

July 16, 2010, 1123 hours, Box 75-2704, 1253 Franklin Avenue, Bronx

Appointed to the FDNY on August 19, 1990. Previously assigned to Ladder 174 and Battalions 4 and 18. Father, Battalion Chief Patrick E. Kilduff, is retired from Battalion 47; brother, Lieutenant Patrick T. Kilduff, is assigned to Ladder 134; uncle, FF James Kilduff, is retired from Ladder 151; cousin, Lieutenant Michael Kilduff, is retired from Engine 264; and cousin, FF Brian Kilduff (now deceased), was retired from Engine 222. Member of the Holy Name and Emerald Societies. Holds a BS degree in Finance from Fordham University. Resides in Yonkers, NY, with his wife, Rebecca, and their children, Delia, Noah, Kieran and Hannah.

The day started as many do in the Bronx for the members of Ladder 19: Ready their gear, roll call, check the rig, plan the drill, maybe a quick workout if there's time, then out the door for BISP (Building Inspection Safety Program). The members of Ladder 19, a battle-tested unit, are always sharp; perhaps more so when Captain Kieran Kilduff is on duty.

Ladder 19 was at the far end of their response area when Box 2704, 1253 Franklin Avenue, came in at 1123 hours. As the apparatus moved through traffic, the members listened to the radio intently as the dispatcher barked, *report of fire on the fourth floor*; then moments later, *second source, fill out the alarm*. The members anticipated a working fire.

The 10-75 was transmitted. Captain Kilduff had been here before; he knew the building--a big, five-story, fully occupied multiple dwelling. Heavy, black smoke boiled violently up from the rear of the building. Panicked occupants poured into the street, fleeing the fire.

Captain Kilduff led his forcible entry team into the building. As occupants spilled into the street, they reported, *children trapped*. Captain Kilduff got on the radio for a conditions report. The radio response from Ladder 19's outside vent firefighter, FF Shaun Burgos, confirmed a *victim showing at the rear window of the fire apartment*.

Within moments, they were at the door of the fire apartment, sizing up forcible entry options. On the irons was FF Adam Vilagos, Engine 50, and with the extinguisher was FF Joe Seiter, Engine 82. When the team forced the door, they were immediately driven to the floor by a high heat condition, with thick, black smoke pushing from the occupied apartment.

Captain Kilduff knew that such advanced fire conditions are truly unforgiving. Additionally, the building size-up dictated a long, time-consuming stretch of the hose-line. To Captain Kilduff, this meant they would be pushing the limits, working without water and a protective hose-line for a significant period of time. With the evolving fire directly ahead, Captain Kilduff

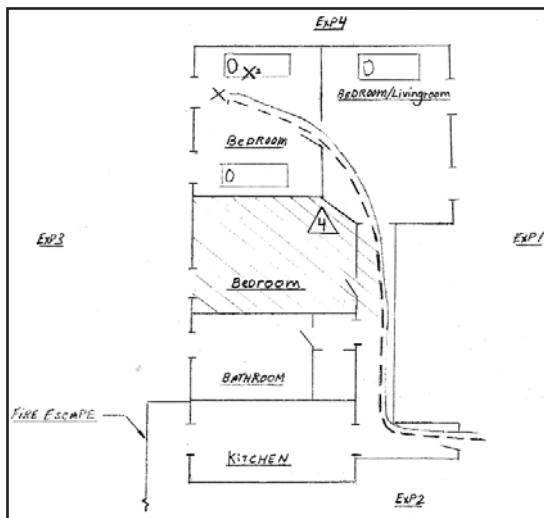
advanced into the apartment to lead the search. He went to the right, down a long, narrow hallway, toward the rear of the apartment. FF Seiter followed. FF Vilagos had moved into the apartment and then turned left.

As Captain Kilduff approached the fire, he could see it had burned through a bedroom door and now was blowing into the hallway. In a tactical effort to control the hallway egress, Captain Kilduff ordered FF Seiter into a holding position and then maneuvered past the fire. A seasoned fire Officer, Captain Kilduff had read the building layout as he stepped off the apparatus. He knew from the outside vent firefighter's radio report that he had to advance his search team deep into the apartment, into that back bedroom.

This aggressive and necessary action paid off. Captain Kilduff pushed on and located the trapped occupant on the floor, unconscious. He immediately transmitted a signal 10-45. At this point, FF Burgos made entry through the rear window and caught up with his Officer. Captain Kilduff instructed him to control the bedroom door and vent as necessary in an effort to establish an area where they could protect the victim as the fire advanced.

Captain Kilduff's continued search located a second unconscious victim, a four-year-old boy. As fire conditions continued to worsen, Captain Kilduff directed FF Burgos to remove the second victim via the rear window. The Captain hunkered down with the unconscious adult victim. He predicted that the wait would not be long and was assured of that when the members of Engine 82 began their attack on the fire, allowing the rescuer to take the victim to a safe position.

Without a charged hose-line, Captain Kilduff led his unit past the rapidly developing fire--a fire that threatened to cut off the only egress. His aggressive and selfless actions directly resulted in the rescue of both unconscious occupants. For his heroism, Captain Kieran M. Kilduff today is presented with the Thomas F. Dougherty Medal.--JDL



Route taken by Captain Kilduff in his rescue of two unconscious victims.

Albert S. Johnston Medal

FIREFIGHTER MATTHEW R. BLAND

*ENGINE COMPANY 96 (ASSIGNED),
LADDER COMPANY 48 (DETAILED)*

May 1, 2010, 1235 hours, Box 75-2365, 889 Irvine Street, Bronx

Appointed to the FDNY on March 7, 2004. Member of the Holy Name Society and the Counseling Services Unit's Big Brother Program. Holds a BS degree in Fire Science from the University of New Haven. Resides in Astoria, Queens.



Some people--who may not know any better--say that the actions of the extinguisher Firefighter sometimes may seem unglamorous, but this function is vital to effective and successful rescue operations. Additionally, as Commissioner William Feehan (killed at the World Trade Center on 9/11) once said, *If you're the can man, be the best can man there is.* This statement could not have been truer when in the early-afternoon hours of May 1, 2010, a fire broke out at 889 Irvine Street in the Bronx.

Working the extinguisher position in Ladder 48, *da Pride of Hunt's Point*, that afternoon was FF Matthew R. Bland. At 1235 hours, a call came into the firehouse for a reported fire in a three-story, 25- by 60-foot, class three, two-family dwelling. Ladder 48, which arrived at the building in fewer than three minutes, found fire and heavy, black smoke emitting from the third-floor front windows.

As part of the inside team, FF Bland, along with Lieutenant Richard Crespin and FF Thomas Mongiello, quickly entered the building. After quickly forcing the interior door, the members proceeded up the narrow, L-shaped stairs, where they were forced back by heavy fire venting from the open door and moving into both the stairs and hallway. FF Bland immediately opened up the extinguisher, which pushed the fire back toward the front of the apartment. This action allowed Lieutenant Crespin to close the door to temporarily contain the fire.

With the extinguisher now expended, FF Bland began to search toward the

rear of the apartment. Meanwhile, Lieutenant Crespin verbally notified the team that the fire was beginning to burn through the door. However, FF Bland heard moaning coming from the rear of the apartment. Even though a hand-line was not yet in operation, he continued to search deeper into the apartment.

The Firefighter's dedication was quickly rewarded as he found a female victim wedged halfway in the bedroom doorway. FF Bland immediately notified Lieutenant Crespin that he had found a *10-45*. She was caught between the partially opened doorway and a bedroom dresser. Because of the dresser's location, the door could be opened only about 18 inches, making removal even more difficult.

FF Bland was joined by FF Mongiello, who climbed over both FF Bland and the victim to gain access into the bedroom. Once inside, both members were able to free the now-unconscious victim. Still without benefit of a charged hose-line in place, FFs Bland and Mongiello moved the victim to the stairs. With the assistance of other members, the victim was taken down the narrow stairs to a stokes basket and EMS personnel. FF Bland then returned to the third floor and continued his duties.

In the after-action report, Battalion Chief Patrick Hawkins, Battalion 3, wrote: *FF Bland displayed a high degree of initiative...in removing the victim. His bravery surely saved the victim from a darker fate.* Therefore, in recognition of his selfless act, the Fire Department is proud to honor Firefighter Matthew R. Bland today with the Albert S. Johnston Medal.--DJH



FF Matthew Bland is a hero during his off-duty hours, too. Here, he introduces Jack Lynch, 10 years old, to the benefits of personal protective equipment (PPE). The youngster is the son of Lieutenant Michael Lynch, Ladder 4, who was killed on 9/11. FF Bland has been paired with Jack through the FDNY partnership with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program for the past four years.



Bella Stiefel Medal

FIREFIGHTER BRIAN K. O'KEEFE

LADDER COMPANY 28

February 14, 2010, 0528 hours, Box 75-1615, 220 West 143rd Street, Manhattan

Appointed to the FDNY on September 12, 2004. Father, Battalion Chief Kevin O'Keefe, is retired from Battalion 12 and brother, FF Danny O'Keefe, is assigned to Ladder 43. Member of the Emerald Society. Recipient of a unit citation. Holds a bachelor's degree in Education from St. Thomas Aquinas College. Resides in West Haverstraw, NY, with his wife, Danielle, and their children, Kiersten and Brady.

UCT911 is how the run came in--Box 1615, West 143rd Street and Lenox Avenue. The time was 0528 hours on February 14, St. Valentine's Day, 2010. With a turnout in fewer than 30 seconds, the members of Ladder 28 and Engine 69 were out the door quickly. With relentless diligence, the on-duty Manhattan dispatcher interviewed the frantic caller and was able to update the responding units with a more accurate address of 200 West 143rd Street for a fire on the sixth floor. That pertinent information allowed the chauffeur of Ladder 28 to make a hasty turn onto Powell Boulevard and quickly respond to the new location.

The fire building was a 26-story, New York City housing project high-rise. Responding in fewer than four minutes, the forcible entry team of Ladder 28 ran up the "A" stairs to the sixth floor, where they encountered a light haze of smoke. After traversing the breezeway that separated the two isolated wings of the building, Lieutenant Raymond McCormack ordered the members to don their SCBAs and go on air.

Opening a second stairway door, the members were instantly enveloped in hot, dark-brown smoke. After transmitting the 10-75 to the Incident Commander (IC), Battalion Chief John Newell, Battalion 16, Lieutenant McCormack, FF Brian O'Keefe, forcible entry, and FF Peter Constantine, with the extinguisher, entered the hallway on their hands and knees and located the fire in apartment 6M.

As this information was radioed to the first two engine companies--Engines 69 and 80, respectively--and the IC, the forcible entry team split up to search the fire apartment. FF Constantine conducted a left-handed search of the bathroom area, while Lieutenant McCormack--with his thermal imaging camera--conducted a right-handed search of the kitchen area. FF O'Keefe crawled dead ahead, down the

apartment hallway, toward the highest heat levels and into the immediate fire area.

Under increasing heat and heavy smoke conditions, FF O'Keefe moved to the right of the living room and encountered a bed. Searching above, below and around it, he found no one. Continuing his search, it was necessary to use the wall as a point of reference due to the conditions confronted. Knowing that time was an enemy and completing the search in the absence of a hose-line was quickly becoming difficult, if not impossible, FF O'Keefe crawled to the farthest and as of yet unsearched portion of the room, where he found a male victim lying prone with his head facing away from the entry door.

The victim's anatomical position made it extremely difficult to remove him without raising both the rescuer's and the victim's profiles above the floor and exposing them to severe heat. FF O'Keefe struggled to remove the man and called out to the rest of the team that he had found a 10-45. FF Constantine assisted in the victim's removal.

Together, the two Firefighters crawled for a distance of approximately 60 feet to the relative safety of the stairwell. There, the man was transferred to Engine 80 for medical attention. FFs O'Keefe and Constantine then returned to assist in the extinguishment and overhaul of the fire apartment.

The victim, Louis Falcone, was transported to Harlem Hospital, where he was admitted and treated for thermal burns and smoke inhalation.

Thanks to the tenacious search, rescue and removal operations by FF Brian K. O'Keefe, under arduous conditions and prior to a protective hose-line being in place, he is presented with the Bella Stiefel Medal for bravery in the truest traditions of the FDNY.--SM



FF Brian O'Keefe (center) with the members of Ladder 28, following his rescue of an adult male.

Vincent J. Kane Medal

FIREFIGHTER SHAUN A. BURGOS

LADDER COMPANY 19

July 16, 2010, 1123 hours, Box 75-2704, 1253 Franklin Avenue, Bronx

Appointed to the FDNY on May 4, 2003. Member of the Hispanic Society. Served eight years--three years active and five years as a reserve--with the U.S. Navy. Studied Fire Science at John Jay College. Resides in Pine Bush, NY, with his wife, Marisol, and their children, Shaun, Jr., and Dylan.



It is commonplace for New York to suffer through oppressive heat waves during July. During these days, people almost can feel the asphalt give way as they cross a street. These conditions are especially hellish for Firefighters as they put on bunker gear, strap on their SCBA and grab tools before exposing themselves to even hotter conditions. This was the case for FF Shaun A. Burgos, Ladder 19, who was called into action for a fire at 1253 Franklin Avenue in the Bronx on July 16, 2010.

Just before noon, Ladder 19 members, participating in the Building Inspection Safety Program (BISP), were dispatched to a reported fire on the fourth floor of a 75- by 150-foot, non-fireproof multiple dwelling. A 10-75 signal already had been transmitted for smoke showing from the rear of the 37-unit apartment, along with reports of trapped occupants at rear windows.

FF Burgos, working the outside vent position, was ordered to report on conditions at the rear of the tenement. This proved difficult because he was required to move through a cellar alleyway and force two gates to get to this area. On arrival, he found heavy smoke emanating from the fourth floor, near the intersection of exposures #3 and #4. He also found a victim, frantically waving her arms through the child protective gate of the corner room.

The Firefighter transmitted this information to his Officer and then ascended the fire escape to aid the victim. Reaching the top floor, he cleared the kitchen window and forced the protective gate. With this accomplished, he entered the burning apartment and turned left into the hallway. The hallway already was on fire with flames lapping the ceil-

ing from the engulfed front bedroom.

With disregard for his safety, FF Burgos passed the fire and began a left-hand search pattern. As he began his search, Ladder 19's Officer, Captain Kieran Kilduff, transmitted a 10-45 signal for the rear bedroom. FF Burgos continued down the hallway and through the living room until he found Captain Kilduff with a semi-conscious victim in the corner bedroom. Rescuers and victim held their position in the rear bedroom, as Engine 82 members were coming with a hose-line. FF Burgos closed the door to prevent the fire from spreading and then vented the room.

At this point, Captain Kilduff located another victim--a small boy--who was not breathing, and so a second 10-45 signal was transmitted. The victim had to be evacuated immediately and FF Burgos carried the small boy back down the hallway. Here, he again passed the uncontrolled fire, while the rest of Ladder 19's forcible entry team searched for other victims, simultaneously holding back the fire with the extinguisher.

FF Burgos carried the victim down to the street and turned the child's care over to other Firefighters who began CPR. He then returned to the apartment, which Engine 82 now controlled, to continue to search for two other victims. This search proved negative.

In the report of this action, Captain Kilduff wrote: *FF*

Burgos knowingly put his life in jeopardy without the protection of a charged hose-line for the safety of others without the slightest hesitation. His actions were expeditious and in the highest traditions of the Fire Department. For these reasons, FDNY is proud to honor FF Shaun A. Burgos today with the Vincent J. Kane Medal.--DJH



Ladder Company 19 operates at Bronx Box 33-2517 on July 7, 2004.



Pulaski Association Medal

CAPTAIN JAMES F. ROGERS

LADDER COMPANY 59

February 7, 2010, 0341 hours, Box 75-2986, 45 West Tremont Avenue, Bronx

Appointed to the FDNY on September 5, 1981. Previous assignments include Engine 76 and Ladders 22 and 34 as a Firefighter and Ladder 58 as a Lieutenant. Cousin, FF Tom Kennedy, is assigned to Engine 254, and brother-in-law, Lieutenant Jerry Obremski, is retired from Engine 156. Member of the Holy Name and Emerald Societies. Recipient of a Class A and two unit citations. Holds a BS degree in Criminal Justice from St. John's University. Resides in Johnson, NY, with his wife, Lisa, and their children, Casey and Connor.

From the earliest days in Proby School, instructors instill in every Firefighter the instinctive clues that will guide a Firefighter regarding the possibility of an apartment being occupied during a fire. Number one among these clues is that when the door is forced open and the members find a night chain on the door, someone is inside the apartment. When this chain is found, the rescue operation accelerates to another level. Absolutely nothing will deter the forcible entry team from searching that apartment. It was just such a situation that faced Captain James Rogers and the members of Ladder 59.

In the early-morning hours of February 7, 2010, Ladder 59 responded first-due to 45 West Tremont Avenue for a report of fire on the second floor. Immediately on arrival, Captain Rogers, commanding Officer of Ladder 59, knew he had a job. Numerous occupants met him in the street, pointing frantically back at the building. Captain Rogers and his forcible entry team--FFs Paul Denver, forcible entry, and Nicholas Brisotti, extinguisher, sprinted to the second floor. Thick, black smoke was pushing from around the door frame of apartment 2B. The Officer transmitted a 10-75 to Battalion Chief Michael Woods, Battalion 19, for a working fire.

FFs Denver and Brisotti forced the door, while Captain Rogers held the knob to keep it from springing open and fire flashing up the stairs, endangering occupants on the upper floors. Immediately after the door was opened, Captain Rogers noted the night chain on the door and told the forcible entry team that someone must be inside. FF Denver broke the chain and the door opened partially. Fire then flashed toward the Officer and his men. FF Brisotti operated his extinguisher to push the fire back into the kitchen, where the fire originated.

Captain Rogers pushed the door open and moved a stroller that was blocking the door. Once inside the apartment, Captain Rogers saw the top of a woman's head. FFs Denver and Brisotti crawled to the unconscious woman, Rosa Nunez, and dragged her

into the hallway. The Firefighters realized she wasn't breathing and carried her to the lobby and administered CPR. Captain Rogers transmitted a 10-45.

Once Captain Rogers was assured that Mrs. Nunez had been safely removed, he returned to search the apartment. Fire was rolling out of the kitchen at the ceiling, toward the interior of the apartment. There was no hose-line in place and the apartment quickly would become untenable. Now operating alone in the fire apartment, Captain Rogers crawled beneath the advancing fire and made his way into the living room.

As the Captain searched in the blinding smoke, he came upon a second victim, Fausto Florentino, Rosa Nunez' husband, lying motionless on the floor. Captain Rogers transmitted a 10-45 and attempted to drag Mr. Florentino to the front door. He grabbed the man by the arms and shoulder, but his hands slipped right off. The Officer noted severe burns to the victim's upper body and arms, so he dragged Mr. Florentino back to the front door.

As Captain Rogers neared the kitchen--which was directly across from the front door--the extreme heat from the extending fire was endangering their escape. He placed himself between the fire roaring from the kitchen and Mr. Florentino to keep him from further injury. Simultaneously, he called out to Captain Greg Lehr, covering in Engine 43, who was waiting at the door for the engine to get the hose-line in place. Captain Lehr entered the apartment and assisted Captain Rogers with final removal to the hallway. Mr. Florentino was handed off to members in the hallway and Captain Rogers re-entered the apartment to complete his primary search of the fire apartment, which proved negative.

Without question, it is only due to the extraordinary efforts of Captain Rogers and the members of Ladder 59 that Fausto Florentino and Rosa Nunez are alive today. For these reasons, Captain James F. Rogers is presented with the Pulaski Association Medal.--CB



The media interview Captain James Rogers, following the heroic rescue of two victims by him and the members of Ladder 59.

Commissioner Edward Thompson Medal

FIREFIGHTER ANTHONY R. CAVALIERI *RESCUE COMPANY 5*

December 31, 2010, 0346 hours, Box 75-1014, 150 Steuben Street, Staten Island

Appointed to the FDNY on November 12, 1989. Previously assigned to Ladder 104. Father, Lieutenant Vincent Cavalieri, is retired from Engine 154; brother, FF Vincent P. Cavalieri, is assigned to Ladder 105; and uncle, Lieutenant Vito CeLano, is retired from Ladder 119. Member of the Columbia Association and the Emerald Society. Recipient of the Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia Medal. Resides in Staten Island with his wife, Dawn, and their daughter, Jennifer, and two sets of twins--Anthony, Nicholas, Robert and Paul.



Private dwelling fires frequently have many alterations and extensions--usually not apparent from outside--thus increasing the number of areas that have to be located and searched, challenging the expertise of Firefighters. Seventy percent of all fire deaths occur in private dwellings and portable ladder rescues come to the fore. Another obstacle on December 31, 2010, was that New York City still was digging out from one of the biggest blizzards in its history.

Rescue 5 and Engine 160 were dispatched for a phone alarm, reporting a fire at 150 Steuben Street. Even though the reported fire location was in proximity to their quarters, arrival was hindered by a record snowfall and a nearly impassable icy and hilly section of street. On arrival, Rescue 5 stayed on the corner to allow first-due Engine 160 to enter the block first, as well as leave room for the incoming ladder companies.

As Engine 160 entered the block, civilians were pointing to occupant Juan Arguello hanging from the second-floor window of the fire building as smoke pushed out over his head. Captain Peter Maglione, Engine 160, quickly transmitted the signal for a working fire and requested that a portable ladder be brought to the front of the private dwelling to initiate a rescue.

