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Bronx Box 77-3072, 1547 Commonwealth Avenue/East Tremont Avenue, January 2, 2018.
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Firefighter Daniel W. Gordon, Ladder 47, operated at this incident and is receiving the Company
Officers Association Medal. Additionally, Ladders 41 and 58 operated
at this incident and are receiving Unit Citations.

Opposite Page

Manhattan Box 55-1622, 565 West 144th Street/Broadway, November 17, 2017.
Photo by Chris Clarke, FirstDuePhotography.

Fire Marshals Mark Colicci, Special Investigations Unit, and Richard P. Faraci, Jr., Citywide
North, investigated this arson fire and are receiving the Deputy Commissioner Christine R. Godek
Medal. Additionally, Citywide North, BFI, operated at this incident and its
members are receiving a Unit Citation.

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FDNY EMS members respond to an incident in Manhattan on West 58th Street.
Photo by EMS Lieutenant Kyra Neeley King.



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THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, NY 10007

June 5, 2019

Dear Friends:

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

Since its inception in 1865, the New York City Fire Department has led efforts to protect people across the five boroughs while also helping to make New York the safest big city in the nation. This exemplary legacy of service is upheld by the Department's courageous men and women who risk their lives each day for the sake of their fellow New Yorkers, demonstrating their unyielding commitment to promoting fire safety, bolstering disaster preparedness efforts, and responding quickly in times of uncertainty and crisis.

It is vital that we remember to honor the selfless members of New York's Bravest for their heroism, professionalism, and exceptional leadership, and Medal Day sets aside time for us to celebrate the entire FDNY community that is a tremendous source of pride for our city. As my administration continues to fulfill our mission to make New York safer, stronger, and more resilient for the next generation, we are proud to have the FDNY as a partner in forging a more progressive future, and I commend all those being recognized today for furthering the Department's lifesaving efforts.

On behalf of the City of New York, congratulations to the outstanding honorees. I offer my best wishes for a meaningful ceremony and continued success.

Sincerely,

Bill de Blasio
Mayor



Daniel A. Nigro
Fire Commissioner

In the simplest terms, Medal Day can be described as a story of lives saved; but it is actually so much more. This celebration is a testament to the high level of training our members receive at the start of their journey and their commitment to practicing and refining those skills every day of their careers. The medals awarded are shining examples of the teamwork, tenacity and unwavering dedication that this job demands.

This year, we celebrate Lieutenant Patrick T. Mataraza, III, Ladder Company 56, the James Gordon Bennett Medal/New York State Honorary Fire Chiefs Association Medal recipient for his daring rescue of three people from a raging fire in the Bronx. Lieutenant Mataraza made multiple aggressive searches in a building heavily involved in fire and saved three lives—an extraordinary act of bravery.

The Christopher J. Prescott Medal recipient is Paramedic Jacqueline J. Benel, Station 14. Normally, Paramedic Benel saves lives through expert medical care, but she is honored with this award for her own rescue of a senior trapped in a smoke-filled fire in the Bronx. Her efforts are a true demonstration that FDNY EMS members will not hesitate to go beyond the call of duty when lives are at stake.

These are but two heroic acts among dozens of brave feats detailed in the pages of this book. Each one is the result of training that began at our Academies, strong leadership from every rank and the incredible courage displayed by our honorees.

This entire City is thankful to have such fortitude and resolve from its brave first responders. I thank you for all you do to protect New York. Your acts of valor make us immensely proud and demonstrate why the FDNY—without question—is the Bravest.

I am deeply proud of the work that every one of our members performs daily to achieve our lifesaving mission. Congratulations to all who are represented here this Medal Day.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel A. Nigro". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.



John Sudnik
Chief of Department

Though FDNY Medal Day so often celebrates individual acts of bravery, it is our Department's steadfast commitment to teamwork—in our training and at our operations—that invariably leads to our success.

Look no further than several of our FDNY EMS medal recipients, who expertly administered patient care under very difficult and unique circumstances. Paramedics Usman M. Rahyab, Station 4, and Jonathan T. Rivera, Station 20, recipients of the Jack Pintchik Medal, worked side by side with Firefighters from Rescue Company 3 to overcome numerous hazards and obstacles to treat and transport a patient who had been run over by a cargo train. In a second heroic medical response for which Paramedic Rivera is being honored, he and Paramedic Christopher G. Chaplin, Station 20, located a patient stuck up to his chest in mud. Working together with other FDNY personnel, they were an integral part of that extrication operation by providing pre-hospital medical care and expeditiously transporting the victim to the hospital. For their efforts, they are awarded the Chief James Scullion Medal.

In each of the rescues and outstanding fire company operations we celebrate today, once again, it was that commitment to teamwork that made the difference for those trapped by smoke and flames. Our World Trade Center Memorial Medal honors the extraordinary courage and coordination exemplified by the members of Ladder Company 161: Captain Kenneth W. Freeman and Firefighters Brian Cutrona, Stephen M. Molloy, Keith R. Norris, Anthony T. Scarito and Stephen D. Urso. Their tremendous efforts saved the lives of two young children and five adults, including three confined to wheelchairs. Their collective and exceptional work at that incident speaks to the greatest traditions of the FDNY.

This Medal Day ceremony is about gathering together to recognize and pay tribute to all these remarkable moments—Firefighters battling through smoke and flames to pull trapped occupants from harm's way and Paramedics and EMTs summoning every bit of their medical training at challenging, life-threatening situations to create a positive outcome for their patients. Moreover, it is a day for us all to give pause and reflect on the demands of our noble profession.

The acts we honor on Medal Day are indicative of the high standards of our Department and the high caliber of people who wear the FDNY uniform.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Sudnik".

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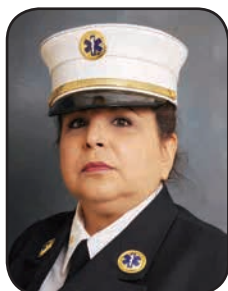


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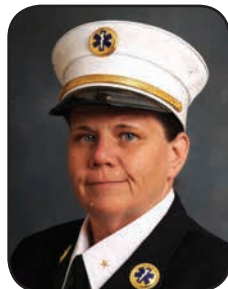
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 Captain Benjamin A. Gicquel (E-9)
- 1870—Lieutenant Charles L. Kelly (E-9)
- 1871—Firefighter Ambrose L. Austin (E-15)
- 1872—Lieutenant Thomas Henry (L-6)
 Firefighter Thomas Hutchinson (L-1)
- 1873—Battalion Chief William H. Nash (Bn-7)
 Firefighter Alfred Conner (L-10)
 Lieutenant Henry Schuck (E-34)
- 1874—Captain William Mitchell (E-10)
- 1875—Lieutenant James Horn (E-11)
- 1876—Firefighter Joseph McGowan (E-6)
- 1877—Firefighter Thomas J. Dougherty (L-1)
- 1878—Captain Daniel J. Meagher (L-3)
- 1879—Firefighter Paul Bauer (L-4)
- 1880—Firefighter John Levins (L-2)
- 1881—Firefighter Michael Connerford (E-12)
- 1882—Firefighter John L. Rooney (L-10)
- 1883—Firefighter William B. Kirchner (E-11)
- 1884—Firefighter John Binns (E-32)
- 1885—Captain Peter H. Short (L-1)
- 1886—Firefighter Michael Brady (E-34)
- 1887—Lieutenant Samuel Banta (L-10)
- 1888—Lieutenant William Quirk (E-22)
- 1889—Firefighter William Reilly (L-12)
- 1890—Captain Thomas J. Ahern (E-5)
- 1891—Firefighter Patrick F. Lucas (E-30)
- 1892—Firefighter Patrick H. Aspell (L-4)
- 1893—Firefighter John Walker (L-6)
- 1894—Firefighter Denis Ryer (L-15)
- 1895—Firefighter William H. Behler (E-35)
- 1896—Firefighter Martin M. Coleman (L-3)
- 1898—Firefighter James Pearl (L-7)
- 1899—Firefighter John Hughes (1) (L-14)
- 1900—Firefighter William Clark (L-14)
- 1901—Firefighter Thomas J. McArthur (E-29)
- 1902—Firefighter Richard Nitsch (E-35)
- 1903—Firefighter Charles F. Douth (L-3)
- 1904—Firefighter James R. McAvoy (L-4)
- 1905—Firefighter Michael J. Stevens (L-4)
- 1906—Firefighter Cassimer C. Wodzicki (E-17)
- 1907—Firefighter Michael Nicklaus (L-4)
- 1908—Firefighter John T. Oakley (L-11)
- 1909—Battalion Chief George L. Ross (Bn-7)
- 1910—Firefighter John R. Harcke (L-12)
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- 1911—Firefighter Richard J. Condon (2) (E-12)
- 1912—Firefighter Robert J. Boyle (L-10)
- 1913—Engineer of Steamer Seneca Larke (E-20)
- 1914—Firefighter John F. Mooney (1) (L-4)
- 1915—Captain Thomas W. Smith (E-2)
- 1916—Firefighter James T. Daniels (L-26)
- 1917—Firefighter John Walsh (1) (L-1)
- 1918—Firefighter Patrick R. O'Connor (L-14)
- 1919—Lieutenant Francis Blessing (R-1)
- 1920—Firefighter Timothy F. O'Leary, Jr. (E-15)
- 1921—Firefighter Frank J. Costello (L-12)
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- 1923—Captain Edwin A.A. Quinn (E-14)
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- 1925—Captain Thomas J. O'Toole (E-27)
- 1926—Firefighter William G.R. Mitchell (E-18)
- 1927—Firefighter Michael McInerney (L-12)
- 1928—Captain James A. Walsh (1) (E-234)
- 1929—Firefighter George W. Reilly (L-19)
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- 1931—Captain Albert B. Carlson (E-66)
- 1932—Firefighter Vincent J. Hyde (R-3)
- 1933—Captain Cornell M. Garety (R-1)
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- 1941—Firefighter Thomas F. Brennan (L-111)
- 1942—Captain John W. Heaney (Hdq.)
- 1943—Firefighter John Colgan (L-2)
- 1944—Firefighter Harvey W. Crook (R-3)
- 1945—Captain George H. Winter (L-3)
- 1946—Firefighter Arthur L. Speyer (L-24)
- 1947—Firefighter Anthony J. Riccardi (L-26)
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- 1953—Firefighter Angelo Michelini (E-97)
- 1954—Deputy Chief John T. Oakley (2) (Hdq.)
- 1955—Firefighter Bernard F. Curran (E-92)
- 1956—Firefighter Michael J. O'Driscoll (L-28)
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- 1966—Firefighter Robert E. Farrell (L-31)
- 1967—Firefighter Thomas D. Ferraiuolo (L-28)
- 1968—Firefighter Gene P. Dowling (L-25)
- 1969—Firefighter James N. Temprow (E-217)
- 1970—Firefighter Charles Varner (L-55)
- 1971—Lieutenant Richard R. Hamilton (R-2)
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- 1975—Firefighter Thomas J. Neary (L-31)
- 1976—Firefighter Martin McGovern (L-114)
- 1977—Captain Frederick W. Gallagher (R-2)
- 1978—Firefighter James H. Battillo (L-152)
- 1979—Firefighter John J. Pritchard (R-2)
- 1980—Lieutenant Thomas J. Neary (L-28)
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- 1990—Lieutenant Gerard M. Murtha (R-3)
- 1991—Firefighter William E. Jutt (L-22)
- 1992—Firefighter Michael M. Dugan (L-43)
- 1993—Firefighter Albert J. Gonzalez, Jr. (L-18)
- 1994—Lieutenant John M. Fox (SQ-1)
- 1995—Firefighter Gregory J. Smith, Jr. (L-108)
- 1996—Firefighter Gerard J. Triglia (L-132)
- 1997—Firefighter John K. Duddy (L-28)
- 1998—Firefighter Stan J. Sussina (R-1)
- 1999—Captain John J. Pritchard (E-255)
- 2000—Firefighter Stephen P. Fenley (L-78)
- 2001—Firefighter John F. South (L-44)
- 2003—Battalion Chief James Marketti (Bn-48)
- 2004—Firefighter James F. Mills (L-176)
- 2005—Firefighter Victor J. Rosa, Jr. (L-138)
- 2006—Captain Christopher J. Joyce (E-318)
- 2007—Firefighter James T. Byrne (L-121)
- 2008—Lieutenant James F. Congema (Bn-19)
- 2009—Firefighter Anthony M. Romano (L-142)
- 2010—Firefighter Michael A. Czech, Jr. (L-142)
- 2011—Firefighter Peter G. Demontreux (L-132)
- 2012—Firefighter Kevin J. Hogan (L-114)
- 2013—Lieutenant Thomas G. Woods (L-154)
- 2014—Lieutenant Robert E. Lee (L-47)
- 2015—Captain William J. Grant (E-168)
- 2016—Lieutenant Brian J. Colleluori (L-174)
- 2017—Firefighter James P. Lee, Jr. (R-1)
- 2018—Lieutenant Michael J. Conboy (R-3)

James Gordon Bennett Medal/ NYS Honorary Fire Chiefs Association Medal

Lieutenant Patrick T. Mataraza, III *Ladder Company 56*

March 5, 2018, 0132 hours, Box 22-3328, Bronx



Appointed to the FDNY on May 4, 2003. Previously assigned to Ladder 33. Member of the Emerald Society. Recipient of four Unit Citations. Holds an Associate degree from Alfred State. Resides in Pine Bush, New York, with his wife, Lori, and their children, Patrick, IV, Kaitlin and Kevin.

At 0132 hours on March 5, 2018, Ladder 56 was dispatched as the second-due truck for a phone alarm for a fire in a multiple dwelling at Box 3328. As the truck entered the block, numerous panicked civilians were descending the front fire escape. While Ladder 38 was forcing the front inside vestibule door, Lieutenant Patrick T. Mataraza, III, Ladder 56, noticed the fire in the first-floor rear apartment had taken over the public hallway, extending up the only interior stairwell in the building. He notified Battalion Chief Kenneth Knapp, Battalion 18, that Ladder 56 would be delayed getting to the floor above. Monitoring the radio and with numerous reports of people trapped on the floor above, the Lieutenant determined that an alternate means of entry must be found to reach the apartment on the floor above.

As numerous people were being removed off the overcrowded fire escape via a portable ladder, Lieutenant Mataraza climbed the drop ladder to the second floor. When the escaping tenants saw his access, some frantically began to climb down, separating Ladder 56's forcible entry team.

The Lieutenant entered the second-floor apartment. Operating in zero visibility, he went through the apartment and located the front door. Opening it slowly, he observed the intensity of the flames roaring up the stairs, but knew any victims in the rear apartment must be rescued quickly for a chance to survive. Securing the deadbolt in the open position, he slid on his stomach across the floor to try to gain entry into the apartment directly above the fire. Almost reaching the doorway, the heat and flames were too severe and he had to retreat to his area of refuge. Knowing full well that survival chances were diminishing for the victims trapped in the apartment, he made second and third attempts. Finally, on his third attempt, Lieutenant Mataraza reached the unlocked apartment door, even though there was no water on the fire.

Once in this apartment, the Lieutenant began a search in high heat and zero visibility. He noticed that the fire had extended upward and requested a line to the floor above. As he continued to search on his stomach, he located an adult and child lying unconscious on the floor. Quickly transmitting the 10-45 signal, he began to drag both victims back to the apartment door. Unable to remove both victims around furniture, he picked up the young child and carried her; luckily, the fire was knocked down in the

stairwell and the victim was removed via this route.

After handing off the victim, he regrouped with his inside team and assisted them with the removal of the second victim. The Lieutenant re-entered the apartment on the floor above, which now had a few rooms consumed in fire. Despite these conditions and without the protection of a hose-line, he continued his search and located a third victim in the bathroom. He began to remove this victim with assistance from a Rescue 3 member.

The Lieutenant put himself in danger on three occasions, but with a calculated and aggressive decision to use an alternate means of entry into the floor above, he rescued three individuals. Lieutenant Patrick T. Mataraza, III, exemplified bravery with his actions and is awarded the James Gordon Bennett Medal/NYS Honorary Fire Chiefs Association Medal.—MC



Shown, left to right, are FFs Glen Merkitich, Jay Prete, Stephen McMahon and Mike O'Kane and Lieutenant Patrick Mataraza. Kneeling in front is FF Larry Sullivan.



Brooklyn Citizens Medal/ FF Louis Valentino Award

Lieutenant Michael M. Doran

Engine Company 254

January 31, 2018, 1501 hours, Box 22-3412, Brooklyn

Appointed to the FDNY on September 12, 2004. Previously assigned to Engine 245 and Ladder 161. Cousins, FFs Steven Homan, is retired from Ladder 174 and Nicholas A. Homan, is assigned to Ladder 77. Member of the Holy Name and Emerald Societies and is a Battalion Delegate (Battalion 33) for the UFOA. Recipient of two Unit Citations and one Pre-Hospital Save. Resides in Brooklyn with his wife, Jacqueline, and children, Alyssa, Julia and Christopher.

The elderly in our communities are extremely vulnerable to the ravages of fire. Tragically, they comprise a larger number of fire deaths because they lack either the physical ability to quickly self-evacuate and/or mental faculties to quickly recognize the danger. An added challenge exists when an elderly person has lived in one house or apartment for a long time—sometimes decades—and it’s common to accumulate many belongings. Although they are cherished by the owner, this clutter also can be an impediment to searching for, locating and removing a potential victim from the fire area.

Such was the case on January 31, 2018, when Lieutenant Michael M. Doran and Engine 254 were able to overcome these obstacles and rescue a woman. The fire building is an “old school,” two-story, flat roof, private dwelling. It is one in a row of seven similar attached buildings. All have a traditional sloped driveway and basement garage. Entrance to the basement apartment is directly under the large stoop to the first floor. A narrow hall leads to the rear of the basement and the living area of the apartment. This type of dwelling, quite common in this area of Brooklyn, was well-known to Lieutenant Doran. His experience told him that he had to make an aggressive and fast move when

the neighbors shouted, “There’s an elderly woman trapped in the basement!”

Lieutenant Doran simultaneously gave the order to stretch the initial attack line and swiftly entered the basement. Upon entry, the Officer was met with heavy, black smoke and zero visibility, forcing him to crawl down the narrow, cluttered hallway. About 20 feet in, the apartment opened up and he was confronted with a blast of high heat. Knowing he was close to the seat of the fire, he penetrated deeper into the dwelling after hearing what sounded like moaning.

Lieutenant Doran then crawled under the doorway with fire lighting up overhead and found the victim lying facedown. His primary means of egress might be cut off and no hose-line was in place. Nevertheless, he repositioned the victim for removal, radioed a signal 10-45 to Battalion 33 and dragged her away from the fire room.

At this time, Ladder 153 had arrived on-scene and entered the basement. FFs Robert Glennerster and Brian Nersten, assigned to the inside team, met Lieutenant Doran after he had navigated the hot, smoke-filled and cluttered hallway. They assisted with removal of the victim from the basement. Lieutenant

David Panebianco, the Officer leading the truck’s team, realized that the hose-line had begun advancing. He had to orchestrate a brief shutdown of the line and the exit of the hallway to allow the rescue to be completed. This all occurred seamlessly. The victim was transferred to waiting medical care. Lieutenant Doran, again, took the lead with Engine 254’s nozzle team’s advance on the fire.

Lieutenant Doran’s leadership and aggressiveness at this fire were primary factors in a highly successful operation. Regrettably, the woman ultimately perished. His actions demonstrate unrelenting dedication to the protection of life and property and are in the highest traditions of the FDNY. Lieutenant Michael M. Doran is presented with the Brooklyn Citizens Medal/FF Louis Valentino Award for his bravery.—MD



Shown, left to right, are FFs Brian Nersten, Thomas King and Nicholas Taber, Lieutenant Michael Doran and FFs Joseph Gandolfo, William Moran, Dmitriy Chinov and Robert Glennerster. Kneeling in front are FF James Ryan and then-Lieutenant David Panebianco (now a Captain, assigned to Division 11).

Christopher J. Prescott Medal

Paramedic Jacqueline J. Benel

Station 14 (assigned); Station 18 (detailed)

March 2, 2018, 1200 hours, Bronx

Appointed to the FDNY as an Emergency Medical Technician on April 23, 2012. Prior assignments include Stations 20, 26 and 19. Attended the College of New Rochelle. Resides in the Bronx with her daughters, Jaymarie and Jennalee Vasquez.



Working in New York's Emergency Medical Service, members learn early on in their careers to always expect the unexpected. Even the most routine assignment quickly can turn chaotic. That is exactly what happened to Paramedic Jacqueline J. Benel on the afternoon of March 2, 2018.

Paramedic Benel and EMT Marius Muka had responded to a medical call at a fourth-floor apartment in the South Bronx. As they were exiting the apartment with their patient, they were alerted to danger when their CO meter alarms started sounding. They heard someone screaming from the sixth floor: "Help! There's a fire!" The pair immediately notified the Dispatcher of an active fire at their location. EMT Muka continued downstairs, ensuring that their patient was taken to safety, as Paramedic Benel ran upstairs toward the screams.

Without hesitation and disregarding for own well-being, Paramedic Benel began banging on every apartment door in

order to evacuate the residents of the building. She identified a cry for help on the sixth floor. The hallway was filled with thick smoke, which made visibility near impossible. Despite this, she located an elderly gentleman who could not walk without help and would have been unable to self-evacuate. Without Paramedic Benel there to guide him down the stairs, chances are this man might have been seriously injured or killed.

Thanks to Paramedic Benel's quick thinking and selfless actions, no injuries were reported as a result of this fire. She placed herself in a very dangerous situation to effect an evacuation that resulted in saving many lives.

The Christopher J. Prescott Medal is the highest honor that can be bestowed on a member of the emergency medical service. For placing her own life at risk to save another, the FDNY is proud to present the Christopher J. Prescott Medal to Paramedic Jacqueline J. Benel.—LS





Hugh Bonner Medal/ Honor Legion Medal

Firefighter Robert A. Perrone

Ladder Company 43

March 24, 2018, 0047 hours, Box 44-1288, Manhattan

Appointed to the FDNY on November 19, 2006. Previously assigned to Ladder 16. Recipient of the World Trade Center Memorial Medal and three Unit Citations. Attended SUNY at Albany and Rockland Community College. Resides in Slootsburg, New York, with his wife, Sheena, and their children, Jack and Sofia.

Just before 1 a.m., on March 24, 2018, members of Engine 53 and Ladder 43 responded to a reported store fire on Second Avenue in East Harlem. On arrival, units were met with heavy fire in a small grocery on the first floor of a four-story apartment building. The fast-moving fire threatened the store occupants and the tenants above.

Ladder 43's inside team—Lieutenant Edward Vreeland (Ladder 61) and FFs Miguel Diaz, Jr., forcible entry, and Stephen P. Janicki, extinguisher—immediately began searches in the store, which still was open. They were pushed back by the fire's intensity. With fire and deadly smoke rapidly extending upward into the apartments above, Ladder 43's outside team had to act quickly to help other occupants.

FF Robert A. Perrone was assigned the outside ventilation position. He knew that many factors go into the decision regarding where to gain horizontal entry from the exterior, which usually complements the advance of the inside team and hose-line.

As radio reports were coming over that occupants were rapidly exiting the building from the front fire escape, FF Perrone made it to the rear yard, anticipating that conditions would be equally untenable; he was right.

FF Perrone was about to enter the first-floor store from the rear when he noticed a woman hanging out of a window on the top floor. He alerted the Incident Commander and then urged the woman to stay where she was as he climbed the fire escape. Reaching the fourth-floor fire escape, heavy, acrid smoke was pushing out the window and around the panicked victim. The window did not lead to the fire escape, but was one window over, complicating the rescue. With fire and smoke taking control of the apartment, FF Perrone prepared to enter from the fire escape window to reach the woman, but before he could, she lunged from the window, aiming for the top railing, but came up short. Before she could fall, FF Perrone grabbed her by an arm and hand and then got his arm around her torso while she was still suspended outside the fire escape. She began to slide from the Firefighter's grasp, but he pulled her over the railing and onto the fire escape platform.

The rescuer assisted the victim to her feet and down the fire escape, but was interrupted by a second woman who appeared at the same window from which the first victim leapt. FF Perrone appealed to her to remain at the window. He cleared the glass and sash from the fire escape window and made entry into bedroom under heavy smoke and intense heat before making contact with the second woman, whom he guided onto the fire escape. FF Perrone assisted her as they descended the fire escape. Engine 91's chauffeur, FF Bryan C. MacDonnell, was waiting at the base of the drop ladder and escorted the two women to EMS personnel for treatment and transport to the hospital.

For his exemplary actions during these rescues, demonstrating operational proficiency (communicating with the two women through body language because they did not speak English), determination and fortitude, FF Robert A. Perrone is awarded the Hugh Bonner Medal/Honor Legion Medal.—SN



Firefighter Robert Perrone rescued two women via the fire escape. Because they did not speak English, he smartly used body language to communicate with them.

**Emily Trevor/
Mary B. Warren Medal
Firefighter Timothy B. O'Neill
Rescue Company 1**

March 11, 2018, 1909 hours, Box 22-8611, Manhattan

Appointed to the FDNY on September 25, 2005. Previously assigned to Engine 48 and Ladder 56. Recipient of the Dr. Albert A. Cinelli Medal, Firefighter Thomas R. Elsasser Memorial Medal and Firefighter David J. DeFranco Medal. Served in the Marine Corps. Resides in Warwick, New York, with his wife, Colleen, and their sons, Timothy and Patrick.



The five Rescue Companies of the FDNY are all highly trained units, fully equipped to work effectively at whatever fire or emergency situation that may arise. Rescue diving is one of the most dangerous tasks a company may be challenged to perform. Responsible for the busy waterways around Manhattan, Rescue 1 knows all too well the many dangers that exist.

On a clear and cold night on March 11, 2018, Rescue 1 members had just finished roll call when the voice alarm screamed and the teleprinter spit out a ticket for a report of a helicopter down in the East River. Pulling out of quarters, FF Timothy B. O'Neill donned his dry suit while the dispatcher instructed incoming units that they were receiving numerous phone calls and the helicopter was sinking. Rescue 1 raced through midtown traffic to East 90th Street to meet the Marine Battalion transport boat. Arriving at the pickup point, Lieutenant John Tobin, Rescue 1, observed an inverted helicopter submerged and tied off to the stern of a civilian tugboat. Rescue 1 members boarded the Marine boat and FF O'Neill, with assistance from his tender, FF Neal Russell, donned his SCUBA setup in preparation for a dive operation. Rescue 1 was transported mid-river to the civilian tugboat and from the aft deck setup to begin their operation.