Arriving on foot, Rescue 5's inside team approached the house and discovered that there were now three additional victims at the window. As a portable ladder was being brought on foot by Rescue 5's outside team, the inside team entered the front door and began making their way through the interior of the private dwelling. There was a heavy heat and smoke condition on the first floor and the thermal imaging camera was needed to find the interior stairs to the second-floor landing.

As members of Rescue 5's outside team struggled to get the portable ladder in place--overcoming the icy and hilly terrain--the inside team ascended the stairs and realized that the dwelling featured an irregular layout. Additionally, visible fire could be seen in the living room and was beginning to roll across the ceiling and up the open interior stairs, which promoted high heat and posed great peril to members attempting to search above this first-floor fire.

Assessing the risk and based on the confirmed life hazard, Rescue 5's Captain James Murray decided to make an attempt to reach the second-floor bedrooms.

Rescue 5 chauffeur, FF Anthony Cavalieri, entered the dwelling's first floor to determine the extent of the fire and monitor conditions for the members going above. Simultaneously, Rescue 5's outside team arrived with the portable ladder at the window, where the family was last seen and began a portable ladder rescue, assisted by Rescue 5's inside team members, who also arrived at the second-floor bedroom.

Closing the bedroom door to give them refuge from the impinging fire, the Rescue Firefighters began to remove the family down the portable ladder. The last family member being removed via portable ladder revealed that a relative was still missing. Captain Murray quickly transmitted this information by handie-talkie to the Incident Commander (IC).

Subsequently, hearing that there was still a missing family member, FF Cavalieri began to ascend to the second floor, past the impinging fire on the stairway, without protection of a charged hose-line. He encountered high heat and heavy smoke upon reaching the second-floor landing. Ultimately, this high heat condition forced him to crawl down the hallway, where he discovered a door to a remaining bedroom. Realizing the extent and severity of this fire and feeling pain through his personal protective equipment (PPE), FF Cavalieri understood that he would have only seconds to conduct a primary search.

FF Cavalieri began to sweep the floor with his hands and came upon 68-year-old Luz Franco, who was unconscious and not breathing. She was between a bed and the dresser. The Firefighter immediately transmitted his findings and location to the IC and began to remove the victim from the now-untenable environment. As Engine 160 began its assault on the fire with the initial hose-line, FF Cavalieri shielded the victim with his own body and dragged the unconscious and burned female down the stairs, past the fire area, where she was removed to the street.

Luz Franco was revived by EMS members and admitted to Staten Island University Hospital Burn Center with second- and third-degree burns to her body. Thanks to FF Anthony Cavalieri's bravery, Ms. Franco has recovered from her injuries and is alive today. For these reasons, he is presented with the Commissioner Edward Thompson Medal.--PWB



The brothers Cavalieri--FF Vincent, Ladder 105, and FF Anthony, Rescue 2--flank their dad, Lieutenant Vincent Cavalieri, retired from Engine 154.



Columbia Association Medal

CAPTAIN CHARLES A. MASTANDREA

DIVISION 6 (ASSIGNED)

LADDER COMPANY 29 (COVERING)

September 10, 2010, 1500 hours, Box 22-2168, 404 East 140th Street, Bronx

Appointed to the FDNY on January 26, 1997. Previously assigned to Engines 307 and 266 and Ladder 162. Holds a BS degree in Electrical Engineering from New York Institute of Technology and attended Adelphi University, studying for an MBA. Resides in Franklin Square, Long Island, with his wife, Gina, and their daughters, Brianna, Caitlin and Grace.

The call came over: *Bronx phone alarm for Box 2168, reporting a fire on the first floor of the address, 404 East 140th Street.* Ladder 29 responded second-due. While responding, members began to see heavy, black smoke, visible from a few blocks away. Engine 83 arrived first and gave the 10-75 for a fire in a three-story multiple dwelling.

When Ladder 29 arrived, Captain Charles Mastandrea and the rest of the inside team--FFs Jose Rodriguez (Engine 46) and Paul Cockerill--saw heavy fire venting out two windows on the first floor and two windows on the second floor. Before the line was in place, Captain Mastandrea and the inside team attempted to crawl into the hallway, only to find the path to the staircase blocked by heavy fire.

At this time, Battalion Chief Thomas Wilkinson, Battalion 14, arrived and transmitted a second alarm. Chief Wilkinson then notified Ladder 29 that there were reports of someone trapped on the third floor rear. Engine 83 had stretched a 1³/₄-inch line to the front stoop and members were calling for water. Ladder 29 knew time was critical if they were going to get to the trapped person.

As soon as the line was charged and Engine 83 hit the fire in the hallway, Ladder 29's Officer and inside team went up the stairs. At this point, Ladder 29's roof Firefighter, FF James Donovan, gave a report that there was someone hanging out the third-floor window, about to jump. FF Donovan began setting up the lifesaving rope and notified his Officer of a possible rescue.

The third floor consisted of numerous locked single-room occupancies (SROs) and visibility was very limited due to the smoke. After Captain Mastandrea forced one door, he proceeded to the next room, which had three heavy locks on it. After

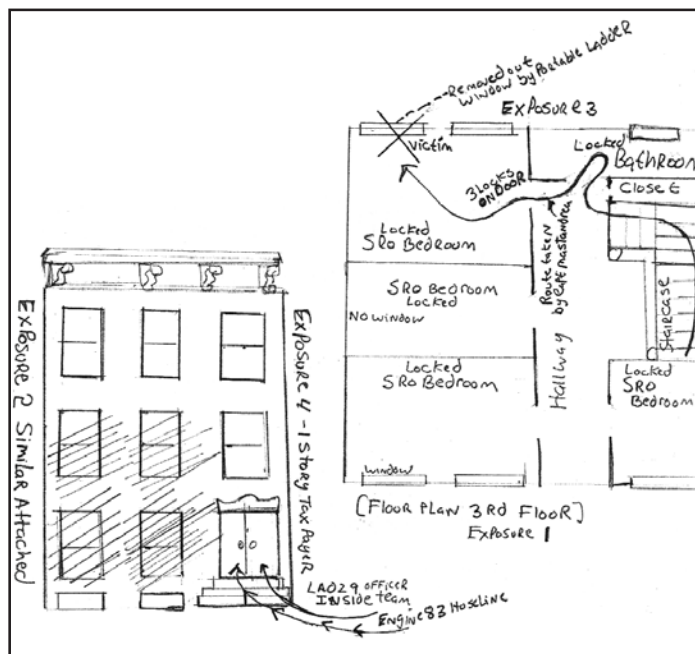
forcing the door, he scanned the room with the thermal imaging camera and saw a person hanging out the window. He looked like he was getting ready to jump.

The Captain grabbed the civilian and pulled him back in the window. He radioed Command that he had the victim and was going to remove him through the interior. As the rescuer started to pull the civilian toward the stairway, the man began to panic. He was coughing and stating that he could not breathe and needed air. With the possibility of the victim going into cardiac arrest while being taken down the three flights of stairs in heavy smoke conditions, Captain Mastandrea decided a better option was removal by the window. He radioed Command that he needed a ladder in the rear.

Ladder 29's outside vent Firefighter, FF John Finnerty, took a 24-foot extension ladder by himself through exposure #2 to the back of the fire building and extended it to the window. The victim was held at the window until the portable ladder was in position. The victim then was passed off to FF Finnerty.

Captain Mastandrea's aggressive actions were directly

responsible for the safe removal of the victim. Going above an uncontrolled fire in an illegal occupancy, he placed himself in danger. His actions were in the most professional manner that ensured the victim was removed from the immediately dangerous to life and health (IDLH) atmosphere in the shortest amount of time. He brings great pride to the Officers and members of Engine 83 and Ladder 29. In recognition of his heroics, the City of New York and the FDNY present Captain Charles A. Mastandrea with the Columbia Association Medal.--TW



Depiction of the fire building and route taken by Captain Charles Mastandrea to rescue a victim.

Susan Wagner Medal

LIEUTENANT PATRICK E. MCNIFF

BATTALION 12 (ASSIGNED)

LADDER COMPANY 25 (DETAILED)

February 19, 2010, 1050 hours, Box 75-1166, 225 West 86th Street, Manhattan

Appointed to the FDNY on July 14, 1996. Now assigned to Ladder 25. Previously assigned to Ladder 47. Uncle, FF Hughie Flynn (now deceased), was retired from Ladder 61. Member of the Emerald Society. Resides in Hawthorne, NY, with his wife, Maureen, and their children, Emily, Elizabeth, Margaret and Kaitlyn.



On the morning of Friday, February 19, 2010, Ladder 25, *The Pride of the Westside*, received a telephone alarm, reporting a fire on the second floor of a multiple dwelling. Lieutenant Patrick McNiff was in command of Ladder 25 on this day tour and listening for additional information regarding the fire apartment as the truck responded through the streets.

On arrival at 225 West 86th Street, the size-up revealed a massive, 14-story, Class 2, 200- by 300-foot, O-shaped building that contained more than 200 apartments. Lieutenant McNiff, along with his inside team--FFs Peter Yuskevich with the irons and Matthew Moritz with the extinguisher--entered the courtyard of the building. When they looked up, they saw fire venting from a third-floor window.

Lieutenant McNiff directed his chauffeur to transmit a 10-75 to the dispatcher. FF Yuskevich, who was familiar with this building, advised Lieutenant McNiff that the service stair with a standpipe could be accessed only through the cellar because this was an interconnected building. The members proceeded to the cellar through maze-like conditions and came to the base of service stair #6. The Officer radioed this critical information to Engine 74 to prevent any delay of the hose-line being placed into position.

After ascending the stairs to the third floor, Lieutenant McNiff identified the fire apartment as 111B, evidenced from the smoke staining and heat felt from the apartment's service entrance door. He reported this information to Battalion Chief John Pellegrinelli, Battalion 11. Lieutenant McNiff and the two Firefighters masked up and forced the door open. They were met by thick, black smoke and a high heat condition. They began crawling into the apartment without the benefit of a charged hose-line to begin a search.

The fire apartment was filled with excessive amounts of debris, which hampered and delayed their search for trapped victims. Lieutenant McNiff again notified the Chief of the difficulty in locating the fire due to the Collyers' mansion-like conditions. FFs

Moritz and Yuskevich began removing debris from the entrance hall to gain access to the fire, which was in the kitchen. Conditions deteriorated as members were delayed while removing this debris. The fire was spreading into the hallway and an attempt to contain the fire was tried by Ladder 25's outside vent Firefighter, who was using a water extinguisher to contain the fire from the window.

Lieutenant McNiff passed the fire and continued his search, crawling along in the smoke. Feeling his way in the debris, the Officer discovered an unconscious victim, approximately 24 feet into the apartment, slumped over in the bathroom. The victim was 75-year-old Sondra Gross. She was unconscious and appeared to not be breathing. Lieutenant McNiff radioed a 10-45 to Chief Pellegrinelli. Simultaneously, FF Moritz went to the apartment door to direct Engine 74 to bring their hose-line to the fire location.

Lieutenant McNiff began the arduous task of dragging the victim over the piles of debris toward the door. Strewn throughout, the debris was two feet high and made the unconscious woman's removal very difficult. Acting as a shield, the rescuer positioned himself between the victim and the fire, while passing the uncontrolled, intense fire coming from the kitchen. FF Moritz was using his depleted extinguisher to hold the fire back.

Lieutenant McNiff dragged the woman about 20 feet when he was met by FF Yuskevich, who assisted him in removing the victim out of the apartment. They handed her off to the members of Engine 40, who began medical treatment on the injured woman.

Lieutenant McNiff then returned back to the apartment to continue the search for additional victims. The search proved negative.

Lieutenant McNiff put himself at risk when he passed an intense fire condition twice in order to effect the rescue of an unconscious elderly woman. This task was made even more difficult due to the large amount of debris, Collyers' mansion-like conditions and operating without benefit of a charged hose-line. To recognize his bravery, Lieutenant Patrick E. McNiff is presented with the Susan Wagner Medal.--AP



Lieutenant Patrick McNiff and Ladder 25 Firefighters, following the Lieutenant's grab. photo by Michael Schwartz, New York Daily News



Steuben Association Medal

FIREFIGHTER CHRISTIAN S. NIELSEN *LADDER COMPANY 157*

February 25, 2010, 2047 hours, Box 75-3737, 3202 Avenue D, Brooklyn

Appointed to the FDNY on May 5, 2002. Father, Fire Marshal Gareth Nielsen, is retired and brother, FF Jonathan Nielsen, is assigned to Ladder 103. Recipient of the Susan Wagner Medal in 2009. Holds a BS degree in Business Management from SUNY at Buffalo. Resides in Brooklyn, with his wife, Susan, and their sons, Eric and Matthew.

As New York City was being blanketed by the blizzard of 2010 with up to 18 inches of snow, the City was looking more like a winter wonderland as opposed to a concrete jungle. While children were sledding in Central Park and plows were working desperately to clean the streets, FDNY members were upholding their responsibility to protect life and property.

The February 25th night tour began with a computer message, warning all units in the field of the severe and hazardous weather conditions. For many, the snow is whimsical and magical, but to Firefighters, snow makes their job much more dangerous. These conditions proved no match for the members of Ladder 157.

At 2047 hours, the Brooklyn Communications Office received a phone alarm, stating there was a fire at 3202 Avenue D, in the Flatbush section of the borough. Box 3737 was transmitted and Ladder 157 acknowledged and responded. On their arrival, members were met with frantic civilians, screaming that there was a fire on the fourth floor of a four-story multiple dwelling.

As the inside team of Lieutenant Victor Spadaro and FFs Christian S. Nielsen with the irons and Michael Marchese with the extinguisher ascended the stairs to the top floor, they were met by additional occupants, stating that there were a husband and wife trapped in the apartment. As Lieutenant Spadaro looked through the shaft way window on the second floor, he could see fire out two windows in the rear and snow being blown by the 50-mile-per-hour winds.

The Officer told his chauffeur to transmit a 10-75 for a working structural fire. The inside team knew this was going to be a difficult fire and members would have to rely on their training and make an aggressive attack.

As the three members arrived on the smoky fourth floor, they donned their personal protective equipment (PPE) and began forcing the fire

apartment door. This door had heavy smoke pushing from all sides and discoloration on the top half was noticeable. With every strike used to open the apartment door, more smoke poured into the hallway, making visibility poor. As the door began to buckle open, flames began to escape from the top of the door.

As members entered the apartment, they were immediately pushed to the floor by a tremendous amount of heat. They found themselves amid mounds of debris. As FF Nielsen aggressively tried to move deeper into the fire apartment, he passed furniture to Lieutenant Spadaro and FF Marchese, clearing the entrance. Simultaneously, fire lapped out from the kitchen, setting a bookshelf on fire across the hall. Climbing over debris piles and passing a wall of fire, FF Nielsen made his way to the back of the apartment, sweeping the floor with his hands until he felt a television console.

Continuing to search the area around and behind the console, he felt what appeared to be a hand. FF Nielsen radioed his findings and transmitted a 10-45 for a fire victim. As he began removing the victim, he noticed that the person--wrapped in a comforter--was wedged between the wall and console. With heat conditions becoming unbearable and visibility lost at the apartment door, the Firefighter continued his valiant effort, removing the victim out of harm's way. FF Marchese assisted by using webbing to help with the removal and held the fire at bay with the extinguisher. Once in the hallway, FF Nielsen picked the victim up and carried the man to the street, handing him over to EMS personnel in the lobby.

FF Nielsen operated under high heat, zero visibility and with no protection from a charged hose-line. These poor conditions were exacerbated with extreme weather, wind and massive amounts of debris. He put himself in harm's way to save a life. The bravery of FF Christian S. Nielsen is recognized with the Steuben Association Medal.--RL



FF Christian Nielsen is flanked by his brother, FF Jonathan, assigned to Ladder 103, and father, FM Gareth, now retired.

Chief James Scullion Medal

EMS LIEUTENANT LUIS F. CORRALES

STATION 10

September 8, 2010, IND station, subway platform
at 53rd Street and Lexington Avenue, Manhattan

Appointed to EMS as an Emergency Medical Technician on April 9, 1990. Previously assigned to Stations 8 and 10. Recipient of numerous citations/awards. Holds an associates degree in Applied Science from LaGuardia Community College. Resides in Forest Hills, Queens, and is the father of two sons, Brandon and Bryan.



Frequently, it is said that *we never know what a day may bring to us*. September 8, 2010, started just like any other day for EMS Lieutenant Luis Corrales. Off-duty, he woke up early and got ready for his doctor's appointment. His intended destination involved taking the E train for the usual New York City subway ride. At 1000 hours, Lieutenant Corrales descended into the subway and directly into a situation that ended up as anything but typical and, ultimately, made him a hero.

As he stepped onto the platform at 53rd Street and Lexington Avenue, he heard a woman scream. Lieutenant Corrales looked in the direction the woman was facing and what he saw was a man wobble and then fall, head-first, onto the subway tracks. Without a moment to waste, Lieutenant Corrales ran to where the man had fallen and jumped onto the tracks to render assistance.

As a trained rescuer with more than 20 years of experience in the busiest EMS system in the world, the Lieutenant immediately recognized the grim reality of the situation. The man--of large stature--was unconscious, with obvious signs of respiratory distress. A bystander jumped off the platform to help Lieutenant Corrales move the victim.

With the constant noise of a multi-level subway station, it was next to impossible to determine on what track a speeding train would appear next. Lieutenant Corrales and the bystander struggled to get

the unconscious man back onto the platform, the whole time being prompted by the gathered crowd to hurry. With the help of other riders, the victim, Lieutenant Corrales and the Good Samaritan made it back onto the platform and not a moment too soon. Before the rescuers were even able to stand up, there was the familiar rush of air from a train pulling into the station.

Away from imminent danger, Lieutenant Corrales immediately began patient assessment. The rescued man still was presenting with signs of an altered mental status, but he was starting to move around. As the patient's status slowly improved, Lieutenant Corrales was able to ascertain that the man was a diabetic and in need of his medication. By this time, an ALS ambulance crew had arrived on the scene and was able to take over the patient's care. The victim was transported to New York Hospital in stable condition.

Lieutenant Corrales located his hastily discarded bag on the platform and continued on to his doctor's appointment (which needed to be rescheduled). He said, *I've been in EMS for 20 years and to see something like this, as it happens, is rare. You're there in the thick of it and don't have the resources you'd have while on duty. But in the end, it's a good feeling.*

That good feeling continues as Lieutenant Luis Corrales deservedly is presented with the Chief James Scullion Medal for his heroic actions.--OP



Heroics are nothing new for Lieutenant Luis Corrales. In this photo, he had just received a commendation from Mayor Michael Bloomberg for helping the victims at the *Miracle on the Hudson* incident on January 15, 2009.



Dr. J.W. Goldenkranz Medal

LIEUTENANT KEVIN P. HAYES

LADDER COMPANY 3

March 19, 2010, 1124 hours, Box 75-0526, 12 East 12th Street, Manhattan

Appointed to the FDNY on June 15, 1990. Previously assigned to Engine 259 and Ladders 4 and 28. Member of the Emerald Society and the Emerald Society Pipes and Drums. Recipient of a unit citation. Currently attending Westchester Community College, pursuing a degree in Nursing. Resides in Mahopac, NY, and is the father of 10-year-old Nicholas.

One of the first things that any Firefighter learns is to expect the unexpected. And so, when the members of *Recon* (as Ladder 3 is affectionately known) were drilling in a vacant NYU building undergoing major alterations, the unexpected happened. They were dispatched to a fire directly across the street and immediately responded.

Led by Lieutenant Kevin Hayes, the company hurried across the street to a 12-story, 60- by 100-foot commercial loft building that previously had been converted to luxury residential apartments. Reaching the building, the members were met by the building superintendent, who reported smoke at the base of the freight elevator shaft, as well as on the top floor. Additionally, a passerby noted that smoke was issuing from a window on the seventh floor.

Lieutenant Hayes, along with his forcible entry team of FFs Brian Brady with the irons and Gerry Imparato with the extinguisher, proceeded into the fire building. Ironically, forcible entry was the drill topic that Lieutenant Hayes--only minutes before--had been discussing. The Officer instructed FF Imparato to remain at the elevator until the fire floor had been confirmed and proceeded with FF Brady up to the seventh floor. On arrival, they were met by a tenant who reported the occupant of the fire apartment had a history of drug abuse and most likely was at home.

Inasmuch as smoke now was pushing from the apartment door, Lieutenant Hayes notified Battalion Chief Michael Grogan, Battalion 7, that there was a working fire in progress. Because of the type of building and its occupancy, the 10-77 signal subsequently was transmitted, indicating a fire in a high-rise residential building, thus summoning additional firefighting resources.

By this time, approximately five minutes had elapsed since the initial alarm and Lieutenant Hayes and his irons

Firefighter, who had assumed control of the extinguisher, had gained entry into the fire apartment. After the door was forced open and the extinguisher was put into operation (the water supply lasted only for a minute), Lieutenant Hayes swung into action. With fire blowing out of the unenclosed kitchen, the Lieutenant proceeded past the blaze and headed through the living room toward the rear bedroom, approximately 20 feet away.

After opening the bedroom door, Lieutenant Hayes located a large-bodied, unconscious, 41-year-old male behind it. Although the water extinguisher had been emptied, fire was extending, visibility was zero due to the smoke and no hose-line was in place, Lieutenant Hayes persevered. His only thought was to remove the man from the danger area.