While FF O'Neill prepared for his dive, Lieutenant Tobin was instructed by the helicopter pilot (who had self-evacuated) that passengers still were trapped inside. FF O'Neill sized up the conditions, noting dusk had turned to night and the water was black with zero visibility. The water was 40 degrees and flowing at a fierce rate of approximately four to five knots.

FF O'Neill entered the water and descended, making his way out to the helicopter. He located the upside down sightseeing helicopter, found the side door and was able to access the interior fuselage. The cabin presented numerous entanglement hazards for the diver. FF O'Neill was forced to navigate through various hanging wires and found his first victim; not in a seat, but floating inside the cabin. Unable to remove the victim, FF O'Neill—in zero visibility—realized

the victim was in a full body harness and tethered to the aircraft. Using his hands as his eyes and relying on his training, the rescuer was able to locate a locking carabiner on the victim's back and free him from the cabin. The diver notified his tender he was surfacing to transfer the victim to the boat.

The Firefighter returned to the cabin door and again entered, locating the second victim. This victim also was attached by his harness, heavily entangled and had to be extricated. FF O'Neill released the victim's tether and untangled him before surfacing and transferring the victim to the boat. Now 70 blocks south of where the original operation started, FF O'Neil descended back into the black water and penetrated even deeper into the cabin twice more to locate and remove the third and fourth victims.

FF Timothy B. O'Neill acted under extraordinary conditions, battling fast-moving tides, cold water temperatures and zero visibility. He overcame them all to remove several victims from a submerged helicopter. With great honor, FDNY presents him with the Emily Trevor/Mary B. Warren Medal.—PB



Rescue 1 apparatus. Photo by Joe Pinto.

Thomas E. Crimmins Medal

Firefighter Gilberto L. Martinez, III Ladder Company 162

April 28, 2018, 2353 hours, Box 33-5509, Queens

Appointed to the FDNY on January 14, 2013. Previously assigned to Engine 239. Recipient of a Unit Citation. Resides in Hollis, Queens, with his wife, Katie, and their children, Lily Ana and Ryan.



Since 1865, the New York City Fire Department has been a symbol of professionalism, bravery and heroism. The nickname, New York's Bravest, is not bestowed upon the men and women of the FDNY; it is earned. Following rigorous training, FDNY Firefighters take calculated risks to save the lives of New York City residents and visitors on a daily basis. On a misty April 28, 2018, evening, Firefighter Gilberto L. Martinez, III, Ladder 162, once again proved that FDNY members truly are New York's Bravest.

Shortly before midnight, Ladder 162 was dispatched to a fire in the Queens Village section of New York City. When Firefighter Martinez arrived, he observed a very advanced fire on the first floor. His experience and knowledge of fire travel forced him to focus his efforts on the immediate assistance of trapped occupants on the second floor.

Tasked with the roof position, FF Martinez, along with FF John Basquez, Ladder 162's outside vent Firefighter, brought a portable ladder to the rear of the burning structure. Firefighter Martinez laid the portable ladder against a shoddily built overhang and began his ascent. Once he reached the top of the make-shift overhang, he found that the lightweight plastic would not hold his weight. Maintaining his balance, Firefighter Martinez crawled along metal sections to a one-story rear extension of the home.

Firefighter Martinez found a large second-floor window in the rear of the 2½-story home and made entry. Once inside, he found himself in a small bathroom. Firefighter Martinez proceeded to the top of the stairs when he witnessed diminishing conditions. While searching in

zero visibility and increasing heat, Firefighter Martinez felt the body of a victim and quickly transmitted a 10-45. After consulting with Firefighter Basquez, they decided to bring the victim back to the bathroom from which they began their search.

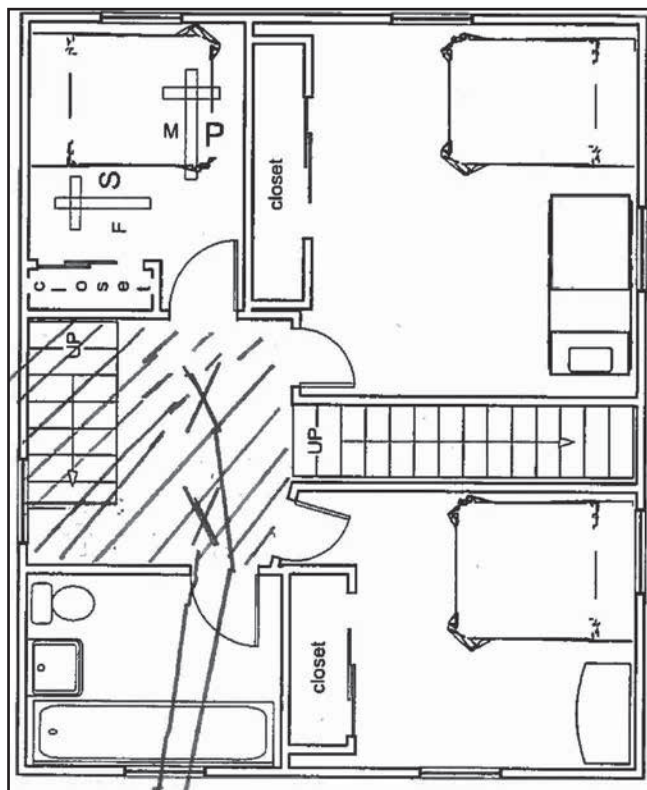
While dragging the motionless body of the female victim, Firefighter Martinez felt the body of another victim. Understanding the necessity of maintaining victim continuity, Firefighter Martinez continued to his destination. Once inside the bathroom, the victim was cautiously handed off to outside units awaiting her arrival. Regrettably, she died.

Firefighters Martinez and Basquez returned to the second victim; a male. With the fire now extending to the second-floor hallway and no engine company available, Firefighter Martinez dragged the victim to the bathroom. The escalating heat condition forced him to be closer to the

floor, which became problematic while extricating the victim. The door to the bathroom had burnt away and Firefighter Martinez began to feel the heat from the hallway.

Firefighter Martinez found a linen closet nearby and detached the door from its hinges. Using the door, he was able to cover the open entryway to the bathroom, shielding him from the heat as he began to extract the victim. After lifting the male victim through the window to safety, he exited the window and began emergency medical treatment on the male while simultaneously requesting a stokes basket to aid in lowering the man to ground level safely.

In recognition of his courageous and remarkable rescue efforts, Firefighter Gilberto L. Martinez, III, is being honored today with the Thomas E. Crimmins Medal.—SR



Reflected is the route used by FF Gilberto L. Martinez, III, for his rescue of two victims.

Thomas A. Kenny Memorial Medal

Captain Kenneth W. Freeman

Ladder Company 161

December 16, 2017, 1451 hours, Box 75-3431, Brooklyn

Appointed to the FDNY on May 17, 1998. Previously assigned to Ladder 122, Engine 318 and Ladder 166. Cousin, FF Joseph McRoberts, is assigned to Ladder 86. Serves as a delegate to the UFOA for Battalion 43. Recipient of a Class A. Attended Pace University. Resides on Staten Island with his wife, Ruby, and their children, Nicolette, Peter and Ryan.



On December 16, 2017, at 1451 hours, Tower Ladder 161, commanded by Captain Kenneth W. Freeman, was dispatched to a phone alarm for a structural fire. En route to the Box, the Dispatcher advised the responding companies that they received information that children were trapped in the fire apartment. On arrival, Ladder 161 members observed thick, black smoke pushing under heavy pressure from the first-floor front door of a 16-story, occupied multiple dwelling. As the inside team arrived at the front door, they were met by soot-covered parents, screaming frantically that their children were trapped in the fire apartment. Unfortunately, the parents' attempted rescue efforts caused the front door to remain open and allowed conditions to rapidly deteriorate.

With no hose-line in place, Captain Freeman and his inside team—FFs Stephen Molloy and Keith Norris—entered the super-heated apartment in search of the children. Fire was in the area of the front door, so the Captain ordered FF Norris to use the extinguisher and direct his stream at the ceiling to prevent a flashover. Captain Freeman and FF Molloy tried moving deeper into the apartment, but were impeded by clutter. Realizing that the clutter would hinder their means of egress if the room flashed over and block the path of the engine's hose-line, Captain Freeman and FF Molloy quickly moved several motorized trucks under the difficult conditions.

After the largest of the obstacles was removed, Captain Freeman searched deeper into the apartment. The primary search

was a challenge as there were toys and heavy clothing littering the fire apartment floor, making the outline of a small child very difficult to recognize. Moving low and sweeping the floor, the Officer suddenly felt the outline of a child's head when reaching the door to the first bedroom. He transmitted the 10-45 and tucked the limp body of a young boy under his body to protect him from the high heat. As Captain Freeman backtracked to the apartment's front entrance, he saw Engine 245 preparing to enter the apartment to extinguish the fire. He informed them that his two Firefighters still were searching the apartment unprotected by a hose-line.

Once outside, Captain Freeman moved to a smoke-free safe area to provide aid to the child when members of Engine 330 came up with their equipment to assist the Captain. With the child being cared for by Engine 330's members, Captain Freeman returned to the fire apartment to help continue the primary search. Conditions were still severe, reinforced by the fact that Engine 245 requested a backup hose-line. Once the remaining children were confirmed to have been removed from danger, Captain Freeman was relieved from the fire apartment.

Captain Freeman's actions at this fire were in the highest traditions of the Department. Under severe heat and punishing conditions, with egress compromised and without the protection of a hose-line, he effected the lifesaving rescue of a child. For his brave and aggressive actions, Captain Kenneth W. Freeman is awarded the Thomas A. Kenny Memorial Medal.—AP



Without the protection of a hose-line, Captain Kenneth Freeman rescued a child during this multiple dwelling fire.

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Walter Scott Medal

Lieutenant Darryl A. Williams

Battalion 12 (assigned); Ladder Company 26 (detailed)

April 29, 2018, 0639 hours, Box 1335 (10-77), Manhattan



Appointed to the FDNY on February 4, 1996. Previously assigned to Ladders 33 and 29. Father-in-law, Captain Abraham Haiman, is retired from Ladder 37. Recipient of a Unit Citation. Holds a BS degree in Political Science from SUNY at Stony Brook. Served in the Army Reserve for eight years. Resides in Airmont, New York, with his wife, Rebecca, and their children, Maya and Julian.

High-rise multiple dwelling fires pose many obstacles for our firefighting forces. On April 29, 2018, at 0639 hours, the members of Ladder 26, commanded by Lieutenant Darryl A. Williams, persevered in overcoming them.

Ladder 26 arrived first-due at the 35-story fire building with smoke showing from a 29th-floor window. Locating the fire apartment door with smoke pushing from around its edges, FFs Brian Foley (irons) and George Diaz (extinguisher) forced the door, filling the hallway with heavy smoke and high heat. Entering with his thermal imaging camera, Lieutenant Williams saw tremendous heat coming from the left and directed Firefighter Diaz to remain at the door as a beacon and use his extinguisher to hold back the flames.

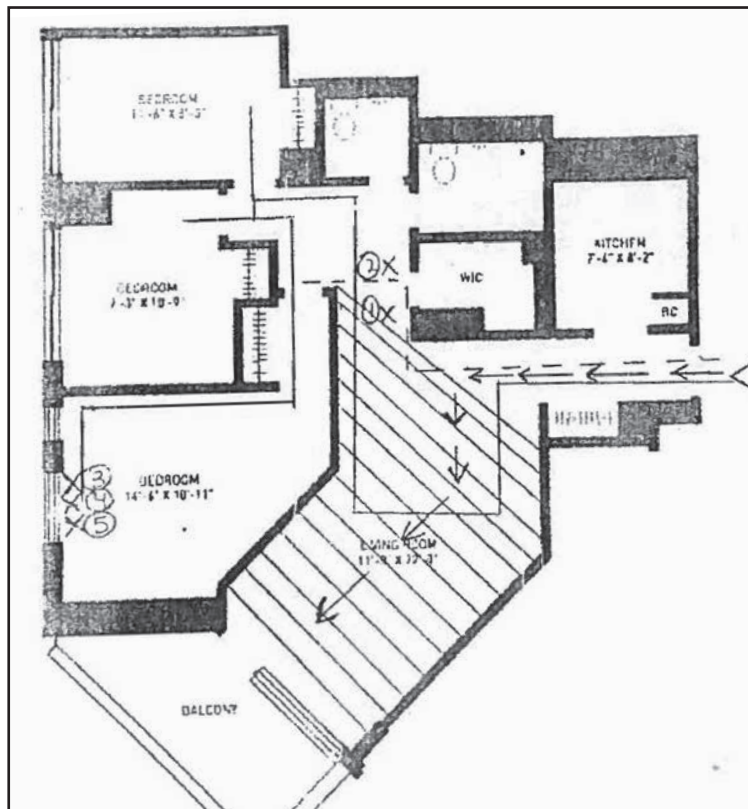
Lieutenant Williams and FF Foley crawled in the direction of the heat to locate and confine the fire. As they did, FF Foley came upon a victim. Lieutenant Williams made his way toward FF Foley's voice to assist in removing the male victim to the apartment door. The Lieutenant then returned to his search. Finding a fully engulfed living room with no door and considering the quickly deteriorating conditions—with no hose-line in place—locating the bedrooms became Lieutenant Williams' highest priority. FF Foley returned and, together, they made their way down the exposed hallway off the living room. FF Foley came across a second victim—a young girl—and headed toward the apartment door to remove her. Assured that FF Foley could handle this removal, Lieutenant Williams continued searching.

Finding a closed door and

knowing this might buy occupants precious time, Lieutenant Williams attempted to enter the bedroom behind it. However, due to a large bunk bed, the door opened only partially. He performed a reduced profile to enter. His search of the bunk bed and cluttered room proved negative. Crawling to a second closed door, he entered another cluttered bedroom. Again, the Lieutenant performed a quick search with negative results.

In the ever-worsening conditions, Lieutenant Williams pressed on, moving to a small bedroom containing a large bed. Squeezing past the narrow space on one side, the rescuer found three victims, including a pregnant woman and two youngsters—a girl and a boy. They were at the partially open window, desperately gasping for air. After radioing that he had found three additional victims, Lieutenant Williams handed FF Foley the youngest victim with the most difficulty breathing. The Officer then grabbed the remaining two victims and, shielding them as best he could from the scorching heat, moved toward the apartment door, just as the hose-line was entering.

All five victims were admitted to the hospital. If not for the persistence of Lieutenant Williams, multiple members of this family would have perished. It is for his steadfast commitment and leadership that Lieutenant Darryl A. Williams is awarded the Walter Scott Medal as a symbol of his bravery.—SM



Lieutenant Darryl A. Williams found three victims and helped to remove a total of five victims.

John H. Prentice Medal

Lieutenant Glenn A. Harris *Ladder Company 142*

April 8, 2018, 0648 hours, Box 6018, Queens



Appointed to the FDNY on September 2, 1978. Previously assigned to Engine 249, Ladder 105, Rescue 2 and Rescue 4. Father, Chief of Operations Lewis Harris, is deceased; grandfather, Lieutenant Larry Harris, is deceased; and uncles, FF Moe Hirschfield and Battalion Chief Stanley Hirschfield, are deceased. Member of the Naer Tormid Society and a charter member of the Honor Legion. Recipient of the Thomas A. Kenny Memorial Medal, Honor Legion Medal and New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation Medal. Served as a Coast Guard Captain. Resides in Lido Beach, Long Island, with his wife, Caroline, and their daughters, Nicole, Emma and Kimberly Bryant.

In the early-morning hours of April 8, 2018, a phone alarm was received at the quarters of Tower Ladder 142 and Engine 285. The report was for a fire on the second floor of a three-story, 25- by 50-foot, Class 4, wood-frame, occupied structure. Ladder 142 responded quickly as the address was located just blocks from quarters. They arrived first-due and found heavy fire out the second-floor windows. The occupants were screaming that at least three people were trapped inside above the fire.

The third floor was an attic apartment with no secondary means of egress. On entry, the interior team encountered heavy fire coming from an apartment door into the hall and up the stairs, trapping the people above. Lieutenant Glenn A. Harris directed his forcible entry team of FFs William Schecher, Jr., and Andrew Mussler to gain control of the door.

Without hesitation, Lieutenant Harris proceeded past the fire and climbed the interior stairs to the exposed attic apartment. Entering, he closed the door behind him to protect himself and the occupants inside. Simultaneously, the fire now began to auto-expose into this third-floor apartment window, further endangering those inside.

FF Mussler crawled onto the second-floor landing. As the fire was rolling over his head, he reached in with his Halligan to control the fire apartment door. FF Schecher used the extinguisher to contain the fire that now was burning through the door. Lieutenant Harris proceeded to search, passing the fire now extending up to the attic where he was located. He found a semi-conscious victim and dragged the person back toward the stairway, calling for FF Mussler. FF Mussler passed the fire on the second floor and without the protection of a hose-line, went up the affected stairs and removed the victim past the exposing fire down to the first floor.

Lieutenant Harris pushed deeper into the apartment to continue his search and located a second victim toward the rear. He brought this victim to the top of the stairs where FF Mussler again passed the fire on the second floor and went up to the attic to remove this victim down the stairs to the first floor and safety. At this point, Engine 285 had received water and began advancing into the fire area. Again, Lieutenant Harris went back into the third-floor apartment to continue his primary search and located two more victims with their heads out a small rear kitchen

window. By coordinating with Ladder 142's outside team, he ensured the victims' safe removal via a 35-foot portable ladder.

All victims were removed, thanks to the calculated and coordinated efforts of Lieutenant Harris and the members of Ladder 142. The victims were transported to the hospital for medical care.

Battalion Chief Robert Bohack, Battalion 51, noted that if not for the actions of Lieutenant Harris, a victim surely would have passed away that day. Because of his bravery and quick actions under incredibly dangerous conditions, the Fire Department, City of New York, proudly presents Lieutenant Glenn A. Harris with the John H. Prentice Medal.—TW



Several victims were rescued from this structure, thanks to the efforts of Lieutenant Glenn Harris and the members of Ladder 142.

Henry D. Brookman Medal

Lieutenant Jose M. Grullon

Battalion 27 (assigned); Ladder Company 38 (detailed)

June 9, 2018, 1317 hours, Box 75-3174, Bronx



Appointed to the FDNY on September 14, 2003. Previously assigned to Engine 6. Member of the Hispanic Society. Recipient of several Pre-Hospital Saves. Attended John Jay College. Resides in the Bronx with his wife, Gladys, and their sons, Joseph and Joel.

A reported fire on the second or third floor of a five-story, occupied, Class 3, multiple dwelling prompted response by Ladder 38 on June 9, 2018, at 1317 hours. While responding, units were informed by the Bronx Dispatchers that they were receiving reports of a jumper down and a person on fire. When Ladder 38 arrived at the Box, members were informed by a woman that there was a fire in an apartment on the second floor, with two people trapped inside the apartment.

Lieutenant Jose M. Grullon and FFs Jason McCormick (forcible entry) and Kristofer Caccavale (extinguisher) made their way to the second floor. They found heavy smoke pushing from around the door frame of the fire apartment. Once FF McCormick forced the door, heavy smoke and fire came into the hallway from the top of the door. Without the protection of a charged hose-line, the inside team entered the living room, as FF Caccavale held back the fire with the extinguisher.

Lieutenant Grullon crawled under the fire, about eight feet deep into the room, and found an unconscious and burned fe-

male. He began removing her as the fire intensified over his head. The Lieutenant called for assistance from his inside team and removed the victim to the public hallway. The Lieutenant's inside team then removed the victim to the street where she was turned over to other Firefighters who provided medical care.

The Lieutenant re-entered the apartment without the protection of a hose-line for a second time in an attempt to locate the second victim. He crawled deeper into the apartment as Lieutenant Timothy Klett, Engine 88, who was inside the apartment, stood watch for Lieutenant Grullon's safety. Conditions in the apartment were worsening; Lieutenant Grullon could feel the heat through his gear and heard glass breaking from the heat. Lieutenant Klett then shouted to Lieutenant Grullon to back out of the apartment because it was getting ready to light up and the hose-line was not in position.

As both Officers exited the apartment, the fire was over their heads and into the public hallway. When Engine 88 began their attack, Lieutenant Grullon followed them in and searched to the

left, through the high heat and zero visibility. Lieutenant Grullon entered the burning kitchen, past the living room, and located a burned male unconscious on the floor. He transmitted the 10-45, began to remove him and called for assistance from the inside team. The victim was removed to the street and handed off to other Firefighters who administered medical care. Both victims were transported to the hospital. Regrettably, they succumbed to their injuries.

Lieutenant Grullon's bunker coat was so badly damaged by the heat that it was condemned and had to be replaced, indicative of the brutal conditions under which he operated. For his determined actions in locating two victims in two different rooms in a high heat and heavy smoke condition, without the protection of a charged hose-line, Lieutenant Jose M. Grullon is recognized for his valor with the Henry D. Brookman Medal.—NG



Shown, left to right, are FF Marcello Sacco, Lieutenant Jose Grullon, FF Kristofer Caccavale, Engine 88, and FF Jason McCormick.

Chief Ulyses Grant Leadership Medal

Lieutenant Sean M. McGrath

Haz-Tac Battalion

January 11, 2018, 0300 hours, Penn Station, Manhattan

Appointed to the FDNY as an Emergency Medical Technician on February 6, 2004. Since promoted to Captain and assigned to Station 40. Previous assignments include Stations 7, 4, 39, 58, 38 and 39. Recipient of the Lieutenant Kirby McElhearn Medal in 2011. Resides in Deer Park, Long Island.



As a Haz-Tac Officer and USAR Medical Specialist, Lieutenant Sean M. McGrath is no stranger to dangerous assignments. Lieutenant McGrath's Paramedic skills have been tested numerous times throughout his career and always have proved to be masterful. In the early-morning hours of January 11, 2018, he was tested once again, this time on the roof of an Amtrak train.

On arrival, Lieutenant McGrath made his way down to the train station platform where he found Rescue 1 members, along with numerous other members from various companies, working on top of an overhead powered Amtrak train. Lieutenant McGrath was requested to the top of the train by the Rescue 1 Officer to start his medical assessment and treatment and assist in developing a plan to remove the patient. When he reached the patient's side, Lieutenant McGrath found an adult male who had been working on the train and came in contact with the overhead power lines.

Lieutenant McGrath performed a rapid evaluation and found the patient to be alert, oriented and in extreme pain. He was suffering from multiple burns of varying degrees all over his body. The patient was packaged and removed to the platform and the EMS Lieutenant was joined by the EMS crew of 07R. As the patient's pain became intolerable, Lieutenant McGrath's Paramedic

skills shined through. By expertly employing these well-learned skills, Lieutenant McGrath was better able to focus his assessment on and treatment of the patient's injuries.

Seeing the full extent of the patient's injuries, Lieutenant McGrath knew that rapid transportation to a surgical team could mean the difference in saving the patient's limbs.

Lieutenant McGrath used all his training to lead in the care of this critically injured patient. He seamlessly transitioned from patient care provider—where all his Paramedic skills were displayed—to Officer multiple times throughout this assignment. For his exemplary treatment and decision-making, Lieutenant Sean M. McGrath is honored with the Chief Ulyses Grant Leadership Medal.—*PM*



Then-Lieutenant Sean McGrath in action at 2017 Penn Station stuck train and tazing incident. Photo by EMS Lieutenant Kyra Neeley King.



Hispanic Society/23rd Street Fire Memorial Medal of Valor Lieutenant Hugh R. Barr

Battalion 13 (assigned); Ladder Company 59 (detailed)

July 17, 2018, 0336 hours, Box 75-2931, Bronx

Appointed to the FDNY on August 5, 2007. Now assigned to Division 7; UFO in Ladder 59. Previously assigned to Ladder 31. Father, FF Patrick Barr, is retired from Ladder 45. Cousins, FFs Harry Callahan, is assigned to Ladder 13 and Andrew O'Brien, is assigned to Rescue 3. Member of the Emerald Society. Recipient of a Unit Citation in 2008. Holds a Bachelor's degree in Finance from Pace University. Resides in the Bronx.

During the summer months, the run volume for many companies across the City increases due to the hot and humid weather conditions encountered. On this busy night tour of July 17, 2018, the members of Engine 43 and Ladder 59 were toned out at 0336 hours for Box 2931 for a fire in a multiple dwelling at 84 West 174th Street. As the units arrived and transmitted the 10-75, numerous panicked occupants were rapidly fleeing the structure.

One tenant grabbed onto Lieutenant Hugh R. Barr (UFO Ladder 59) and notified him that the fire was in the basement in a room across from his and there was a tenant still trapped inside. Entering the basement on the exposure #4 side of the structure, Ladder 59's inside team (Lieutenant Barr and Fire-

fighters Sal Falesto, Ladder 59, with the irons, and Juan Gomez, detailed from Engine 42, with the extinguisher), encountered a heavy smoke condition with high heat, due to the low basement ceilings. As they donned their facepieces, they were unaware that the basement had been cut up into single room occupancies (SROs).

Entering the basement, they were forced to crawl due to the high heat. They finally located the fire on the exposure #2 side of the structure and informed Battalion Chief Brian Davan, Battalion 19. The fire room's door was partially burnt away, allowing the fire to roll toward the members of Ladder 59. Lieutenant Barr ordered FF Gomez to use the extinguisher to hold back the fire. Simultaneously, Lieutenant Barr and FF Falesto searched the immediate area and surrounding rooms around the fire, but could not locate the victim.

Working their way back to the fire room to check on the status of the fire, Lieutenant Barr ordered FF Falesto to pop another door off to cover the half-burnt fire room door. While the door was being removed—which was difficult due to the tight hallway in the basement and other clutter—Lieutenant Barr made his way back to check on the effectiveness of the extinguisher to control the fire. He noticed that the fire was more intense, but under the flames, saw another doorway past the fire room.