To accomplish this task, Lieutenant Hayes had to drag the victim past the fire area. Summoning the assistance of the extinguisher Firefighter, the man was brought to the public hallway where it was determined that he had no respirations and no pulse. After initiating CPR, the rescuers continued attending to the victim until relieved by members of Engine 33 and Squad 18. Lieutenant Hayes then returned to the fire apartment to continue his supervision of search and overhaul operations.

Expect the unexpected. Lieutenant Hayes had no idea how his day would progress when he started his company drill.

Clearly, he did not know he would be involved in the rescue of another person. He acted decisively, bravely and without the protection of a hose-line. Although the victim, suffering from cardiac arrest, subsequently passed away at the hospital, this in no way diminishes the gallant effort put forth by one of *New York's Bravest*. For his unselfish action, the Dr. J.W. Goldenkranz Medal is proudly awarded to Recon's Lieutenant Kevin P. Hayes.--BDG



Ladder 3 operates at Manhattan Box 22-0586, an explosion at 133 West 19th Street, April 25, 2002.

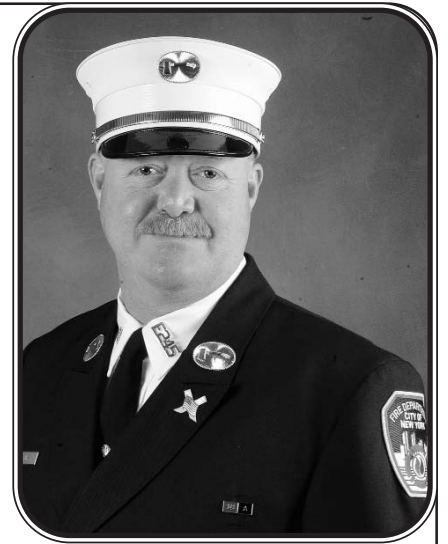
Uniformed Fire Officers Association Medal

LIEUTENANT JAMES P. KELLY

ENGINE COMPANY 245

August 27, 2010, 0238 hours, Box 22-3545, 2686 Colby Court, Brooklyn

Appointed to the FDNY on July 5, 1992. Father, Captain George E. Kelly, is retired from Ladder 153 and brother, Lieutenant George M. Kelly, is assigned to Engine 277. Member of the Emerald and Holy Name Societies. Attended SUNY at Cortland, studying economics. He resides in Marine Park, Brooklyn, with his wife, Regina, and their two-year-old son, James.



Engine 245 responded to a reported structural fire at 2686 Colby Avenue, Brooklyn, on August 27, 2010, at 0238 hours. Arriving in a little more than three minutes, Lieutenant James P. Kelly observed heavy fire and thick, black smoke from the top-floor windows of the six-story, 200-by 50-foot, non-fireproof, H-type building. Lieutenant Kelly transmitted the 10-75 and made his way to the fire apartment.

While his company was engaged in the 13-length stretch up the single, unenclosed stair, Lieutenant Kelly received reports that three elderly occupants were still inside the apartment. As the hose-line reached the fire apartment, FF John Xuereb, Ladder 161's outside vent Firefighter, reported that he believed the fire had entered the cockloft. Simultaneously, FF Nicholas Shelse, Ladder 161's irons Firefighter, transmitted a 10-45 for the first occupant.

As the fire attack began, Lieutenant Edward Gonzalez, Ladder 161, reported a second 10-45. Engine 245 acted quickly to reposition the line to support the rescue of the two victims. Though the visible fire was darkening down, the high heat and smoke persisted, indicating the fire, indeed, was

burning in the cockloft. Fearing the developing fire in the cockloft might prevent the members from completing the search of the apartment and locating the remaining occupant, Lieutenant Kelly went past the operating hose-line to the rear bedroom, where he located the third occupant of the apartment.

Lieutenant Kelly found the 80-year-old victim, Eugene Galperin, face-down in the deepest corner of the room. Lieutenant Kelly dragged the victim through the apartment to the public hall, where he was assisted by members of Ladder 161. Mr. Galperin was removed to a lower floor, where members of Engine 318 performed CPR.

Mr. Galperin was successfully resuscitated that morning and required several weeks of hospitalization and recuperative care. He did not succumb to his injuries. Thankfully, in fact, all three victims of this tragic fire recovered.



Lieutenant James Kelly (back row, third from left) with fellow rescuers from Engine 245.

For his courage and determination in the face of a rapidly expanding fire, while putting himself at risk, Lieutenant James P. Kelly is presented with the Uniformed Fire Officers Association Medal.--CF



Edith B. Goldman Medal

FIREFIGHTER ROBERT J. MOORE

LADDER COMPANY 167 (OFF-DUTY)

August 9, 2010, 0930 hours, Box 75-6169, 211-39 45th Drive, Flushing, Queens

Appointed to the FDNY on July 1, 2008. Now assigned to Engine 316. Wife, Paramedic Paula Moore, is assigned to Station 49, and uncle, Paramedic Will Silvestry, is assigned to the EMS Bureau of Training. Recipient of a citation in 2009, the 2010 Daily News Hero of the Month, 2010 Citation of Honor from the Queens borough president and a 2010 award from Firefighter Quarterly magazine. A trained Paramedic, he is working toward a Nursing degree at Excelsior College. Resides in Bayside, Queens, with his wife, Paula.

When on-duty, New York City Firefighters do anything they can to help people in need. The same is true when Firefighters are off-duty. This was the situation FF Robert J. Moore, Ladder 167, faced on August 9, 2010.

At 0930 hours, FF Moore was off-duty and preparing to leave the gym after working out when he noticed a frantic employee trying to call 911. He asked the woman what was wrong and she told him that a house was on fire around the corner.

FF Moore left the gym, turned the corner and saw heavy, black smoke coming from a two-story private dwelling, halfway down the block at 211-39 45th Drive. Simultaneously, FF Moore's fellow Firefighters at Ladder 167 were responding to the Box and receiving reports of a fire with people trapped.

When FF Moore reached the address, he was met with heavy fire and thick, black smoke pushing from the main entrance and all three windows on the first floor of the house. In front of the house were a man and his 17-year-old son, who were burned and covered in soot. They told the Firefighter that a child and his dog were trapped in the house. The man and his son were the father and brother of the trapped teenager.

Immediately and without regard for his personal safety, FF Moore--who did not have any personal protective equipment (PPE) or tools--began to make his way down the narrow driveway that led to the rear of the house. He had to pass through the radiant heat and heavy smoke coming from the fire building and climb over a parked car. As FF Moore was attempting to force entry into the house, he heard cries for help coming from the rear of the house.

As he turned the exposure #2/3 corner, FF Moore saw a 15-year-old teenager at the second-floor window, holding his dog and threatening to jump because he was burning. The Firefighter assessed the situation and realized that there was potential for the room to light up. He surveyed

the area and saw an eight-foot portable ladder located on the side of the garage in the rear. He placed the ladder directly under the trapped teenager and his dog and instructed him to remain calm.

The ladder was five feet short of the windowsill and FF Moore realized that this would be a difficult and challenging rescue. As he ascended the ladder, he realized that he would have to stand on the top rung in order to reach the windowsill, a dangerous procedure. As he reached the top rung, FF Moore was able to grasp the aluminum siding below the window and instructed the trapped teenager to do exactly what he said or they both would fall.

FF Moore had the teenager pass him the dog, which he quickly lowered to the ground. He then went back up the ladder to remove the teenager. As he was re-climbing the ladder, FF Moore saw an awning just to the right. He thought he could lean to the right and use the awning to brace their fall if the ladder became unstable. The rescuer told the victim to step down onto his shoulders as he guided him down with one hand and held onto the windowsill with the other hand.

FF Moore carried the victim down three rungs on his shoulders and then he repositioned the teenager between himself and the building to provide a safer descent. Once they were on the ground, FF Moore, a trained Paramedic, realized that the victim was having difficulty breathing and had suffered burns to his back and arms. He assisted the teenager to

the front of the building where the companies on-scene were beginning to fight the fire. He grabbed the CFR bag off Ladder 167's apparatus and gave the victim oxygen and began treatment for his burns. The victim's care eventually was turned over to EMS personnel.

Thanks to the quick actions, bravery and perseverance of FF Robert J. Moore, the victim survived. For his actions while off-duty, he is officially recognized by the FDNY with the Edith B. Goldman Medal.--NG



FF Robert Moore is reunited with 15-year-old Roy Nacpil. FF Moore was honored as the Hero of the Month by the Daily News for rescuing the youngster. Attending the ceremonies were Commissioner Salvatore J. Cassano, Chief of Department Edward S. Kilduff and Daily News CEO Bill Holiber.

American Legion Fire Dept. Post 930/ Mark M. Wohlfeld Memorial Medal FIREFIGHTER NICHOLAS S. MARCHESE *LADDER COMPANY 58*

September 15, 2010, 1815 hours, Box 22-3070, 418 Bronx Park Avenue, Bronx

Appointed to the FDNY on October 28, 2001. Previously assigned to Tower Ladder 7. Holds an Associates Degree in Hotel/Restaurant Management from Nassau Community College. Resides in Babylon, Long Island, with his wife, Jenna, and their daughters, Olivia and Mia.



The night tour had barely started on the evening of September 15, 2010, but FF Nicholas S. Marchese and the members of Ladder 58 and Engine 45 soon found themselves in grave danger at a fire that already was starting to grow. At 1815 hours, the alarm sounded for a building fire at 418 Bronx Park Avenue. With their usual alacrity, the members donned their turnout gear and were swiftly on the way. FF Marchese was assigned the position of outside vent Firefighter and he surveyed the fire building as the rig pulled in front of the two-story row frame.

The dispatcher reported that there were people trapped in the basement and two severely burned civilians already had self-evacuated by the time units arrived. Realizing that his best entry to the basement was from the rear, FF Marchese entered the building to the right and made his way out the back door.

Entering the yard, he was faced with a massive pile of debris and a stockade fence, blocking his way to the fire building. Climbing over the garbage, the Firefighter broke his way through the fence, only to find more junk on the other side. With great difficulty, FF Marchese was able to make his way to the rear door. He was able to force it and was met with a high heat and heavy smoke condition.

Donning the facepiece to his mask, FF Marchese entered the basement, only to find a bicycle and more debris still blocking his way. Once past this, he found a piece of plywood nailed in place and blocking the hallway. After he removed that, he was able to make his way down the hall.

The ceiling in the hallway was only six feet high and 30 inches wide and the heat became more oppressive as he advanced. FF Marchese located the rear-most bedroom and began to search for victims when he

heard FF Steven V. Troche, Ladder 58, with the irons, calling for assistance with the two 10-45s he had located. Finding FF Troche and the victim in the jet-black smoke, FF Marchese helped him lift and carry 20-year-old Tashauna Staples to safety. FF Marchese knew that they wouldn't be able to remove her through the piles of debris to the rear, so their only choice was to make their way back down the narrow, heated, smoky hallway to the stairs. (Her two-year-old child, the second 10-45, was removed by FF Peter Tynan, Engine 45.)

As they approached the stairs, the two Firefighters had to maneuver past the members of Engine 45, who were positioning the hand-line to extinguish the blaze. The normally arduous task of removing an adult up a flight of stairs was made harder by the confined area and the heat and smoke surrounding them. As the cool outside air let the rescuers know they'd reached safety, they were grateful that EMS personnel were there to treat the victim and simultaneously give the Firefighters a chance to catch their breath.

The fire, which went to a second alarm, made its way into the cockloft, but other Firefighters were there to contain it. FFs Marchese and Troche had done their best to give Tashauna Staples another chance at life. Her injuries were so severe that she required a lengthy stay at Jacobi Hospital. Were it not for

the valiant efforts the rescuers put forth, she surely would have perished that night.

For his bravery and determination in entering the fire area to find the victim and his tremendous efforts in her removal under adverse conditions, the New York City Fire Department is proud to award the American Legion Fire Department Post 930/Mark M. Wohlfeld Memorial Medal to FF Nicholas S. Marchese.--JT



Ladder 58 operated at Bronx Box 22-2372, 978 Southern Boulevard/East 163rd Street, October 28, 2009.

photo by Bill Tompkins



Arthur J. Laufer Memorial Medal

FIREFIGHTER MATTHEW R. LOPEZ

LADDER COMPANY 16 (ASSIGNED)

LADDER COMPANY 43 (DETAILED)

July 28, 2010, 1223 hours, Box 1303,

East River in the vicinity of East 106th Street/FDR Drive, Manhattan

Appointed to the FDNY on September 25, 2005. Member of the Holy Name Society. Recipient of three unit citations. Holds a BA degree in Psychology from Loyola College (Maryland). Resides in Glendale, Queens.

New York City has more miles of waterfront than Seattle, San Francisco, Chicago and Portland combined, prompting Mayor Michael Bloomberg to refer to the waterfront as New York City's sixth borough. Ultimately, protecting this sixth borough are the highly trained and equipped members of FDNY's Water Rescue Units, as well as the members of the Marine Division and all Rescue and Squad Companies.

According to the Department's response matrix, Ladder 43 was designated the *Water Rescue Unit* for an alarm of a *man in the water*, in the vicinity of East 106th Street and the FDR Drive on July 28, 2010, at 1223 hours. While en route, additional information was received over the Department radio that two civilians were in the water at the same location.

FF Matthew R. Lopez, Ladder 16, detailed for the tour to Ladder 43, who was assigned the *secondary water rescue swimmer* at roll call, started removing his bunker gear in preparation to don his cold water exposure suit upon exiting the apparatus. He knew immediately that this would be a difficult rescue attempt. The East River is known for tidal currents that run in several different directions at various speeds. Additionally, multiple victims meant that FF Lopez would have to act without the comfort of a back-up rescue swimmer. He prepared himself mentally to act alone during this dangerous water rescue.

As Ladder 43 entered the FDR Drive and approached the fishing pier, it was apparent that there were as many as three victims in the water. Ladder 43's chauffeur pulled the apparatus on the shoulder of the FDR, at the base of the fishing pier, as a barefoot FF Lopez immediately exited the apparatus to don his cold water exposure suit. After doing this, he climbed over a dividing wall and ran approximately 50 yards to the location of the victims in the water off the fishing pier.

Sizing up the situation, FF Lopez quickly realized that the three victims were

caught in a swirling, downward current, pulling them under the pier. Before entering the water, the rescuer was hooked up to a tether line and received instruction from the company Officer. In one giant stride, FF Lopez jumped from the concrete barrier of the FDR Drive, descending 20 feet into the East River. Once in the water, FF Lopez signaled to his Officer that he was okay and proceeded in the direction of the victim, who was being dragged under the water beneath the fishing pier.

Swimming to the victim, FF Lopez had to fight a tremendous current and swirling undertow. Reaching the victim, he noticed the man now was floundering under the water and drowning, unable to stay afloat. FF Lopez approached the victim from behind and proceeded to hold onto him, positioning his head above the water. In a moment of inspiration, FF Lopez was able to summon his remaining strength and take control of the victim's body by locking his arms around the victim's chest, using the Fire Department-issued rescue torpedo.

After securing the victim to this flotation device, FF Lopez, now suffering from severe fatigue and exhaustion, started the difficult task of swimming back to the shoreline of the FDR Drive, all the while holding the victim's head above the water. Arriving at the shoreline, FF Lopez was met by FDNY members who immediately set up a 20-foot hook ladder, secured with utility ropes. This facilitated the safe removal of both victim and rescuer from the treacherous waters of the East River. Arriving on land safely, a CFR-D Engine Company began to administer oxygen to the victim and patient care was successfully transferred to EMS personnel.

Proper training and equipment, put in the hands of a dedicated and physically fit member of this Department, resulted in saving this near-drowning victim. There is no question that FF Matthew Lopez' knowledge of water rescue procedures, coupled with his decisive, swift and unhesitating action, saved the life of this man. He is honored with the Arthur J. Laufer Memorial Medal.--PWB

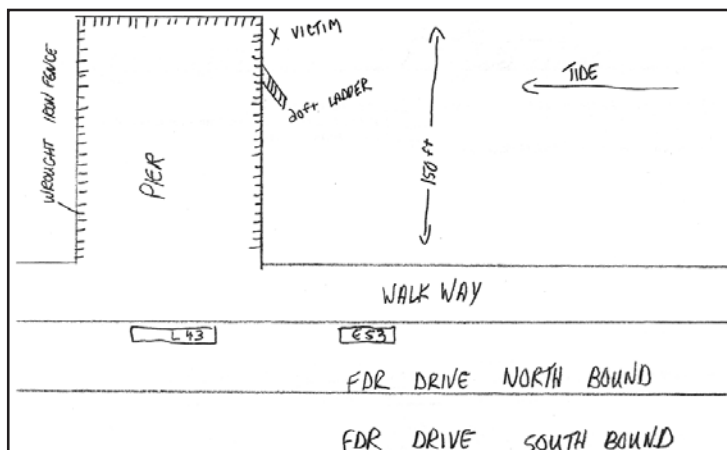


Diagram depicts the water rescue performed by FF Matthew Lopez.

Emerald Society Pipes and Drums Medal FIREFIGHTER GREGORY HANSEN LADDER COMPANY 153

December 10, 2010, 2214 hours, Box 22-3251, 2953 Avenue W, Brooklyn



Appointed to the FDNY on January 27, 2002. Father, Captain Greg Hansen, is retired from Ladder 87. Member of the Emerald Society and the Viking Association. Studied ecology at SUNY at Oneonta and the College of Staten Island. Resides in Staten Island with his wife, America. They are expecting their first child in July.

On the evening of December 10, 2010, Ladder 153 received a phone alarm for a reported fire on the fourth floor of a seven-story, fireproof multiple dwelling. The address was 2953 Avenue W in Brooklyn. The report indicated that people were trapped. The CIDS (critical information dispatch system) information stated that *there were limited hydrants within the complex, no well hole in the stairwell and long hand stretches.*

Engine 321 and Ladder 153 arrived first-due and members began their way to the fourth floor. On their arrival, Lieutenant Christopher Cooke, Engine 321, transmitted the 10-75 for a working fire on the fourth floor over the handie-talkie. Keeping the CIDS data in mind, FF Gregory Hansen realized that the 35-foot extension ladder was his only recourse to access the fourth floor.

He exited the apparatus, knowing that the bucket was not going to be used due to the scaffolding in front of the building. He was joined by Ladder 153's chauffeur, FF Brian McManus, and proceeded to the exposure #2 side of the building with the 35-foot portable ladder. Arriving at the #2 side, a 36-year-old male was attempting to jump out of the fourth-floor window due to the heavy, black smoke conditions behind him.

As FF Hansen was ascending the ladder to the windowsill, he simultaneously was calming the victim. He was able to reach the victim at the tip of the ladder and eased him out of the window and onto the fully extended 35-foot ladder. In order to control the rescue, FF Hansen pressed the victim against the ladder and was successful in bringing him down to street level.

After ensuring the victim was in the hands of FF McManus, FF Hansen returned to the ladder and scaled it back to the fourth floor. He then donned his mask and entered the fire apartment. Due to the extremely long stretches, there was no hand-line in place. As Ladder 153's interior team reached the apartment, they,

too, were met with high heat and dense smoke conditions. Collyers' mansion-type conditions throughout the apartment greatly hindered all primary searches of the fire floor.

FF Hansen entered the rear bedroom and immediately was driven to his knees by the punishing heat and zero visibility. These conditions were caused by numerous vinyl records, along with other items. FF Hansen crawled about eight feet deeper into the room and found an unconscious, 56-year-old male, lying in the prone position. He grabbed the victim and lifted him over boxes and stereo equipment that littered the entire room. FF Hansen was able to carry the victim past the door and into the living room, just as Engine 321 members received water in their line.

With the engine's line now in place and ready to advance, it was much more difficult to remove the victim. At this point, FF Hansen lifted the victim up and onto his shoulder and made a final push to exit the zero visibility of the apartment. In doing so, he was met with Ladder 153's inside team and the outside vent Firefighter, FF Peter Montagano, Ladder 156. With great effort, the victim was successfully removed into the hallway.

The man immediately was given CPR and oxygen. He was carried from the fourth floor to the street. In critical condition, he then was packaged and transported to Coney Island Hospital (CIH). After initial treatment at CIH, the patient was transported to Jacobi Hospital for use of their hyperbaric chamber and continued care for his near-fatal injuries.

Captain William Stark, Ladder 153, stated, *FF Gregory Hansen's heroic efforts most certainly saved the lives of two people.* Battalion Chief Donald Howard, Battalion 33, added, *His persistent efforts at this fire resulted in two lives saved.* The tradition continues. FF Hansen acted in the finest traditions of the New York City Fire Department. Recognizing his bravery, the FDNY is proud to award FF Gregory Hansen with the Emerald Society Pipes and Drums Medal.--TW



Ladder 153 operated at Brooklyn Box 55-3246, 3030 Emmons Avenue/Nostrand Avenue, on January 17, 2004.



Company Officers Association Medal

FIREFIGHTER DANIEL G. INSARDI *LADDER COMPANY 102*

December 23, 2010, 1323 hours, Box 75-0659, 521A Greene Avenue, Brooklyn

Appointed to the FDNY on June 1, 1983. Previously assigned to Engine 253. Father, Captain Angelo D. Insardi (now deceased), was retired from Engine 328. Recipient of numerous unit citations. Resides in North Massapequa, Long Island, with his three children, Heather, Kerry and Gregory.

In the history of the FDNY, it has been proved time and again that experience and dedication to the craft of fire-fighting will allow one to see the *big picture*. FF Daniel Insardi, Ladder 102, relied on these attributes when he rescued a four-month-old from a burning apartment.

Ladder 102 was assigned first-due to Box 0659, but arrived second-due to a four-story, brownstone-type frame structure. The building had thick, black smoke pouring from all openings and people were shouting that a child was inside. FF Insardi, a 28-year FDNY veteran, was assigned the outside vent (OV) position and he began his size-up as soon as he stepped off the apparatus.

FF Insardi had to alter his tactics from the onset of the operation. He was now the second-due OV and he immediately ascertained that Ladder 111's OV was operating from its tower ladder bucket, venting the front of the building. FF Insardi was receiving confirmed reports of a missing child from Battalion Chief John Rozas, Battalion 57. Combining that information with his experience with the layout of this kind of building, the Firefighter made some key decisions. The picture unfolding told him that getting to his position in the rear was supremely important because there was a good chance the missing child would be there.

FF Insardi chose to go through exposure #4, a similar attached building, to get to the rear. Experience and instincts told him to bring the forcible entry saw. His instincts were correct; the door below the stoop was protected by a heavy, steel-reinforced door, which necessitated the saw to cut the multiple locks. Radio reports indicated slow progress in the fire building due to a narrow hall that was blocked by furniture and high heat.

The heavy fire venting

out one of the windows in the rear confirmed the extent of the fire within. A six-foot chain link fence now stood between the rescuer and the rear of the fire building. FF Insardi quickly climbed the fence and once he reached the top, it abruptly collapsed, causing him to fall backward. Unfazed, he quickly gathered his composure and began to force the rear door. Nothing came easy on this day as FF Insardi discovered that the entrance was blocked by furniture. Unable to get in, he attacked the hinges in order to remove the door completely.

FF Insardi now set to the task of searching for the missing child. Conditions were punishing opposite the hose-line and became worse as he slipped past the doorway toward the rear bedroom. He crawled into the room and came upon an empty crib. Undaunted, he continued his search until he found a bed and the unconscious Aniyah Vaughn, a four-month-old female.

FF Insardi knew that even though she was breathing weakly, he had to work fast to get her into the hands of advanced care. He proactively radioed to Chief Rozas to request that EMS personnel and a CFR engine meet him in front of the adjoining building, exposure #4. He carried the child and gave her rescue breaths as he retraced his steps to the front of the building.

Chief Rozas stated in his endorsement of FF Insardi that, *he was, by far, the most qualified person on the scene to accomplish*

this task alone. Although, unfortunately, the child ultimately expired, FF Insardi's ability to think ahead to the next step of the operation, under complex and challenging circumstances, gave Aniyah Vaughn her best chance at survival. His fortitude, determination and perseverance exemplify the finest traditions of the FDNY. For these reasons, FF Daniel Insardi is awarded the Company Officers Association Medal.--MD



Ladder 102 operates at All Hands fire in Flushing, Queens, on April 17, 2002.

Chief Joseph B. Martin Medal

FIREFIGHTER SHANE C. BENAC

LADDER COMPANY 13 (ASSIGNED)

LADDER COMPANY 43 (DETAILED)

July 28, 2010, 1223 hours, Box 1303, East River,
south side of the East 106th Street fishing pier, Manhattan

Appointed to the FDNY on January 20, 2008. Member of the FDNY Football Team. Recipient of one unit citation. Holds an AAS degree in Fire Science from Mesa Community College (Arizona). Resides in Long Island City, Queens.



Medal Day is the most celebrated annual event among the members of the FDNY and their families. The ceremony always reflects on the past year's deeds of daring with thoughts of valiant rescues from burning buildings and smoke-filled hallways. However, blazing fires are not the only incidents at which FDNY Firefighters perform heroic deeds. Water rescues, while not quite as prolific as rescues from fires, seem to be growing in number throughout the City.

To address this phenomenon, certain ladder companies throughout the five boroughs are strategically designated by the FDNY as *Water Rescue Units*. Members of these companies are required to undergo water rescue training in addition to the field unit training at the Fire Academy and during company drills.

On July 28, 2010, that training came into play as Ladder 43 received a computer alarm for Box 1303, reporting a male in the water in the East River, in the vicinity of the East 106th Street fishing pier. While en route, the dispatcher updated the responding units that reports of several civilians in the water were being received.

FF Shane Benac, designated the primary rescuer at the day's roll call, immediately began sizing up the situation, knowing the strong and unpredictable currents of the East River would portend a difficult rescue. Ladder 43 approached the 106th Street pier,

off the FDR, and members realized that, in fact, several people were trapped alongside the pier. The downward current from the East River against the pier created a whirlpool effect in which the victims were being pulled underwater. With three confirmed victims, there would be three rescuers required, thus eliminating any back-up teams.

Without hesitation, FF Benac donned his cold water rescue suit and made his way down the pier to where the victims were trapped. After being tethered to a safety line, FF Benac jumped the 20 feet off the pier and into the choppy waters. He began to swim toward the victims and reached 45-year-old Carlos Rivera, just before he was swept under the pier. The Firefighter grabbed Mr. Rivera's almost lifeless body, pulled his head above water and secured him with the rescue buoy.

FF Benac now struggled to swim himself and get Mr. Rivera to the 20-foot ladder placed into the water by the other members of Ladder 43. After finally reaching the ladder, FF Benac, assisted by other members, removed the victim from the river and almost certain death. Mr. Rivera was transported by ambulance to Metropolitan Hospital. He recovered and was released.

For maintaining the highest traditions of the Department in performing this heroic action, FF Shane C. Benac is proudly awarded the Chief Joseph B. Martin Medal.--SI



FF Shane Benac operated at Manhattan Box 22-1097, 12 East 80th Street/Fifth Avenue, April 22, 2010. photo by Vic Nicastro

Lieutenant Kirby McElhearn Medal

Christmas Day, December 25, 2010

SUNY Downstate Medical Center, 450 Clarkson Avenue, Brooklyn



PARAMEDIC

SEAN M. MCGRATH
STATION 39

Appointed to EMS as an Emergency Medical Technician on February 6, 2004. Previously assigned to Stations 38 and 58. Member of the first-place team in the 2009 EMS Competition. Recipient of a pre-hospital save. Resides in Deer Park, Long Island.



PARAMEDIC

PATRICK M. O'NEIL
STATION 38

Appointed to EMS as an Emergency Medical Technician on January 9, 2006. Previously assigned to Station 4. Holds a BA degree in Communications and Media Studies/Journalism from Fordham University. Resides in West Babylon, Long Island.



EMT

PATRICK M. CREEDEN
STATION 38

Appointed to EMS as an Emergency Medical Technician on September 29, 2000. Previously assigned to Station 31. Recipient of two unit citations and several pre-hospital saves. Holds an AAS degree from Broome Community College. Resides on Staten Island.

Saturday, December 25, 2010, started as a peaceful and serene tour for the FDNY EMS members who ultimately were assigned to a precarious confined space incident at the SUNY Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn. The patient, a 47-year-old female, making a visit to a family member, entered a lobby-level elevator for an eight-story ride that became a life-altering experience, leaving her struggling for survival and praying for a Christmas Day miracle.

In what must have been a surreal moment of terror, the elevator began its eight-story ascent as the victim was entering the elevator car and became caught between the closing doors. The unforgiving forces of high voltage and structural steel mangled and tore the flesh from one of the patient's arms in an instant as the elevator began a mindless vertical ascent. With the patient's lower extremities partially outside the car, the elevator dragged upward, shattering and tearing the patient's legs as it whisked past seven landings. Finally arriving on the eighth floor, the victim was barely conscious, her body shattered and bleeding, with both of her crushed legs trapped between the elevator floor and landing.

EMT Patrick Creeden, a Haz-Tac-trained member working on unit 38H3, was one of the first EMS members to make it to the victim's side. Calling on his 10 years of experience as an EMT, he worked feverishly to control the bleeding from the patient's mangled limbs and treated her for the symptoms of compensated hemorrhagic shock.

Arriving in the elevator moments later was Paramedic Patrick O'Neil of unit 58U3. Paramedic O'Neil, with five years of experience, coordinated Advanced Life Support (ALS) meas-

ures during the prolonged extrication, ensuring that intravenous fluids were constantly infused to replace the patient's life-threatening blood loss.

Paramedic Sean McGrath, working in unit 39R3, joined his fellow rescuers minutes later, bringing the knowledge and expertise of a Rescue-trained Paramedic to the scene. Paramedic McGrath implemented specialized ALS protocol to treat the patient for crush injury syndrome, a cascade of physiological events that quickly can lead to high blood toxin levels, cardiac dysrhythmia and irreversible tissue death.

Amid the noise and haste of the extrication, the three EMS members remained in the elevator at the patient's side, composed and focused on the shared objective of every rescuer on-scene--saving the victim. Alongside Firefighters toiling with air bags and Hurst Tools, the EMS members remained as the elevator floor was cut away, endangering all of the stricken elevator's occupants. After almost an hour of disentanglement efforts, proficient Basic Life Support (BLS) and cutting-edge ALS treatment, the patient was extricated from the elevator and rushed to

a waiting surgical team at the neighboring Kings County Hospital Level-I Trauma Center.

The tireless efforts and selfless dedication of Paramedics Sean McGrath and Patrick O'Neil and EMT Patrick Creeden allowed the victim to survive this tragedy, giving her what was the greatest gift that she ever could have hoped to receive that Christmas Day--the gift of her life. For their lifesaving actions while facing extreme adversity, the FDNY honors these three members with the Lieutenant Kirby McElhearn Medal.--MJB



Following her extrication from the elevator, patient is readied for transport to Kings County Hospital.

photo by John Taggart, New York Daily News

Police Honor Legion Medal

FIREFIGHTER BRIAN M. FLYNN

ENGINE COMPANY 39 (ASSIGNED)

LADDER COMPANY 16 (DETAILED)

June 24, 2010, 1726 hours, Box 75-1021, 200 East 71st Street, Manhattan



Appointed to the FDNY on May 31, 2005. Father, Daniel Flynn (records manager), and stepmother, Eileen Flynn (administrative assistant), are both retired civilian employees of the FDNY. Member of the Holy Name and Emerald Societies. Holds an Associate's Degree in Science from Nassau Community College. Resides in Queens, with his wife, Tracy, who soon will give birth to their first children, twins.

When FF Brian Flynn, Engine 39, reported for duty in the late afternoon of June 24, 2010, he was immediately detailed across the floor to work in Ladder 16, where he was assigned the extinguisher position. He would be part of the inside team and carry a 2¹/₂-gallon water extinguisher.

After the company returned to quarters following two runs, they were directed to a reported building fire in the heart of the Upper East Side. When the company arrived at its destination--a 21-story, 200- by 100-foot, high-rise apartment house, there was no fire or smoke visible. However, once in the lobby, the members were confronted with anxious residents who were self-evacuating the premises. Additionally, a building employee advised them that there was smoke in the hallway on the top floor and the apartment resident was home.

Immediately after receiving this information, FF Flynn, led by Lieutenant Michael McGevna, and accompanied by FF Keith Rogozinski, took the elevator to the 19th floor. After exiting, they took the stairs to the 21st floor. Once there, they discovered smoke banked down in the public hallway. The smoke was emanating from apartment 21A, where the door had been left open. The team entered the apartment and observed flames in the living room. Using water from his extinguisher, FF Flynn was directed to hold back the fire, while members of Engine 39 proceeded into the 2000-square-foot, four-bedroom apartment.

Unfortunately, the Engine 39 members had insufficient water pressure in their hose-line because of a broken standpipe riser at the roof

tank. This, in turn, caused water to flood the elevator shafts, rendering them inoperative. After expending the water in his extinguisher and without the protection of a hose-line, FF Flynn crawled past the fire and commenced a search. After searching two bedrooms, smoke was observed coming from a third bedroom door. FF Flynn returned to the front of the apartment, re-traced his route and entered the third bedroom.

He crawled on his hands and knees, while calling out, *anyone here?* FF Flynn finally heard a slight gasp and located a 70-year-old female, who was semi-conscious. When he touched the woman, she rasped the word, *oxygen*. FF Flynn immediately started dragging the woman to safety. He was assisted by FF Rogozinski and, together, they removed the victim to the 20th floor. Subsequently, suffering from smoke inhalation, she was transported to the hospital.

Although FF Flynn credits the entire Ladder 16 team with their efforts to mitigate the possibility of dire consequences that could have resulted from a broken standpipe and out-of-service elevators, it was his individual effort that saved the life

of the resident. FF Flynn's situational awareness, observing a third bedroom, knowing the location of the fire, making a diligent search, as well as his determination and placing himself at risk, all culminated in a successful outcome. His actions clearly demonstrated the highest traditions of the FDNY and the entire fire service.

For his courage and perseverance in the face of a dangerous environment, the Police Honor Legion Medal is proudly awarded to FF Brian M. Flynn.--BDG



Engine 39 operated at Manhattan Box 66-0775, 370 Lexington Avenue/41st Street (steam explosion), July 18, 2007.



Firefighter David J. DeFranco Medal

FIREFIGHTER CHRISTOPHER T. SCHICKLER

ENGINE COMPANY 35 (ASSIGNED)

ENGINE COMPANY 53 (DETAILED)

**July 28, 2010, 1223 hours, Box 1303,
East River in the vicinity of East 106th Street/FDR Drive, Manhattan**

Appointed to the FDNY on August 5, 2007. Father, FF Alan Schickler, is retired from Engine 53, cousin, Battalion Chief James Connolly, is assigned to Battalion 50 and cousin, Lieutenant Andrew F. Beck, is retired from Ladder 121. Member of the Steuben Association. Holds a BA degree from Springfield College. Resides in Merrick, Long Island.

On the beautiful summer morning of July 28, 2010, FF Christopher Schickler had two reasons for feeling exceptionally good. First, he had just returned from participating in the Iron Man competition in Lake Placid. Second, he was detailed to Engine 53 for the tour; the same firehouse where his father worked and whose picture and/or name appeared in the many photos and plaques adorning the walls. At the conclusion of the tour, FF Schickler added a third reason to be elated; he saved someone's life.

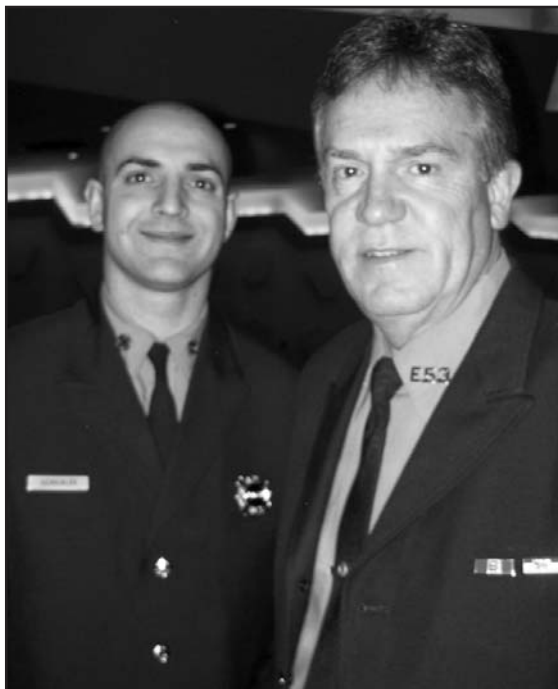
Engine 53 was out in the field when the company, under the command of Lieutenant Thomas Delgrosso, detailed from Ladder 13, was directed to respond to a report of a person in the waters of the East River in the vicinity of 106th Street. Because the dispatcher advised that a heavy volume of calls was being received for the incident, the members started preparing for a water rescue. FF Schickler, knowing the area and anticipating the worst, removed his bunker gear before the rig stopped on the northbound lane of the FDR Drive, adjacent to the 106th Street pier. Immediately on arrival, the crew noticed two people in the water, who were in obvious distress, attempting to keep their heads above water.

FF Schickler immediately leapt off the apparatus into the oncoming traffic lane, raced around the front of the truck, vaulted the dividing wall separating the highway from the pier and ran to the end of the structure. After being secured to a rope by FF Andrew Dory, Engine 22, detailed to Engine 53, FF Schickler scaled a wrought-iron fence and, disregarding his personal safety, jumped 20 feet

into the swirling currents of the river.

It was confirmed that three people were in the water and, after surveying the area, FF Schickler spotted a 60-year-old, unconscious male, whose head was under the water. Obviously, the man was in the most danger of the victims in the water and required immediate assistance. FF Schickler commenced the challenging task of swimming toward the man.

When FF Schickler reached the man, he pulled his head up and out of the water and started swimming, with the victim in tow, against the treacherous current toward a ladder that had been lowered from the pier. So powerful was the river's motion that both the victim and his rescuer started to be swept underneath the pier. Summoning all his strength, FF Schickler, although exhausted, worked his way to the ladder and, with the assistance of FF John Rodriguez, Engine 39, detailed to Engine 53, lifted the unconscious victim out of the water. He then was passed to waiting EMS personnel. Subsequently, the man, in critical condition and suffering from respiratory arrest, was transported to Metropolitan Hospital. FF Schickler was treated at NY Presbyterian Hospital for a strained back, exposure and exhaustion.



From one FDNY generation to the next--Father, Alan Schickler, with son, Christopher T. Schickler, honored with the Firefighter David J. DeFranco Medal for his water rescue. Chris was detailed to Engine 53--the Company from which his dad retired as a Firefighter--when he made the rescue.

Although he does not possess formal training in swift-water rescue techniques, nevertheless, FF Schickler acted decisively and quickly to save the life of a drowning man. It is for these reasons, coupled with the fact that he operated alone, that the Firefighter David J. DeFranco Medal is proudly presented to FF Christopher T. Schickler.--BDG

**Lieutenant James E. Zahn/
Lieutenant Peter L. Troiano Memorial Medal
FIREFIGHTER JOSHUA M. LOMASK
LADDER COMPANY 147**

January 28, 2010, 0225 hours, Box 75-2513, 403 Avenue C, Brooklyn

Appointed to the FDNY on October 15, 1995. Previously assigned to Engine 33. Recipient of two As and two unit citations. Resides in Brooklyn with his wife, Diana, and their children, John, Michael and Joseph.



It takes a noble, brave person to risk his/her life for others. The members of the Fire Department of New York uphold these qualities with pride and dedication. Along with being courageous, firefighting takes proficiency and leadership. These qualities were exhibited by FF Joshua Lomask when he acted promptly to save the life of a woman who was trapped in an apartment.

At 0225 hours on January 28, 2010, Ladder 147 was dispatched to a fire at 403 Avenue C in the Kensington section of Brooklyn. This call seemed similar to most runs for FF Lomask and the members of Ladder 147. However, while the truck was en route to the fire, additional information, reporting numerous calls with a person trapped inside the apartment, was given to the members.

On arrival, Engine 281 gave the 10-75 signal for a working fire on the fourth floor of a four-story multiple dwelling. Fire was visible from the front two windows onto the fire escape. The room in which the person was trapped was directly adjoining the fire room. Some of the members of Ladder 147, who already were in the building, proceeded to the fourth floor via the interior stairs and began forcing entry into apartment 4D. As the forcible entry team proceeded, an interior latch was noticed on the door, confirming the members' anxiety--someone was inside.

Ladder 147's roof Firefighter continued to move toward the roof by means of the stairway with the life-saving rope and roof saw. Then, Ladder 147's chauffeur, FF Lomask, set up the aerial ladder. He noticed a woman at the window of the fire apartment. Heavy, black smoke was billowing over her head. After transmitting this information to the Incident Commander (IC), FF

Lomask quickly began moving the ladder to the window.

He then instructed the terrified woman to stay where she was and he would come to her. When FF Lomask moved the aerial ladder to the window, he saw that the woman had left and gone back into the apartment. The inside team of Ladder 147 was moving toward the bedroom of the apartment, but the members were abruptly met by the furious blaze in the living room. This prevented them from getting to the woman trapped in the bedroom. It was obvious now that the only chance for her to be rescued was from the window where FF Lomask had placed the aerial ladder.

Arriving at the window and not seeing anybody, FF Lomask quickly removed the child guards that prevented him from entering the apartment through the window. He donned his facepiece and entered the smoke-filled room. About five feet into this toxic environment, FF Lomask found the woman--disoriented, semi-conscious and scared. With the smoke thickening and most of the building engulfed in flame, it was vital that this rescue be completed quickly.

Operating without the protection of a charged hose-line, FF Lomask helped the woman back to the window and out onto the aerial ladder. He was assisted by FF Thomas Tanzosh, Ladder 148's outside vent Firefighter, who helped complete her removal down to the ground.

FF Lomask was decisive and aggressive when he made his move into the bedroom, knowing the woman trapped inside had little time to spare. For his meritorious actions, FF Joshua M. Lomask is presented with the Lieutenant James E. Zahn/Lieutenant Peter L. Troiano Memorial Medal.--VG



Ladder 147 operates at Brooklyn Box 33-2446, 1430 Flatbush Avenue/Farragut Road, May 26, 2009.

photo by Brooklyn Dispatcher Warren Fuchs (retired)

Lieutenant James Curran/New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation Medal



ENGINE COMPANY 63

July 4, 2008, 1953 hours, Box 75-3886, 708 East
243rd Street, Bronx

LIEUTENANT JOHN M. FLAHERTY (BN-15)
FF JONAS G. ADAMS, JR.
FF ANTHONY M. CUOZZO
FF PHILIP MARINO
FF ROBERT W. PAINTER

With more than the usual number of calls for odor of smoke or working fires started accidentally by illegal fireworks, the Fourth of July is always a busy night for the Fire Department. But not all fires are accidental and the ones that are set intentionally are meant to be more severe, usually by someone seeking total destruction. Someone removed a gas meter from a second-floor apartment at 708 East 243rd Street in the Bronx. That action placed the members of Engine 63 in a life-threatening situation and tested their resolve.