Ignoring his personal safety, Lieutenant Barr informed FF Gomez that he was going to search the room. Crawling on his stomach under the flames and popping the last room's door open with his Officer tool, he entered the room and located the unconscious victim. Transmitting the 10-45, he then removed the victim. With no secondary means of egress available, Lieutenant Barr dragged the man out of the room and, once again, crawled past and under the fire. The extinguisher now was completely depleted as the Officer removed the victim under the flames. FFs Falesto and Gomez assisted their Officer as he appeared from beneath the flames in removing the victim down the narrow hallway and out of the basement to the side yard.

In spite of the decisive and brave actions of Lieutenant Hugh R. Barr, this victim ultimately perished. The Officer showed great courage and tenacity in performing this rescue and upheld the highest standards of this Department. A grateful City awards him the Hispanic Society/23rd Street Fire Memorial Medal of Valor.—MC



Damage to basement hallway is indicative of the conditions under which Lieutenant Hugh Barr operated.

M.J. Delehanty Medal

Firefighter Brian S. Foley

Ladder Company 26

April 29, 2018, 0639 hours, Box 1335 (10-77), Manhattan

Appointed to the FDNY on May 4, 2003. Previously assigned to Engine 58. Uncle, Deputy Chief Nicholas Visconti, is retired as the Division 14 Commander, and cousin, Lieutenant William Ryan, is assigned to Rescue 1. Member of the Emerald and Holy Name Societies. Recipient of a Class III and three Unit Citations. Attended Rockland Community College. Resides in Cornwall on Hudson, New York, with his wife, Laurie, and their daughter, Kinsley.



The forcible entry or irons position in a ladder company usually is assigned to an experienced Firefighter who the Officer knows will complete the demanding tasks at hand. In the early-morning hours of April 29, 2018, it became quickly apparent that Firefighter Brian S. Foley, Ladder 26, would exemplify what it means to be a flawless irons Firefighter.

At approximately 0640 hours, Ladder 26 responded first-due to a 35-story residential building located on 5th Avenue. On arrival, there was visible smoke from some upper-floor windows and the building's alarm system indicated smoke on the 29th floor. Lieutenant Darryl Williams and Firefighters Foley and extinguisher Firefighter, George Diaz, discussed their plan of attack while ascending a building elevator to reach a safe upper floor. As the inside team of Ladder 26 arrived on the 29th floor, members clearly saw black smoke emanating from around the door edges of the fire apartment.

With the assistance of FF Diaz, FF Foley immediately began forcible entry of the apartment door. After quickly forcing the door open and controlling it, the inside team heard a tenant on the 29th floor, yelling that the family was still in the apartment. The inside team donned their masks and immediately began searching the fire apartment. A rapidly growing fire was evident in the living room as FF Foley crawled past this fire without the protection of a charged hose-line in an attempt to reach the hallway and bedrooms. His diligent search led him to an unconscious man lying facedown in the hallway outside the bedrooms. As FF Diaz pounded on the wall by the apartment entrance

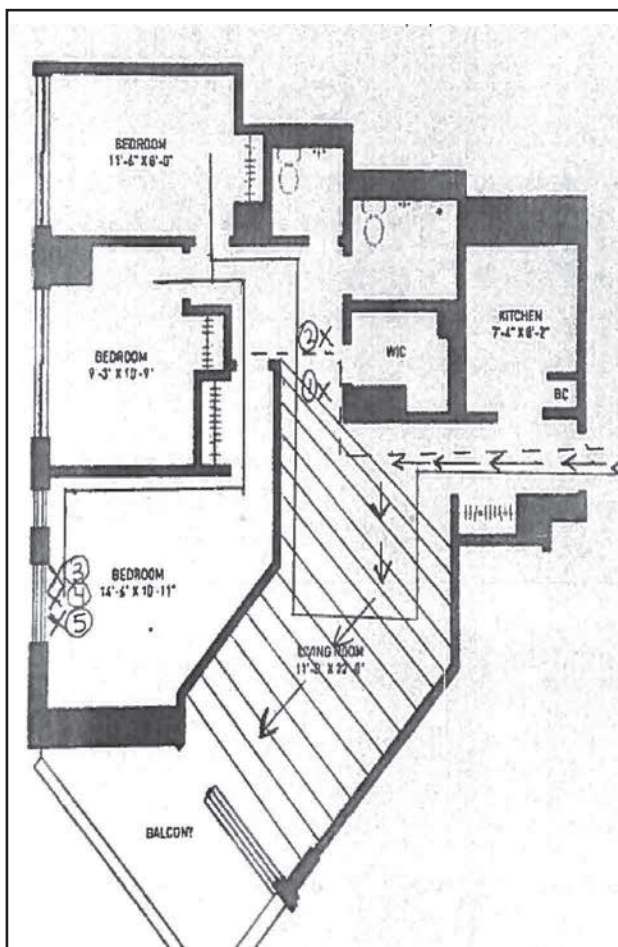
door, acting as a beacon, FF Foley began removing the victim to the public hallway, with the assistance of Lieutenant Williams.

After handing the victim over to other FDNY personnel, FF Foley re-entered the fire apartment, which now had an increasingly growing fire. He resumed his search, once again crawling past uncontrolled fire and located the motionless body of a young girl. FF Foley grabbed her, shielded her from the fire with his own body, listened for FF Diaz still sounding his beacon at the apartment door and removed her from the fire apartment.

With no available FDNY personnel in the public hallway, FF Foley carried the girl down to the 28th floor where he left her with the Officer of Ladder 43.

Although bordering on exhaustion, FF Foley persevered and returned to the fire apartment, just as he heard over his handie-talkie that Lieutenant Williams had located three additional victims in a bedroom. For a third time, FF Foley crawled past fire and reaching the bedroom, Lieutenant Williams handed him another child. Yet again, without any hesitation, FF Foley shielded and removed this child to the public hallway. Lieutenant Williams followed by removing the final two victims.

FF Foley's actions on this early morning in April 2018 exemplified courage and dedication to the Department. He operated without the protection of a charged hose-line as he placed himself in a position of risk, while crawling past uncontrolled fire several times. FF Brian S. Foley is commended for his heroic actions with the M.J. Delehanty Medal.—AC



FF Brian S. Foley removed an unconscious man and two children following this route.

Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia Medal

Lieutenant Ryan P. McNamara

Ladder Company 20

December 19, 2018, 1244 hours, Box 33-0175, Manhattan



Appointed to the FDNY on September 25, 2005. Previously assigned to Engine 231/Ladder 120. Father, Captain John McNamara, is retired from Engine 264; grandfather, Lieutenant James McNamara, was retired from Engine 268 and is deceased; and brother, FF Matthew McNamara, is assigned to Engine 254. Holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Philosophy from Fordham University. Resides in Rockaway Beach, Queens.

A fast-moving fire consuming the top two floors of a four-story, non-fireproof, multiple dwelling, heavy clutter conditions, no rear fire escape, a small, narrow public hallway and no charged hose-line: These were the conditions confronted by Ladder 20 members at a three-alarm fire in Chinatown on December 19, 2018, at 1244 hours. In fewer than three minutes, Engine 9 rounded the corner and transmitted a 10-75 for fire out of two windows on the third floor.

Ladder 20, commanded by Lieutenant Ryan P. McNamara, was the second-due ladder company. Responsible for the apartments directly above the fire, Lieutenant McNamara's inside team of FFs Andrew Laird (irons) and Probie Ryan Ciambriello (extinguisher and detailed from Engine 14) arrived at the third floor to check on conditions. The first-due companies were having difficulties due to the floor-to-ceiling clutter. Realizing this delay in applying water on the fire would facilitate rapid extension, Lieutenant McNamara informed the first-due companies that his team was heading to the floor above.

Confronted with severe heat and zero visibility, Ladder 20's forcible entry team began forcing the apartment door over the fire

as Lieutenant McNamara ordered his roof Firefighter (Thomas Herrick, detailed from Engine 24) to open the bulkhead door to relieve the punishing heat and smoke. Entering the apartment, the Officer directed FF Laird to control the door and act as a beacon. Hearing reports that fire extended to the adjoining apartment and auto-exposed to the floor above via the front windows meant that the secondary means of egress—the front fire escape—now was cut off. Deciding to perform a rapid search, Lieutenant McNamara and Probie Ciambriello proceeded through the clutter and high heat toward the front of the apartment. They found the front rooms heavily engulfed.

Directing Probie Ciambriello to hold back the flames with his extinguisher as best he could, Lieutenant McNamara scanned the room with his thermal imaging camera and attempted a cursory search as fire rolled over his head. With conditions deteriorating, Lieutenant McNamara directed the arriving hose-line toward the fire and redoubled his team's search toward the rear. Searching through the clutter, the Officer came across a half-bathroom where he found an unconscious woman hidden under a blanket. He dragged the woman toward the apartment door where the extinguisher and irons Firefighters completed the removal. Retracing his route, the Lieutenant found a second unconscious woman in the bathroom and dragged her through the apartment. Ladder 20's inside team, assisted by Engine 33 members, navigated the small, crowded, smoke- and heat-filled stairway—over two operating hose-lines—to carry the victims down to the sidewalk where they both received emergency medical treatment.

Due to the coordinated efforts of Lieutenant McNamara and his inside team, two female occupants were saved just moments from certain death. They are alive today, thanks to the bravery and skills of Lieutenant McNamara. For his decisive actions, deliberate search and leadership abilities, Lieutenant Ryan P. McNamara is awarded the Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia Medal.—SM



Manhattan Box 33-0175, December 19, 2018. Photo by EMS Lieutenant Kyra Neeley King. Lieutenant Ryan P. McNamara rescued two unconscious women at this incident.

William F. Conran Medal

Firefighter Joseph M. Forrest

Ladder Company 38

March 29, 2018, 1630 hours, Box 22-3129, Bronx

Appointed to the FDNY on August 5, 2007. Resides in White Plains, New York.



On March 29, 2018, at 1630 hours Ladder 38 received a ticket for Bronx Box 3129, just a few blocks from the firehouse. While en route, the Dispatcher informed units that multiple calls were being received for a fire on the top floor of a four-story, non-fireproof, multiple dwelling. On arrival, the companies observed heavy smoke coming from the top floor and numerous people self-evacuating.

Battalion Chief Michael Treanor, Battalion 18, transmitted the 10-75 and noticed a man in distress on the top floor. The man then dropped out of sight. Several people in the street stated that someone was trapped on the top floor. The inside and outside teams of Ladder 38 began a combined effort to reach the trapped man. Lieutenant Dominick Amorosa (covering in Ladder 38) entered the fire apartment with the inside team and used a door to hold back the main body of fire, while FF William Knice used the extinguisher to protect the inside team. FF Shaun Sullivan, the irons Firefighter, made an attempt to get to the front window where the man last was seen, but he was driven back by fire conditions and a hose-line was not yet in operation.

The outside team of FFs Joseph M. Forrest (outside vent) and Thomas McMahon (chauffeur) also were making an attempt to reach the trapped man. The rig was set up and the stick was positioned to the bedroom window. FF Forrest quickly climbed the aerial, vented and entered the window, well aware that a hose-line was not in operation in the fire apartment. The fire was in the living room and hallway and extending toward the bedroom.

Entering the apartment, FF Forrest crawled toward the main body of fire, through the heavy clutter in the bedroom, so he could close the door and isolate the room with the victim inside. As FF Forrest began his search, the fire began to burn through the top of the door. He continued his search in the heavy smoke, high heat and clutter and located the man facedown in the center of the room. The victim was covered with clothes and a piece

of furniture. FF Forrest removed those items and dragged the man back toward the window from which he entered. Fire was over the rescuer's head and conditions continued to deteriorate.

While removing the man, a dresser fell on FF Forrest. When he got the man back to the window, FF Forrest maneuvered him out the window and onto the ladder. Working together, FFs Forrest and McMahon removed the unconscious victim down the aerial ladder. FF Forrest then re-entered the bedroom to continue his search to ensure that no one else was trapped. The victim was transported to the hospital and treated for his injuries.

For his actions in rescuing a man from a rapidly extending fire, FF Joseph M. Forrest is officially recognized by the FDNY on Medal Day. He is presented with the William F. Conran Medal.—NG



Shown, left to right, are Lieutenant Dominick Amarosa, Division 7, and FFs William Knice, Shaun Sullivan, Thomas McMahon, Joseph Forrest, Michael Toritto and Paul Malkan.



Chief John J. McElligott Medal/ FFs Fitzpatrick and Frisby Award Firefighter David P. Burkhart

Ladder Company 2

April 20, 2018, 1325 hours, Box 75-0879, Manhattan

Appointed to the FDNY on July 1, 2008. Previously served as an EMT at Station 57 for five years. Recipient of five Unit Citations. Attended LaGuardia Community College. Resides in Queens, New York.

On the early spring afternoon of April 20, 2018, Manhattan dispatch transmitted Box 879 at 1325 hours for a report of an explosion in the basement of a parking garage. Engine 8 and Ladder 2 arrived simultaneously to find heavy smoke pushing from a floor drain in front of an eight-story, 50- by 100-foot parking garage, with workers confirming a large explosion had occurred in the basement. Ladder 2's inside team began their descent to the basement level and encountered high heat and zero visibility. The Officer confirmed they had a basement fire following some type of explosion and transmitted a 10-75.

As the inside team began their push into the basement using their search rope and Engine 8 began their stretch, Ladder 2's LCC, Firefighter David P. Burkhart, raised the aerial to the roof to perform his survey and roof duties. Once completed, he returned to the street to team up with Ladder 4's LCC, Firefighter Scott Hickey. When Ladder 2's Officer reported that primary searches were being hampered by excessive clutter and pun-

ishing conditions, the two ladder chauffeurs quickly decided to force open a door at street level and attempt to gain access to the basement.

At the base of the basement stairs, the two members were confronted with a heavily fortified door, which they forced under high heat and a blackout smoke condition. Once the door was forced, both members began crawling into the basement opposite the advancing hose-line. They were fully aware of the possibility of fire being drawn to their position, but were determined to make their way deeper into the basement in their search for victims.

As they made their way into the darkened basement, they encountered a sea of pedicabs and clutter, consisting of bike frames and tires, as well as a maze of rack storage and an extremely hazardous battery-charging bank. Without the protection of a charged hose-line, FF Burkhart continued to make his way through the dangerous clutter and found an unconscious male lying on the floor. He quickly packaged the victim in preparation for the difficult removal that now confronted him and FF Hickey.

Both members quickly dragged the unconscious victim from their compromised position through the maze of racks and clutter and back to the base of the stairs. Once they reached the stairs, the victim then was dragged up two flights to the street and into the care of the waiting EMS unit. Although exhausted and running low on air in his SCBA, FF Burkhart returned to the basement without hesitation and continued to search for additional victims.

Firefighter David P. Burkhart acted in the finest traditions of this Department. He operated in a heavily cluttered basement under high heat and zero visibility and without the protection of a charged hose-line. Despite these punishing conditions, his selflessness and perseverance in the face of personal risk resulted in saving a young man's life. For these reasons, he is presented with the Chief John J. McElligott Medal/FFs Fitzpatrick and Frisby Award.—RW



Ladder 2 apparatus in action. Photo by Bill Tompkins.

Thomas F. Dougherty Medal

Lieutenant Joseph R. Cavarretta

Engine Company 236

September 30, 2018, 1034 hours, Box 75-1812, Brooklyn



Appointed to the FDNY on July 15, 2001. Recently promoted to Captain and is assigned to Division 8. Prior assignments include Engine 239, Ladder 114 and BFI as a Fire Marshal. Brother, FF Nicholas Cavarretta, is retired from Engine 250. Member of the Emerald Society and Columbia Association. Recipient of a Unit Citation as a FM in BFI and a Class A. Holds an Associate degree in Liberal Arts from Ocean County College, a Nursing degree from the College of Staten Island and a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health from Rutgers University. Served four years of active duty with the Navy. Resides on Staten Island with his wife, Kimberly, and their children, Aidan, Ava and Gavin.

On the morning of September 30, 2018, at 1034 hours, Engine 236, commanded by Lieutenant Joseph R. Cavarretta, received a ticket to respond to Brooklyn ERS Box 1812 for a report of smoke in the area. As Engine 236 arrived on-scene, members encountered numerous people waving them in to the fire building, where they observed heavy smoke pushing from three windows on the top floor of a two-story building. Lieutenant Cavarretta immediately transmitted a 10-75 to the Brooklyn Borough Dispatcher and then proceeded to the fire building, where multiple frantic civilians informed him that people were trapped on the second floor.

Simultaneously attempting to establish a water supply and stretch a hose-line, Engine 236 members encountered a hydrant blocked by two vehicles, further complicating an already chaotic scene and potentially delaying the establishment of a water source. Lieutenant Cavarretta entered the fire building through an open front door and found two NYPD police officers overcome by smoke, indicating people, indeed, were trapped in the fire apartment on the second floor. Knowing the first-due ladder companies were delayed, responding from another Box, the Officer relayed this information to his chauffeur and nozzle team, requested a hose-line be stretched and indicated he was ascending to the fire floor to search for the trapped victims.

Under high heat and zero visibility, Lieutenant Cavarretta encountered a heavy fire condition, which already had burned through the fire apartment door and into the public hallway. Knowing there were civilians trapped in the fire apartment, he entered without the protection of a hose-line and encountered heavy clutter. Using only his sense of feel, he crawled down the hallway under rapidly deteriorating conditions, searching the living room, then proceeding toward the bedrooms. Here, he located the first victim, a woman who was lying facedown on the floor unconscious. He quickly transmitted a 10-45 over the radio and began to remove her.

Lieutenant Cavarretta passed the main fire area once again, using his body to shield the victim from the intense heat. At the same time, Engine 236's nozzle team began making their initial fire attack from the public hallway where the door Firefighter, James McHugh, saw Lieutenant Cavarretta removing the

victim and immediately began to assist. Together, Firefighter McHugh and Engine 236's control Firefighter, Kevin Janssen, removed the first victim to the street, while Lieutenant Cavarretta returned to the fire apartment to search for additional victims.

Not finding any more victims in the first bedroom, he proceeded to the second bedroom, where he found a second unconscious victim on a mattress. He quickly transmitted a second 10-45 and, without assistance, began removing the victim from the bedroom. Hearing the second 10-45 transmission and knowing they were the only unit on-scene, Engine 236's nozzle Firefighter, Anthony Palminteri, passed the nozzle to the backup Firefighter, Kevin Stocks, and made his way to Lieutenant Cavarretta's location to help remove the second 10-45 to the street. Unfortunately, the second victim perished.

Lieutenant Joseph R. Cavarretta acted in the finest traditions of the FDNY, placing himself at risk for the ultimate goal of saving lives. In recognition of his bravery, the FDNY presents him with the Thomas F. Dougherty Medal.—JD



Lieutenant Joseph Cavarretta and a young fan—his son.

Albert S. Johnston Medal

Firefighter Bernd P. Woebbe

Ladder Company 134

April 16, 2018, 0406 hours, Box 22-1052, Queens

Appointed to the FDNY on December 12, 2016. Member of the Emerald Society and the Steuben Association. Holds an AAS degree in Maritime Technology from Kingsborough Community College. Resides in Breezy Point, Queens.



In the early-morning hours of April 16, 2018, the “Big House” of Rockaway, Engine 264/Engine 328/Ladder 134, received an alarm for Box 1052. Initial information was a report of a residential fire. Turning onto Bushwick Avenue, members could see a large plume of smoke coming from the fire building. The 10-75 was transmitted and on arrival, members were confronted with an advanced, heavy fire condition coming out of the first floor and extending to the second floor.

The outside vent Firefighter, Carl Kretkowski, began his perimeter search of the outside of the building and basement, checking for victims and fire extension. As he finished his perimeter, he was approached by a civilian, stating that an elderly woman lived in the apartment on the second floor above the fire and he thought she still might be inside. FF Kretkowski immediately called to Ladder 134’s roof Firefighter, Bernd P. Woebbe, to bring the 24-foot extension ladder. As FF Woebbe was putting the ladder into position, the outside conditions quickly changed. Heavy rain and high winds came into play and severely impacted all operations, making rescue efforts extremely difficult.

FFs Woebbe and Kretkowski positioned the ladder to the exposure #2 side rear bedroom window where they were told that the victim’s likely location would be. They both donned their SCBAs and then FF Woebbe scaled the ladder to the window. As he began to take the window to attempt entry, he encountered high heat and a thick smoke condition. As the Firefighter entered the window from the ladder, he was confronted with intense

heat and a heavily cluttered room. He began his search for the reported missing woman. As he moved deeper into the bedroom, he located her lying facedown on the floor.

Firefighter Woebbe transmitted the 10-45 to Command. He then began to drag the victim into the hallway for removal via the interior stairs. He was met with heavy fire conditions in the hallway and from the adjoining room. At this point, FF Woebbe knew he had a limited amount of time and only one way to remove the woman as fire conditions continued to worsen. He dragged her back into the room and to the window where he met

FF Kretkowski. They decided to remove the woman out the window and onto the ladder. FF Kretkowski went back out onto the portable. FF Woebbe picked up the victim and passed her out the window to FF Kretkowski, positioned on the ladder. FF Kretkowski, while still battling the exterior conditions, put the victim on his right shoulder and, unassisted, used brute strength to carry her down two stories to the ground and the waiting EMS unit. The victim was transferred to EMS personnel who provided emergency medical treatment. She was transported to the hospital where she expired.

Firefighter Woebbe was able to exit the window quickly and out onto the portable. Within two minutes, the fire coming out the window from which he had just removed the victim was blowtorching out the same window. FF Woebbe displayed valor consistent with the finest traditions of a proud New York City Fire Department. In recognition of his heroic actions, FF Bernd P. Woebbe is presented with the Albert S. Johnston Medal.—TW



Fire blowtorches out window from which FF Bernd Woebbe had just removed a victim.

Bella Stiefel Medal

Firefighter Edward G. Dailey

Rescue Company 2

August 17, 2018, 0559 hours, Box 33-1624, Brooklyn

Appointed to the FDNY on March 7, 2004. Previously assigned to Ladder 133. Recipient of four Unit Citations and numerous Pre-Hospital Saves. Resides in Franklin Square, Long Island, with his wife, Rosemary, and their children, Nicholas, Aidan and Ava.



In the early-morning hours of August 17, 2018, Brooklyn's Rescue 2 was summoned to a report of a supermarket fire on Eastern Parkway. On arrival, members saw that heavy fire already had engulfed most of the first floor and heavy smoke emanated from the three floors of apartments above the store. Rescue 2's floor-above team—Lieutenant Thomas Daly and FFs Charles Dodenhoff and Edward Dailey—entered the lobby among screaming residents, who were self-evacuating, and headed for the second floor.

Reaching the second floor, the members donned their SCBA facepieces due to the heavy smoke condition. FF Dailey's goal was to get to the apartment directly over the fire. With Halligan tool and flashlight in hand, he noticed smoke pushing from between the door and doorjamb of the fire apartment. The door quickly was forced and the team entered the apartment. Without the protection of a hose-line, they crawled down a hallway as conditions deteriorated rapidly. After clearing the living room, FF Dailey entered a bedroom and quickly found a victim hanging off a bed. While pulling the unconscious adult to the floor, he felt the limbs of a second victim, also unconscious. Due to clutter in the bedroom, he transmitted a 10-45 and requested assistance with the two victims.

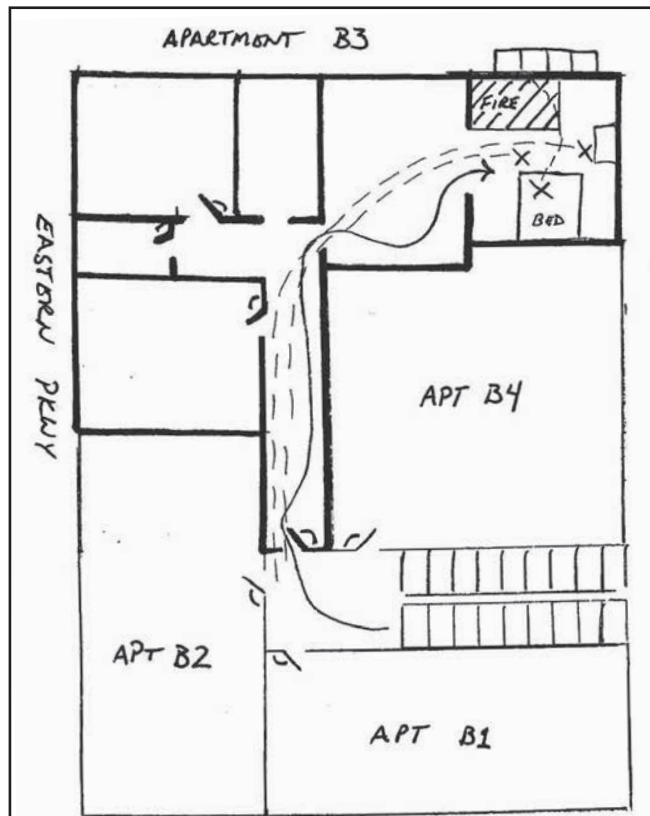
While getting ready to drag one of the victims back to the apartment hallway, he noticed that fire had burned through the bedroom floor where he had just completed his search. A second hose-line was ordered by the Incident Commander to be stretched to the second floor, but FF Dailey's experience made

him understand that it would take time to get a line into the apartment. With fire now over his head, he made his way to a second window. In a highly unusual move, jeopardizing his own safety, he instructed the Engine 231 Officer to extinguish the fire in the second-story bedroom from the street below.

FF Dailey refused to leave the victims and seek safety. With a water stream from the street, the fire darkened down and he began to remove the first victim via the interior. However, hearing the sound of a tower ladder, he changed course and brought the victim to the bedroom window. Waiting at the fire escape was FF Alan Beach with Tower Ladder 111's bucket. With the assistance of FF Beach and Lieutenant Michael Brady, Squad 252, they removed the unconscious victim to the tower ladder bucket.

Now running on pure adrenaline, FF Dailey located the second victim and with assistance from others, who now had entered the apartment, removed her to the building's second-floor hallway. He then entered again to assist in the removal of a third unconscious victim. This removal proved quite difficult because of the location and area clutter. Webbing and numerous FDNY members were required to remove the unconscious woman from the building.

The Firefighter operated above a large volume of fire, without the protection of a hose-line, found two unconscious victims and removed them. He also assisted with the removal of a third victim. With great pride, the FDNY presents FF Edward G. Dailey with the Bella Stiefel Medal.—JB



Using the shown route, FF Edward G. Dailey found two unconscious victims and helped with the removal of a third.

Tracy Allen-Lee Medal

September 5, 2018, 1730 hours, New York Harbor



**Lieutenant
Paul A. Ardizzone
Haz-Tac Battalion**

Appointed to the FDNY as an Emergency Medical Technician on July 11, 2011. Prior assignments include Stations 16, 8, 7 and 18. Recipient of an Excellent Duty award, Unit Citation and multiple Pre-Hospital Saves. Served with the Coast Guard. Resides with his wife, Alisha, in Florida, New York.



**Paramedic
Juan L. Henriquez
Station 8**

Appointed to the FDNY as an Emergency Medical Technician on September 21, 2001. Previously assigned to Station 10. Serves as a Medical Specialist with FEMA NY Task Force 1 and the SOC Task Force. Recipient of the Christopher J. Prescott Medal twice and several meritorious acts and Pre-Hospital Saves. Resides in Chester, New York.



**Paramedic
Hwajung Yoon
Station 8**

Appointed to the FDNY as an Emergency Medical Technician on September 8, 2014. Prior assignments include Stations 27, 18, 7 and 8. Member of the Phoenix Society. Recipient of an Excellent Duty award and multiple Pre-Hospital Saves. Holds an AAS degree from LaGuardia Community College. Served as a Medic in the South Korea Army. Resides in East Elmhurst, Queens.

In a city as large and ever-changing as New York, there is always a need for new tactics and means of operating to better serve the citizens and visitors. On the evening of September 5, 2018, while operating during one of the recently created "Cruise Ship Escorts" aboard *Marine 1 Bravo*, Lieutenant Paul A. Ardizzone, Paramedics Juan L. Henriquez and Hwajung Yoon, alongside the members of *Marine 1*, received reports of a cardiac emergency aboard the cruise ship, *Carnival Horizon*.

Marine 1 Bravo communicated with NYPD Harbor Patrol and the cruise ship, advising them that Paramedics were on-board and would be boarding the cruise ship to treat the patient. Simultaneously, the EMS Dispatcher was assigning land units to locations in preparation to receive the patient once removed from the cruise ship.

After assessing the situation alongside the cruise ship, the decision was made to gain access to the ship by using the higher deck of the NYPD Harbor unit that also

was on-scene at the emergency. With all the boats matching and maintaining the speed of the underway cruise ship, Lieutenant Ardizzone and Paramedics Henriquez and Yoon were escorted to the ship's medical bay and found a patient with unstable cardiac symptoms. Once they initiated the appropriate interventions to treat the patient and placed all appropriate safety devices on, the patient was transferred to the bow of the NYPD Harbor unit for transport to land for definitive care.

During the 15-minute transport to *Marine 9* on Staten Island, through very rough and choppy water, the patient was kept under the watchful eyes and care of Lieutenant Ardizzone and Paramedics Henriquez and Yoon before being transferred to land-based ALS units for transport to the hospital.

For their quick thinking and teamwork with several different agencies, under adverse conditions to achieve a positive outcome for the patient, Lieutenant Paul A. Ardizzone, Paramedic Juan L. Henriquez and Paramedic Hwajung Yoon are awarded the Tracy Allen-Lee Medal.—MW



Lieutenant Paul A. Ardizzone and Paramedics Juan Henriquez and Hwajung Yoon worked with several different agencies to provide a positive outcome for their patient.

Vincent J. Kane Medal

Firefighter Scott A. Hickey

Ladder Company 4

April 20, 2018, 1325 hours, Box 75-0879, Manhattan



Appointed to the FDNY on March 7, 2004. Previously assigned to Engine 54. Uncle, FF Patrick Hickey, is retired from Ladder 52. Member of the Emerald Society. Recipient of the World Trade Center Memorial Medal and a Service Rating B. Resides in North Salem, New York, with his wife, Kimberly, and their daughters, Emma, Peyton and Olivia.

Firefighting is a very dangerous, but rewarding profession. Many Firefighters have a long and outstanding career without having the opportunity to make a successful rescue. Being in the right place, at the right time, are critical to many rescues. Such was the case for a fire, filled with challenges, in the Midtown area of Manhattan, when FF Scott A. Hickey was in the right position to assist in the rescue of an unconscious victim from a heavily cluttered basement.

On April 20, 2018, at 1325 hours, Box 0879 was transmitted for an explosion in the basement of a parking garage at East 53rd Street. Ladder 2 arrived first-due and Ladder 4 arrived second-due. Ladder 2 members made their way down to the basement via the rear exterior stairs and encountered high heat and heavy, black smoke pushing from the basement. Ladder 2 deployed a search rope due to severe conditions and a large area; approximately 5,000 square feet in the basement. Ladder 2 found the fire and reported heavy clutter, with a large amount of unknown storage and no ventilation available in the basement. Engine 8 stretched a 2½-inch hand-line to the garage via the rear exterior stairs to extinguish the fire and protect members conducting a search for life.

Ladder 4's chauffeur, FF Hickey, and Ladder 2's chauffeur, David Burkhart, reported that they were teaming up to access the fire area via the basement stair door located in the front of the building exposure #1/4 corner. FFs Hickey and Burkhart forced the street-level door, donned their SCBA and entered the hot, smoked-filled stairway leading down to the fire area. After making their way down to the staircase, they forced a steel door that accessed a utility area that they quickly searched with negative results. They then forced another steel door that led directly into a large, smoke-filled fire area with zero visibility.

Without the protection of a hose-line, FF Burkhart led the way down a very narrow, heavily cluttered aisle, with FF Hickey following behind. FF Burkhart located an unconscious victim on the floor and FF Hickey rapidly transmitted the 10-45 code. The two Firefighters were operating opposite the hose-line, completely separated by the massive amount of storage in the large, open area in the front of the basement, while the other units were operating in the rear. FFs Burkhart and Hickey removed the victim to the street level and passed him off to EMS personnel. The man was transported to the hospital for additional medical treatment. The pair operated together efficiently and with great determination, upholding the greatest traditions in the FDNY.

In his report, then-Deputy Chief Thomas Currao stated, "FF Scott Hickey's actions at this fire are a great example of the initiative and high level of professional skills and bravery involving personal risk that we all seek in FDNY members." In recognition of these attributes, FF Scott A. Hickey is presented with the Vincent J. Kane Medal.—SS



Ladder 4 apparatus. Photo by Bill Tompkins.

Pulaski Association Medal

Firefighter Jeffrey J. Saccomanno *Marine Company 6*

March 11, 2018, 1911 hours, Box 22-8611, Manhattan

Appointed to the FDNY on October 28, 2001. Previously assigned to Engine 48. Father, FF James Saccomanno, is retired from Engine 88; uncles, Battalion Chief Richard Saccomanno, is retired as the Chief of Training and FF Carl Oliviero, is retired from Engine 79; and cousins, FFs Mike Saccomanno, is retired from Engine 88 and Walter Jablonski, is retired from Ladder 38. Recipient of a Service Rating B and three Unit Citations. Holds a BA degree from Marist College. Resides in Brewster, New York, with his wife, Allison, and their children, Luca, Jackson and Olivia.



On March 11, 2018, Marine 6 responded to a confirmed helicopter crash in the East River in the vicinity of East 91st Street, Manhattan. The sightseeing flight had been operating in a “doors off” fashion to facilitate unobstructed views. Passengers were secured with a strap and personal harnesses to allow for some mobility in the cabin.

En route to the incident, Firefighter Jeffrey J. Saccomanno donned a Mustang cold water rescue suit and prepared for water-borne rescue operations. On arrival, Marine 6 found the aircraft inverted, submerged and secured to the tugboat, *Foxy 3*, whose personnel had witnessed the crash and responded.

Marine 6 tied up to the tug and Lieutenant Dennis Siry and

Firefighters John Hollingsworth and Saccomanno boarded the *Foxy 3* to assess the situation. Lieutenant Siry spoke with the pilot, who had escaped the wreck. He reported that there were several passengers still in the aircraft.

Firefighter Saccomanno was the first to enter the water and began a primary search while tethered to a safety line maintained by Firefighter Hollingsworth on the deck of the tug. While conducting the primary search, Firefighter Saccomanno was alerted to two NYPD divers who were struggling with the strong current. He assisted them until their tether lines were tended and secured.

Returning to the aircraft, Firefighter Saccomanno resumed his

primary search and found access to the passengers. He was met by SCUBA Diver Timothy O’Neill, Rescue 1, who was equipped with underwater breathing apparatus. Firefighter Saccomanno directed Firefighter O’Neill to a point of entry and Firefighter O’Neill then dove into the aircraft to remove the passengers. As Firefighter O’Neill removed the victims, he handed them off to Firefighter Saccomanno on the surface. Firefighter Saccomanno swam the victims to the rescuers aboard the tug for removal from the water. This process was repeated until all victims were removed from the aircraft.

Firefighter Saccomanno remained in the water, preventing the entanglement of the tether and communications lines during the entire operation, while contending with extreme currents, frigid temperatures and exposure to aviation fuel spilled in the water. Despite the extreme conditions, he remained in the water until all other rescuers were out safely.

Firefighter Jeffrey J. Saccomanno placed himself at risk, while providing vital assistance to the other rescue divers in the removal of victims. For his bravery and dedication, he is being awarded the Pulaski Association Medal.—CF



Shown are Lieutenant Dennis Siry, Marine 6; Captain Gerard J. Sillcocks, Marine Division; Marine Engineer Robert Rae, Marine 6; Battalion Chief Brendan Finn, covering; FF John Hollingsworth, Marine 6; FF Jeff Saccomanno, Marine 6; Pilot Robert Senatore, Marine Division; FF Thomas Cotter, Marine Battalion; and FF Michael Columbia, Marine Battalion.

Commissioner Edward Thompson Medal Firefighter Colin C. Ryan Ladder Company 4

June 19, 2018, 1114 hours, Box 0783, Manhattan

Appointed to the FDNY on March 8, 2005. Grandfather, FF Gerry Ryan, Rescue 3, and President of the UFA, was retired and is deceased. Recipient of the World Trade Center Memorial Medal and three Unit Citations. Holds a BS degree in Accounting from the University of Scranton. Resides in Rockville Centre, Long Island.



On the morning of June 19, 2018, the members of Ladder 4 attended a familiarization drill at Penn Station. At the conclusion of the drill, while returning to their apparatus, the members heard several handie-talkie communications regarding a civilian who was in the water at a nearby location. Lieutenant John Kazan raised the Manhattan Dispatchers and notified them that Ladder 4 now was 10-8. The company immediately was assigned to Box 0783, for a reported person in the water at the Hudson River and West 42nd Street.

While on the apparatus en route to the reported location, FFs Colin C. Ryan and Brendan Mulligan donned their personal flotation devices. Ladder 4 was proceeding north on the West Side Highway when the LCC, FF Daniel Beyrer, heard handie-talkie transmissions that the civilian in the water was moving south quickly, due to the flow of the tide, and had passed members of Rescue 1 who were in the water.

Hearing these transmissions, FF Beyrer stopped the apparatus at the north entrance to Pier 79. At this point, Lieutenant Kazan and FFs Ryan and Mulligan ran to the water line of Pier 79. A civilian pointed out the person in the water. FF Ryan realized that if he entered the water at this location, he would have a difficult time reaching the person due to the strong tide. He began running south to the next logical water entry point in an effort to reach the person. This required FF Ryan to run more than 500 yards, through Pier 76, out to the West Side Highway, through the NYPD mechanics garage and then outside again to reach the end of Pier 76.

As Lieutenant Kazan and FF Mulligan reached the location of FF Ryan, the Officer did not see any other emergency service personnel or boats remotely close to the victim. He then instructed FF Ryan to enter the water and FF Mulligan to remain back to act as a backup swimmer. FF Ryan then jumped, untethered, 15 feet down into the Hudson River. He

immediately began to swim to the victim, who was approximately 100 yards from the rescuer. It took FF Ryan more than eight grueling minutes, battling the strong southbound current, to reach a point where he could communicate with the victim. FF Ryan began talking with the man, instructing him regarding what to do.

At this point, while entering a state of exhaustion, FF Ryan persevered the last 10 feet and reached the victim. He proceeded to support the man on his chest and successfully kept both himself and the victim above water. At this time, a fireboat arrived at his location and, while still in the water and drained of energy, FF Ryan assisted in lifting the civilian onto the fireboat before raising himself to safety.

FF Ryan exhibited great determination and bravery. He knowingly placed himself in a dangerous situation to perform this rescue. FF Colin C. Ryan is commended for his efforts, reflecting the highest traditions of the FDNY. He is honored with the Commissioner Edward Thompson Medal today.—AC



Ladder 4 apparatus. Photo by Bill Tompkins.

Columbia Association Medal

Firefighter John R. Basquez, III

Ladder Company 162

April 28, 2018, 2353 hours, Box 33-5509, Queens



Appointed to the FDNY on March 25, 2007. Previously assigned to Engine 324. Wife, EMT Libby Basquez, is assigned to Station 50 and cousin, FF Michael Tegeler, is assigned to Engine 259. Member of the Baseball and Triathlon Teams and the Run Club. Recipient of three Unit Citations and two Pre-Hospital Saves. Attended Queens Borough Community College and SUNY at Farmingdale. Resides in Rockville Centre, Long Island, with his wife, Libby, and their son, Brandon.

When a phone alarm for a fire in a private dwelling comes in during the hours when people normally are sleeping, chances are that some may be trapped. In private dwellings, people may be living in all areas, including the attic. On April 28, 2018, at 2353 hours, Ladder 162 responded second-due to a structural fire. While en route, the companies received information from the Dispatcher that numerous calls were being received with reports of people trapped in the attic. On arrival, Ladder 162 members were confronted with a 2½-story, wood-frame, peaked roof, private dwelling, with a heavy fire condition on the first floor, including at the entrance. The fire was extending to a similar, detached structure on the exposure #2 side. Multiple people already had self-evacuated the house, including two jumpers.

Ladder 162's outside team included outside vent Firefighter John R. Basquez, III, who laddered the exposure #3 side to gain access to the second floor. The only area to place the ladder was a structurally compromised aluminum awning. Knowing that people were trapped, FFs Basquez and Gilberto L. Martinez, III, Ladder 162's roof Firefighter, traversed the awning roof onto a setback, vented and entered through one of the full-size windows.

The outside team quickly realized they were in the bathroom. The door to the hallway was closed and fire was burning through the top. FF Martinez opened the door and was confronted with heavy fire extend-

ing from the first floor up the interior stairs. FFs Basquez and Martinez entered into the hallway without the protection of a hose-line. In high heat and zero visibility, they began to make a right-handed search.

FF Martinez located a female victim and transmitted a 10-45. FFs Basquez and Martinez crawled on their stomachs as they worked together to remove her down the hallway, then out through the full-size bathroom window and onto the setback roof. With conditions rapidly getting worse, the two Firefighters re-entered the window to continue searching. Without a hose-line in operation, FF Martinez crawled further down the hall and located a second victim, a male. FF Basquez transmitted the 10-

45 and assisted FF Martinez with the difficult removal out the same window. When the pair arrived at the bathroom window, they were met by members of Ladder 165, who were on the setback roof. They packaged the man in the Stokes basket while performing first aid. They then lowered him down the portable ladder to the rear yard. Both victims were transported to the hospital and treated for their injuries. Regrettably, one of the victims died.

Operating without the protection of a charged hose-line, FF John R. Basquez, III, assisted in the removal of two victims from the floor above in heavy fire and choking smoke. For his brave actions, he is honored today by the FDNY with the Columbia Association Medal.—NG



FF John R. Basquez, III, at a job.

Susan Wagner Medal

Firefighter James P. Cahill

Rescue Company 1

March 11, 2018, 1909 hours, Box 22-8611, Manhattan



Appointed to the FDNY on February 2, 2003. Previously assigned to Ladder 32. Recipient of the Firefighter Thomas R. Elsasser Memorial Medal in 2016. Holds an AS degree from Dutchess Community College. Resides in Pleasant Valley, New York, with his wife, Jennifer, and children, Bryce, Connor, Jake and Madison.

March 11, 2018, started out like any other sunny, brisk, 40-degree, Sunday in Manhattan, but as the sun set, the day quickly turned to tragedy when four young visitors in a privately chartered helicopter, taking photos of the breathtaking views of NYC, crashed into the East River near 90th Street. Rescue 1 was just beginning the night tour when the dive skills of FF James P. Cahill would be put to the test.

That evening, Firefighter Cahill was designated Diver 1 and while responding, information transmitted from the Manhattan Dispatcher included several victims trapped in a sinking helicopter and one individual floating on a raft in the middle of the East River. From the shoreline of 90th Street and the FDR Drive, Lieutenant John Tobin observed an inverted and submerged helicopter tied to the port side of a civilian tugboat. A fence was cut along the FDR and a 20-foot straight ladder was used to load equipment and assist members boarding a Marine Battalion safe boat. Also tied off to the civilian tug were Marine 6 and Marine Alpha 1.

On arrival at the crash site, Rescue 1 members tied off to Marine 6. With four boats tied together, the journey to the civilian tug was made extremely difficult by the varying heights of the decks, the swift current and the rocking, up-and-down motion of the boats, while divers carried equipment, dressed in full SCUBA gear weighing more than 100 pounds.

Once on-scene, it was confirmed that several people were trapped below the water and a dive needed to commence immediately. A dive plan was formulated and FF Cahill was the first with SCUBA to enter the frigid water. Due to most of the helicopter being underwater, not knowing if there were any entanglement hazards or the location of the helicopter blades, FF Cahill was ordered by Lieutenant Tobin to swim out past the nose of the aircraft and enter from the side.

FF Cahill reported that he was encountering a heavy current and zero visibility. He finally accessed the cockpit and while feeling around, realized it was empty. He then made his way to the area behind the cockpit. The victims were still

strapped into the helicopter. At this time, the Firefighter had an issue with his facepiece. He surfaced and made adjustments to his SCUBA mask, while explaining to the other rescuers that he located the victims and gave exact details regarding how to access them in the quickest and safest way. FF Cahill then dove below the water's surface for a second time. Continued difficulty with his facepiece forced him to surface and board the boat and then he was designated the safety diver. FF Timothy O'Neill, Rescue 1, entered the water in his place.

After an arduous operation, all victims were brought to the surface. (The pilot had self-evacuated.) Rescuers, including FF Cahill, began taking turns performing rescue breathing on those pulled from the water. Returning to land, the victims were transported to the hospital and pronounced dead.

Freezing water, swift currents and zero visibility were no match against the determination, resolve and sacrifice displayed by FF James P. Cahill. For these attributes, the FDNY is proud to award him the Susan Wagner Medal.—JB



Rescue 1 apparatus. Photo by Bill Tompkins.

Steuben Association Medal

Firefighter Mark E. Ackerman *Ladder Company 155*

November 5, 2018, 2330 hours, Box 75-8884, Queens

Appointed to the FDNY on March 8, 2005. Recipient of the Fire Chiefs Association Memorial Medal in 2018. Served in the Marine Corps. Resides in Farmingville, Long Island, with his wife, Tracey, and their sons, John, Brenden, Stone and Jackson.



For the night tour of November 5, 2018, Lieutenant Emmett Daly assigned his members their positions, with FF Mark E. Ackerman assigned as the roof Firefighter. This is a challenging position with great responsibility and little did FF Ackerman know that in the upcoming hours, a man's life was going to be in his hands.

At 2330 hours, a Box came in reporting a fire in a private dwelling, just two blocks from quarters. As soon as Ladder 155 pulled onto the ramp, they could see the smoke. Engine 302, normally assigned first-due, currently was operating on another Box and Ladder 155 was responding without them.

On arrival, heavy fire was visible on the first floor of a two-story, peaked roof, private dwelling and Lieutenant Daly transmitted the 10-75. Ladder 155 members would be operating with no engine company on-scene.

Ladder 155's inside team forced entry and attempted a search, but immediately was driven back by heavy fire. Simultaneously, Ladder 155's LCC, FF Lawrence P. Rooney, Jr., was setting up the rig and noticed a victim at a second-floor window. He noti-

fied the Officer via handie-talkie. Heavy fire was venting from the front windows and began to auto-expose to the second floor, making entry from the front all but impossible.

FF Ackerman, following his size-up and listening to the handie-talkie transmissions, quickly realized that the rear was going to be his best bet at making it inside to attempt a rescue. He notified Ladder 155's OV, FF Harry Pfeiffer, to set up a portable ladder to the rear setback. FF Ackerman proceeded to force the rear door and began a search on the first floor. Encountering high heat and zero visibility and fully aware that no engine was on-scene, he knew that he had to make it to the second floor or the victim would perish.

While searching the first floor, FF Ackerman passed a door that was partially burned through, but continued his search and quickly found the interior stairs. Ascending the stairs, he was forced to his stomach, due to the intense heat. Reaching the top, he headed toward the direction of the reported victim. His persistence quickly paid off when he found a semi-conscious male victim. The victim was combative, which complicated his rescue. FF Ackerman's experience as a veteran Firefighter, as well as a Marine, kicked in during these critical moments.

He began dragging the victim toward the stairs only to find them now consumed in fire. With conditions worsening, FF Pfeiffer, who was making entry via a portable ladder at the rear setback, began calling to FF Ackerman to guide him toward his location at a rear window. Using his body to shield the victim from the fire, FF Ackerman dragged the victim past the stairwell and continued another 40 feet until finally reaching FF Pfeiffer at the window and successfully removed the man. Within seconds, the entire second floor became consumed in fire.

In following the long-standing traditions of the FDNY, FF Mark E. Ackerman acted bravely. Ignoring any danger to himself, he was able to search for, locate and successfully remove this victim. His actions saved this man's life and today the Firefighter is being honored with the Steuben Association Medal.—FV



Seconds before the entire second floor was consumed in fire, FF Mark Ackerman had dragged a man to the window for successful removal.



Chief James Scullion Medal

August 17, 2018, 1241 hours, Bronx



Paramedic Christopher G. Chaplin Station 20

Appointed to the FDNY as an Emergency Medical Technician on October 9, 2012. Previous assignments include Stations 57, 35 and 38. Member of Haz-Tac. Resides in Hempstead, Long Island, with his wife, Ashley, and their son, Christopher.

Paramedic Jonathan T. Rivera Station 20

Appointed to the FDNY as an Emergency Medical Technician on January 8, 2007. Previous assignments include Stations 55, 19, 15, 18 and 27. Member of the FDNY EMS Competition Team. He is a licensed practical nurse and was honorably discharged from the Army after serving as a Combat Medic. Resides in Washingtonville, New York, with his wife, Lindy, and their children, Jade, Joshua and Jacob.

The August 17, 2018, tour for Paramedics Jonathan T. Rivera and Christopher G. Chaplin started the way that most of their tours start:

They signed for their drugs, checked the apparatus and headed out to the 10-89. But this day would not turn out to be like any day they had imagined. On this day, they would be called on to save one of New York's Finest.

At 1241 hours, the call they won't soon forget came in: "20R2 for the uncon 999 Rodmans Neck Cad 2099." Off they went. As more information became available, the two Paramedics became concerned and started to formulate a plan if this turned out to be a confirmed call. How would the rescue go? Information was relayed that an off-duty member of service possibly was stuck in the mud.

As other units started to ask for additional information and call-backs, it was starting to look like this might be an unfounded call. However,

Paramedics Chaplin and Rivera had an idea where this caller might be located. With knowledge of the area, they headed off

in a different location and it paid off in a big way. They located the patient in dangerous terrain; he was stuck in mud up to his chest. The pair notified the other units and started rescue efforts. Using long boards secured with two-piece straps, the Paramedics were able to reach the patient to assess and reassure him that more help was on the way.

With the combined efforts of ESU and Fire units, the patient was removed from the mud. He was decontaminated and stabilized by Paramedics Chaplin and Rivera and transported to the hospital. A positive outcome was achieved by Paramedics Christopher G. Chaplin and Jonathan T. Rivera. They followed their instincts and with knowledge of the area, found the victim. For their efforts, they are presented with the Chief James Scullion Medal.—PS



Shown are Paramedics Christopher Chaplin and Jonathan Rivera.

Dr. J.W. Goldenkranz Medal

Firefighter Matthew E. Madison Ladder Company 127

August 18, 2018, 2105 hours, Box 22-6062, Queens

Appointed to the FDNY on December 5, 2004. Grandfather, Battalion Chief Julius Dutkowsky, was retired from Battalion 34 (disbanded) and is deceased. Member of the FDNY Incident Management Team. Holds a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Delaware. Resides in Long Beach, Long Island, with his wife, Kate, and their sons, Brody and Wes.



Ladder 127 was assigned to a fire in a private dwelling on Saturday, August 18, 2018, at approximately 2100 hours. As the apparatus turned onto the block, members heard numerous radio communications, reporting multiple people being removed from several areas of a 2½-story, peaked-roof, private dwelling. Arriving at the front of the fire building, it became evident to members that the first and second floors and attic were all thoroughly covered by units already operating. Based on this initial size-up, Ladder 127's Officer, Captain Frank Macchia, conferred with the Command Post and determined that the cellar was the area of the building that remained uncovered.

Members of the inside team tried to gain access to the front of the building through the front door, but encountered multiple members operating and a heavy fire load still being extinguished in the foyer. It later was determined that a large portion of the stairs from the first floor to the basement burnt away, severely hampering any advancement of the first line. The decision was made to enter the basement of the fire building from the rear.

Ladder 127 FFs William Van Leer (extinguisher) and Matthew E. Madison (irons) began searching the fire area, while their Officer monitored the deteriorating conditions in the cellar. As members searched, they realized there was no engine company to protect them. Captain Macchia called for a hose-line to be stretched to that area and stressed its urgency. With conditions continuing to deteriorate, FFs Madison and Van Leer split up to cover more ground. As FF Madison made his way into the front bedroom, an area farthest away from his exit, he discovered what he thought was a victim on the floor. After moving some debris, he confirmed his suspicions and found a body wedged between a bed and a couch.