The evening of July 4, 2008, was still young for FFs Jonas G. Adams, Jr., Anthony M. Cuzzo, Philip Marino and Robert W. Painter, working the evening shift in Engine 63. Lieutenant John M. Flaherty, Battalion 15, was the Officer assigned to the engine for that tour. At 1953 hours, the computer spat out a report of a phone alarm for a fire in the six-story multiple dwelling where the above-mentioned gas meter had been removed. As they were responding, the dispatcher warned incoming units that there were numerous phone calls and reports of fire on the second and third floors.

The building's location in the uppermost corner of the Bronx, one block from the Westchester border in Mount Vernon, meant that there would be a delay for secondary units responding. From three blocks away, the responders could see a heavy volume of ominous, black smoke, billowing from the roof. As the Engine 63 chauffeur pulled up to the reported address, the members could see deadly flames lapping out the second-floor windows in the throat of the building.

He bypassed the hydrant in front of the building to facilitate tower ladder placement in that strategic position and instead positioned the engine on the corner of White Plains Road. The members of Engine 63 quickly worked to get a first line in position as a crowd began to gather to watch the growing inferno and residents self-evacuated the building.

When they reached the second-floor landing, Firefighters were met with a high heat and heavy smoke condition from fire emanating from the open fire apartment door. Lieutenant Flaherty and Lieutenant Mannion, Ladder 39 covering, attempted to pull the door closed, but the volume of flames proved too much for the limited extinguisher water from Ladder 39's extinguisher Firefighter.

Calling for a second line, but knowing that it would be delayed, Lieutenant Flaherty called for water and led the members of Engine 63 in gaining control of the interior stairs and then the hallway as they worked their way toward the fire apartment. As they crawled down the floor with blue flames shooting out of the apartment door, they had to muster every ounce of courage to make the turn into the fire apartment. The blue flames they saw were coming from the gas pipeline where the meter had been removed and the intense heat had set fire to the whole apartment.

As other units began to fight, the fire extended to the floor above and other apartments. The members of Engine 63 continued to claw their way into the fully involved apartment as the gas-fueled flames roared over their heads. When all visible fire had been knocked down and the gas supply had been shut down, they were relieved by Engine 38 members, who continued to extinguish pockets of fire in the charred apartment.

Had it not been for the aggressive efforts of the members of Engine 63, with no second line to back them up, the fire could have quickly spread to envelop the whole building. For the skill, determination, courage and teamwork displayed by Lieutenant John M. Flaherty and FFs Jonas G. Adams, Jr., Anthony M. Cuzzo, Philip Marino and Robert W. Painter, the Fire Department is proud to present the Lieutenant James Curran/New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation Medal to Engine Company 63.--JT

Firefighter Thomas R. Elsasser Memorial Medal

LADDER COMPANY 174

March 29, 2010, 0421 hours, Box 75-1580,
3813 Church Avenue, Brooklyn

LIEUTENANT RAYMOND J. BAYER, JR.
FF GERARD F. CAVANAGH
FF DANIEL P. DONOHUE
FF JAMES M. DOWDELL
FF JOHN J. O'SULLIVAN
FF JON MICH SOMMESO



The anthropologist Margaret Meade once said, *Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world.* This saying is true for Firefighters, too, as they often make a world-changing difference in dire moments. Such was the case for four individuals residing at 3813 Church Avenue, a two-story, 25- by 60-foot, commercial/residential structure in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn, when fire erupted in the early-morning hours of March 29, 2010.

Working the six by nine tour that early spring morning in Ladder 174, *Snyder Island*, were Lieutenant Raymond J. Bayer, Jr., and FFs Gerard F. Cavanagh, Daniel P. Donohue, James M. Dowdell, John J. O'Sullivan and Jon M. Sommeso. At 0421 hours, the tone alarms went off in the Snyder Avenue firehouse and the company responded as first-due truck to the reported fire.

Engine 248, which was the first-due engine, reported on arrival that heavy smoke was pushing from the building and transmitted a 10-75. As Ladder 174 arrived, Lieutenant Bayer observed a civilian about to jump from the second floor due to heavy smoke pushing from the window. The Lieutenant ordered the chauffeur, FF Cavanagh, to position the aerial and rescue the trapped civilian.

Meanwhile, entering the building, the inside team--the Lieutenant and FFs Donohue with the irons and Dowdell with the extinguisher--were pushed back by heavy fire and thick smoke in the stairwell. Simultaneously, FF Cavanagh set the aerial in place, ascended the ladder and rescued the cut-off civilian. However, because the aerial was being used, FF Sommeso, the roof Firefighter, needed to improvise.

Moving quickly, he took a tarred-over scuttle ladder from the adjoining building, which required use of a Halligan tool to pry open the scuttle cover. Additionally, FF O'Sullivan, outside vent Firefighter, also

had problems getting to the rear of the building. Thinking quickly, he placed a portable ladder onto the one-story attached structure and climbed to the roof. He then pulled the ladder up to the roof and moved to the rear of the building and climbed down into the rear yard.

By this time, Engine 248 had stretched a hand-line and pushed back the fire, which was in complete control of the first-floor stairwell. This allowed the inside team to climb the staircase and search the upper floor. Working in high heat and zero visibility, the team forced the door of the rear apartment. However, while this was occurring, Engine 248 had re-positioned their line into the first-floor store, which allowed the stairwell to reignite, thereby forcing the team to operate under punishing conditions.

On the second floor, the team members closed the door behind them to keep the now-unchecked fire at bay and began to search the apartment. FF Dowdell, in the course of his search, located a nine-month-old baby on a bed and almost immediately, FF Donohue located two other victims. Lieutenant Bayer immediately was notified of the three 10-45s and radioed this information to Battalion Chief Joseph McKie, Battalion 41. With this information, Engine 248 re-positioned their hand-line and knocked down the stairwell fire. The inside team then brought the three civilians down to the safety of the street and handed them off to EMS personnel.

In his report of the incident, Deputy Chief Stephen Moro, Division 15, noted, *The rapid intervention and removal by Ladder 174 was instrumental in the survival of these four individuals. They demonstrated job knowledge, aggressive action and a coordinated effort in making this rescue.* The Fire Department of the City of New York is proud to honor the members of Ladder Company 174 today with the Firefighter Thomas R. Elsasser Memorial Medal.--
DJH



Ladder 174 operated at this two-alarm fire on East 92nd Street, Brooklyn, April 4, 2002.



Deputy Commissioner Christine R. Godek Medal FIRE MARSHAL BRIAN M. KREBS *BFI--CITY-WIDE SOUTH COMMAND*

March 1, 2010, 2346 hours, Box 75-2605, 981 57th Street, Brooklyn

Appointed to the FDNY as a Firefighter on February 2, 2003. Previously assigned to Engine 14. Recipient of a unit citation. Holds a BS degree in Speech Communications with a minor in Business Communications.

Crimes committed by organized street gangs typically focus on racketeering, arms trafficking, extortion, assault, robbery and murder. The night of March 1, 2010, was different; this time, the members of one of the more notorious street gangs were focused on revenge.

At 981 57th Street in the Borough Park section of Brooklyn, all family members had gone to bed early. Just after midnight, they awoke in terror to the sound of breaking glass, as multiple Molotov cocktails were propelled through the first-floor windows, trapping the occupants on the upper floor. The quick response by Firefighters from Engine 247 and Ladder 148 led to a rapid attack on the fire and the safe removal of occupants. Grateful family members later reported that the Firefighters had appeared almost instantly.

Fire Marshals from the Bureau of Fire Investigation (BFI), City-Wide South Command, responded. Supervising Fire Marshal Tom Kane assigned Fire Marshal Brian Krebs as the lead investigator. FM Krebs conducted a forensic examination of the fire scene that determined two incendiary devices were thrown through the front windows. He uncovered evidence and processed it for laboratory analysis. FM Krebs conducted an area canvass, seeking investigative leads. He interviewed potential witnesses, cultivated confidential informants, analyzed investigative data bases and evaluated intelligence gleaned from a variety of law enforcement sources.

Investigation uncovered links to a second nearby fire and to street gang activity, specifically this particular infamous gang. FM Krebs determined the motive of both fires was revenge related to an internal gang dispute. During the next days, weeks and months, the Fire Marshal continued to identify elusive gang members, then

implemented a strategy that resulted in the apprehension of a number of suspects. Skilled interrogation led to confessions and the identification of previously unknown suspects.

Working jointly with BFI's Special Investigations Unit, FM Krebs presented the results of his investigation to the Office of the District Attorney and the Grand Jury, resulting in the July 21 indictment of 18 members of the street gang organization. FM Krebs spearheaded an apprehension team manned by members of the BFI and the NYPD. A total of 30 arrests were made by FM Krebs in this case.

This is a significant BFI accomplishment. 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. The perpetrators in this case showed a depraved indifference to human life when under the cover of darkness, they firebombed a fully occupied private residence.

FM Krebs worked diligently to develop investigative leads. Then, with fearless resolve, he set out to hunt and apprehend these violent felons, known to carry and use firearms. As the apprehensions were made, FM Krebs distinguished himself in his knowledge of the law and skilled use of interview/interrogation techniques, which generated powerful evidence for the prosecution. Throughout the course of this investigation, FM Krebs demonstrated the resourcefulness and tenacity found only in the most dedicated investigators.

His actions represent the highest traditions in law enforcement. With this in mind, FM Brian Krebs is awarded the Deputy Commissioner Christine R. Godek Medal.--JDL



Taking a break from training at Camp Smith Range is Fire Marshal Brian Krebs.

William Friedberg Medal

FIREFIGHTER

CHRISTOPHER J. MINICHIELLO

LADDER COMPANY 126

May 25, 2010, 1826 hours, Box 75-9839, 97-17 Waltham Street, Queens



Appointed to the FDNY on August 5, 2007. Member of the Columbia Association and the Emerald Society. Resides in Astoria, Queens.

It is often said that being a Firefighter is not just a career choice, but a calling. A great sense of pride and dedication exude from the members and drives them to be the heroes they truly are. FF Christopher J. Minichiello embodies these qualities and on the evening of May 25, 2010, he demonstrated his abilities and proved what an asset he is to the Department.

On the evening of May 25th, at 1826 hours, a fire broke out in a private dwelling in Queens. Early on in the response, the dispatcher reported an elderly person was trapped on the second floor. Engine 303 was first-due. The members transmitted a 10-75 signal. It was evident that this fire was dangerous and moving quickly. On arrival, Ladder 126 members observed an advanced fire pouring out of the front windows. Conditions began to deteriorate rapidly.

Engine 303's Commander quickly reported an out-of-service hydrant. A 10-70 signal (water supply is required) was immediately transmitted, as well as an urgent handie-talkie message to all members on the scene.

The inside team of Captain Daniel Krueger (Division 13) and FFs Minichiello with the irons and Matthew J. Sweeney with the extinguisher, forced the inside foyer door open, leading up to the second floor. When they got to the top of the stairs, they forced the second-floor apartment door open. The door opened only about one foot, indicating that there was something or someone behind it.

FF Minichiello

heard a person moaning in the apartment. He then reached his hand behind the door and felt the hand of the victim. Knowing that time was running out, the Firefighter quickly pushed the door in enough to slip through the opening, disregarding his own safety. Captain Krueger then followed suit. Without the protection of a hose-line and knowing that the fire hydrant was out of service, this rescue was particularly treacherous.

As the fire began to draw closer to the rescuers, FF Minichiello moved the victim back, while FF Sweeney pushed the door open and assisted in removing the victim down the stairs. The victim then was placed in the care of other members on the ground level. The Firefighters at the scene worked feverishly to extinguish the fire.

FF Minichiello used an innate sense of awareness by understanding the report of the trapped elderly occupant, the location of the fire and the resistance of the apartment door. Putting these elements together, he was able to execute this rescue successfully.

Had it not been for the quick and aggressive actions of FF Minichiello and the inside team, the injuries sustained by the victim certainly would have been more extensive, if not fatal. Unfortunately, she did expire a few months later. For his timely and heroic actions, the FDNY is pleased to honor FF Christopher Minichiello with the William Friedberg Medal.--VG



FF Matt Sweeney (left) had the extinguisher and William Friedberg Medal winner, FF Christopher Minichiello (right)--both of Ladder 126--had the irons at Queens Box 75-9839, 97-17 Waltham Street.



Shelly Rothman Memorial Medal

FIREFIGHTER STEPHEN J. CUNNINGHAM

LADDER COMPANY 148

July 20, 2010, 0303 hours, Box 75-3799, 1452 55th Street, Brooklyn

Appointed to the FDNY on May 31, 2005. Father, FF Steve Cunningham, is retired from Ladder 153. Member of the Emerald Society and Columbia Association. Holds a BS degree with a double major in Art and Management from the College of Staten Island. Resides on Staten Island.

As New Yorkers know, by mid-July, the nights are sweltering and humid. In the outer boroughs, as traffic dies away, the sound of air conditioners sometimes are louder than the summer cicada insects. For FDNY Firefighters, this time of year is especially difficult because they must contend with the heat and humidity, as well as the weight of their personal protective equipment (PPE) and tools. Such was the case on July 20, 2010, when at approximately 0300 hours, a fire broke out on the third floor of 1452 55th Street in the Borough Park section of Brooklyn.

Working the irons positions that hot night in Ladder 148 was FF Stephen J. Cunningham. As the call came into the 12th Avenue firehouse, every member knew--because of the hour--that civilians would be at risk with many in bed and asleep. An aggressive attack would be required.

Ladder 148 arrived at the 75- by 100-foot, non-fireproof multiple dwelling in a bit more than four minutes. FF Cunningham, along with Lieutenant Robert Giddings and FF Henry Jablonsky (Engine 282) with the extinguisher, quickly climbed up to the third floor where they met Lieutenant Ryan Paholek, Engine 247 covering, who was controlling the door to apartment 3F to protect tenants as they fled the upper floors of the building. The inside team donned their facepieces and hoods and, after the safety of the occupants in the stairway was ensured, entered the burning apartment.

FF Cunningham and the other members of the team were immediately met with a tremendous blast of heat and smoke. Lieutenant Giddings heard the crackling of fire from the right and ordered FF Jablonsky to open the extinguisher and assist him with a right-handed search.

Meanwhile, FF Cunningham began his search to the left. FF Jablonsky emptied the extinguisher on the growing fire and then tried to hold back the flames by closing the door. However, the expanding inferno quickly burned through the luan (a type of plywood) door and began to roll across the ceiling.

Without the benefit of a charged hose-line and the extinguisher emptied of water, FF Cunningham pressed on with his left-handed search. Under arduous conditions, he moved 15 feet deeper into the apartment. His dedication was rewarded when he found an unconscious victim, face-down in the middle of the room. The Firefighter dragged the burned victim past the unchecked fire to the safety of the public hallway. As rescuer and victim reached safety, Lieutenant Paholek and Engine 247's hose team arrived and a 10-45 code was transmitted.

FF Cunningham removed the victim to the floor below and oxygen was administered by members of Engine 201. FF Cunningham then returned to the fire apartment. Even though he was bordering on exhaustion and had received a puncture wound through his glove, he continued to search for additional victims. This search proved negative.

In his report of the incident, Battalion Chief Mark Fernen wrote: *FF Cunningham exhibited personal bravery by placing himself at risk while conducting a determined search in dangerous and worsening conditions without the protection of an operating hose-line in place. If not for his actions, it is highly unlikely the victim would be alive today.* The New York City Fire Department is proud to honor FF Stephen J. Cunningham today with the Shelly Rothman Memorial Medal.--DJH



FF Stephen J. Cunningham with forcible entry tools.



Jack Pintchik Medal

November 2, 2010
314 West 40th Street, Manhattan,
near the Port Authority Bus Terminal



EMT ERIC J. HOWARD STATION 8

Appointed to EMS as an Emergency Medical Technician on July 27, 2009. Father, Lieutenant Gary Howard, is retired from Rescue 2. On a leave of absence from studying at Adelphi University. Resides in Whitestone, Queens.

EMT KEITH G. MARTIN STATION 8

Appointed to EMS as an Emergency Medical Technician on September 28, 2009. Previously assigned to Station 15. Studied liberal arts at St. John's University and is attending the College of Westchester; studying multimedia. Resides in the Bronx.

Members of the Emergency Medical Service encounter many situations where their quick thinking can make a big impact. Being in the right place at the right time doesn't hurt either. This proved true for EMTs Eric Howard and Keith Martin on November 2, 2010.

They arrived on-scene of what they thought would be a routine assignment on West 40th Street in Manhattan. As they exited their ambulance and began gathering equipment, they heard a woman yelling behind them, calling for assistance. Naturally, they turned to see where the calls were coming from.

It was then that the EMTs observed that the calls for help were coming from a Port Authority Police Officer, who was struggling with a combative man. From a distance, it appeared that the man was reaching for the Officer's gun.

Without hesitation, EMTs Howard and Martin reacted and ran down the block to assist. They approached the man, who began shouting at them and attempted to throw a drink at them. Together, EMTs Howard and Martin were able to restrain the man by holding him against a wall. The Port Authority Officer, Amy Desthers, then

was able to radio for assistance and several Officers quickly arrived, taking the man into custody. EMTs Howard and Martin continued on to their original assignment, transporting a patient with back pain to Bellevue Hospital.

For several days, Officer Desthers searched for the EMTs who had come to her aid. Other EMS units that she encountered were unaware of the incident and didn't know to whom she was referring. Finally, on November 5th, EMTs Howard and Martin were notified that Officer Desthers wanted to say thanks.

EMT Howard said, *We didn't tell anyone it happened. We just didn't think it was a big deal.* He noted that the pair had been on-scene for only 12 minutes, including the time to help the Officer and their patient. However, Officer Desthers certainly thought it was a big deal.

The EMTs' superiors think it is a big deal, too, and one that is medal-worthy. For exhibiting quick thinking and putting their personal safety at risk, EMTs Eric Howard and Keith Martin are proudly presented with the Jack Pintchik Medal.--JP

World Trade Center Memorial Medal ENGINE COMPANY 54 LADDER COMPANY 4

May 1, 2010, 1835 hours, Box 0814, corner of
West 45th Street/7th Avenue, Times Square, Manhattan

ENGINE COMPANY 54

LIEUTENANT MICHAEL B. BARVELS
FF PAUL J. FISCHETTI (L-4)
FF STEPHEN J. HUGHES (L-4)
FF FEDERICO MARTINEZ
FF NICHOLAS M. PETTENATO
FF COLIN C. RYAN

LADDER COMPANY 4

LIEUTENANT JOHN V. KAZAN
FF TIMOTHY R. CASHION (E-54)
FF SCOTT A. HICKEY
FF WILLIAM J. LEAHY
FF BRIAN J. LOVERIDGE
FF GEORGE T. YOUNG



At the quarters of Engine 54/Ladder 4, the night tour was just getting started. It was a Saturday night, May 1st, early spring and warm. Lieutenants Michael Barvels, Engine 54, and John Kazan, Ladder 4, had completed roll calls. Working in Engine 54 were FFs Paul Fischetti, Stephen Hughes, Federico Martinez, Nicholas Pettenato and Colin Ryan. Working in Ladder 4 were FFs Timothy Cashion, Scott Hickey, William Leahy, Brian Loveridge and George Young.

At 1835 hours, the teleprinter signaled a vehicle fire at West 45th Street and 7th Avenue. All members immediately recognized that a routine car fire in this high-profile, midtown area was unlikely. The members of Engine 54/Ladder 4, all highly trained in situational awareness and response strategy, went to work. As the apparatus pulled into traffic, both Lieutenants Barvels and Kazan began formulating a strategy.

Nearing the intersection, both company Officers began their size-up. The streets were crowded with pedestrians and traffic. Just ahead, the two Lieutenants observed an older model Nissan Pathfinder with hazard lights flashing and white smoke seeping from the passenger compartment. This was unusual. The situation had just escalated significantly. Both Officers now put into motion a strategy that would fully identify the existing situation, ensure the safety of exposed civilians and properly mitigate the immediate threat.

Many issues had to be addressed simultaneously. Lieutenant Barvels directed FF Martinez to maneuver the apparatus into a protective position and then ordered the members to ready a hose-line and hook up to the hydrant. The nozzle team of FFs Pettenato and Ryan alerted Lieutenant Barvels of fireworks-like flashes from within the vehicle, leading him to make a critical tactical decision--delay extinguishment operations and gather more intel.

Lieutenants Barvels and Kazan, alert to the possibility of radioactivity in the area, directed FFs Fischetti, Hughes, Leahy and Loveridge to deploy the Ultraradiac and Rad 50 meters to monitor radiation levels. Continued area assessment by FFs Hickey, Cashion and Leahy determined there were continued popping reports from the rear passenger area of the vehicle. FF

Young's canvass of the area located a police officer who had seen the driver park the vehicle and then run. Lieutenant Kazan advised the on-scene mounted police officer to initiate a computer search of the vehicle and registered owner. That computer search determined the vehicle was *unregistered*.

The Lieutenants now advised all members to address the concern of secondary devices and then coordinated with NYPD to ensure a response by ESU and the Bomb Squad. Within minutes, the area was filled with emergency response personnel. Evaluation by the Bomb Squad confirmed it; this was, indeed, a vehicle borne improvised explosive device (VBIED).