FF Madison knew he had to act quickly. He placed his feet on the wall and pushed the bed as far as possible. He then grabbed the victim and tried to drag him, but the man slipped off due to his injuries. The rescuer again made an attempt to move the victim and again, he slipped off. FF Madison verbally called for FF Van Leer to assist him after freeing the victim from debris

and began to drag him out of the fire room as quickly as possible. Captain Macchia heard the commotion and gave a 10-45 to the Incident Commander, stating the victim would be removed to the rear and EMS personnel would be needed forthwith. The victim ultimately was removed to the rear yard by FF Madison with the assistance of FF Van Leer and handed off to Engine 298. The victim was given medical care and then transported to the hospital.

FF Madison made his safety secondary as he operated in high heat and zero visibility to effect this difficult rescue. Both the search and removal were conducted without the protection of a hose-line. In keeping with the finest traditions of this Fire Department and the Hillside Hurricanes, FF Matthew E. Madison is presented with the Dr. J.W. Goldenkranz Medal in recognition of his valor.—RL



Shown, left to right, are FFs Dave Kusinitz and Edward Bergen (both Ladder 126) and FFs Matthew Madison and William Van Leer.

Uniformed Fire Officers Association Medal

Captain Brian P. Gill

Division 6 (assigned); Ladder Company 47 (detailed)

September 25, 2019, 0112 hours, Box 75-4603, Bronx

Appointed to the FDNY on February 4, 1996. Previously assigned to Engines 294, 75, 42 and 9 and the Health and Fitness Unit. Member of the FDNY Running Club. Recipient of a Unit Citation. Holds BA and MA degrees from John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Resides in Middle Village, Queens, with his wife, Sarah, and their two children, Ashling and Aidan.



In any fire, there are circumstances that contribute to a tough job. In the early-morning hours of September 15, 2018, Ladder 47 members encountered several circumstances that quickly piled up, leading all to quickly comprehend that they were in for a long night.

At 0112 hours, the tones rang out for a fire in a 12th-floor apartment of a 13-story multiple dwelling. Ladder 47 responded within three minutes and went to work. As Captain Brian P. Gill and his forcible entry team—FFs Kevin J. Dorry, Jr., (forcible entry) and Pedro J. Velazquez (extinguisher), Engine 64—entered the lobby, the Captain heard Engine 64’s chauffeur request augmentation. Immediately, the Officer realized that water would be delayed.

Captain Gill and his forcible entry team took the elevator to the 10th floor. They got the layout of the hallway, located the H line of apartments and proceeded to the 12th floor, the fire floor. Reaching the 12th floor, Captain Gill received a report from Battalion Chief William Bonasera, Battalion 20, warning members that high winds were present outside and to proceed with caution. This was confirmed when Captain Gill reached the fire apartment and observed heavy smoke pushing into the hallway from around the doorjamb.

The scene now was set: Water would be delayed; potential for a wind-impacted fire; Captain Gill and his team might face blowtorch conditions when the fire apartment door was opened. As soon as the door was popped, the hallway quickly filled with smoke. FF Dorry immediately found the first victim behind the apartment door and removed the woman to the stairway. Captain Gill and FF Velazquez then entered the apartment. Immediately in front of them was a wall of fire. Captain Gill ordered FF Velazquez to use his extinguisher to hold the fire while he crawled by to search rooms in the rear of the apartment.

Captain Gill crawled over clutter and found a hallway leading to the rest of the apartment. He reached the rear bedroom and found a semi-conscious male. The victim was disoriented and combative. Captain Gill took control of the sit-

uation, grabbed the man and proceeded back past the fire to the apartment door, shielding the man from the heat with his own body. Captain Gill met Engine 64 at the apartment door and crawled past the nozzle team.

When the man was removed to the hallway, he told Captain Gill to save “my wife and baby.” Captain Gill asked where they were in the apartment. The man told Captain Gill they were in the bedroom next to his. Captain Gill handed the victim off to members in the hallway and returned to the apartment to search. Back in the apartment, he encountered Captain Harry H. Poole, Jr., Engine 64, kneeling over the third victim in the hallway. FF Velazquez assisted with the rescue and Captain Gill continued the search for a baby. As it turned out, the third victim was a teen-aged boy, the baby to whom the man was referring. All victims had been located and rescued.

Captain Brian P. Gill’s actions in severe conditions exemplify the determination of FDNY members to do whatever it takes to save those in danger. For his bravery, he is presented with the Uniformed Fire Officers Association Medal.—CB



Ladder 47 apparatus. Photo by Bill Tompkins.

Edith B. Goldman Medal

Firefighter Robert McGuire Ladder Company 142

February 6, 2018, 1606 hours, Box 5182, Queens



Assigned to the FDNY on August 5, 2007. Previously assigned to Engine 290. Father, FF Bobby McGuire, is retired from Ladder 173; brother, FF Michael McGuire, is assigned to Ladder 136; and cousins, FF Patrick McGuire, is assigned to Ladder 137, Lieutenant Luke Allen, is assigned to Division 15, FF Matt Allen, is assigned to Ladder 147 and FF Richie Allen, Ladder 15, was killed at the WTC on 9/11. Was a member of the FDNY Football Team. Resides in Howard Beach, Queens.

As the temperatures drop every winter, ice forms on the lakes and ponds around New York City. It is extremely dangerous for anyone to venture out onto the ice as it is impossible to know if the ice is thick enough and safe to walk or skate on. When an individual falls through the ice, hypothermia occurs quickly and, in combination with thin, broken ice, victims often are unable to rescue themselves.

On February 6, 2018, while returning from a prior Box, Ladder 142 received a call for a child who fell through the ice into Strack Pond in Forest Park. Still in their bunker gear following the previous run, members arrived on-scene and were alerted to the victim's location by the child's mother, who was screaming from across the pond. The Firefighters ran through the woods, creating their own path for ¼ mile, carrying a full complement of tools to effectively enact a water rescue. Once arriving at the location of the child's mother, they received verbal confirmation of a child in the icy water. The temperature this day was 36 degrees and with a child in the water for an unknown amount of

time, an immediate rescue attempt was crucial.

FF Robert McGuire, Ladder 142, was designated the primary rescue swimmer. Due to the dire circumstances, he had no time to don the cold water rescue suit, which would protect him from the freezing water. He removed his bunker coat and pants and quickly donned a tethered life vest over his t-shirt and shorts. He entered the freezing water and swam to the edge of the ice. With no tools in hand, FF McGuire smashed through the ice with his fists and forearms and cleared a path of 30 yards from shore.

Simultaneously, FF Kurtis Niemczyk, designated the secondary rescue swimmer, also stripped down to a t-shirt and shorts, donned a second life vest and tether and entered the water. FF Niemczyk quickly swam up behind FF McGuire and both Firefighters submerged the icy waters for several minutes to locate the victim.

FF Niemczyk then lifted himself onto the thin ice, moving toward the center of the pond. From this viewpoint, he spotted what he thought were sneakers through the frozen ice, 30 feet

away. Both Firefighters continued to smash through the ice with their bare hands toward the victim. When they reached the young boy, they pulled him from the freezing water. Members of Engine 293 and 294 hauled the tether ropes, pulling the rescue swimmers and victim to the shore where they immediately began medical treatment. The victim and FFs McGuire and Niemczyk were transported to the hospital for treatment. Unfortunately, the child died.

The Firefighters later learned that the victim fell through the ice while trying to save his friend, who was able to escape the icy waters without injury. Both Firefighters put themselves at risk to save this heroic child, acting quickly and selflessly, to provide the best possible chance of rescue and survival. For these reasons, FF Robert McGuire is presented with the Edith B. Goldman Medal.—JG



FF Robert McGuire gave a super-human effort to save a young boy who fell through the ice.

American Legion Fire Department Post 930/Mark M. Wohlfeld Memorial Medal

Firefighter Andrew P. Mussler

Ladder Company 142

April 8, 2018, 0747 hours, Box 6018, Queens



Appointed to the FDNY on February 16, 1999. Cousin, FM Jonathan Mercurio, is retired from BFI. Member of the Steuben Association and was a member of the FDNY Lacrosse Team. Holds a Bachelor's degree from Adelphi University. Resides in South Huntington, Long Island, with his wife, Eileen, and their son, Ryder.

Ladder 142 was alerted to respond as the first-due truck to a fire in a private dwelling on Sunday, April 8, 2018, at 0747 hours. Turning out of quarters, members were notified by the Queens Dispatchers that they were receiving multiple phone calls for a fire at the stated location with people reported trapped. Arriving on-scene, Ladder 142 members encountered heavy fire showing out two second-floor windows in the front. The inside team was met by frantic civilians, screaming that at least three people were trapped on the third floor in an illegal attic apartment. Ladder 142 members quickly realized the trapped victims had no second means of egress and their actions in the next few moments could be the difference between life and death.

The inside team began searching at the front door, looking for the interior stairs, as the outside team came up with a game plan and selected the proper ladder length to reach the victims. As the inside team made their way up to the second floor, they were met with heavy fire coming from a doorway, into the hall and up the stairs. Lieutenant Glenn Harris ordered the extinguisher Firefighter, FF William Schecher, and irons Firefighter, FF Andrew P. Mussler, to gain control of the doors leading to the fire area. With fire over his head, FF Mussler desperately searched, by feel, to close any door to the fire area. Finally, he found that door and closed it, providing some protection for his Officer who already made a move to the attic. Simultaneously, as the door was being shut, the attic windows in the front failed, allowing fire to rapidly extend and endanger the trapped victims.

As this was unfolding, FF Mussler relied on his experience and went to the third-floor landing. He crawled and shut the door, using the reach of his Halligan, helping to protect his Officer once again. Once at this location, FF Mussler was in constant contact with the extinguisher FF, who was controlling the second floor by extinguishing fire burning through the door, and his Officer. Lieutenant Harris found the first victim and called for FF Mussler to assist. The Firefighter grabbed the victim and dragged him down past the second-floor fire to the safety of the first floor. He then went to the top of the third floor and was met by his Officer with a second victim. He dragged this victim past the fire on the second-floor landing. The extinguisher was almost depleted. Once on the first-floor

landing, Lieutenant Harris found two more victims, who were being removed via a 35-foot ladder in the rear. FF Mussler took charge of the second floor with FF Schecher and helped facilitate advancement of Engine 285's initial attack.

FF Mussler operated while making his own safety secondary to that of the victims. He worked in high heat and zero visibility to effect this difficult rescue. Additionally, removal of the victims was conducted without the protection of a hose-line. For his bravery, FF Andrew P. Mussler is granted the American Legion Fire Dept. Post 930/Mark M. Wohlfeld Memorial Medal.—RL



The home of Ladder 142/Engine 285. Working in high heat and zero visibility, FF Andrew Mussler, Ladder 142, assisted his Lieutenant with the removal of victims during a Queens blaze.

Arthur J. Laufer Memorial Medal

Firefighter Thomas J. McMahon

Ladder Company 38

March 29, 2018, 1630 hours, Box 22-3129, Bronx

Appointed to the FDNY on May 31, 2005. Member of the Holy Name Society. Holds a BBA degree in Business Management Administration from Iona College. Resides in the Bronx with his wife, Denisse, and their children, Jackson and Gianna.



On March 29, 2018, as the weather began to warm during the first days of Spring, FF Thomas J. McMahon was almost at the end of his 24-hour tour as the chauffeur of Ladder 38. At 1637 hours, the Bronx Dispatchers assigned Engine 88 and Ladder 38 first-due to Box 3129, for a reported fire on the top floor of a four-story building. As the company headed south, members were updated by the Dispatchers that they were filling out the Box due to multiple calls for fire, as well as reports of people trapped on the top floor.

On arrival, units were confronted with heavy smoke pushing from the top-floor windows and cornice. Battalion Chief Michael Treanor, Battalion 18, immediately transmitted the 10-75 and informed Ladder 38 that he had witnessed a civilian disappear back into a smoke-filled room on the top floor. FF McMahon, along with Ladder 38's outside vent FF, Joseph Forrest, also had witnessed the civilian in the window and set to work getting their aerial ladder to him. Meanwhile, Ladder 38's inside team, led by Lieutenant Dominick Amorosa, Battalion 18, rushed to the top-floor apartment, only to be pushed back by the large volume of fire that met them at the apartment door.

FF McMahon quickly and expertly placed the aerial to the window and, with FF Forrest, climbed to where they last had seen the civilian. FF Forrest entered the window, as FF McMahon straddled the sill, enduring the high heat and smoke pushing from the window. His position was precarious, but allowed him to act as a beacon for FF Forrest, as well as quickly assist him if needed. As it turned out, he was needed as FF Forrest quickly found the male victim and transmitted the 10-45. FF McMahon then entered the room as fire began to crawl across the ceiling and met up with FF Forrest. The pair moved the victim to the window they had entered and were able to lift the unconscious male over the windowsill, gently placing his upper body on the tip of the aerial.

At this point, conditions were deteriorating rapidly in the room, with the victim now blocking the two members from their only means of egress. FF McMahon instantly knew their only chance of making a successful rescue was to climb over the unconscious victim. He hoisted himself up and over the sill and climbed over the civilian's body. Using only the beams of the aerial, FF McMahon positioned himself below the victim on the ladder, all while being four stories off the ground. He then secured the civilian under his arms and virtually single-handedly (due to an injury suffered by FF Forrest during the rescue), brought the unconscious male down to the street. It was because of effective teamwork and FF McMahon's quick thinking and professionalism that this victim is alive today.

FF Thomas J. McMahon exhibited great bravery and situational awareness, maintaining the high standards of the FDNY. He is awarded the Arthur J. Laufer Memorial Medal for his extraordinary efforts.—JT



Firefighter Thomas McMahon, taking up from a recent job.

Emerald Society Pipes and Drums Medal Firefighter Akira K. Rodriguez Ladder Company 154

May 11, 2018, 0001 hours, Box 75-7693, Queens



Appointed to the FDNY on July 14, 2014. Previously assigned to Engine 307. Cousin, FF Steven Marquez, is assigned to Ladder 154. Member of the Hispanic Society and USMC/FDNY Society. Served with the Marine Corps for 12 years, leaving with the rank of Staff Sergeant. Resides in Brooklyn with his daughter, Destiny, and son, Benny.

Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction.—JFK. The courageous acts of New York City Firefighters are visible every day to the citizens of this great City. Whether our members are involved in a water rescue or performing searches in a fire building, New Yorkers know that the brave men and women of the FDNY will protect them. However, it is the training that every Firefighter receives at the Academy, as well as the constant drilling while on duty, that fine-tune the purpose and direction in members while effecting a rescue.

Such courage was displayed again on May 11, 2018, when Ladder 154 was assigned first-due on a residential phone alarm Box 7693, reporting a fire in a private dwelling. Firefighter Akira K. Rodriguez had been assigned the forcible entry position. While en route, the Queens Fire Communications Office filled out the assignment due to the number and quality of calls reporting multiple people trapped and possible jumpers up. While responding, Firefighter Rodriguez performed a mental size-up, remembering that the normally assigned first-due Engine 307 had been relocated to the Bronx.

On arrival, Ladder 154 members were met with a fire on the second floor of a private dwelling and a large crowd in the street, informing them that multiple people were trapped inside the burning structure. Lieutenant Kevin O'Hare transmitted the signal 10-75, informing the other incoming companies of the working fire.

Firefighter Rodriguez grabbed his complement of tools and performed a quick size-up of the fire building. He observed heavy, black smoke pushing forcibly from the second-floor windows. Along with Lieutenant Kevin O'Hare and extinguisher Firefighter Josh Forland, Ladder 154, Firefighter Rodriguez made his way into the fire building. Reaching the second-floor hallway, the members were met with a heavy smoke condition. After donning their SCBA, the inside time made their move onto the fire floor.

Without the protection of a charged hand-line, Firefighter Rodriguez performed a right-hand search, passed the fire and made his way to a rear bedroom. He discovered a frantic adult male whose egress had been cut off by the fire and informed Firefighter Rodriguez

that he could not find his daughter. Firefighter Rodriguez transmitted the 10-45 and assisted the victim to a rear balcony where Ladder 154 chauffeur, Firefighter Thomas Peters, assisted in the victim's removal.

Firefighter Rodriguez made an aggressive search for the child. Crawling under flames and without a charged hand-line in place, he entered a second rear bedroom and found an unconscious child. The Firefighter transmitted a second 10-45. Firefighter Rodriguez passed the child to Firefighter Forland and continued his search. Firefighter Forland removed the victim to the street where rescue breathing was administered. The girl was revived and later transported to the hospital and eventually made a full recovery.

By crawling underneath and past a rapidly extending fire without the protection of a charged hand-line, Firefighter Rodriguez placed himself at risk and rose above and beyond the call of duty. If not for the decisive actions of Firefighter Rodriguez, the fate of the victims could have been much different. For his bravery, Firefighter Akira K. Rodriguez is awarded the Emerald Society Pipes and Drums Medal.—SI



Shown, left to right, are Lieutenant Kevin T. O'Hare and cousins, FFs Akira K. Rodriguez and Steven G. Marquez, all Ladder 154.



Company Officers Association Medal

Firefighter Daniel W. Gordon *Ladder Company 47 (assigned); Squad Company 61 (detailed)*

January 2, 2018, 0537 hours, Box 77-3072, Bronx

Appointed to the FDNY on July 1, 2008. Now assigned to Squad 61. Attended college. Resides in Purchase, New York, with his wife, Erin, and their children, Addison and Zakary

In the early-morning hours of January 2, 2018, the Bronx Communications Office received a telephone alarm for a fire at a four-story, non-fireproof, mixed occupancy, multiple dwelling. Due to numerous phone calls, the Bronx Dispatchers filled out the Box, assigning Squad 61 to the alarm.

On arrival, the first-due units encountered a heavy fire condition in a furniture store on the first floor. With floor instability due to rotted beams hampering the initial fire attack, plus the presence of several open dumbwaiter shafts, fire and smoke rapidly were endangering the apartments above. Arriving at the Command Post, Squad 61 was ordered to the top floor by Battalion Chief Jeffrey Facinelli, Battalion 18, to search for any occupants.



Bronx Box 77-3072, January 2, 2018. Photo by FF Michael Gomez, Squad 288. FF Daniel W. Gordon effected the successful rescue of six victims at this incident.

With his irons Firefighter Daniel W. Gordon and extinguisher Firefighter Gregory K. Thomas, Lieutenant Robert C. Roderka quickly ascended the smoke-filled stairway and found a substantial smoke condition on the top floor. Due to deteriorating conditions and the need to search every top-floor apartment, Lieutenant Roderka ordered the inside team to split up. With the help of FF Thomas, FF Gordon forced the door to the fire apartment. Entering the apartment alone, FF Gordon immediately began his search for occupants.

Approximately 20 feet into the heavily charged apartment, FF Gordon located his first victim. Due to conditions on the floors below and the public hallway, he knew he would not be able to remove the victim down the interior stairs. FF Gordon moved the victim to the rear of the apartment, toward the front of the fire building. A few feet from the initial victim, FF Gordon found another adult and four children in severe distress. After reporting the six 10-45s to the Incident Commander, FF Gordon moved all six occupants to a rear bedroom, hoping to find a more tenable area and eventual escape for the family.

Locating a front-facing window, FF Gordon radioed his exact location and requested a tower ladder bucket or aerial ladder to complete removal of the victims. The Ladder 41 chauffeur, FF Ronilo T. Fuentes, overheard his request and, after notifying the roof members that he was moving the tower ladder to effect a rescue, began lowering the bucket toward the window. Due to the heavy volume of smoke coming from the building, FF Fuentes was aided into the proper bucket position by the Ladder 58 chauffeur and FF Gordon. After clearing the window, FF Gordon safely removed all six victims into the bucket. FF Fuentes lowered them to the street to waiting EMS personnel for patient care. Due to deteriorating fire conditions, all members were withdrawn from the building soon after victim removal was complete.

In his report, Chief Facinelli stated, "The actions taken by FF Gordon in an extremely hostile heat and smoke condition, without the protection of a hose-line, above an advanced and rapidly growing commercial furniture store fire, resulted in the successful rescue of six civilians who otherwise certainly would have perished." For his courage, Firefighter Daniel W. Gordon is duly recognized and presented with the Company Officers Association Medal.—TM



Lt. Kirby McElhearn Medal

May 24, 2018, 1451 hours, Bronx



EMT

Ariana A. Borrero

Station 55

Appointed to the FDNY as an Emergency Medical Technician on February 5, 2018. Holds an Associate degree in Applied Science from the Borough of Manhattan Community College. Resides in the Bronx.

It was a clear and sunny day on the afternoon of Thursday, May 24, 2018, when Unit 26A2, staffed by EMTs Felix Omar Saavedra and Ariana A. Borrero, were dispatched to a building in the East Tremont neighborhood of the Bronx for a routine medical call. This was the first time the pair had worked together and, chances are, it is a tour they won't soon forget.

The patient was on the roof. Although medical emergencies can occur in the strangest places and someone might have been enjoying the weather before taking ill, the crew suspected something was off with the roof location of this incident and radioed the Dispatcher, requesting additional information. Proving their instincts right, arriving on the rooftop, the pair found someone in crisis.

A troubled resident was standing at the edge of the building in distress, staring off into the void five floors below her position. The EMS crew calmly attempted to communicate with the patient and entreated her to come off the edge of the roof to safety. Unfortunately, their pleas went unheard, as the patient continued to gaze at the ledge of the building. Suddenly, she leaned forward.

EMT Saavedra was closest to the patient. He acted quickly. In spite of the dangerous proximity to the edge of the roof, the EMT grabbed the patient's legs and, assisted by EMT Borrero, brought the woman to relative safety. Kindness is not always recognized as such in the heat of the moment and despite their good intentions, this crew was thanked and then assaulted by the woman they had just saved. EMT Borrero, despite graduating from the EMS Academy just one week earlier, remained calm and radioed immediately for assistance. She then assisted her partner in fending off the patient's attacks and prevented the woman

EMT

Felix Omar Saavedra

Station 26 (assigned); Station 55 (detailed)

Appointed to the FDNY as an Emergency Medical Technician on June 26, 2017. Recipient of two Pre-Hospital Saves. Resides in the Bronx with his wife, Gladys Lopez, and their children, Emily, Stacey, Carly and Felix, Jr.

from attempting to jump again until help arrived.

If not for the quick thinking, selfless actions and rapid communications demonstrated by this pair of EMTs, this day might have been a tragic one. Although their heroic actions were met with thankless blows of fury that day, the FDNY is pleased to recognize EMTs Ariana A. Borrero and Felix Omar Saavedra by presenting them with the Lieutenant Kirby McElhearn Medal.—NC



EMTs Ariana A. Borrero and Felix Omar Saavedra, recipients of the Lieutenant Kirby McElhearn Medal.

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Chief Joseph B. Martin Medal

Firefighter Anthony Maneri

Ladder Company 107

July 28, 2018, 0056 hours, Box 75-4011, Brooklyn

Appointed to the FDNY on February 1, 2000. Previously assigned to Engine 225. Nephew, FF Jesse Maneri, is assigned to Engine 220. Attended Suffolk Community College. Resides in Medford, Long Island, with his wife, Dawn, and their daughters, Alexa and Corie.



A career in the FDNY can be compared to looking through a lens. As a young, inexperienced Firefighter, your lens is very narrow and focused. You've got skills to master and tactics to learn. Then, as you develop in the FDNY and become more experienced, the lens opens up and widens. You know more and can see more. Deputy Chief Patrick Sheridan, Division 15, commenting on FF Anthony Maneri's rescue on July 28, 2018, remarked that he displayed exceptional situational awareness because he rescued and "removed his victim via a rear door, rather than retracing his steps and exposing the victim to further injury." FF Maneri's experience—his "wide lens"—saved a life.

Ladder 107 was assigned first-due to a reported fire in the basement of a dwelling. While en route, the Brooklyn Dispatcher notified units of a person trapped in the basement. Ladder 107 arrived first. Without any other units on-scene, the Officer transmitted the signal 10-75. Ladder 107 members were informed by several panicked civilians that a person was trapped in the basement.

FF Maneri, assigned the irons position, forced the door leading to the basement and rapidly descended the stairs. He then forced another door at the bottom of the stairs and immediately was blasted by high heat, as well as a heavy smoke condition. With conditions deteriorating, FF Maneri slipped past the fire extending from this room to search the rear of the basement for the trapped occupant. No hose-line was in place. FF Kaamil Muhammad, assigned the extinguisher position, arrived at that location and used the extinguisher in a desperate attempt to hold back the fire to protect the ongoing searches. Time was becoming the enemy due to the limited 2½ gallons of water in the extinguisher.

Under arduous conditions, FF Maneri pressed forward and continued his search in the rear of the basement. Finding a door, he entered the rear bedroom and found the victim unconscious in the bed. He then dragged and untangled the victim from the bedding. FF Maneri knew that the victim had been exposed to intense fire conditions and smoke for several minutes. It was imperative to remove him quickly.

Simultaneously, the Firefighter was listening to the communications on his portable radio and heard that FF Michael Alvarez (outside vent) had made it to the rear and was working on a rear door. These crucial bits of information contributed to FF Maneri's decision to drag the man toward the rear instead of retracing his original route. His instinct and skills paid off. Amazingly, just as FF Maneri approached the rearmost area of the basement, FF Alvarez completed forcing the rear door. The victim was removed to the rear yard and received medical care.

FF Maneri visualized the big picture. His "wide lens" allowed him to piece together the information and make the critical decision to take the victim the other way and save his life. FF Maneri's actions were fraught with danger, but he prevailed and performed in the highest traditions of the FDNY. FF Anthony Maneri is awarded the Chief Joseph B. Martin Medal.—MD



Ladder 107 in action. Brooklyn Box 44-1761, 13 Schenck Avenue/Arlington Avenue, January 21, 2019. Photo by Brooklyn Dispatcher Warren Fuchs (retired).

Police Honor Legion Medal

Firefighter Kurtis Niemczyk

Ladder Company 142

February 6, 2018, 1606 hours, Box 5182, Queens

Appointed to the FDNY on July 1, 2008. Previously assigned to Engine 285 and Ladder 29. Member of the Columbia and Pulaski Associations. Holds a Bachelor's degree in Marketing from SUNY at Oswego. Resides in East Atlantic Beach, Long Island, with his wife, Kristen, and their son, Wesley.