The members of Engine 54/Ladder 4 continued to support emergency response operations. Ladder 4 readied FAST unit tools and SKED stretchers in anticipation of injured personnel. Engine 54 prepared for a long stretch to enable tactical action in the event of an activated explosive device. Both companies operated for the next five hours until relieved.

In his report of this incident, Deputy Chief Daniel Donoghue, Division 3, described the professional actions of the Officers and members of Engine 54/Ladder 4 as a textbook response to the new standard in terrorism-related incidents performed in the highest standards of the FDNY. Commissioner Salvatore J. Cassano and Chief of Department Edward S. Kilduff remarked that their measured approach emphasized caution and restraint to achieve optimal situational awareness.

This was a highly significant FDNY operation. The company Officers and Firefighters set in motion and executed a series of actions that led to the successful mitigation of a terrorist threat from an improvised explosive device and ensured the recovery of highly significant prosecutorial evidence. With teamwork and unwavering resolve, they met the unique challenge of this potentially horrific terrorist attack that targeted the citizens of New York City. The terrorist, Faisal Shahzad, is serving life in prison. For their textbook resolution to this incident, the members of Engine Company 54 and Ladder Company 4 are presented with the World Trade Center Memorial Medal.--JDL

Service Rating A

FF Shane C. Benac, L-13
FF John J. Blake, III, L-48
FF Matthew R. Bland, E-96
FF Shaun A. Burgos, L-19
Lt. Anthony Campanelli, E-21
Lt. John F. Carroll, Bn-18
FF Anthony R. Cavaliere, R-5
FF Anthony E. Chaimowitz, L-112
FF Angelo J. Cocciolillo, L-54
Lt. William R. Croak, L-170
FF Stephen J. Cunningham, L-14
FF Paul A. Denver, L-59

FF Cristofer N. DiBenedetto, Sq-18
FF Joseph P. Diodato, L-61
FF Brian M. Flynn, E-39
FF Keith M. Gilligan, L-28
FF Gregory Hansen, L-153
Lt. Kevin P. Hayes, L-3
FF Daniel G. Insardi, L-102
Lt. James P. Kelly, E-245
Capt. Kieran M. Kilduff, L-19
FF Joshua M. Lomask, L-147
FF Matthew R. Lopez, L-16
FF Nicholas S. Marchese, L-58

Capt. Charles A. Mastandrea, L-29
Lt. Patrick E. McNiff, Bn-12
FF James G. McNulty, L-170
FF Christopher J. Minichiello, L-126
FF Brian T. Mitchell, L-122
FF Robert J. Moore, L-167
FF Christian S. Nielsen, L-157
FF Brian K. O'Keefe, L-28
FF William L. Roesch, L-168
Capt. James F. Rogers, L-59
FF Christopher T. Schickler, E-35

Service Rating B

FF Kevin F. Brennan, L-80
FF Nicholas E. Brisotti, L-59
FF Glenn S. Bullock, R-1
FF Patrick L. Cattani, Jr., L-167
FF Kevin C. Clayton, L-176
FF David Collado, Sq-61
FF Cristofer N. DiBenedetto, Sq-18

FF John J. Dorn, M-1
FF Ronilo T. Fuentes, L-41
Lt. Brian J. Horton, L-61
FF Marcin Kalski, E-257
FF Stephen B. Katz, R-1
FF Kenneth LaBarbera, E-168
FF Thomas J. Liguori, E-254

FF Brian T. Marts, E-90
FF Daniel B. Maurice, L-52
FF James F. McKechnie, L-167
FF William J. Patsakos, L-80
FF Anthony Reynolds, L-47
FF Nicholas A. Shelse, L-161
FF Brian W. Walsh, L-137

Bureau of Fire Investigation--BFI

Service Rating A

FM John R. Barry, Squad 34, CWN
FM Brian T. Kane, Special Investigations Unit
FM Constantine J. Kanelopoulos, Squad 32, CWS
FM Brian M. Krebs, Squad 35, CWS
FM Frank L. Quiles, Special Investigations Unit
FM John P. Watkins, Special Investigations Unit

Service Rating B

FM Peter M. Bradley, Squad 55, CWN
FM Constantine J. Kanelopoulos, Squad 32, CWS
FM Raymond Ott, CWN
FM George E. Snyder, Jr., Squad 55, CWN
FM Joseph B. Sullivan, Auto Fraud Squad

Unit Citations

Latin Kings Task Force
March 1, 2010, Box 2605

Citywide South
April 11, 2010, Box 294

Special Investigations Unit
July 13, 2010, Box 8611

Squad 32, Citywide South
March 10, 2010, Box 851

Citywide North
April 20, 2010, Box 2760

Special Investigations Unit
September 5, 2010, Box 3626

Squad 37, Citywide South
April 6, 2010

**Citywide South/
Special Investigations Unit**
May 3, 2010, Box 483

Special Investigations Unit
September 15, 2010, Box 3070

Fireworks Enforcement Unit
July 5, 2010

CFR Pre-Hospital Save Commendations

January-December 2010

January 2010

Engine Company 8, January 31
Engine Company 10, January 2
Engine Company 14, January 18
Engine Company 28, January 2
Engine Company 44, January 25
Engine Company 47, January 12
Engine Company 48, January 1
Engine Company 65, January 6
Engine Company 90, January 17
Engine Company 167, January 8
Engine Company 168,
January 2 and January 16
Engine Company 231, January 14
Engine Company 240, January 26
Engine Company 249, January 12
Engine Company 273, January 2
Engine Company 274, January 24
Engine Company 282, January 17
Engine Company 284, January 9
Engine Company 291, January 9
Engine Company 293, January 20
Engine Company 307, January 16
Engine Company 320,
January 3 and January 21
Engine Company 321, January 8
Engine Company 325, January 13

February 2010

Engine Company 22, February 8
Engine Company 37, February 16
Engine Company 40, February 9
Engine Company 47, February 14
Engine Company 59, February 18
Engine Company 76, February 24
Engine Company 82, February 28
Engine Company 97, February 12
Engine Company 222,
February 3 and February 20
Engine Company 241, February 11
Engine Company 243, February 5
Engine Company 257, February 5
Engine Company 286, February 7
Engine Company 287, February 26
Squad Company 288, February 26
Engine Company 291, February 18
Engine Company 292, February 21
Engine Company 295, February 22
Engine Company 308, February 6
Engine Company 315, February 25
Engine Company 332, February 24

March 2010

Engine Company 8,
March 20 and March 30
Engine Company 15, March 21
Engine Company 16,
March 17 and March 31
Engine Company 23, March 16
Engine Company 46, March 2
Engine Company 60, March 19
Engine Company 81, March 24
Engine Company 89, March 3
Engine Company 231, March 17
Engine Company 234, March 30
Engine Company 240, March 20
Engine Company 254, March 23
Engine Company 255, March 10
Engine Company 257, March 9
Engine Company 271, March 16
Engine Company 276,
March 18 and March 19
Engine Company 290, March 26
Engine Company 299, March 16
Engine Company 305, March 20
Engine Company 307, March 21
Engine Company 310, March 23
Engine Company 318, March 27
Engine Company 325,
March 22 and March 31
Engine Company 330, March 22

April 2010

Engine Company 53, April 2
Engine Company 62, April 29
Engine Company 79, April 5
Engine Company 89, April 3
Engine Company 92, April 18
Engine Company 158, April 10
Engine Company 240, April 16
Engine Company 280, April 10
Engine Company 282, April 6
Engine Company 285, April 28
Engine Company 292, April 28
Engine Company 293, April 26
Engine Company 308, April 13
Engine Company 325, April 8
Engine Company 331, April 5

May 2010

Engine Company 8, May 17
Engine Company 14, May 27
Engine Company 22, May 23
Engine Company 39, May 27
Engine Company 54, May 29
Engine Company 74, May 26
Engine Company 75, May 18
Engine Company 95, May 28
Engine Company 156, May 27
Engine Company 217, May 17
Engine Company 230, May 4
Engine Company 236,
May 10 and May 18
Engine Company 262, May 25
Engine Company 275, May 4
Engine Company 282, May 31
Engine Company 283,
May 6 and May 31
Engine Company 319, May 18
Engine Company 328, May 10
Engine Company 332, May 4

June 2010

Squad Company 41, June 29
Engine Company 88, June 10
Engine Company 89, June 7
Engine Company 211, June 17
Engine Company 219, June 12
Engine Company 222, June 28
Engine Company 231, June 10
Engine Company 253, June 13
Engine Company 286, June 17
Engine Company 292, June 16
Engine Company 303, June 15
Engine Company 305, June 4
Engine Company 311, June 15
Engine Company 312, June 4

July 2010

Engine Company 24, July 17
Engine Company 42, July 12
Engine Company 43, July 8
Engine Company 44, July 12
Engine Company 65, July 20
Engine Company 80, July 17
Engine Company 88,
July 7 and July 12
Engine Company 93, July 13
Engine Company 151,
July 2 and July 24
Engine Company 227, July 31
Engine Company 236, July 27
Engine Company 254, July 14
Squad Company 270, July 31
Engine Company 274, July 22
Engine Company 289, July 20
Engine Company 307, July 9
Engine Company 309, July 6
Engine Company 313, July 17
Engine Company 316, July 31

August 2010

Engine Company 4, August 13
Squad Company 18, August 18
Engine Company 74, August 20
Engine Company 91, August 31
Engine Company 214, August 15
Engine Company 229, August 17
Engine Company 235, August 15
Engine Company 246, August 19
Engine Company 248, August 26
Engine Company 253, August 26
Engine Company 266, August 21
Engine Company 271, August 6
Engine Company 274, August 5
Engine Company 279, August 16
Engine Company 283, August 10
Engine Company 289, August 23
Engine Company 294, August 3
Engine Company 301, August 8
Engine Company 307, August 24
Engine Company 319, August 5

September 2010

Engine Company 21, September 19
Engine Company 37, September 28
Engine Company 50, September 8
Squad Company 61, September 28
Engine Company 69, September 25
Engine Company 95, September 23
Engine Company 166, September 16
Engine Company 217, September 7
Engine Company 233, September 5
Engine Company 235, September 13
Engine Company 236, September 26
Engine Company 243,
September 4 and September 12
Engine Company 254, September 1
Engine Company 255, September 20
Engine Company 257, September 6
Engine Company 271, September 13
Engine Company 275, September 19
Engine Company 283, September 2
Engine Company 312, September 5
Engine Company 317, September 17
Engine Company 320, September 2
Engine Company 324, September 11

October 2010

Engine Company 1, October 18
Engine Company 3, October 15
Engine Company 4, October 19
Engine Company 5, October 6
Engine Company 45, October 11
Engine Company 46, October 14
Engine Company 54, October 5
Engine Company 69, October 21
Engine Company 76, October 17
Engine Company 227, October 12
Engine Company 242, October 19
Engine Company 245, October 26
Engine Company 251, October 25
Engine Company 262, October 13

November 2010

Engine Company 23, November 1
Engine Company 42, November 26
Engine Company 48, November 17
Engine Company 63, November 15
Engine Company 92, November 6
Engine Company 97, November 30
Engine Company 206,
November 12 and November 30
Engine Company 231, November 30
Engine Company 255, November 5
Engine Company 257, November 12
Engine Company 258, November 20
Engine Company 260, November 23
Engine Company 264, November 3
Engine Company 268, November 1
Engine Company 274,
November 10 and November 25
Engine Company 285, November 5
Engine Company 286, November 2
Engine Company 298, November 19
Engine Company 306, November 27
Engine Company 310, November 12
Engine Company 317, November 13
Engine Company 318, November 9
Engine Company 319, November 20
Engine Company 323, November 26
Engine Company 324, November 24

December 2010

Engine Company 7, December 6
Engine Company 8,
December 4 and December 9
Squad Company 18, December 31
Engine Company 22,
December 14 and December 21
Engine Company 23, December 26
Engine Company 24, December 17
Engine Company 71, December 13
Engine Company 92, December 6
Engine Company 96, December 5
Engine Company 97, December 30
Engine Company 154, December 2
Engine Company 159, December 31
Engine Company 202, December 26
Engine Company 220, December 26
Engine Company 225, December 13
Engine Company 255, December 8
Engine Company 283, December 13
Engine Company 290, December 2
Engine Company 292, December 14
Engine Company 297, December 19
Engine Company 305, December 9
Engine Company 308, December 21
Engine Company 312, December 9
Engine Company 324, December 2

2010 Pre-Hospital Save Awards

Number in parentheses indicates multiple saves.

Paramedic Faisal Abed (2)
 EMT Annabell Abreu
 Paramedic Roberto Abril
 Paramedic Alex Acevedo
 EMT Samuel Ackerman
 EMT Pedro Acosta (2)
 Paramedic Wilbert Acosta (3)
 Paramedic Elizabeth Acosta-Rayos
 EMT Devon Adams
 Paramedic Samantha Aguirre
 EMT Hasnie Ahmetaj (2)
 Paramedic Keith Ahrens (2)
 Lieutenant Nicholas Aiello (4)
 Paramedic Jeanne Aikins (2)
 EMT Thomas Akerberg
 Lieutenant Rosemarie Alabrandi
 EMT Richard Alavarces (2)
 Paramedic Joseph Albo (3)
 EMT Edwin Aldrich, III
 Paramedic Ashley Alejo
 Lieutenant Rosemarie Alibrandi
 EMT Alexis Alicea
 Paramedic Richard Alicea (2)
 Lieutenant Richard Allas
 Paramedic Rowan Allen (2)
 EMT Daniel Almandoz (2)
 Paramedic Anthony Almojera (2)
 EMT Jean Altidor
 Paramedic John-Paul Alvarez
 Lieutenant Rae Ammirati (2)
 Lieutenant Lawrence Anderson
 EMT Guillermo Andrade
 Paramedic Aren Andreasian (2)
 Paramedic Timothy Anson
 EMT Rowland Aquino
 Lieutenant Carlos Ariza (2)
 Paramedic Miriam Arnold
 EMT Winston Arnold
 Lieutenant Lloyd Arscott (3)
 EMT Alejandro Arzeno (2)
 EMT Sharon Assis
 Paramedic Ulya Atilgan-Quesada
 Paramedic Howard Auerbach
 EMT Steven Aumoithe
 Paramedic Freddy Aviles
 Lieutenant Gilberto Aviles
 Paramedic Angel Ayala
 EMT Arzu Aydogdu
 EMT Babacar Ba
 EMT Benjamin Badillo
 EMT Robert Baer
 Lieutenant Edgar Baez (3)
 EMT Anthony Baiocco (2)
 Paramedic Isaiah Baker (2)
 Paramedic Felicia Bangura (2)
 EMT Xiaotian Bao
 Paramedic Kenneth Barone
 Paramedic Mary Ann Barone
 Paramedic Jason Bartels
 Paramedic Raymond Bartolomey
 Captain Wayne Baskin (2)
 Paramedic Brendan Bass (2)
 Lieutenant Mario Bastidas
 Lieutenant Moses Bastien (3)
 Lieutenant Andrew Bates (2)
 EMT Mark Batista
 EMT Jeremy Bayard
 Lieutenant James Becker (4)
 EMT Netta Bedassie
 EMT Petula Bedeau
 Paramedic Jagmeet Bedi (4)
 Paramedic Leonardo Bedoya (3)
 Paramedic Eduardo Belgrave
 Paramedic Daniel Bellingham (2)
 Paramedic Jose Benitez (2)
 Lieutenant Carol Benjamin
 Paramedic Kimberly Benson (2)
 EMT George Bergen, Jr. (2)
 Captain Mitchell Berkowitz
 EMT Victor Berrios (2)
 Paramedic Richard Berroa
 Paramedic Joseph Bevilacqua
 Lieutenant Christopher Bilz
 EMT Prabhleen Bindra
 EMT Dave Blanchard
 Paramedic Nadra Blelis (2)
 Paramedic Conor Bliss (2)
 Lieutenant Jorge Blondett (3)
 EMT Abdul Boddington
 EMT Kenneth Bogle
 Paramedic William Bohr
 Paramedic James Bolger (2)
 EMT Adolfo Bonafoux (2)
 Paramedic Richard Bonet (2)
 Paramedic Kenold Bonhomme
 Paramedic Ferdinand Bonifacio (3)
 Lieutenant Mark Bonilla (12)
 Division Chief James Booth
 Lieutenant Frank Borello
 Paramedic Alexis Borkowski
 Paramedic Jose Borrero
 EMT Antoinette Bovell Jonas
 Paramedic Schyler Boyd (3)
 Lieutenant Tonya Boyd-Jones (2)
 Captain Edward Bradley
 Paramedic Shane Brady
 Paramedic Kevin Brotholt
 EMT James Bremen (2)
 EMT Andre Bristol
 Paramedic Benjamin Briu
 EMT Nicholas Broadbent
 EMT Andrew Brock
 Paramedic Telina Brock
 Paramedic Keisha Brockington
 EMT Keith Buccieri
 EMT Ronald Bulaclac
 EMT Tyeisha Burgess
 EMT Daniel Burgos
 Lieutenant David Burke
 EMT Anthony Burrell (2)
 EMT Jazmin Burrell (2)
 EMT Katrina Buyund
 Paramedic Damien Byfield
 EMT Alex Byrd
 EMT James Byrne
 EMT Anthony Caban
 EMT Henry Cabrera
 EMT Victor Cadicamo (3)
 Paramedic Carmen Caggiano
 Paramedic Robert Caggiano (2)
 Paramedic Steven Caggiano (4)
 EMT Salvatore Caiozza
 Lieutenant Margaret Calamusa
 Paramedic Corrielle Caldwell (2)
 Paramedic Pablo Callejas
 EMT Robert Camaj
 Lieutenant Steven Cameron (2)
 EMT Michelle Campbell (4)
 Paramedic Desiree Camporeale
 EMT John Capunay (2)
 EMT Jorge Carbonell
 Lieutenant Michael Carboni (2)
 EMT Henry Carey
 Lieutenant Linda Carlson (2)
 Paramedic Stephen Carpenter
 EMT Holly Carr
 EMT Patrick Carrigan
 Paramedic Daryl Carroll
 EMT Mark Carroll (2)
 EMT Kenneth Carter
 Lieutenant Richard Casaletto (2)
 Lieutenant Elizabeth Cascio
 EMT Sidney Castiblanco
 EMT Ruben Castillo
 EMT Nancy Castro
 Lieutenant Andre Catapano
 Paramedic James Cavaliere
 Paramedic Marcos Cavallo
 Lieutenant Cemal Cengiz (3)
 Paramedic Chin-Shan Chan
 EMT Kai Chan (2)
 Paramedic Marvin Chan
 Lieutenant Mark Chaplan
 Paramedic Pierre Charboneau (5)
 EMT Steven Chasan
 Captain Richard Chatterton
 EMT Ruth Chavez
 EMT Thomas Checco
 Paramedic Francisco Checo (2)
 Paramedic Chin-Shan Chen
 Paramedic Kenny Cheng (3)
 Paramedic Rondell Chester
 Paramedic Jason Cheung (3)
 Paramedic Timothy Chiarel (2)
 EMT John Chiarovano (2)
 EMT Brandon Chin
 Paramedic Cynthia Chin (2)
 EMT Frank Cicciarello
 EMT Anastasius Cielto
 Paramedic Michael Cilento
 Lieutenant Rafael Cintron (5)
 Paramedic Edward Clarke
 Captain Lizette Claro (4)
 Paramedic Johana Clerge (2)
 Paramedic Trevor Coleman
 Paramedic Dwayne Coley
 Paramedic John Comerford
 EMT Steven Conboy
 Paramedic Arthur Concepcion
 EMT Michael Condon
 EMT Thomas Conforti
 Paramedic Andria Connell
 Paramedic Danielle Connell
 EMT Felix Contreras
 EMT Julio Contreras
 EMT Joseph Conzo
 Captain Louis Cook (3)
 Lieutenant Luis Coralles
 Lieutenant Edwin Cordova
 Paramedic Jane Corella
 Lieutenant Luis Corrales (2)
 EMT Daniel Cortes (2)
 Paramedic Gary Cortes
 Paramedic Juan Cortes
 EMT Karina Costantin
 Lieutenant Anthony Cozzino
 Paramedic James Crispino (2)
 EMT Edward Crowley
 EMT Kiesha Crutchfield
 EMT Emilio Cruz
 Paramedic Jose Cruz (3)
 EMT Rebecca Cruz (2)
 EMT Yeny Cruz
 EMT Henry Cuba
 Paramedic Michael Cumberbatch
 Lieutenant Sean Cunniffe
 EMT Desmond Cunningham, Jr.
 EMT Owen Cunningham
 Paramedic Stephen Curiale (3)
 EMT Peter Curry
 Lieutenant Timothy Cusack (3)
 Paramedic Joseph Daly
 EMT Nicholas Damante
 Paramedic Jonathan Damato
 Paramedic Mary D'Angelo
 EMT Errol Daniels (2)
 Lieutenant James Darnowski (6)
 Lieutenant Kevin Darnowski
 Paramedic Christopher D'Auria (2)
 EMT Kerry David (2)
 EMT Kenneth Davis
 Paramedic Sorfly Davius
 Captain Carolyn Deevy
 Captain Anthony DeGennaro (2)
 Paramedic Jesus Deinnocentiis
 Lieutenant Gilbert DeJesus (2)
 EMT Dawn Delgado (2)
 Paramedic Jordwin Delrosario (3)
 Lieutenant Christopher DeLuca (2)
 Lieutenant Michael DeMarco (2)
 Paramedic Christopher Demott
 EMT Joseph Denapoli
 EMT Peyton Dennis
 Paramedic Brian DePalma
 Paramedic Maureen Deptola
 Paramedic Brian Desantis (3)
 Paramedic Anthony Desir
 Paramedic Kathleen Devanyes (2)
 EMT Christopher Devine
 EMT Ramon Diaz
 Paramedic Kevin Difiore
 EMT Matthew Digiulio
 Lieutenant Patrick Dillon
 Lieutenant John Paul Dimen (3)
 Paramedic Trinh Dinh
 EMT William Dipietra
 Lieutenant Timothy Dluhos (2)
 EMT Jean Dominique (2)
 Paramedic George Doremus (2)
 Paramedic Anselmo Dossantos
 Paramedic Diane Dos Santos (3)
 Lieutenant Erin Doyle (2)
 Lieutenant Angela Dragotto (3)
 EMT Douglas Drumgo
 EMT Ian Dsouza
 EMT Jim Duff
 Lieutenant Richard Dun
 Lieutenant William Duncklee
 Lieutenant Andrew Dunn
 Paramedic Jason Durecouth
 Paramedic Thomas Durkin
 EMT Dustin Dwyer (2)