While returning to quarters from a previous incident, Ladder 142 received an alarm ticket for a child who fell through the ice into a frozen pond. The two designated rescue swimmers for the day tour—FFs Robert McGuire (primary) and Kurtis Niemczyk (secondary)—grabbed their gear and raced through a wooded area adjacent to the pond, traveling about a quarter mile before reaching the frantic mother, who did not know how long her son had been underwater. The Firefighters had to make a very difficult decision: Take precious time to don their cold-water rescue suits for increased operational time or plunge into the sub-freezing water immediately, at the cost of a drastically limited operating window before the freezing water claimed them as victims.

They prepared to jump in without the cold-water suits. They stripped down to their work-duty uniforms and put on life vests attached to tether ropes. FF McGuire entered the water first. The body's automatic response when submerged in extremely cold water is severe and debilitating: The gasp reflex could cause the swimmer to involuntarily swallow water; hyperventilation limits oxygen flow to starved muscles; and a loss of dexterity in limbs occurs in fewer than two minutes. FF McGuire found himself in water over his head and was met with two-inch-thick ice on the pond surface. He smashed through the ice with his fists and forearms and broke a path about 30 yards from shore before the ice became too thick. With the effects of hypothermia already taking hold, FF McGuire could go no further.

FF Niemczyk followed behind FF McGuire. With FF McGuire acting as a human ice breaker, FF Niemczyk was able to swim through the water to the edge of the hard ice. With still no sign of the victim, FF Niemczyk sought a different perspective so he might spot the boy. Despite being bruised and bleeding (as was FF McGuire) from the jagged ice and surface debris, FF Niemczyk lifted himself on top of the ice after several attempts and found himself in the center of the pond. He surveyed the area and

spotted what appeared to be sneakers through the frozen ice—about 30 feet from where he and FF McGuire were conducting their search. After pointing out the direction of the victim to FF McGuire, FF Niemczyk dove back into the freezing water and led his colleague to the location.

After several minutes in the icy water, the pair of Firefighters reached the victim and broke through the ice with their bare hands. They pulled the boy from the freezing water. The rescuers then signaled members onshore to start pulling them back on the ropes. Reaching the shore, members began emergency medical treatment.

Tragically, the heroic efforts of FF Niemczyk and other FDNY members could not save the child. The boy had entered the pond to save his friend, who exited the pond safely. For his extraordinary efforts under debilitating conditions, FF Kurtis Niemczyk is awarded the Police Honor Legion Medal.—SN



FF Kurtis Niemczyk made a Herculean effort to save a young boy who fell through the ice.



FF David J. DeFranco Medal

Firefighter Thomas J. Coletti

Engine Company 311 (assigned); Marine Company 3 (detailed)

June 30, 2018, 2252 hours, Box 3548, Brooklyn

Appointed to the FDNY on May 25, 2004. Previous assignments include Engine 54 and Marine 3 and 9 for the summer boat season. Recipient of a Unit Citation and two Pre-Hospital Saves. Resides in Center Moriches, Long Island.

Marine 3, staffed by Lieutenant Sean Regan and Firefighters Paul Patras and Thomas J. Coletti, was responding to a report of a person drowning near the famed Steeplechase Pier in Coney Island in Brooklyn on the night of June 30, 2018. Taking into consideration the prevailing winds and current, Marine 3 initiated a westbound approach to the pier and then started a parallel, shoreline search pattern. Navigating through the wind, sea-state and limited visibility, members recognized that these factors would make the search extremely challenging. Ultimately, FF Coletti proceeded to the bow with a handheld searchlight. Soon thereafter, he observed a victim floating in the surf zone, approximately 100 yards southwest of the pier.

As the victim's location was communicated to the helm, FF Patras expertly negotiated the crashing surf and immediately navigated Marine 3's vessel toward the victim. As the vessel made its approach, however, the victim did the unimaginable: He maneuvered away from Marine 3. FF Patras again negotiated the crashing surf and made a second attempt to initiate a rescue, but it yielded the same results.

Seeing what was happening, FF Coletti made a split-second decision and entered the water untethered and initiated a water rescue of the victim who he feared would drown. The rescuer swam approximately 50 yards through heavy surf and made contact with the victim. He attempted to provide the victim with a flotation device, but the male violently refused to take it. FF Coletti made a second attempt, but again, the victim refused assistance.

Seeing how difficult the situation

was, FF Coletti maintained continuous eye contact with the victim and sensed he was beginning to tire, so he seized on the opportunity and grabbed him. Onboard Marine 3, Lieutenant Regan recognized there was a very short window to recover both the victim and FF Coletti from the rough surf zone. The Officer deployed a throw rope and began to retrieve FF Coletti and the victim to the safety of Marine 3. As FF Coletti and the victim were being pulled onboard the vessel, the victim again became combative and tried to break away.

Fearing the dangers of remaining in the heavy surf and so near the vessel's propellers, FF Coletti, Lieutenant Regan and FF Patras, acting in unison, swiftly extracted the victim out of the water and onto Marine 3. Once the victim and FF Coletti were safely onboard, the members began their patient assessment and established communications with Battalion 43 so the patient could be transferred to EMS members who were waiting at Kingsborough Community College. The patient was taken to the hospital where he underwent treatment.

FF Coletti performed a water rescue while untethered, in choppy seas and in proximity to a moving vessel and pier pilings. However, his greatest obstacle was overcoming a distraught and combative victim who appeared unwilling to be saved from what would have been a sure drowning. The Firefighter maintained his focus and was successful in saving his life. FF Thomas J. Coletti is most deserving of the Firefighter David J. DeFranco Medal.—AP



**Lt. James E. Zahn/
Lt. Peter L. Troiano Memorial Medal
Firefighter Eric J. Leon
Ladder Company 9**

December 15, 2017, 2111 hours, Box 22-0422, Manhattan



Appointed to the FDNY on December 28, 2015. Holds a BS degree from NYU, Stern School of Business. Served with the Army and New York Army National Guard, with deployments to Afghanistan and Ukraine. Currently holds the rank of Captain, serving with New York's Fighting 69th as an Infantry Officer. Resides in Manhattan.

Engine 33/Ladder 9 have a long history of excellence in firefighting. On December 15, 2017, Probie Firefighter Eric J. Leon applied the lessons learned at Bowery U and added another name in the ledger of lives saved by this storied fire company, thus making his mark in this tradition.

At 2111 hours, Ladder 9 received an alarm for fire on the 12th floor of a multiple dwelling. Approaching the building as first-due, Ladder 9 members initiated a size-up, which revealed that the reported address was actually a five-story multiple dwelling. The inside team of Ladder 9, including FF Leon as the irons Firefighter, made their way into the reported building to investigate.

As the members made their way up the stairs, frantic civilians reported there was a fire on the third floor, but were unsure of the exact fire apartment. Once on the fire floor, Lieutenant Steven Aviles, Engine 28, notified Lieutenant Raphael Holguin, Ladder 9 (covering), that he believed the fire was in apartment 9. Lieutenant Holguin placed the back of his gloved hand on the door of apartment 9 and when he felt the extreme heat, he knew this was the fire apartment. The door was locked and Lieutenant Holguin ordered the Ladder 9 inside team to begin forcible entry procedures.

FF Leon quickly went to work. After the door was forced, members were met with dense, black smoke and fire lapping around the now-opened door. As he was trained to do, FF Leon quickly controlled the door he just forced and began masking up. By controlling the door, FF Leon reduced the large volume of smoke, heat and fire from endangering members making their way into the hallway on the fire floor and floors above.

When forcing the door, FF Leon felt it abruptly stop, leading him to believe there could be a victim behind the door. He notified his Officer of this information. Knowing what dangers awaited him, mak-

ing his own safety secondary and without the protection of a charged hose-line, FF Leon entered the fire apartment and began his search. In blackout conditions with fire rolling over his head, FF Leon conducted his left-handed search and immediately checked behind the door. There he found an unconscious victim whose body abruptly had stopped the door moments earlier. FF Leon notified Lieutenant Holguin and initiated victim removal procedures. FF Leon was assisted by FF Vincent Gentile, Engine 5, in removing the victim.

As the pair made it down the public hallway with the fire victim, FFs Leon and Gentile were met by members of Engine 55 and transferred the victim to them to complete removal and patient care. FFs Leon and Gentile then re-entered the fire apartment, meeting up with their Officers, to resume their duties.

The members of Ladder 9 exhibited great professionalism during this successful operation. FF Leon's attention to detail and his selfless tenacity resulted in quickly and efficiently locating and removing the fire victim despite facing extraordinary danger. Unfortunately, the victim died. As evidence of his bravery, FF Eric J. Leon is presented with the Lieutenant James E. Zahn/Lieutenant Peter L. Troiano Memorial Medal.—JA



FF Eric Leon after locating and removing a fire victim.



**Deputy
Commissioner
Christine R.
Godek Medal**



**November 17, 2017, 1514 hours, Box 66-1622,
Manhattan**

**Fire Marshal
Mark Colicci**

Special Investigations Unit, BFI

Appointed to the FDNY on May 4, 2003. Prior assignments include Engine 52 and Citywide North, BFI. Recipient of 15 Unit Citations, one Service Rating A and four Service Rating Bs, as well as the Investigator of the Year Award from the Federal Law Enforcement Foundation in 2016. Holds a BS degree from NYU. Resides in upstate New York.

In 2017, the Bureau of Fire Investigation (BFI) investigated more than 6,400 fires, more than 1,500 of which were deemed intentionally set. None was more disturbing than the blaze that erupted in a six-story, occupied multiple dwelling on November 17, 2017. The midafternoon phone alarm was transmitted for a fire in the Hamilton Heights section of Manhattan. Occupants of the building, including parents returning with their children from school, were going about their normal activities.

As FDNY units arrived, they were met with heavy fire from the top floor. The fire quickly escalated to a sixth alarm and burned for 18 hours. The fire left seven Firefighters injured and 40 families homeless, forcing many to live in shelters.

As multiple alarms were transmitted, BFI personnel quickly responded to begin their investigation. Fire Marshal Richard P. Faraci, Jr., the assigned investigator, began a thorough scene examination. Realizing the magnitude of the fire, FM Faraci had to use all his experience and training to collect necessary data and evidence. The BFI K9 Unit was dispatched to the scene and FM Joe DiGiacomo and K9 Bucca conducted a search for the presence of possible accelerants.

BFI members conducted an extensive video canvass to track the movement of residents prior to the fire. Video was secured that showed questionable activity by a building resident. The video showed the resident leaving the building and returning a short time later, carrying a red gas can. With gas can in hand, the resident calmly walked past mothers and children in the building lobby, into the elevator and back into his apartment. After using the gasoline to set his apartment ablaze, the resident again was

**Fire Marshal
Richard P. Faraci, Jr.**

Citywide North, BFI

Appointed to the FDNY on March 25, 2007. Now assigned to the Office of the Chief Fire Marshal. Previously assigned to Engines 285 and 45. Member of the Incident Management Team. Recipient of two Unit Citations and two Pre-Hospital Saves. Holds a BS degree in Computer Science from Clarkson University. Resides in Queens.

captured on video fleeing his apartment, with smoke billowing behind him as he exited. He quickly walked down six flights of stairs without warning anyone about the fire. Fire Marshals knew that this individual must be captured and taken off the streets as soon as possible.

Armed with this information, FM Faraci sought additional assistance from the BFI Special Investigations Unit (SIU), which operates under the direction of Supervising Fire Marshal Daniel Flynn. FM Mark Colicci, SIU, was assigned to work with FM Faraci. The two Fire Marshals, armed with excellent surveillance video that implicated the suspect, now sought to bring him in for questioning.

Through additional investigation, it was determined that the suspect boarded a bus to North Carolina immediately after the fire in an attempt to evade capture. With this new information and after conferring with the Manhattan District Attorney's office, an arrest warrant was issued for the suspect. This led to the suspect being captured in California. FM Colicci flew to Los Angeles and successfully extradited the suspect back to New York to face trial.

FMs Faraci and Colicci, through their systematic and diligent investigative work, are recognized for bringing this dangerous individual into custody. This case once again demonstrates the FDNY Fire Marshals' commitment to bring to justice those who use arson as a weapon. For their tenacity and dedication investigating this case, Fire Marshal Richard P. Faraci, Jr., and Fire Marshal Mark Colicci are presented with the Deputy Commissioner Christine R. Godek Medal.—TGK/MBD

William Friedberg Medal

Firefighter Stephen D. Urso

Ladder Company 161

December 16, 2017, 1451 hours, Box 75-3431, Brooklyn



Appointed to the FDNY on August 5, 2007. Previously assigned to Engine 245. Recipient of one Unit Citation. Studied Emergency Management. Resides in North Massapequa, Long Island.

Ladder 161 received a phone alarm for a structural fire at Brooklyn Box 3431 on December 16, 2017, at 1451 hours. The building is a 16-story multiple dwelling. While en route, responding units were notified by Dispatchers that multiple phone calls were being received with reports of children trapped by fire. This information *always* creates a higher sense of urgency by our members to act even more quickly and decisively. Members' ability to adapt to and overcome dangerous conditions have helped to save many lives throughout FDNY's storied history. In this case, the life saved was that of an infant.

Firefighter Stephen D. Urso, Ladder 161, was assigned the outside vent position. Upon arrival on the scene, the members of Ladder 161 encountered thick smoke issuing from the building and many civilians in the street. While making their way to the fire apartment, Ladder 161's inside team was met by the father of the trapped baby. Distraught and covered in soot, the father tried to enter the first-floor apartment, but was unable to pass the heat and flames.

Sizing up the conditions, FF Urso knew that if anyone was to survive, he must act quickly. Proceeding to the rear of the building, FF Urso observed five windows, indicating a large apartment to search. The windows on the far left had self-vented due to the living room flashing over. The height of the window ledges and the presence of strong, fortified window gates made for a difficult entry. FF Urso then communicated with Ladder 161's chauffeur that a portable ladder was needed at his location.

While waiting for the ladder and operating alone, FF Urso methodically attempted to force open the gate in order to gain entry. By bending the gate inward, he was able to pull his way up (aided by a civilian) and, with

difficulty, squeeze his way through the partial opening and begin his search.

Encountering high heat and thick smoke, FF Urso heard what sounded like whimpering nearby. Crawling in that direction, the Firefighter came across what turned out to be a child walker on wheels. Inside that walker was a barely conscious infant. FF Urso removed the infant from the walker and rushed her to the window for breathable air. Passing the infant through the forced opening, the rescuer handed her to Ladder 166's outside vent Firefighter. FF Urso then radioed a signal 10-45 and stated that the infant needed immediate medical care.

He resumed his search for additional victims in this bedroom. When complete and found to be negative, he then continued his primary search throughout the apartment. It is noteworthy that at this fire, two additional victims were found by FDNY members.

FF Urso exhibited the aggressive, decisive actions that were crucial at this fire and resulted in a young life saved. For his valiant efforts, Firefighter Stephen D. Urso is awarded the William Friedberg Medal.—WS



Shown, left to right, are FF Stephen Molloy, Captain Kenneth Freeman and FFs Keith Norris, Stephen Urso, Anthony Scarito and Brian Cutrona.



Probationary Firefighter Thomas A. Wylie Medal Probationary Firefighter David S. Guszick *Ladder Company 28*

January 28, 2018, 1727 hours, Box 75-1679, Manhattan

Appointed to the FDNY on June 12, 2017. Father, FF Dave Guszick, is retired from Ladder 28. Served in the Air Force. Resides in Bayside, Queens, with his son, Logun Chase.

Ladder 28 was ordered to respond to a telephone alarm via teleprinter to Box 1679, for a fire on the fourth floor of a 14-story multiple dwelling at 1727 hours on January 28, 2018. The fireproof, occupied structure measured 125 by 125 feet.

While en route, the Manhattan Communications Office Dispatchers notified Ladder 28 that they were receiving multiple phone calls and had filled out the Box. Shortly after arrival, Lieutenant Jacob Vormittag and his inside team—FF Stephen J. Hayes, the irons Firefighter, and Probationary FF David S. Guszick, the extinguisher Firefighter, entered the building and made their way up the stairs.

Meanwhile, Ladder 28's chauffeur, FF Daniel M. Bellew, performing an outside size-up of the building, reported to Lieutenant Vormittag that he had heavy smoke pushing from a fourth-floor window. Arriving at the fourth floor, the Lieutenant

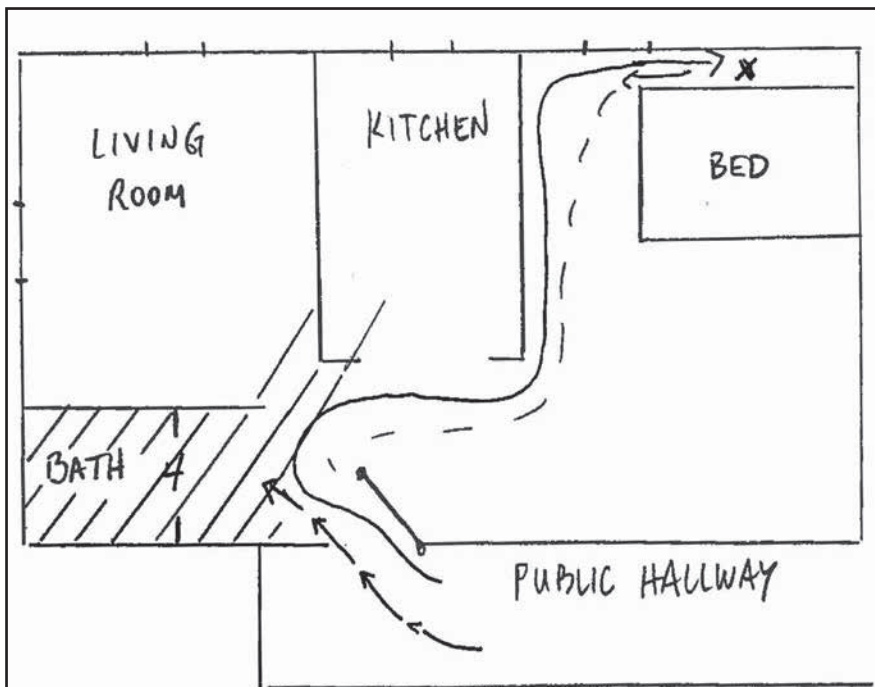
noted a medium smoke condition in the public hallway and ordered his members to don their SCBA prior to entry. Locating the fire apartment door, Lieutenant Vormittag ordered Firefighters Hayes and Guszick to force entry.

Gaining entry, high heat and thick, acrid smoke enveloped the members and pushed into the public hall. FF Guszick entered the apartment and immediately felt heat and saw fire to left of the apartment door. Using his extinguisher, FF Guszick attempted to contain the fire while Engine 69 members completed their hose-line stretch. When the Engine 69 Officer entered the apartment, he took over control of the door until his members could begin their aggressive fire attack.

Despite the punishing conditions and with no charged hose-line in place, Lieutenant Vormittag ordered FF Guszick to go past the fire and search the apartment. Finding a bedroom, the Probationary Firefighter quickly searched the bed with negative results. Undeterred, FF Guszick searched under and around the bed and located an unconscious man, wedged in between the bed and the wall.

After transmitting a 10-45 to his Officer, FF Guszick requested assistance in extricating the victim from his precarious position. With the help of Lieutenant Vormittag and FF Hayes, FF Guszick placed himself between the victim and the punishing heat to complete disentanglement. FF Guszick, along with FF Hayes, dragged the man nearly 50 feet through the apartment to the stairwell, where he was transferred to Engine 80 members for care. FF Guszick then returned to the fire apartment to complete his firefighting duties.

Effecting the rescue of this male victim (who later died), Probationary FF David S. Guszick performed as a veteran Firefighter would. He acted selflessly, without hesitation and in the highest traditions of the Fire Department of the City of New York. FDNY is pleased to present him with the Probationary Firefighter Thomas A. Wylie Medal.—TM



FF David S. Guszick found and dragged an unconscious man along this rescue route.

Shelly Rothman Memorial Medal

Lieutenant Thomas P. Daly

Rescue Company 2

August 17, 2018, 0559 hours, Box 33-1624, Brooklyn

Appointed to the FDNY on January 26, 1997. Previously assigned to Ladders 176 and 111. Father, FM Thomas Daly, Senior, was retired from BFI and is deceased. Resides in Bayside, Queens.



Rescue 2 received an alarm for a reported fire in a four-story, occupied, multiple dwelling at 0559 hours on August 17, 2018. First-alarm companies were forcing entry to the fire building. As they forced entry by way of the roll-down steel gates, they were confronted with heavy fire conditions in a store on the first floor. The upper floors of the building also were showing a heavy smoke condition.

Lieutenant Thomas P. Daly, Rescue 2, aware that any occupants on the second floor would be in great danger, took the initiative and led Rescue 2's floor-above team (FFs Edward Dailey and Charles Dodenhoff) to the second floor to conduct a search. The trio was forced to don their facepieces immediately upon entering the lobby due to the heavy smoke condition. Members located the interior stairs that serviced the front wing of the building, proceeded to the second floor and were met with zero visibility. Under these harsh conditions, FF Dailey forced the door to the fire apartment, where he and Lieutenant Daly immediately encountered high heat. Without the protection of a charged hose-line, they crawled down a 27-foot-long hallway.

At the end of the hallway, Lieutenant Daly searched to the left as FF Dailey searched to the right. As conditions continued to worsen, the Officer searched a bedroom with negative results and then heard FF Dailey report that he had an unconscious female. He transmitted the 10-45. Lieutenant Daly continued to search in the direction of FF Dailey and entered the

room where the fire was actively extending to assist the Firefighter. As the Lieutenant entered the most exposed position, he located an unconscious adult male. He transmitted the 10-45 and immediately began to remove the victim through the cluttered apartment to the public hall, aided by FF William Felten, Engine 310. Lieutenant Daly proceeded to drag the victim the length of

the 27-foot hallway and out into the public hall.

He then returned to the apartment and proceeded to help with another 10-45 being removed by Ladder 174 members. This removal was incredibly challenging because webbing was required, as well as the assistance of several members. Nearing exhaustion, Lieutenant Daly returned to the apartment above the fire to ensure all victims were removed and all remaining fire was extinguished.

Lieutenant Daly displayed solid leadership, tactical competence, mental composure and courage while operating without the protection of a charged hose-line. He aggressively searched a large apartment directly above a store with heavy fire conditions. He rescued one victim and assisted in the removal of another. Lieutenant Daly and members of Rescue 2 worked in concert with a number of other members to rapidly remove the unconscious victims. Although two people died as a result of this fire, two victims survived, due in large part to the Lieutenant's efforts. For these reasons, Lieutenant Thomas P. Daly is presented with the Shelly Rothman Memorial Medal.—TW



Lieutenant Thomas Daly rescued one victim and assisted in the removal of another at this three-alarm fire.

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Jack Pintchik Medal

February 7, 2018, 1946 hours, Box 2370, Bronx



Paramedic Usman M. Rahyab Station 4

Appointed to the FDNY as an Emergency Medical Technician on July 17, 2006. Previous assignments include Stations 20, 26 and 50. Continued education with FEMA Emergency Management. Recipient of multiple Pre-Hospital Saves. Resides in Flushing, Queens.

On February 7, 2018, Paramedics Usman M. Rahyab and Jonathan T. Rivera were faced with one of the many challenges that members of the Emergency Medical Service face every day. The Rescue Paramedics proved that with exceptional training, coupled with the desire for the best outcome for their patient, they met the challenge and provided the best possible outcome.

At 1946 hours, ALS unit 20R3 was assigned to Box 2370 for a job involving an Amtrak cargo train that had run over the legs of a male. Members from Rescue 3 made a request for Rescue Paramedics because of the treacherous location and the patient

Paramedic Jonathan T. Rivera Station 20

Appointed to the FDNY as an Emergency Medical Technician on January 8, 2007. Previous assignments include Stations 55, 19, 15, 18 and 27. He is a licensed practical nurse and was honorably discharged from the Army after serving as a Combat Medic. Resides in Washingtonville, New York, with his wife, Lindy, and their children, Jade, Joshua and Jacob.

was unstable. The patient's location was difficult to access because he was down a steep embankment on the train tracks. Access was impeded further by an uneven path. Additionally, the available paths alternated between flooding in some areas and icy conditions in others. Complicating the situation even more, crews had to climb over various tracks and a parked train to get to the patient and were informed by Amtrak staff that the tracks were live and trains still were operating at the scene.

As the Paramedic crew approached the patient, they noticed the seriousness of the patient's injury. Upon contact, the patient was lethargic and had an obvious traumatic injury from making contact with the train. Both Paramedics Rahyab and Rivera acted quickly to stop the bleeding and provided additional patient care. During their assessment, they gave a 10-12 to advise the Dispatcher and additional arriving units about the specifics on the patient and what supplies and equipment they needed. With Rescue 3 members, the two Paramedics helped package the patient to extricate him from the embankment. After the patient was brought to the top of the embankment, 20R3 continued with ALS care. With the help of M263 and BLS unit 26C3 personnel, Paramedics Rahyab and Rivera continued monitoring the patient and transported him to the hospital.

Exhibiting quick thinking, selfless actions and their exceptional training, Paramedics Usman M. Rahyab and Jonathan T. Rivera entered a dangerous situation and provided patient care that exceeded expectations. Their skills and compassion gave the patient a greater chance of surviving the incident. In the spirit of the Jack Pintchik Medal, they overcame hazardous obstacles and provided outstanding patient care.—BW



Shown are Paramedics Jonathan Rivera and Usman Rahyab.

Lt. James Curran/New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation Medal

Engine Company 283

March 25, 2018, 2357 hours, Box 75-1613, Brooklyn

Lieutenant Clifford G. Zeilman, Bn-33

Firefighter James H. Bauld

Firefighter Edmund J. Horace, Jr.

Firefighter Christopher R. McCormack

Firefighter Scott P. Roland



Three minutes before midnight on March 25, 2018, Engine 283 was given a ticket for a reported fire in a private dwelling. Glancing at the ticket, the Officer and chauffeur quickly realized they were responding first-due to their fourth-due Box. Responding through the streets of Brownsville, members saw a column of smoke and heard Ladder 123 give a 10-75 for fire in a three-story row frame. Arriving at the front of the building, Engine 283 members observed heavy fire encompassing the entire front of the building and auto-exposing to both exposures. The building to the left was a three-story brownstone and the building to the right was a similar, three-story, three-window-front row frame.

Lieutenant Clifford G. Zeilman ordered a 1¾-inch hose-line stretched and asked for booster water immediately. The nozzle Firefighter, Scott P. Roland, backed up by FF Edmund J. Horace, Jr., quickly opened the line and applied water to the exterior of both exposures, knocking down the rapidly intensifying fire. Attention then was focused on the fully involved front of the fire building; fire in the exterior and cornice was extinguished, further preventing unchecked extension.

Lieutenant Zeilman confirmed fire was on all floors in the interior and ordered his Firefighters to begin their attack. Just as they entered the foyer, his chauffeur, FF Christopher R. McCormack, notified him he was on a positive water source. Securing this positive source was not easy; as FF McCormack opened the hydrant, the 35-foot soft suction hose blew off the hydrant. He and the control Firefighter, James H. Bauld, used a

pipe bar to force the threads beyond the damaged area; this left them with a less than ideal connection. They then were forced to augment via the 3½-inch outlet.

The nozzle team quickly knocked down the front rooms and entrance on the first floor, then repositioned to the exterior entrance to the floors above. Engine 283 members knew they would have to operate their hose-line up the stairwell to facilitate any searches and protect their egress. They quickly arrived on the second floor and knocked down heavy fire in three rooms. As fire was being extinguished, Rescue 2 members found the door to the third floor and told Engine 283 members that the fire was burning front to rear. Once again, they began their attack and extinguished all fire, starting with the rear and finishing in the front.

Units began to pull the ceilings on the top floor, exposing heavy fire in the cockloft. Without hesitation or relief, Engine 283 members extinguished all the fire in the cockloft. Their aggressive actions enabled all members on the fireground to accomplish their individual tasks. Engine 283 members constantly confronted challenges and overcame them.

In the finest traditions of the FDNY, the Engine 283 members operated effectively, displaying efficiency, fortitude and teamwork. With three Firefighters on the hose-line, they extinguished heavy fire on three floors and the cockloft. In doing so, they prevented further extension into any of the exposures, which would have caused a catastrophic loss of property. In recognition of their outstanding efforts, the above-listed members of Engine 283 are presented with the Lieutenant James Curran/New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation Medal.—RL



Engine 283 members extinguished three floors of fire, while preventing extension to exposures.

Firefighter Thomas R. Elsasser Memorial Medal

Rescue Company 1

March 11, 2018, 1909 hours, Box 22-8611, Manhattan



Lieutenant John P. Tobin
Firefighter James P. Cahill
Firefighter Francis G. Fee, Jr.
Firefighter Kevin G. Kroth
Firefighter Timothy B. O'Neill
Firefighter Neal E. Russell, L-55

On Sunday, March 11, 2018, at 1909 hours, Manhattan Fire Alarm Dispatchers received multiple calls for a helicopter crash in the East River. Rescue 1, commanded by Lieutenant John P. Tobin, responded to East 90th Street and the FDR Drive. Through binoculars, the Officer could see the submerged, upside down helicopter tied to a tugboat. Radioing Command and stressing the urgency of the situation, Lieutenant Tobin ordered Firefighters Neal E. Russell (detailed from Ladder 55) and Francis G. Fee, Jr., to cut a chain-link fence for access, while Rescue 1's chauffeur—FF Kevin G. Kroth—staged all the dive equipment.

Using Ladder 16's 20-foot hook ladder, the members of Rescue 1 climbed down the sea wall and boarded the Marine Battalion's fast boat. Divers, Firefighters Timothy B. O'Neill and James P. Cahill, donned their equipment, assisted by their tenders (Firefighters Russell and Fee). On arrival, Rescue 1's crew had to traverse two FDNY fireboats to climb aboard the tugboat.

Lieutenant Tobin learned the helicopter pilot had been rescued, but there were several civilians still trapped inside. Discussing the known life hazard, 40-degree water temperature and the four-mph currents carrying the boats and helicopter downstream, the decision was made to attempt an immediate search and rescue dive. FF Cahill entered the water, avoiding entanglement with the helicopter blades. FF Cahill communicated zero visibility and a relentless, strong current to his tender (FF Fee). Leaving the relative protection of the tugboat, the powerful currents were physically draining

FF Cahill and dislodged his facepiece. Lieutenant Tobin ordered FF Cahill out and FF O'Neill into the water to continue the search.

After correcting his facepiece issue, FF Cahill gave detailed instructions on the conditions and best access to the helicopter. These communications allowed FF O'Neill to locate the first victim and begin removal. Lieutenant Tobin updated Command. The harnesses and tethers holding the victims in place made their removal arduous. A mechanical advantage was set up and the first victim was raised 10 feet to the tugboat deck. This process was repeated by FF O'Neill, the crew of Rescue 1 and Marine unit members until all victims were removed.

Complicating these difficult removals, the Marine Pilots became aware of submerged pilings ahead and maneuvered the boats to avoid them. This correction briefly pulled FF O'Neill under the water, but he was able to recover. Lieutenant Tobin radioed Command when all victims and divers were on the deck of the tugboat, with emergency medical treatment being performed on the victims. While the two divers recuperated below deck from the frigid water and extreme physical demands of the rescue efforts, the boats headed toward the 35th Street heliport to rendezvous with Rescue 1's chauffeur at the patient collection point.

Completing these removals under extreme conditions—at night, in the middle of the East River—reflected great courage, ingenuity, teamwork, communications and skill. It is for those reasons that Rescue 1 is awarded the Firefighter Thomas R. Elsasser Memorial Medal.—SM



Shown, left to right, are FFs Kevin Kroth, James Cahill and Timothy O'Neill, Lieutenant John Tobin, and FFs Frank Fee and Neal Russell (Ladder 55), following the helicopter incident and recovery of several victims.

World Trade Center Memorial Medal

Ladder Company 161

December 16, 2017, 1451 hours, Box 75-3431, Brooklyn

Captain Kenneth W. Freeman
Firefighter Brian Cutrona
Firefighter Stephen M. Molloy
Firefighter Keith R. Norris
Firefighter Anthony T. Scarito
Firefighter Stephen D. Urso



Ladder 161 received a phone alarm for a fire in an apartment building on December 16, 2017. En route, the Brooklyn Dispatchers advised units of reports of children trapped in the fire apartment. Before arriving, Dispatchers again reported trapped people, but now they were located in the apartment above and were handicapped. Heavy, black smoke was pushing under pressure from the front door of the 16-story multiple dwelling when Ladder 161 arrived.

Captain Kenneth W. Freeman and FFs Stephen M. Molloy (irons) and Keith R. Norris (extinguisher) entered the first-floor apartment and encountered high heat and zero visibility. Conditions were right for an imminent flashover and the hose-line was not in position yet, so Captain Freeman ordered FF Norris to use the extinguisher to cool the ceiling area. The Captain's and FF Molloy's search was impeded by heavy clutter, which would prevent the engine's path to the fire, so the pair began removing the obstacles.

Once cleared, Captain Freeman and FF Molloy resumed their search. Captain Freeman found the motionless body of a young boy in front of a bedroom door. After transmitting a 10-45, he backtracked his way to the apartment door. Captain Freeman ordered FFs Molloy and Norris to continue searching the fire apartment. Captain Freeman exited the building and turned the child over to Engine 330 members for care.

FF Norris searched the kitchen, a foyer area and the incinerated living room where the fire had started. Crawling on his belly to escape the intense heat, FF Molloy made his way to the other side of the fire apartment and heard running water. Thinking the remaining children were in a bathroom to escape the flames, he searched a half-filled bathtub, but found

no victims.

FF Brian Cutrona, the chauffeur, helped to ladder the fire apartment. FF Stephen D. Urso, the outside vent, went to the rear to search. He found the living room, which already had flashed over, and three separate bedroom windows. He began forcing the child gates off those windows and entered the rear bedroom window. FF Urso moved into the bedroom and closed the door to prevent the fire from extending. Searching in the black, blinding smoke, FF Urso felt a child's walker on wheels. Probing inside the walker, he found an infant gasping for air. He removed the baby, rushed back to the window and handed him off to Ladder 166's outside vent. FF Cutrona laddered and entered an adjoining bedroom window, searched the bedroom and met up with the inside team to complete the primary search.

Roof FF Anthony T. Scarito ascended the stairs to search for the handicapped individuals. Conditions were severe because the fire apartment door was open. He teamed up with Ladder 166's roof Firefighter and found three wheelchair-bound victims and two home healthcare aides, panicking in a smoke-filled room. FF Scarito placed wet towels around the now-closed door and opened rear windows, allowing the occupants to shelter in place. He then forced the child gates, preparing for portable ladder use. One occupant was complaining of difficulty breathing, so FF Urso carried the woman and her wheelchair down the stairs to safety.

Ladder 161 members saved the lives of two young children, several handicapped people and two adults, all under arduous fire conditions. For their heroics, the above-listed Ladder 161 members are awarded the World Trade Center Memorial Medal.—AP



Ladder 161 members rescued two young children, several people with disabilities and two adults during arduous fire conditions.

SERVICE RATING A

FF Mark E. Ackerman, L-155
FF Raymond E. Baldwin, Jr., L-150
FF John R. Basquez, III, L-162
Lt. Thomas J. Bendick, E-66
FF Keith A. Berowski, R-5
Proby Ryan C. Ciambriello, E-14
FF Thomas J. Coletti, E-311
FF Brian E. Cullen, L-115
Lt. Thomas P. Daly, R-2
Capt. Brian P. Gill, D-6
FF Daniel W. Gordon, L-47

Proby David S. Guszick, L-28
FF Andrew N. Laird, L-20
FF Eric J. Leon, L-9
FF Matthew E. Madison, L-127
FF Anthony Maneri, L-107
FF Jeffrey T. Martin, L-136
FF Robert McGuire, L-142
FF Thomas J. McMahon, L-38
Proby Michael A. Monaco, Jr., L-149
FF Andrew P. Mussler, L-142
FF Kurtis Niemczyk, L-142

FF Jahsee Pickering, L-10
Capt. Harry H. Poole, Jr., E-64
FF Akira K. Rodriguez, L-154
FF Colin C. Ryan, L-4
FF Michael H. Salemi, L-136
FF Gary P. Schiffmacher, L-32
FF John R. Schroeder, L-124
FF James G. Weinert, L-168
Capt. David H. Winston, L-166

SERVICE RATING B

FF John J. Berger, II, L-122
FF Leonard M. Bieler, E-315
FF Frank J. Brienza, L-138
FF Lorenzo A. Claudio, L-160
Proby Stephen J. Cresci, E-163
FF Daniel A. Fitzpatrick, L-36
FF Edwin M. Guadalupe, E-53
FF Edward Healy, L-150
FF Daniel P. Hyland, R-1

FF Stephen P. Janicki, L-43
FF Andrew S. Kolesar, E-91
FF Carl M. Kretkowski, L-134
FF David H. Kusnitz, L-126
FF Christopher P. Little, L-126
Proby James C. Lugo, E-320
FF Joseph F. Maurus, Jr., L-28
FF Dennis M. Prosick, E-35
FF Edward B. Rodriguez, L-170

Lt. William L. Roesch, Bn-54
FF Jeffrey J. Saccomanno, M-6
Lt. Todd M. Smith, R-4
FF John Soukas, L-117
Lt. Paul S. Stachlik, L-134
FF Peter J. Utschig, L-7
FF Thomas J. Waller, M-6
FF Michael E. Wunder, Jr., L-13

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SERVICE RATING A

November 9, 2017, Vincent Lorenzo, CWS
November 9, 2017, Robert Cox, SIU
November 17, 2017, Richard P. Faraci, Jr., CWN
November 17, 2017, Mark Colicci, SIU
March 16, 2018, Joseph Bordt, CWS
May 28, 2018, Mark Colicci, SIU
May 28, 2018, Stephen Balsamo, Citywide South
June 14, 2018, Stewart Hines, Jr., Citywide South
June 16, 2018, Christopher Gioello, Citywide South
August 5, 2018, Mark Colicci, SIU
August 5, 2018, Kenneth Hettwer, Citywide South
August 29, 2018, Michael Pritchett, AFS
September 17, 2018, Philip Meagher, SIU

SERVICE RATING B

November 9, 2017, Joseph DiGiacomo, K9
December 20, 2017, Anthony Denardo, CWS
February 11, 2018, John Simmons, SIU
February 17, 2018, Christopher Hyden, CWS
February 17, 2018, Mark Colicci, SIU
August 26, 2018, Matthew Wilson, CWN
August 28, 2018, Michael Pritchett, AFS
August 31, 2018, Mark Colicci, SIU
September 7, 2018, Justin Reilly, CWS
September 26, 2018, John Simmons, SIU
October 3, 2018, Bryan Ponemon, CWS
December 5, 2018, Keith McHenry, CWN
December 30, 2018, Mark Massa, CWN
December 31, 2018, Enrico Stassi, CWN

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January 16, 2018, Box 8120

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Special Investigations Unit
March 16, 2018, Box 2821

Citywide South Command
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Citywide South
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August 5, 2018, Box 0768

Citywide North
August 26, 2018, Box 1745

Citywide South
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September 17, 2018, Box 3073

Special Investigations Unit
September 26, 2018, Box 3896

Auto Fraud Squad
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December 27, 2018, Box 2829

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Ladder Company 7
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Ladder Company 161
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Engine Company 280
January 2, 2018 Box 33-0973

Engine Company 84
January 8, 2018 Box 55-1672

Ladder Company 104
January 11, 2018 Box 0124

Engine Company 265
January 12, 2018 Box 75-1336

Engine Company 48
January 18, 2018 Box 33-4796

Ladder Company 56
January 18, 2018 Box 33-4796

Ladder Company 154
January 19, 2018 Box 7842

Ladder Company 25
January 24, 2018 Box 1151

Ladder Company 30
January 30, 2018 Box 1386

Engine Company 48
January 30, 2018 Box 44-3379

Ladder Company 56
January 30, 2018 Box 44-3379

Ladder Company 124
February 2, 2018 Box 0748

Engine Company 35
February 8, 2018 Box 1479

Ladder Company 56
February 14, 2018 Box 7213

Engine Company 50
February 17, 2018 Box 75-2705

Engine Company 257
February 21, 2018 Box 22-2141

Ladder Company 170
February 21, 2018 Box 22-2141

Ladder Company 113
February 27, 2018 Box 75-1027

Ladder Company 174
February 27, 2018 Box 75-1027

Squad Company 1
February 27, 2018 Box 75-1027

Rescue Company 2
February 27, 2018 Box 75-1027

Engine Company 88
March 5, 2018 Box 22-3328

Ladder Company 56
March 5, 2018 Box 22-3328

Rescue Company 1
March 11, 2018 Box 22-8611

Marine Company 6
March 11, 2018 Box 22-8611

Ladder Company 156
March 16, 2018 Box 75-3065

Ladder Company 28
March 21, 2018 Box 75-1669

Ladder Company 33
March 22, 2018 Box 7384

Engine Company 283
March 25, 2018 Box 75-1613

Engine Company 88
March 29, 2018 Box 22-3129

Ladder Company 58
March 29, 2018 Box 22-3129

Ladder Company 2
April 7, 2018 Box 44-4500

Engine Company 8
April 7, 2018 Box 44-4500

Engine Company 39
April 7, 2018 Box 44-4500

Ladder Company 16
April 7, 2018 Box 44-4500

Rescue Company 1
April 7, 2018 Box 44-4500

Squad Company 18
April 7, 2018 Box 44-4500

Rescue Company 4
April 7, 2018 Box 44-4500

Ladder Company 142
April 8, 2018 Box 22-6018

Ladder Company 51
April 25, 2018 Box 75-4448

Engine Company 301
April 28, 2018 Box 33-5509

Ladder Company 26
April 29, 2018 Box 77-1335

Ladder Company 23
May 5, 2018 Box 1622

Ladder Company 1
May 11, 2018 Box 0113

Squad Company 18
May 11, 2018 Box 0113

Engine Company 66
May 13, 2018 Box 8889

Haz-Mat Company 1
May 17, 2018 Box 75-9337

Marine Company 8
May 18, 2018 Box 3479

Engine Company 75
May 21, 2018 Box 33-3124

Ladder Company 33
May 21, 2018 Box 33-3124

Marine Company 6
May 31, 2018 Box 0440

Squad Company 18
June 2, 2018 Box 0051

Ladder Company 4
June 19, 2018 Box 0783

Ladder Company 176
June 30, 2018 Box 1795

Ladder Company 146
July 13, 2018 Box 0138

Ladder Company 58
July 18, 2018 Box 8913

Ladder Company 107
July 28, 2018 Box 75-4011

Ladder Company 168
August 9, 2018 Box 75-2807

Ladder Company 174
August 17, 2018 Box 33-1624

Engine Company 308
August 18, 2018 Box 22-6062

Ladder Company 26
September 5, 2018 Box 33-1333

Ladder Company 45
September 9, 2018 Box 22-1728

Ladder Company 143
September 10, 2018 Box 8538

Engine Company 80
September 10, 2018 Box 22-1595

Ladder Company 23
September 10, 2018 Box 22-1595

Engine Company 254
September 17, 2018 Box 77-3073

Ladder Company 153
September 17, 2018 Box 77-3073

Engine Company 309
September 17, 2018 Box 77-3073

Rescue Company 2
September 17, 2018 Box 77-3073

Engine Company 64
September 25, 2018 Box 75-4603

Engine Company 88
September 26, 2018 Box 3328

Engine Company 236
September 30, 2018 Box 75-1812

Engine Company 167
October 3, 2018 Box 75-3665

Ladder Company 15
November 9, 2018 Box 0076

Ladder Company 42
November 22, 2018 Box 2192

Ladder Company 22
November 25, 2018 Box 75-1213

Ladder Company 24
December 16, 2018 Box 7319

Ladder Company 20
December 19, 2018 Box 33-0175

Ladder Company 148
December 20, 2018 Box 1483

Ladder Company 127
December 23, 2018 Box 75-4766

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JANUARY 2018

Engine Company 8, January 8
Engine Company 37, January 12
Engine Company 39, January 20
Engine Company 44, January 2
Engine Company 55, January 19
Engine Company 75, January 17
Engine Company 88, January 15
Engine Company 89, January 4
Engine Company 95, January 18, 27 & 31
Engine Company 152, January 2
Engine Company 162, January 22
Engine Company 166, January 6
Engine Company 167, January 21
Engine Company 216, January 15 and 22
Engine Company 231, January 19 and 27
Engine Company 243, January 16
Engine Company 246, January 3, 6 & 27
Engine Company 248, January 2
Engine Company 257, January 27
Engine Company 275, January 9
Engine Company 286, January 15
Engine Company 287, January 15 and 29
Engine Company 290, January 12 and 21
Engine Company 295, January 7
Engine Company 297, January 18
Engine Company 298, January 17
Engine Company 301, January 7 and 15
Engine Company 307, January 5
Engine Company 309, January 22
Engine Company 316, January 30
Engine Company 318, January 3
Squad Company 41, January 29
Squad Company 61, January 3

FEBRUARY 2018

Engine Company 1, February 13
Engine Company 37, February 9
Engine Company 45, February 5 and 6
Engine Company 46, February 12
Engine Company 55, February 2
Engine Company 62, February 1 and 11
Engine Company 75, February 4
Engine Company 89, February 25
Engine Company 90, February 10
Engine Company 152, February 11
Engine Company 161, February 5 and 19
Engine Company 214, February 7
Engine Company 218, February 26
Engine Company 222, February 5
Engine Company 230, February 11
Engine Company 236, February 5, 24 & 28
Engine Company 238, February 18
Engine Company 240, February 9
Engine Company 242, February 20
Engine Company 245, February 9
Engine Company 257, February 11 and 13
Engine Company 273, February 16
Engine Company 301, February 18
Engine Company 305, February 8

Engine Company 310, February 23
Engine Company 321, February 16
Engine Company 332, February 26
Squad Company 41, February 21
Squad Company 270, February 25

MARCH 2018

Engine Company 9, March 6
Engine Company 23, March 30
Engine Company 28, March 13 and 23
Engine Company 35, March 16
Engine Company 37, March 20
Engine Company 53, March 6
Engine Company 68, March 14
Engine Company 75, March 17
Engine Company 80, March 12
Engine Company 90, March 4
Engine Company 97, March 16
Engine Company 154, March 26
Engine Company 157, March 22
Engine Company 168, March 6 and 14
Engine Company 201, March 27
Engine Company 228, March 25
Engine Company 229, March 11 and 16
Engine Company 239, March 26
Engine Company 245, March 15
Engine Company 249, March 30
Engine Company 251, March 1
Engine Company 263, March 26
Engine Company 276, March 17 and 23
Engine Company 287, March 2
Engine Company 297, March 1
Engine Company 298, March 25
Engine Company 315, March 24
Engine Company 317, March 6
Engine Company 321, March 29
Engine Company 324, March 26
Engine Company 325, March 19

APRIL 2018

Engine Company 7, April 6
Engine Company 15, April 14
Engine Company 16, April 23
Engine Company 26, April 5
Engine Company 33, April 28
Engine Company 42, April 20
Engine Company 58, April 27
Engine Company 62, April 3
Engine Company 65, April 18
Engine Company 66, April 26
Engine Company 79, April 27
Engine Company 82, April 25
Engine Company 83, April 27
Engine Company 89, April 2
Engine Company 93, April 23 and 24
Engine Company 95, April 9
Engine Company 163, April 10
Engine Company 165, April 16
Engine Company 218, April 6
Engine Company 225, April 25

Engine Company 230, April 25
Engine Company 241, April 23
Engine Company 247, April 12
Engine Company 253, April 23
Engine Company 257, April 20
Engine Company 273, April 9 and 25
Engine Company 275, April 4
Engine Company 279, April 29
Engine Company 284, April 26
Engine Company 286, April 6
Engine Company 287, April 26
Engine Company 293, April 28
Engine Company 297, April 25
Engine Company 325, April 26

MAY 2018

Engine Company 23, May 21
Engine Company 50, May 26
Engine Company 69, May 13
Engine Company 93, May 28
Engine Company 96, May 23
Engine Company 162, May 22
Engine Company 166, May 18
Engine Company 214, May 3
Engine Company 216, May 13
Engine Company 218, May 23
Engine Company 219, May 4
Engine Company 222, May 25
Engine Company 230, May 6
Engine Company 236, May 1, 13 & 18
Engine Company 245, May 30
Engine Company 248, May 1
Engine Company 255, May 11 and 22
Engine Company 257, May 4 and 15
Engine Company 280, May 22
Engine Company 281, May 26 and 28
Engine Company 290, May 18
Engine Company 297, May 15
Engine Company 304, May 5
Engine Company 315, May 27

JUNE 2018

Engine Company 4, June 8
Engine Company 5, June 1
Engine Company 22, June 4
Engine Company 42, June 29
Engine Company 81, June 24
Engine Company 83, June 28
Engine Company 165, June 20 and 21
Engine Company 234, June 20
Engine Company 235, June 5
Engine Company 236, June 7 and 11
Engine Company 238, June 25
Engine Company 243, June 8
Engine Company 249, June 14
Engine Company 253, June 28
Engine Company 255, June 6
Engine Company 262, June 20
Engine Company 265, June 17
Engine Company 266, June 10

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Engine Company 273, June 15
Engine Company 287, June 29
Engine Company 291, June 15
Engine Company 303, June 22
Engine Company 308, June 7
Engine Company 325, June 17
Engine Company 332, June 2 and 15

JULY 2018

Engine Company 4, July 3 and 30
Engine Company 9, July 12 and 31
Engine Company 14, July 26
Engine Company 60, July 17
Engine Company 73, July 3
Engine Company 94, July 14
Engine Company 157, July 14
Engine Company 163, July 23
Engine Company 214, July 10
Engine Company 216, July 10 and 11
Engine Company 239, July 19
Engine Company 246, July 5
Engine Company 265, July 16
Engine Company 266, July 28
Engine Company 276, July 17
Engine Company 285, July 29
Engine Company 291, July 29
Engine Company 301, July 10
Engine Company 302, July 27

AUGUST 2018

Engine Company 10, August 9
Engine Company 39, August 19
Engine Company 58, August 31
Engine Company 69, August 16
Engine Company 73, August 1
Engine Company 89, August 7
Engine Company 91, August 2
Engine Company 155, August 26
Engine Company 226, August 9 and 12
Engine Company 251, August 21
Engine Company 255, August 25
Engine Company 257, August 19
Engine Company 273, August 12 and 14
Engine Company 281, August 21
Engine Company 282, August 19
Engine Company 283, August 26
Engine Company 285, August 23
Engine Company 295, August 30
Engine Company 298, August 19
Engine Company 301, August 1
Engine Company 304, August 23
Engine Company 306, August 28

SEPTEMBER 2018

Engine Company 14, September 19 and 20
Engine Company 59, September 20
Engine Company 71, September 29
Engine Company 82, September 30
Engine Company 153, September 4

Engine Company 163, September 8
Engine Company 216, September 11
Engine Company 231, September 20
Engine Company 233, September 15
Engine Company 234, September 23
Engine Company 247, September 22
Engine Company 249, September 26
Engine Company 258, September 5
Engine Company 263, September 29
Engine Company 264, September 11
Engine Company 271, September 13
Engine Company 289, September 16
Engine Company 309, September 9 and 14
Engine Company 317, September 21
Squad Company 18, September 24

OCTOBER 2018

Engine Company 21, October 11
Engine Company 23, October 2
Engine Company 37, October 3
Engine Company 44, October 2
Engine Company 45, October 7
Engine Company 54, October 3
Engine Company 55, October 27
Engine Company 62, October 3
Engine Company 65, October 30
Engine Company 76, October 29
Engine Company 79, October 19
Engine Company 88, October 20
Engine Company 91, October 26
Engine Company 94, October 13
Engine Company 154, October 30
Engine Company 158, October 9
Engine Company 159, October 28
Engine Company 162, October 10
Engine Company 167, October 4 and 12
Engine Company 168, October 13
Engine Company 221, October 11
Engine Company 230, October 19
Engine Company 234, October 27
Engine Company 236, October 26
Engine Company 239, October 28
Engine Company 242, October 4
Engine Company 243, October 18
Engine Company 246, October 8
Engine Company 253, October 25
Engine Company 257, October 23
Engine Company 265, October 9
Engine Company 268, October 20
Engine Company 273, October 28
Engine Company 274, October 2
Engine Company 275, October 28
Engine Company 279, October 22
Engine Company 281, October 10
Engine Company 282, October 23
Engine Company 283, October 14
Engine Company 289, October 1
Engine Company 290, October 31
Engine Company 295, October 29

Engine Company 297, October 8
Engine Company 299, October 27
Engine Company 301, October 26
Engine Company 302, October 23
Engine Company 332, October 11, 13 & 21
Squad Company 288, October 8 and 14

NOVEMBER 2018

Engine Company 10, November 13
Engine Company 14, November 7
Engine Company 35, November 1
Engine Company 47, November 21
Engine Company 69, November 5
Engine Company 83, November 18
Engine Company 158, November 2
Engine Company 159, November 17
Engine Company 162, November 30
Engine Company 166, November 7
Engine Company 202, November 3
Engine Company 233, November 19
Engine Company 236, November 11
Engine Company 285, November 13
Engine Company 291, November 8
Engine Company 294, November 29
Engine Company 298, November 23
Engine Company 301, November 4
Engine Company 303, November 3
Engine Company 304, November 26
Engine Company 314, November 12
Engine Company 320, November 11

DECEMBER 2018

Engine Company 9, December 26
Engine Company 34, December 13
Engine Company 46, December 1
Engine Company 50, December 17
Engine Company 52, December 25
Engine Company 62, December 14
Engine Company 76, December 15
Engine Company 94, December 2
Engine Company 167, December 27
Engine Company 218, December 23
Engine Company 221, December 24 and 30
Engine Company 222, December 20
Engine Company 235, December 5
Engine Company 255, two saves on December 17
Engine Company 268, December 4
Engine Company 273, December 21
Engine Company 280, December 19
Engine Company 285, December 11
Engine Company 287, December 17
Engine Company 290, December 2
Engine Company 292, December 3
Engine Company 301, December 14

2018 PRE-HOSPITAL SAVE AWARDS

Number in parentheses indicates multiple saves.