EMT Karl Dyckman
 Lieutenant Michael Earley (4)
 EMT Christopher Echevarria (4)
 EMT Tristen Echols (2)
 Lieutenant Wa-il K. Eldahry
 Paramedic Doraun Ellis
 EMT Keisha Ellis (2)
 EMT Sean Emanuel (2)
 EMT Nicholas Emanuele (2)
 Lieutenant Christopher Emhardt (2)
 EMT Robert Emhardt (2)
 Lieutenant Kevin Enright
 EMT Watson Entwisle
 Lieutenant Thomas Eppinger
 Lieutenant Richard Erdey (5)
 Paramedic Francisco Espadas
 EMT Jeffrey Espinal
 EMT Jimmy Espinosa
 Paramedic Josette Esquivias (3)
 EMT Mark Estick (3)
 Lieutenant Albert Estrada
 Paramedic John Evans
 EMT Sarah Evans
 Paramedic John Eyzaguirre (4)
 Paramedic McDonald Eze
 Paramedic Joseph Farrell
 Paramedic Joseph Fazzino (2)
 EMT Kimberly Fazziola
 Lieutenant David Fein
 Paramedic Harvey Feintuch
 Paramedic Christopher Feliciano (2)
 EMT Domingo Feliciano
 EMT Samuel Fernandez
 Paramedic Ray Ferreira (4)
 EMT Sherri Fiebert (2)
 Lieutenant Brett Fields (2)
 Paramedic Jerry Figueroa (2)
 Lieutenant Thomas Finn
 Division Chief Michael Fitton
 Paramedic Stanislav Flaksman (3)
 Paramedic Vince Flood (2)
 Paramedic Ernst Floreal
 Lieutenant Charles Flores
 Paramedic Miguel Flores (4)
 Paramedic Serafin Flores (2)
 Paramedic Richard Flower
 Paramedic Gregory Floyd
 Lieutenant Patrick Flynn (4)
 Lieutenant Patricia Foley
 EMT Bruce Fonseca (2)
 EMT Paul Forte
 Paramedic Jonathan Forti
 EMT Nedia Fougere
 EMT Kathy Ann Francis
 EMT Jewel Fraser (2)
 Paramedic Katherine Frawley
 EMT Tyrell Frazier
 EMT Albert Fredericks
 EMT Stephanie French
 Lieutenant Mitchell Friedland
 Paramedic Joshua Frumer (2)
 Lieutenant James Furlong (5)
 Paramedic Carlo Gabrielli (2)
 EMT Japhet Gaengan (2)
 EMT Vincent Gagliardo
 EMT Andy Galagarza
 Lieutenant Scott Galletta
 EMT Daneroy Gallimore (2)
 EMT Alfredo Garcia
 Paramedic Christian Garcia
 EMT Juan Garcia
 Lieutenant Maria Garcia
 Lieutenant Joseph Gasparini (3)
 Paramedic Alfredo Gaw
 EMT Sarah Geldard
 Lieutenant Victoria Genovese
 EMT Gregory Gentile
 Paramedic James Geronimo
 Paramedic Julianne Gerrish
 Paramedic William Gettens
 EMT Dwayne Gilkes
 Lieutenant Dave Gill (3)
 EMT Joseph Ginobbi
 Lieutenant Joseph Gioielli
 Paramedic Marco Girao
 Paramedic Annemarie Girgenti
 Paramedic Erlis Gjyzezi
 Lieutenant Abraham Glatzer (2)
 Lieutenant Michael Glenn
 EMT John Glover
 EMT Don Goepfert
 Paramedic Erica Golino (2)
 Paramedic Alexander Gomez (3)
 EMT Carlos Gonzalez
 Paramedic Daniel Gonzalez
 EMT Edward Gonzalez
 Paramedic Enrique Gonzalez (2)
 Paramedic Jason Gonzalez
 EMT Dave Goodman
 EMT Daryl Goodridge (2)
 EMT Mac Gottlieb
 Paramedic Kahlia Graham
 Paramedic Marcio Grano De Oro (2)
 Paramedic Feliks Granovskiy (2)
 EMT Blauri Graterol
 EMT Raz-Giem Graves
 EMT William Graziano
 EMT Michael Greco
 EMT Jason Greibesland
 Lieutenant Karen Grohl
 Paramedic Eric Guarin
 Paramedic Sheng Gu
 EMT Carlos Guadron (2)
 EMT John Guarisco (2)
 Deputy Chief Geraldine Guarneri
 Lieutenant Julie Guevara (4)
 Paramedic Roland Guirand, Jr.
 EMT Aston Guobadia
 Paramedic Garry Gurrier
 EMT Aartha Gutierrez
 Lieutenant Luis Gutierrez (2)
 Paramedic Matthew Guttilla (2)
 EMT Cecil Guy
 Paramedic Richard Guzman
 Lieutenant Bruce Haas (2)
 Lieutenant Andrew Haber
 Captain Howard Hahn (3)
 Paramedic Andrew Haley (2)
 Lieutenant Elise Hanlon (3)
 Paramedic Jennifer Hannafey
 Lieutenant Thomas Hannan (2)
 EMT Nicholas Hansen
 Paramedic Benjamin Harris (2)
 Lieutenant Charles Harris
 EMT Darren Harris
 EMT Samuel Harris
 EMT Tameka Harris
 EMT Bevon Harrison
 EMT Winslow Harrison
 EMT Ahmetaj Hasnie
 Paramedic Salwa Hassan
 EMT Kimberly Hattan (2)
 Captain Kevin Haugh
 Paramedic Richard Hawkins
 EMT Krystal Hayes
 EMT Michael Healey
 EMT Lori Hecker
 Paramedic John Heer (2)
 Paramedic Robert Heins (3)
 Paramedic Juan Henriquez (3)
 Paramedic Walter Henry
 EMT Cristobal Hernandez
 EMT Jamaal Hickmon (2)
 Paramedic Christopher Higgins
 Lieutenant Joan Hillgardner (2)
 Lieutenant Barret Hirsch (4)
 Paramedic Walter Hochbrueckner
 EMT Robert Hockenjos
 EMT Patrick Hodgins
 EMT Ceasar Holloway
 Paramedic Simon Holyland (2)
 Captain Paul Hopper
 Paramedic David Hovestadt
 EMT Chih Kai Hu
 Paramedic Joseph Hudak (3)
 Paramedic Charles Huggins
 EMT Steven Hughes (2)
 Lieutenant Paige Humphries
 Paramedic Robert Hunt
 EMT William Hunt
 Paramedic Lee Hyo Gap
 EMT Peter Inglis (2)
 EMT James Ingram
 EMT Barbara Irizarry
 EMT Irma Irizarry (3)
 Paramedic Matt Jachyra (2)
 EMT Aman-Re Jack
 Paramedic Christian Jackson (2)
 EMT Curtis Jackson
 EMT Melissa Jackson
 Lieutenant Peter Jakubowski
 EMT Sonia James-Raju
 Paramedic Dennis Jamieson (2)
 EMT James Januszkiewicz
 Lieutenant Joseph Jefferson
 Lieutenant Walter Jehle
 Paramedic Kevin Jennings
 EMT Marcus Jerome
 EMT Jerome Jewet (2)
 EMT Estarlin Jimenez
 Lieutenant Andrew Johnson
 Lieutenant Marietta Johnson (2)
 EMT Michael Johnson
 EMT Nyasha Johnson (2)
 EMT Ronald Johnson
 Lieutenant Stephen Johnson
 Paramedic Angela Jones
 EMT Vanchella Jones
 Lieutenant Wayne Jones (2)
 Paramedic Willie Jones (2)
 EMT Suzette Jordan
 Paramedic Alexis Joseph
 Paramedic Nathalie Joseph (4)
 Paramedic Tracy Joseph (2)
 Paramedic Sean Josten (2)
 EMT Philip Jugenheimer
 Paramedic Winsley Julien
 Lieutenant Michael Kaiser (3)
 Paramedic Aleksander Kaplan
 Lieutenant David Karic
 EMT Thomas Kartelias
 EMT Daniel Keegan (2)
 Paramedic Robert Kelly
 EMT Michael Kenney
 EMT Ofir Keren (2)
 EMT Julie Keshemberg
 Paramedic Alexander Khalef
 Paramedic Adil Khalid
 Paramedic David Kher
 EMT Yuriy Khurin
 Lieutenant Scott Kiernan (5)
 Paramedic Michael King
 EMT Shaun King
 Paramedic Steven Kleinberg
 Lieutenant Kathleen Knuth (2)
 EMT David Kocaj
 EMT Christian Komondorea
 Paramedic Jing Kong (3)
 EMT Erik Korzeniewski
 Paramedic Ewa Koszowska
 EMT David Kowalski
 Lieutenant George Kroustallis (2)
 EMT Erik Krozeniewski
 Lieutenant Jeff Krulfeifer (3)
 Paramedic Jason Kum (3)
 Paramedic Franklin Kupferberg
 EMT Douglas Laico
 Paramedic Jowaheer Lall
 EMT Frank Laurino
 Lieutenant Nicole Lawrence
 EMT Jason Lazar
 Lieutenant Gaetano Lazzara (7)
 EMT Johnathon Leavy
 Paramedic Juan Lebron (2)
 Paramedic David Lee
 Paramedic Gilbert Lee
 EMT Shijae Lee
 Paramedic William Lehmann
 EMT Dwight Leitch (2)
 Paramedic Katty LeJarde
 EMT Thomas Leonard (3)
 Paramedic Vito Leone
 Paramedic Bart Leseur
 EMT Thomas Leto (2)
 EMT Jeffrey Levine
 EMT Christopher Lewis
 EMT Maurice Lewis
 EMT Rosa Lewis
 EMT Justin Licari
 EMT Josue Liciano
 Paramedic Justin Lim
 Paramedic Justin Lin (2)
 EMT Zhang Kai Lin
 Deputy Chief Stephen Lincke (6)
 Paramedic Kay Lincoln
 Lieutenant Timothy Lindblom (2)
 EMT Christina Lindie (2)
 Paramedic Christopher Lipkin (2)
 Paramedic Alexander Lipsitt
 Paramedic Maureen Little
 Paramedic Carlos Lizcano
 Paramedic Cris Loguidice
 EMT Lissette Loledo
 EMT Harold Long
 EMT Valerie Longo
 Lieutenant Carlos Lopez (2)
 Paramedic Hoover Lopez (3)
 EMT John Lopez
 Paramedic Lisa Lopez (2)
 Paramedic Luis Lopez (2)
 Paramedic Michael Loscalzo
 Paramedic Joseph Losquadro
 Lieutenant Edward Loss (6)
 EMT Mwalimu Lovelace
 EMT Brendan Lovett (4)
 EMT Edward Lowe
 EMT Edwin Lozada
 EMT Antonio Lucero
 EMT Jessica Lunden
 EMT Robert Lynch
 EMT Dennis Machtel
 Lieutenant Elizabeth Mackiewicz
 EMT Vashala Madho
 Paramedic Nicholas Magro
 EMT Aly Mahmod
 Paramedic Christopher Mahoney (2)
 Paramedic Sean Mahoney
 Paramedic Allen Maikels

EMT Ralph Maisonneuve (2)
 Paramedic Mario Maldonado
 EMT Orlando Malinay
 Paramedic Ralph Mangrella (4)
 EMT James Manti (2)
 EMT William Marchese
 Paramedic Steve Marino
 Lieutenant David Marks (3)
 Paramedic Julio Marrero
 Lieutenant Michael Mars
 EMT Robert Martell
 EMT Keith Martin (2)
 Paramedic Michael Martin
 EMT James Martinez
 Paramedic Orlando Martinez
 EMT Anthony Marullo, Jr.
 Paramedic Daniel Mathieu
 Paramedic Eric Matonis (3)
 EMT Frank Maynard
 EMT John Mayrose
 Lieutenant Kevin Mazuzan
 Paramedic Daniel Mboh
 EMT James McCabe
 Lieutenant Lawrence McCalla
 Paramedic Charles McCarren
 Lieutenant Michael McCarthy
 Paramedic Thomas McCarthy
 EMT Michael McCauley (2)
 Paramedic John McConnell (2)
 EMT Michael McConville (3)
 EMT Thomas McCormick
 Paramedic James McCue
 Paramedic James McDale
 Paramedic Eze McDonald
 Paramedic Sean McGrath
 EMT Cullen McGraw
 Paramedic James McGuire
 EMT Timothy McGurk
 EMT James McHugh
 Paramedic Charles McKeon (2)
 EMT Kevin McKeon
 Lieutenant Charles McLaughlin
 EMT Reginald McLaurin
 Paramedic Tyrone McLune
 EMT Christopher McManus
 EMT Michael McNally
 Paramedic Charles McNeil (2)
 Lieutenant Joe McWilliams (5)
 EMT Chalin Medina
 Paramedic Francisco Medina
 Captain Rudy Medina
 Paramedic Michael Melas (2)
 EMT Manuel Melendez
 Paramedic Byron Melo
 Paramedic Jason Mendelsohn (2)
 Paramedic John Mendez
 Paramedic Redwin Mendez
 EMT Dewey Mendonca
 Paramedic Onoria Mercado
 EMT Raul Mercado
 Paramedic William Meringolo
 Paramedic Kerry Merkel (2)
 Lieutenant Lawrence Messina (2)
 Lieutenant Edward Meyer
 EMT Michael Meyer
 EMT Yaniri Mianda
 Paramedic Alexandru Mihalescu
 Lieutenant Joanne Miller (2)
 EMT Johnny Miller (2)
 Paramedic Latisha Miller (2)
 Paramedic Matthew Miller (2)
 Paramedic William Miller (4)
 EMT James Mills
 Paramedic Adam Minkow (2)
 Lieutenant Anthony Miranda
 EMT Yaniri Miranda
 Paramedic Justin Miro (2)
 EMT Daniel Mitchell
 EMT Shawna Mitchell
 EMT Fritz Moise
 EMT Gladimir Moise
 Paramedic Thomas Monahan, Sr.
 Lieutenant Norberto Monell (2)
 EMT Louis Montalvo
 EMT Keith Moon
 Lieutenant William Moore (2)
 Lieutenant Angelo Morales (2)
 Paramedic Daryl Morales (2)
 EMT Isaiah Morales
 Paramedic Jose Morales (2)
 EMT Michael Morales
 EMT Ivan Moreau
 Paramedic Julie Moreland
 EMT Michael Morstatt (2)
 Paramedic Michael Motley
 Paramedic Farooq Muhammad (3)
 Lieutenant Martha Muriel (2)
 Lieutenant Donald Murphy (2)
 Lieutenant James Murphy
 EMT Nora Murphy
 EMT Samuel Murray
 Paramedic Said Mustafa
 Lieutenant Ralph Mustillo
 Paramedic Donald Mycoosing
 EMT Salvatore Namio (4)
 Captain Andrea
 Nanna-Montgomery
 Paramedic Carlo Napoleon (2)
 Paramedic Daniel Napoletano (3)
 Paramedic Christopher Natoli
 EMT John Naughton
 Lieutenant Alfred Navaro
 Paramedic Jonathan Negron
 EMT Rebecca Negron
 Paramedic Mancuso Neil
 Lieutenant Walter Nelson
 EMT Nacel Nemorin
 EMT Lisa Nesbitt
 Paramedic Kenneth Newman (2)
 Paramedic Ray Nirrengarten (2)
 EMT Andy Nunez
 EMT Ryan Ocampo
 Paramedic Vanessa Ocasio
 Lieutenant Vincent Occhipinti
 Paramedic Jason Ochoa (2)
 Paramedic Joseph O'Farrell
 EMT Kevin O'Hara
 EMT Curtis Oliver
 Paramedic Makesi Oliver
 Paramedic Gerson Olivo (2)
 Lieutenant Bryan O'Malley
 EMT Meleki O'Neal
 EMT Michael O'Neil (2)
 Paramedic Patrick O'Neil
 Paramedic William Oneill (2)
 EMT Frantz Oriol
 EMT Christopher Orlik (2)
 EMT Kimberly Ororke
 Paramedic Eric Orth
 EMT Joel Ortiz
 EMT John Ortiz
 EMT Jose Ortiz
 Lieutenant Norman Ortiz
 Paramedic Ferry Oscar
 Paramedic Niall O'Shaughnessy (3)
 EMT Jennifer Oster
 Paramedic Eric Ozechowski
 Paramedic Julio Padilla
 EMT Sharay Paige
 EMT Janice Palencia (2)
 EMT Delphena Panton (2)
 Paramedic McCray Parchment
 EMT Nestor Paredes
 EMT Hanifa Parris (2)
 Paramedic Greg Partch, Jr.
 EMT Matthew Pascale (2)
 Lieutenant Anthony Pascarella
 Paramedic Christian Pasco (2)
 EMT Patrick Pascullo
 Lieutenant Joseph Pastor (2)
 Lieutenant Joseph Pataky
 EMT Jake Pate
 Lieutenant Raymond Patterson
 Lieutenant Yunek Paul
 EMT Anthony Paulino
 Paramedic Fernando Payamps (3)
 Paramedic Abel Payero
 Paramedic Larry Payne
 Paramedic Joseph Pelicano (3)
 Paramedic Maximo Pena
 Paramedic Clifton Pennie
 Lieutenant Esmerelda Pepper
 EMT Elizabeth Perez (2)
 EMT Francis Perez
 EMT Frank Perez
 EMT Jose Perez (6)
 Lieutenant Osvaldo Perez
 EMT Tina Perez
 Paramedic Jeannie Perrone
 EMT Kelly Peters
 EMT Ilya Petevka
 Lieutenant Jon Phelan (3)
 EMT Timothy Phillips
 Paramedic Latasha Pierre
 Paramedic Andre Pierre-Louis
 EMT Leslie Pignataro
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 EMT James Pione
 Paramedic Jeanne Pirrone
 EMT Adam Piscitello
 Paramedic Ivan Placido (2)
 EMT Kostadinov Plamen
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 Paramedic Brian Plunkett
 Paramedic Bernard Pogrebinsky
 EMT Karen Polanco
 Lieutenant Lawrence Pontrelli (2)
 Paramedic Grzegorz Portka
 Lieutenant Michael Potasso (2)
 Paramedic Victor Potito
 EMT Baldeo Prahlad
 EMT Joseph Prebish
 Lieutenant Robin Printy (2)
 EMT Brian Prior
 EMT Janet Puente
 Lieutenant Jeffrey Quigley (2)
 Paramedic Antonio Quinones
 EMT Tracey Quinonez (2)
 Paramedic Eddie Radovic (3)
 Paramedic Rezaur Rahman
 Paramedic Usman Rahyab
 Paramedic Kevin Ramdayal
 Lieutenant Rafael Ramirez (5)
 Paramedic Ryan Ramjas (2)
 EMT Roberto Ramon
 EMT David Ramos
 EMT Gilbert Ramos
 Lieutenant Manuel Ramos
 EMT Vijay Rampersad
 EMT Eric Randolph
 EMT Kenneth Rau
 Paramedic Charles Raynor (2)
 Paramedic William Razenson (2)
 Lieutenant Bonnie Regan
 EMT Dennis Rehberger (2)
 Paramedic Mark Reilly
 EMT Christopher Respol
 EMT Scott Rest (3)
 EMT Carlos Reyes
 Paramedic Daniel Riccobono (3)
 Lieutenant William Rich (8)
 Lieutenant Matthew Rightmyer (2)
 Paramedic Cesar Rios
 EMT William Ritter
 EMT Agatha Rivera (3)
 EMT Brian Rivera
 EMT Cynthia Rivera
 EMT Josiah Rivera
 Paramedic Michael Rivera (2)
 EMT Nelson Rivera
 Paramedic Rosa Rivera
 EMT Allen Rizzo
 EMT Raeshon Roberson
 Paramedic Earl Roberts
 Lieutenant Timothy Roberts (3)
 EMT Christopher Robertson
 Paramedic Taisha Robinson (2)
 Lieutenant Miguel Roche (4)
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 EMT Franklin Rodriguez
 Paramedic George Rodriguez
 EMT Jeanine Rodriguez
 Paramedic Craig Roeder
 Paramedic Lionel Roman
 EMT Ruben Romano
 Paramedic Corey Romanowski
 EMT Edgar Romero
 Lieutenant Douglas Rondon
 EMT Roberto Rosa
 Lieutenant Thomas Rosa (2)
 EMT Richard Rosado
 Paramedic Edgar Rosales
 Paramedic Jerri Rosati (3)
 Paramedic John Rosati
 Lieutenant Anthony Rosiello (2)
 EMT Vanessa Ross
 Lieutenant Scott Rothschild
 Captain Robert Rouso (2)
 EMT John Rugen
 EMT Adam Ruiz
 Paramedic Edward Ruiz
 EMT Richard Ruiz (2)
 Paramedic Dean Russell
 Paramedic George Russo (2)
 Captain Stephen Russo
 Paramedic Alison Russo-Elling (2)
 Paramedic Brendan Ryan (2)
 EMT Nicolas Sacco
 Lieutenant Jason Saffon (2)
 EMT Djohnny Saint Louis
 Paramedic Louis Saint-Surin
 Paramedic Favian Salazar
 Paramedic Parisa Salem
 Paramedic Salim Abdul Salim
 Lieutenant Marc Samuels
 EMT Michael Sanchez
 Paramedic Matthew Sanfilippo
 EMT Fabio Santana
 EMT Josette Santana
 Paramedic Jason Santiago (2)
 Paramedic Nicolas Santini (2)
 Lieutenant Vincent Santoemma (2)
 Paramedic Kathleen Santora
 EMT Ricardo Santos
 Paramedic Lupin Sara

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 EMT Darryl Savoca
 EMT Thomas Scala
 Paramedic Robert Scanlon
 Paramedic Steven Scarinzi
 EMT Michael Schafer
 Paramedic Conrad Schbauer
 Paramedic Jonathan Schechter
 Paramedic Allen Schildgen (2)
 EMT Donna Schulz
 EMT Kouassi Schumann (2)
 EMT Douglas Schuster
 Lieutenant James Scordus (2)
 EMT Funk Scott
 Lieutenant Kiernan Scott
 Paramedic Linda Scott
 EMT Norman Scott (3)
 EMT Richard Seaberry
 EMT Kimoi Sealy-Brown
 Paramedic Andre Segovia, Jr.
 EMT Betzaida Serrano
 Paramedic Erika Serrano
 EMT Morgan Setorie
 Paramedic Olashawna Seymore
 EMT Stanley Shakir
 EMT Chungching Sham
 Lieutenant Barry Shapiro (5)
 Paramedic Ajay Sharma (3)
 EMT Kimberly Sharpe
 Lieutenant Michael Sheridan (2)
 EMT Joseph Siciliano
 EMT Thomas Siciliano
 Deputy Chief Howard Sickles
 Paramedic Edmond Signer
 Paramedic Kenneth Silas (2)
 Paramedic Arnold Silva (2)
 Paramedic Roberto Silveira
 Paramedic Gary Simmonds
 Paramedic Stephen Simon
 Lieutenant Derrick Simpkins (2)
 EMT Rajbir Singh
 Paramedic Edmond Singner
 EMT William Slavik (2)
 Paramedic Gary Smiley
 Lieutenant Brian Smith
 Paramedic Hugh Smith
 EMT John Smith

Paramedic Kelvin Smith
 EMT Michael Smith
 Paramedic Richard Smith (3)
 EMT Garfield Smythe
 Paramedic Ervin Sobiev
 Paramedic Magdalena Sobocinski
 EMT Jose Solis
 Paramedic Robert Sottile
 EMT Marie-Nicole Souffrant
 Paramedic Jason Spandorf
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 EMT June Straughn
 EMT Ashley Strevy McDonald
 EMT Kevin Stringfield
 EMT Junior Stvil
 Paramedic Evan Suchecki
 EMT Deo Sukhu (3)
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 Paramedic Stephen Tortoriello
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 Paramedic William Tung (2)
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 EMT Peter Vacarro
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 EMT Norman Valle
 EMT Joseph Vandemark (2)
 EMT Mary Vanicky
 EMT Roy Vasquez
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 EMT Charles Vega
 EMT Margaret Vega
 EMT Frank Vela
 EMT Teodoro Velazquez
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 EMT Paula Velez (2)
 EMT Kim Versheck
 Paramedic Jason Verspoor (2)
 Captain Michael Vetack
 Paramedic Rachel Victor
 Paramedic Phillip Villafane
 EMT Anthony Villanueva (2)
 Paramedic Guillermo Villaverde
 Paramedic Charles Vitale (2)
 Lieutenant Tony Voxakis
 EMT Shamika Waldron
 EMT Mark Walker (3)
 EMT Niecia Walker
 Lieutenant Vincent Walla (2)
 Lieutenant Kathleen Walsh
 EMT Michael Walsh
 Lieutenant Robert Walsh (4)
 EMT Shawna Walsh
 Paramedic Chuen Wang
 EMT William Warr

Lieutenant Scott Waryold (2)
 Paramedic Charles Washington
 Lieutenant Jason Waszmer
 Paramedic Todd Weber (2)
 Captain Robert Weihs (4)
 Paramedic Stuart Weinstein (2)
 Paramedic Rebecca Weisman
 Lieutenant Darren Wetsell (2)
 Paramedic Alwain White
 EMT Dana White
 Captain John Wieland
 Lieutenant Kyle Wigglesworth
 Paramedic Morgan Wilding
 Paramedic Peter Wilken (2)
 Paramedic Horace Williams
 Lieutenant Najja Williams (2)
 Paramedic Sebastian Williams
 EMT Sedley Williams
 EMT Tara Williams
 EMT Brian Wilson
 EMT Rohan Wilson
 Lieutenant Craig Wing (6)
 Paramedic Asher Winik
 EMT Jason Withers (2)
 EMT Paul Wizelius
 Lieutenant Stewart Wolf (3)
 Paramedic William Wolf
 EMT Danny Wong
 Paramedic Patrick Worms
 Paramedic Colin Wright
 Paramedic Mingze Wu (2)
 Paramedic Skerdi Ymeraj
 Lieutenant Joseph Yolles
 Paramedic Arthur Young
 EMT Wayne Young
 Paramedic Anlo Yu
 EMT Kenny Yu
 Paramedic Andrey Yuabov (5)
 Lieutenant Paul Yunek (6)
 Paramedic Roman Yusupov
 Paramedic Camejo Zaith
 EMT Mohmedris Zanzawala
 Paramedic Eugeni Zenkovich
 Lieutenant Joell Zepeda (3)
 EMT Zheng Zhang
 Paramedic Chris Zinnel
 Paramedic Marvin Zuniga

EMS Unit of the Month--2010

Month	Unit	Members
January	31C3	EMTs Raheam Jones, Edward Primo, Steven Seymour
February	41D2	EMTs Rafael Torres, Anthony Trabolse, Franklin Trabucco
March	23D3	EMTs George Bergen, Patrick Hodgens, Ronald McCue
April	16D2	EMTs Terrence Moore, Rafael Muniz, John Pike
May	49B1	EMTs John Marino, Michael Meyer, Jose Ortiz
June	43V3	Paramedics William Gettens, Sara Lupin, Evgeni Zenkovich
July	58D3	EMTs John Cook, Darryl Savoca, Marso Sully
August	57A3	EMTs Daniel Cotter, James McHugh, Andrew Savage
September	38S2	Paramedics Doraun Ellis, Brendan Ryan, Allen Schildgen
October	39D2	EMTs Kenneth Barriteau, Abdul Boddington, Bevonnia Harrison
November	58G3	EMTs Jonathan Disilvestro, Gregory Saint Clair, Terrence Sykes
December	49H3	EMTs Pedro Acosta, Paul Forte, Dennis Rehberger

UNIT CITATIONS

Engine Company 63
July 4, 2008 Box 3886

Engine Company 243
March 7, 2009 Box 2897

Ladder Company 168
March 7, 2009 Box 2897

Engine Company 273
October 26, 2009 Box 4319

Ladder Company 129
October 26, 2009 Box 4319

Engine Company 283
December 7, 2009 Box 22-1605

Rescue Company 4
December 8, 2009 Box 0500

Squad Company 288
December 8, 2009 Box 0500

Ladder Company 79
January 17, 2010 Box 22-546

Ladder Company 168
January 30, 2010 Box 2890

Ladder Company 176
February 3, 2010 Box 858

Engine Company 64
February 10, 2010 Box 75-2852

Ladder Company 41
February 15, 2010 Box 75-3402

Ladder Company 32
February 15, 2010 Box 75-3402

Ladder Company 28
February 16, 2010 Box 1498

Squad Company 41
February 20, 2010 Box 22-2173

Engine Company 73
February 20, 2010 Box 22-2173

Engine Company 10
February 24, 2010 Box 33-0078

Rescue Company 1
February 24, 2010 Box 33-0078

Engine Company 255
March 5, 2010 Box 3028

Ladder Company 158
March 13, 2010 Box 5914

Ladder Company 146
March 29, 2010 Box 139

Ladder Company 174
March 29, 2010 Box 1580

Ladder Company 56
April 1, 2010 Box 3370

Engine Company 67
April 7, 2010 Box 1688

Squad Company 1
April 7, 2010 Box 1270

Ladder Company 122
April 7, 2010 Box 1270

Ladder Company 8
April 11, 2010 Box 77-259

Engine Company 22
April 22, 2010 Box 22-1097

Engine Company 54
May 1, 2010 Box 814

Ladder Company 4
May 1, 2010 Box 814

Ladder Company 48
May 1, 2010 Box 75-2365

Rescue Company 3
May 9, 2010 Box 75-2309

Squad Company 41
May 9, 2010 Box 75-2309

Engine Company 94
May 11, 2010 Box 22-2431

Engine Company 260
May 14, 2010 Box 7386

Ladder Company 116
May 14, 2010 Box 7386

Engine Company 96
May 26, 2010 Box 2604

Rescue Company 1
June 7, 2010 Box 75-619

Ladder Company 174
June 18, 2010 Box 1584

Ladder Company 122
June 22, 2010 Box 75-1273

Engine Company 95
July 1, 2010 Box 1831

Ladder Company 36
July 1, 2010 Box 1831

Haz-Mat Company 1
July 6, 2010 Box 8510

Engine Company 28
July 8, 2010 Box 44-404

Engine Company 5
July 8, 2010 Box 44-404

Ladder Company 120
July 17, 2010 Box 75-1673

Ladder Company 58
July 18, 2010 Box 2971

Ladder Company 4
July 23, 2010 Box 872

Engine Company 53
July 28, 2010 Box 1303

Ladder Company 43
July 28, 2010 Box 1303

Engine Company 1
August 9, 2010 Box 22-596

Ladder Company 41
August 10, 2010 Box 75-3075

Ladder Company 36
August 22, 2010 Box 22-1796

Engine Company 235
August 30, 2010 Box 22-963

Ladder Company 132
August 30, 2010, Box 22-963

Engine Company 225
August 30, 2010 Box 75-1856

Squad Company 41
September 14, 2010, Box 2109

Ladder Company 58
September 15, 2010 Box 22-3070

Engine Company 45
September 15, 2010 Box 22-3070

Engine Company 88
September 22, 2010 Box 22-3326

Engine Company 201
October 16, 2010 Box 22-2667

Engine Company 287
October 30, 2010 Box 75-7929

Ladder Company 147
December 8, 2010 Box 75-2512

Ladder Company 136
December 14, 2010 Box 3129

Ladder Company 154
December 27, 2010 Box 75-7951

Rescue Company 5
December 31, 2010 Box 75-1014

MEDAL AND AWARD DONORS

James Gordon Bennett Medal

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 member by the Medal Board of the New York City Fire Department. (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 Firefighter in the Brooklyn Fire Department, as he/she shall be selected by the Fire Department of the City of New York." The recipient also is awarded the Firefighter Louis Valentino Award, a medal endowed/funded since 1998 by Diane Valentino and the Valentino family. (Page 12)

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 Bureau of EMS. Funded by the Uniformed EMTs and Paramedics and Fire Inspectors Union. (Page 13)

Hugh Bonner Medal

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. (Page 14)

Honor Legion Medal

The Honor Legion is open only to "the bravest of the Bravest," both active and retired. Prerequisites for membership are confined to Firefighters of all ranks who have received Department recognition and been granted a Class I, II or III award for deeds of valor performed at imminent risk to their lives. First awarded in 1984 and funded by the Honor Legion. (Page 14)

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. (Page 15)

Thomas E. Crimmins Medal

First awarded in 1912. In memory of her father, Thomas E. Crimmins, contractor, builder, loyal New Yorker and son of a volunteer Fireman, Mrs. May M. Burke provided in her will for the endowment of the Crimmins Memorial Medal. (Page 16)

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. (Page 17)

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. (Page 18)

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. (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. (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." (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 fire-fighting appliances. (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. (Page 23)

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. Funded by the Uniformed EMTs and Paramedics and Fire Inspectors Union. (Page 24)

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 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. The UFA funds this award. (Page 25)

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 technique and efficacy of ventilation. First awarded in 1937. (Page 26)

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. (Page 27)

Bella Stiefel Medal

In Mrs. Stiefel's 90 years, she came to admire the bravery displayed by Firefighters. Her last will and testament provided for this medal, which first was awarded in 1947. The Uniformed Firefighters Association funds this award. (Page 28)

Vincent J. Kane Medal

This medal is named in honor of the late Vincent J. Kane, labor leader and longtime President of the Uniformed Firefighters Association. Funded by the UFA. (Page 29)

Pulaski Association Medal

First awarded in 1962 and endowed by the Fire Department Pulaski Association in memory of Casimir Pulaski. General Pulaski organized American cavalry forces during the Revolutionary War. He died as a result of wounds received leading the charge at the Battle of Savannah. Presented to the recipient in recognition for upholding the Fire Department's tradition of valor and service to the citizens of the City of New York. (Page 30)

Commissioner Edward Thompson Medal

This medal, in honor of Commissioner Edward Thompson, was endowed in 1964 by the late Bertram Brummer and his wife, Susie. It is to be awarded to a member exhibiting outstanding courage and fidelity. By endowing this, a second medal, they illustrate their high regard and affection for the Department. (Page 31)

Columbia Association Medal

Endowed by the Columbia Association since 1966. Medal is awarded in memory of retired Fire Marshal Thomas J. Russo, Senior. (Page 32)

Susan Wagner Medal

Endowed by the UFA to honor the memory of Mrs. Susan Wagner, wife of the former Mayor of the City of New York, and to perpetuate the high esteem in which she held the Firefighters of the City of New York. This medal is awarded to a member of the Department who has performed an outstanding act of valor. First awarded in 1966. The UFA also funds this medal in memory of the late assemblywoman Eileen Dugan, a prime sponsor of the Cancer Bill. (Page 33)

Steuben Association Medal

Endowed by the Steuben Association in honor of General Frederick Wilhelm Von Steuben. First awarded in 1967. Funded by the Fire Department Steuben Association Charities, Inc. (Page 34)

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. (Page 35)

Dr. J.W. Goldenkranz Medal

Endowed in 1975 by the late Dr. J.W. Goldenkranz, Honorary Assistant Chief, to honor "the heroic efforts of the Officers and Firemen, all of whom perform their duties at extreme personal risk." Dr. Goldenkranz was affiliated with the FDNY since 1913 and was president of the New York Firemen's Cycle Club. Donation also made by Sandy and Terry Sansevero. (Page 36)

Uniformed Fire Officers Association Medal

Endowed/funded in 1977 by the Uniformed Fire Officers Association "for an act of heroism and bravery performed by a Fire Officer at a fire."
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Edith B. Goldman Medal

Endowed by the many friends of the late Honorary Deputy Chief Barney Goldman to honor the memory of both his wife, Edith, and him and to illustrate the high regard and affection he held for FDNY members. First awarded in 1978.
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American Legion Fire Department Post 930/ Mark M. Wohlfield Memorial Medal

Endowed by American Legion Post 930, this medal is in memory of Mark M. Wohlfield, a lifelong member of the Fire Department Post, a colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves and a retired FDNY firefighter. The history of this intrepid warrior's exploits is related graphically in the second and third issues of *WNYF* (1945). After his retirement from the FDNY, he continued to serve his country and his fellow man by working for the Veterans Administration. He died on May 24, 1978, and is interred in Arlington National Cemetery. First awarded in 1979. Donation made in memory of Firefighter Eugene "Butch" O'Kane by his family.
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Arthur J. Laufer Memorial Medal

The Laufer Medal, presented for the first time in 1980, is named in honor and memory of the late Deputy Chief Arthur J. "Artie" Laufer, who continually showed his love for Firefighters and his fellow man through his actions. Endowed by the UFA and the family of retired Deputy Director of Dispatch Operations, Joseph E. Higgins, Jr.
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Emerald Society Pipes and Drums Medal

This medal, endowed by the members of the Pipes and Drums of the FDNY Emerald Society Bagpipe Band, is awarded to a member of the Department who performs an outstanding act of heroism in keeping with the FDNY's highest traditions. First awarded in 1981. Donations made by Matthew and Susan Daly, Sandy and Terry Sansevero and retired FM Jim McSwigin.
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Company Officers Association Medal

Endowed by the Company Officers Association in memory of Company Officers in the FDNY who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty. Medal awarded for the first time in 1982. It is donated in memory of retired Captain Sy Berkowitz. Donation made by Honorary Chief James Martin, in memory of Firefighter Francis Esposito and Captain Martin Egan of Ladder Company 79.
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Chief Joseph B. Martin Medal

The Martin Medal is endowed in honor of the legendary Assistant Chief Joseph B. "Smokey Joe" Martin, who served the FDNY with "fidelity and devotion" for 47 years. Awarded for the first time in 1984. Awards are made in the memory of Firefighter Anthony D. Buccieri, Engine 75; in memory of Firefighter Mike Donnelly of Ladder 33, who died in 1983 after a heroic battle with cancer; by the Martin family in memory of Frances B. Martin (1905-1996), daughter of "Smokey Joe" Martin; in memory of Battalion Chief William C. Rinsdale, 19th Battalion, who died in the line of duty in 1971; and donation by Richard Kirrstetter, Ladder 33, and all his Brothers in Ladder 33, Engine 75, Battalion 19.
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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. Sponsored by the Uniformed EMS Officers Union.
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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, funded by the Association and first 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.
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Police Honor Legion Medal

The Police Honor Legion Medal is endowed by the New York City Police Department Honor Legion. It was first awarded in 1984. Donations are made by FM Arthur J. Crawford, FM Dennis H. Fink and retired Detective James K. Burke.
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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 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.
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Lieutenant James E. Zahn/ Lieutenant Peter L. Troiano Memorial Medal

The Lieutenant James E. Zahn/Lieutenant Peter L. Troiano Memorial Medal has been established in honor of these two beloved "Brothers," who laid down their lives for the people of the City of New York. This medal is awarded to a member of the Department who has performed an act of bravery in the protection of life and/or property, either while on- or off-duty. Endowed by the members of Engine 277 and Ladder 112.
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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." Endowed by the New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation and Dr. Marc Kramer, Honorary Assistant Chief and Consultant to the Medical Division.
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Firefighter Thomas R. Elsasser Memorial Medal

Endowed/funded 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.
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Deputy Commissioner Christine R. Godek Medal

Established and presented by Honorary Fire 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.
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William Friedberg Medal

The William Friedberg Medal, presented for the first time in 1996, is named in honor and memory of the late William Friedberg. Bill was a respected and beloved elementary school principal, who spent 33 years working with the children of New York City and six years as a member of the New York State Industrial Board of Appeals. He believed that early education and instruction were key to fire prevention. Funded by Mr. Friedberg's widow and family.
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Shelly Rothman Memorial Medal

This medal is dedicated to honoring all Firefighters who have performed with valor. Awarded for the first time in 2005. Funded by the members of the New York State Honorary Fire Chiefs Association, Inc., and the Fire Bell Club of New York, in memory of Shelly Rothman, a long-time member and Chairman of the Board of Directors.
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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.
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World Trade Center Memorial Medal

Established to honor the bravery and courage of the 343 FDNY members who made the Supreme Sacrifice on September 11, 2001, at the World Trade Center. This Company of the Year Award is endowed/funded by the 9/11 parents and families.
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(Above and right) Brooklyn Box 22-0963, 175 Putnam Avenue, August 30, 2010, the incident for which FF Peter G. Demontreux, Ladder 132, was awarded the James Gordon Bennett Medal and New York State Honorary Fire Chiefs Association Medal, and FF Charles J. Dodenhoff, Rescue 2, was awarded the Brooklyn Citizens Medal/FF Louis Valentino Award.



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Fire and EMS Members in Action

(Right) Manhattan Box 0814, corner of West 45th Street/7th Avenue, Times Square, May 1, 2010, the incident for which Engine Company 54 (Lieutenant Michael B. Barvels and FFs Paul J. Fischetti (L-4), Stephen J. Hughes (L-4), Federico Martinez, Nicholas M. Pettenato and Colin C. Ryan) and Ladder Company 4 (Lieutenant John V. Kazan and FFs Timothy R. Cashion (E-54), Scott A. Hickey, William J. Leahy, Brian J. Loveridge and George T. Young) were presented with the World Trade Center Memorial Medal. In this photo, the area around the SUV is examined for any potential evidence.



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photo by Honorary Deputy Chief Matthew P. Daly



Bronx Box 75-3405, 785 Pelham Parkway North, February 15, 2010.



Manhattan Box 77-0259, 283 Grand Street, April 11, 2010, the incident for which FF Antonio Montesino, Squad 18, received the Walter Scott Medal. Numerous civilians were assisted/rescued from this blaze. In photo above, EMS personnel attend to the injured.

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