Paramedic Byron Abad (2)
 EMT Isa-Isha AbdulKarim-Middleton
 EMT Atif Abdul-Rahim (6)
 Paramedic Abdurrashid Abdussalam
 Lieutenant Faisal Abed (2)
 Paramedic Justine Abruzzo
 EMT Miguel Acevedo (2)
 Paramedic Elizabeth Acosta-Reyes
 Paramedic Brandon Adams
 Paramedic Samuel Adams
 EMT Ahmed Adekoya (2)
 Paramedic Antonio Adorno
 Lieutenant Juan Aguirre
 EMT Azzedin Ahmed
 Captain Jeanne Aikins (3)
 EMT Shakeel Ajaz
 Paramedic Angie Alburquerque (2)
 Paramedic Ashley Alejo
 EMT Nicholas Alexander
 Paramedic Kenny Alexis
 EMT Mir Ali
 Lieutenant Rosemarie Alibrandi
 EMT Alexis Alicea
 Lieutenant Richard Alicea
 Lieutenant Jerard Allas
 Lieutenant Farouk Ally
 Lieutenant Anthony Almojera (2)
 EMT Edward Alonzo
 EMT Christopher Alsina (2)
 Lieutenant Bridget Alvarez (2)
 Paramedic Natalia Alzate (2)
 EMT Nicholas Amendola (2)
 EMT Darrol Anderson
 Paramedic Jennifer Anderson
 EMT Wallace Andrade
 Paramedic Samuel Andrews (3)
 Lieutenant Christopher Ang (3)
 EMT Alexis Aponte
 EMT Joseph Aranda
 EMT Hector Arbulu
 EMT Eric Archer
 EMT Victoria Ardis
 Paramedic Joseph Arnold (3)
 EMT Andrew Assli
 Lieutenant Robert Atkins
 Paramedic Steven Aumoithe
 Lieutenant Peter Auricchio (2)
 Lieutenant Gilberto Aviles (4)
 EMT Jesan Avilhyde
 EMT Crystal Ayala
 Paramedic Babacar Ba (2)
 Lieutenant Chantel Bacot (4)
 Paramedic Anthony Baijnauth
 EMT Nyeela Bailey (2)
 Paramedic Lancia Bailey-Hooper (3)
 Paramedic Xiaotian Bao
 EMT Johnsy Baptiste (4)
 EMT Ben Bardiguez
 EMT Kenneth Barriteau (2)
 Lieutenant Anthony Bartolomey (3)
 EMT Danita Barton
 Paramedic Justine Barton-Hossanah (2)
 Lieutenant Sereste Barton-Hossanah
 Lieutenant Brendan Bass (5)
 Lieutenant Moses Bastien
 EMT Amanda Becker (2)
 Lieutenant James Becker
 EMT Gaston Bedford
 Paramedic Jagmeet Bedi (2)
 Paramedic Leonardo Bedoya
 Lieutenant William Bedoya (2)
 Lieutenant Jared Beitel (4)
 Paramedic Yehezkel Ben Yaakov
 EMT Steven Benigno
 EMT Dorothy Bennick
 EMT Nathan Berg
 EMT George Bergen
 EMT Jaime Bernard (3)
 Lieutenant Victor Berrios
 EMT Christopher Betancourt
 Paramedic Jonathan Billian
 Paramedic Heather Bingham (3)
 EMT Joseph Bitetto
 EMT Vladimir Blaise (3)
 EMT Brendon Blake
 EMT Ronique Blake
 EMT Robert Boardman
 EMT Kenneth Bogle
 EMT Michael Bohm (2)
 Paramedic James Bolger
 EMT Caleb Bonadie
 Paramedic Ferdinand Bonifacio
 EMT Edward Bonilla
 Deputy Chief Mark Bonilla (2)
 Paramedic Tayreen Bonilla (2)
 EMT Marissa E. Booth (2)
 Lieutenant Frank Borello
 Lieutenant Peter Borriello (2)
 Paramedic Christopher Bossart
 EMT Jazmin Bourdier
 EMT Antoinette Bovell
 Deputy Chief Tonya Boyd
 Deputy Chief Richard Bracken
 Lieutenant Michael Bradshaw
 Paramedic Shane Brady
 Lieutenant Vanessa Brady (2)
 EMT Jesse Branch
 EMT Marcus Brandon
 Lieutenant Kevin Bratholt (6)
 Paramedic Joel Brathwaite (2)
 Lieutenant Rudolph Brathwaite (2)
 Paramedic Victor Brathwaite
 Paramedic Charles Braun
 Paramedic Jennifer Bravo Cruz
 Paramedic Jessica Breier
 Paramedic Sean Brewer
 EMT Albert Brigandi, III
 EMT Dwight Briggs (3)
 Paramedic Benjamin Briu
 Paramedic Giselle Brizan
 Lieutenant Andrew Brock
 Paramedic Keisha Brockington
 Paramedic Randy Brokman (2)
 Lieutenant Arthur Bronshteyn (2)
 EMT Matthew Brower
 Paramedic Bruce Brown (2)
 EMT Renee Brown (2)
 EMT Shanice Brown
 EMT Suzette Brown
 EMT Tuanika Brown
 EMT Gutnick Bruce
 EMT Kaylie Bruce
 EMT Emmanuel Bruno
 Paramedic Lauren Bryan
 Paramedic Joseph Bubrowiecki (3)
 Paramedic Vincent Bui
 EMT Alfonso Buoninfante
 EMT Michael Buonocore (2)
 EMT Erin Burchill
 Lieutenant Daniel Burgos (4)
 EMT Vincent Burillo
 EMT Mary Burk (2)
 Captain David Burke
 Paramedic Richard Burlew, Jr.
 Paramedic Peter Bushey (2)
 Paramedic Alexis Buttermark (2)
 EMT Jessica Byers
 Lieutenant Keshica Byrd (2)
 Lieutenant Giovanni Caballero (2)
 EMT Anthony Caban
 Lieutenant Ralph Cabello (3)
 EMT John Cadotte
 Paramedic Yitzchok Cagan
 Paramedic John Cagliano
 EMT Nicholas Calabrese
 Lieutenant Giovanna Caldarella (2)
 EMT Michelle Campbell (2)
 Paramedic Cassandra Campolo
 Paramedic Teri-Ann Cancetty-Melas
 Lieutenant Gene Canel
 Lieutenant Jerry Cange (2)
 Lieutenant Mark Caplan (4)
 EMT Danielle Caporizzi
 Paramedic Richard Cappock (2)
 Paramedic Alberto Caraballo
 Lieutenant Robert Carlo
 Paramedic James Carlson (2)
 Lieutenant Linda Carlson
 Paramedic Vincent Carrano
 Paramedic Efrain Carrasquillo
 EMT Jean Carrie
 EMT Luis Carrillo
 Lieutenant Marc Carroll
 Paramedic Dustin Carter
 Paramedic Jaquan Carter (2)
 EMT Sven Casey
 EMT Jeremy Caso
 EMT Jeffrey Castano
 EMT Ruben Castillo
 Paramedic Nancy Castro
 Lieutenant Andre Catapano (4)
 Paramedic Laura Catucci
 Paramedic Marcos Cavallo
 Lieutenant Cemal Cengiz (3)
 EMT Jose Cerda Matos
 EMT Michael Cerrone
 EMT Christopher Chalmers
 Paramedic David Chambers (2)
 Paramedic Chris Chan (3)
 EMT Kenny Chan (2)
 Lieutenant Marvin Chan (3)
 Paramedic Stephen Chang (2)
 EMT Michelle Chango
 EMT Stephanie Charles
 EMT Jerry Chatelain
 EMT Andy Chen (2)
 Paramedic Chin-Shan Chen
 Paramedic Dennis Chen (3)
 EMT Victor Chen
 EMT Andrew Cheverie
 EMT Christabelle Chin (2)
 Paramedic Christopher Chin
 Paramedic Jeffrey Chin (3)
 EMT Mister T. Chisholm
 Paramedic Nazbi Chowdhury (4)
 EMT Maciej Cichosz
 EMT Keith Clark
 Captain Lizette Claro (2)
 Lieutenant Johanna Clerge
 Lieutenant Ryan Clunes (2)
 EMT Nikko Cocciolillo
 EMT Scott Cohan
 Paramedic John Coleman
 Paramedic Trevor Coleman
 Lieutenant Dwayne Coley (2)
 Paramedic Gardenia Collins
 EMT Jessica Collins Mancino
 Paramedic Andres Coll-Martinez
 EMT Johnny Colon
 Paramedic Gerard Colvert (5)
 Lieutenant Eric Colvil (2)
 Paramedic Weber Compere
 Lieutenant Arthur Concepcion
 Paramedic Danielle Connell
 EMT Joanna Connors
 EMT Kayla Consuegra (2)
 EMT Nickola Coppola (2)
 Lieutenant Cindy Corcoran
 EMT Zuleyka Cordero-Lozada
 Lieutenant Nicholas Cordova
 EMT Christine Correia
 EMT Joseph Corsale
 Paramedic Desiree Corsello
 Lieutenant Gary Cortes (3)
 Paramedic Jason Costello
 Paramedic Brian Cotiaux (2)
 Paramedic Jillian Cox
 Lieutenant Anthony Cozzino (2)
 EMT Patrick Creedon
 Paramedic James Crispino
 Paramedic Christopher Crutchfield
 EMT Edwin Cruz, Jr.
 Paramedic Jessica Cruz (2)
 Paramedic Yeny Cruz
 EMT Graciela Cuevas De Leon (2)
 Paramedic Michael Curatolo
 EMT Faith Curley (2)
 Paramedic William Curley
 EMT David Curling
 EMT Iyana Curtis
 Paramedic Joseph D'Agosto
 Lieutenant Donna Dagrossa
 Paramedic Shizam Dalbarray
 EMT Christopher Daley
 EMT Nicholas Damante
 Lieutenant Jonathan Damato (3)
 Paramedic John D'Andrea
 Lieutenant Latoya Darden
 Lieutenant Kevin Darnowski
 EMT David Davis (3)
 Lieutenant James DeDonato
 EMT James Deery
 EMT Angela Degroot
 Lieutenant Jesus DeInnocentis
 Lieutenant Gonzalo De Jesus (3)
 Paramedic Leslie Delahoz (6)
 Lieutenant Edwin Delapaz
 Lieutenant Michael DeMarco
 EMT James Demartinis
 Lieutenant Christopher Demott
 Lieutenant Michael Dennehy (4)
 EMT Peter Dermody
 EMT Brian Deroberts
 Paramedic Anthony DeRocco (3)
 Lieutenant Fredric Desarno, Jr.
 EMT Jean Gardy Descollines
 Paramedic Lauraine Desilus
 Lieutenant Louis Devino
 EMT Christina B. Devoti
 EMT Irene Diakovasilis (2)
 EMT Carlos Diaz Clarillo
 EMT Alacea Diggins
 Paramedic Giselle Diggins (3)
 EMT Ayana Dillion
 Paramedic Trinh Dinh (3)
 EMT Anna Marie DiPinto
 EMT Carrie Ann Disanto
 EMT Snejana Dolgounva (2)
 EMT Ellis Dones
 EMT Jaroslaw Dorman
 Paramedic Frederick Dorner
 EMT Kevin Dougherty
 EMT John Doyle
 EMT Ryan Doyle
 Lieutenant Erin Doyle-Pinson
 EMT Elizabeth Driscoll
 EMT Travis Dryden
 Lieutenant Ian D'Souza
 Lieutenant Steven Dubin
 EMT Robert Dupree
 Lieutenant Susanne Duque
 EMT Dion Durgin
 Lieutenant Thomas Durkin
 EMT Jason Easter
 EMT Christopher Echevarria (3)
 EMT Kristopher Eckert (3)
 Lieutenant Wa-IL Eldahry (3)
 Paramedic Alicia Elkadi
 EMT Sean Emanuel (2)
 Captain Christopher Emhardt (2)
 Lieutenant John Emington (2)
 Lieutenant Kevin Enright
 Lieutenant Richard Erdey
 EMT Jimmy Espinosa
 Paramedic Julio Espinosa
 EMT Sebastian Espinoza

Paramedic Martin Evans
 Lieutenant Aron Ezagui
 EMT Fabrice Fabre (2)
 EMT Corrine Fairlie
 EMT Michelle Fallon (2)
 Lieutenant Vincent Fanelli
 EMT Ashley Farley (4)
 EMT Lekee Farley
 Lieutenant Dachary Farnum (2)
 EMT Peter Fazio
 Paramedic Robert Fazzino
 EMT Melissa Feliz-Perez
 EMT Rebecca Feroso
 EMT Edwin Fernandez-Saravia
 Paramedic Michael Ferrara
 Paramedic Ray Ferreira (2)
 EMT Romario Ferreira
 Lieutenant Brett Fields
 Paramedic Alvin Figueroa
 EMT Erick Figueroa Pauta
 Lieutenant Charles Fiske
 EMT Claire Fitzgerald (2)
 Lieutenant Stanislav Flaksmann (2)
 Lieutenant Miguel Flores (3)
 EMT Paul Florida
 Paramedic Richard Flower (2)
 Lieutenant Ronald Floyd (3)
 EMT Joseph Flynn
 EMT Adewumi Folorunso (2)
 EMT George Fortis
 EMT Justin Fotis
 Paramedic Michael Fox (2)
 Paramedic Michael Frail (2)
 Paramedic Oral Francis (2)
 Paramedic Helen Franco (2)
 EMT Lawrence Freeman
 Captain Lisa Freitag
 Paramedic Stephanie French
 Lieutenant Mitchell Friedland (3)
 Lieutenant Joshua Frumer (4)
 EMT Alex E. Fuentes
 EMT Maxim Furman (4)
 EMT Anthony Gadison
 Lieutenant John Gagliano
 Paramedic Dwane Gamble
 EMT Arlen Garcia
 Paramedic Christian Garcia
 EMT Christopher Garcia
 EMT Dale Garcia
 Paramedic Jenice Garcia
 Lieutenant Leonore Joy Garcia (4)
 EMT Alicia Garcia-Wyche (2)
 EMT Kyle Garrabrant
 EMT Patrick Garrett (2)
 Captain Joseph Gasparini
 Paramedic Juan Gavalanes (3)
 EMT Anatoliy Gavrilov
 EMT Michael Gayle
 Paramedic Schuyler Gazzo (2)
 Paramedic Bruce Geiser (2)
 EMT Angela Geldard
 EMT Sarah Geldard
 Paramedic Shewain George (4)
 Lieutenant Edward Gerber (4)
 Paramedic James Geronimo
 EMT Zion Giahn (2)
 Paramedic John Gilbert
 Paramedic Christopher Gilkes
 EMT Patrick Ginty
 Lieutenant Annmarie Girgenti (2)
 Paramedic Abraham Glatzer
 Lieutenant Michael Glenn
 EMT Don Goepfert
 EMT Shirah Goldstock
 Paramedic Dilshan Gomes
 Paramedic Yonh Gomez (2)
 EMT Joshua Gonzales
 EMT Alexis Gonzalez
 Lieutenant Andre Gonzalez
 Paramedic Daniel Gonzalez
 Lieutenant Emilio Gonzalez (2)
 Paramedic Enrique Gonzalez (2)
 Lieutenant Jose Gonzalez
 EMT Joshua Gonzalez (2)
 EMT Julisa Gonzalez
 EMT Kallie Gonzalez (2)
 Paramedic Raymond Gonzalez (2)
 EMT David Goodman (2)
 Paramedic Robert Goodwin
 EMT Anthony Gordon (3)
 Paramedic Joshua Goset (2)
 Lieutenant Valerie Gosling-Martinez
 EMT Cody Gottsch
 EMT Garcia Grace
 Lieutenant Kahlia Graham
 EMT Keniesha Grant
 EMT Blauri Graterol (2)
 EMT Raz-giem Graves
 EMT William Graziano, Jr.
 EMT Maurice Green
 EMT Rory Green
 Lieutenant David Greenidge (3)
 Paramedic Michael Gregor
 Paramedic Jason Greibesland
 Lieutenant Jeremy Griffel (3)
 Paramedic Nicole Grilli
 Paramedic Barry Gruenbaum
 EMT Taras Grynyk
 Lieutenant Charles Gschlecht (2)
 Paramedic Sheng Gu
 EMT Nicholas Guasp
 EMT Nicholas Guinta (3)
 EMT Andrew Gutierrez
 Lieutenant Bryant Gutierrez
 Lieutenant Luis Gutierrez (3)
 Paramedic Brian Gutkin
 Paramedic Jessica Guzman
 EMT Reinaldo Guzman
 Paramedic Richard Guzman (2)
 Lieutenant Nancy Gwilym (2)
 EMT Amin Habeeb
 Paramedic Lana Hagai
 Paramedic Christopher Hagemann (2)
 EMT Sharona Hagler
 EMT Alex Haines
 Paramedic Andrew Haley
 EMT Molly Hallinan (2)
 Lieutenant Elise Hanlon
 EMT Chad Hannon
 Paramedic Luke Hardcastle
 Paramedic Dindeyal Harricharan
 EMT Keesha Harris
 Lieutenant Bevonnia Harrison
 EMT James Hartmann
 EMT Jason Hatgiagelaleis
 Lieutenant Krystal Hayes
 EMT Elliot Haynes
 EMT Michael Healey
 EMT Dana Henriksen
 Paramedic Juan Henriquez
 Paramedic Amanda Henry (2)
 EMT David Hernandez
 EMT Dawil Hernandez
 Paramedic Henry Hernandez (3)
 EMT Jazaida Hernandez
 EMT Raymundo Hernandez
 EMT Samuel Hernandez
 Paramedic Ocean Herrera
 EMT Doris Herrera-Lozado (2)
 EMT Joshua Herrmann
 EMT Stephan Hershenfeld
 EMT Christopher Higgins
 EMT Austin Higley
 Paramedic Luke Hill (3)
 Captain Barret Hirsch
 Paramedic Walter Hochbrueckner (7)
 EMT James Hoffman
 EMT Ryan Holl (3)
 EMT Caesar Holloway (2)
 Paramedic Shoshana Holzberg-Pill (2)
 EMT Edin Kresco
 Paramedic Jimmy Hong
 Deputy Chief Paul Hopper
 Lieutenant Frank Horan (2)
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 Paramedic Natasha Howard (2)
 Paramedic Andriy Hrycyk (3)
 Paramedic Joseph Hudak (2)
 EMT Keston Huggins (2)
 Paramedic Oneil Hunter (5)
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 Paramedic Justin Imburgia
 Paramedic Amanda Isenberg (2)
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 Paramedic Gregory Jackman
 Paramedic Christopher Jacobs (2)
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 Paramedic Ra Jassir (2)
 Paramedic Dukens Jean Baptiste (2)
 Paramedic Daril Jimenez (2)
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 Paramedic Henderson Joseph (3)
 Paramedic Jamal Joseph
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 Lieutenant David Kruysman (2)
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 Paramedic Josephine Kwok
 Lieutenant Tammy Labarbera (2)
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 Paramedic Monique Lacroze
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 Lieutenant Joseph Lanzi (2)
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 Paramedic Hyo Gap Lee (3)
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 Lieutenant Warren Lees (9)
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 Paramedic Wayne Leslie
 Paramedic Thomas Leto
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 EMT Rudy Martinez (2)
 Paramedic Sylvia Martinez (2)
 EMT Wanda Martinez
 Paramedic Noe Martinez Garcia (3)
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 EMT Luis Martinez-Gutierrez
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 Lieutenant Renae Mascol (4)
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 EMT Kenneth Masuda
 EMT Jacqueline Mateo
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 Lieutenant Conrad Matos
 Paramedic James Matthews
 Lieutenant Kurt Maurer (6)
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 EMT Sophia McCoy (2)
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 EMT Jasmine Miranda (2)
 EMT Craig Mogilovsky (2)
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 Paramedic Brendan Mulroy
 Paramedic Marc Muratore
 Lieutenant Martha Muriel
 Captain Brian Murphy
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 EMT Ryan Murphy
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 EMT Amanda Musso
 Paramedic Said Mustafa
 EMT Anthony Musumeci
 Paramedic Steven Myhand
 EMT Samerah Nagi
 Paramedic Johanna Nan
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 Paramedic Kanwal Naseem
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 Paramedic Stephen Northmore (3)
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 Paramedic Eve Omansky (2)
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 Paramedic Arelis Oquendo
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 Paramedic Alexander Orive (4)
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 Lieutenant Ricardo Ortega
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 Paramedic Niall O'Shaughnessy
 Paramedic Yari Osorio
 Paramedic James O'Sullivan (2)
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 EMT Shunt Ovanosian
 Lieutenant Kyle Owens (2)
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 Paramedic Luis Pacheco
 EMT Miguel Pacheco
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 EMT Lamar Palmer
 EMT Delphena Panton
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 EMT Charles Park
 EMT Grace Park
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 EMT Mac Pascal
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 Lieutenant Jon Phelan (2)
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 EMT Nigel Phillips
 EMT Fiorenza Piccorelli (2)
 EMT Kevin Pickering
 EMT Kenny Pierre
 Lieutenant Latasha Pierre (2)
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 EMT Jose Pimentel
 EMT Ronald Pinales Jiminian (2)
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 EMT Paul Pipitone
 EMT Jenna Piscitello (2)
 Paramedic Ivan Placido (4)
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 Paramedic Vadim Polishchuk (2)
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 EMT Alejandro Ponce
 Paramedic James Porras
 EMT Robert Portela
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 Lieutenant Victor Potito
 EMT Erma Prentice
 Lieutenant Robin Printy
 Paramedic Zachary Prochik (3)
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 EMT Annwon Quick
 Paramedic John Quiles (2)
 EMT Pablo Quinde
 Lieutenant Antonio Quinones
 Lieutenant Paul Radenberg
 Paramedic Eddie Radovic (2)
 Lieutenant John Raftery
 Lieutenant Rezaur Rahman
 Captain Kevin Ramdayal (2)
 Paramedic Lisset Ramdayal
 Paramedic Jairo Ramos
 EMT Kaity Ramos
 Lieutenant Manuel Ramos
 Paramedic Veronica Ramos
 Paramedic Vijay Rampersad
 Paramedic Nigel Ramscook
 Paramedic Shaemos Rand
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 Paramedic Giovanni Reggler (3)
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 Paramedic Katherine Renta
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 Lieutenant Juan Rodriguez (3)
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 EMT William Rodriguez (2)
 EMT Marcelino Rodriguez Garzon
 Lieutenant Craig Roeder (3)
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 EMT Derrick Romano
 EMT Joseph Romeo
 EMT Jesus Rosa
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 EMT Kevin Rosado Santillan
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 Lieutenant Scott Rothschild
 EMT Michael Rowden-Weiner
 Paramedic Paul Rufrano
 Paramedic Crystal Ruiz
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 EMT Thomas Russo

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 Paramedic Jonathan Sala
 EMT Elly Saldana
 EMT Abraham Salih
 EMT Romulo Samaniego
 EMT Michelle Sampson (2)
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 Paramedic Michael Santiago (2)
 EMT Joseph Sarro (2)
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 Lieutenant Jonathan Schechter
 EMT Toni Schmidt
 EMT Gabrielle Schnitzer (2)
 EMT Michael Schultz
 EMT William Schultz, Jr.
 Lieutenant Charles Schwager
 EMT Crystal Scognamiglio
 Lieutenant James Scordus
 Captain John Scotch, III
 EMT Norman Scott
 Paramedic Oneila Seaton
 EMT Joseph Segot
 Paramedic Andre Segovia
 Paramedic Donna Semple
 Lieutenant Olashawna Seymore (3)
 Paramedic Chung Hing Sham
 Paramedic Stephen Sham
 EMT Aron Shamayev
 EMT Anthony Shamsundar
 Paramedic Kimberly Sharpe (2)
 Paramedic Allison Shaughnessy
 EMT Raymond Sherma
 Paramedic Mark Shilen (2)
 EMT Nimrod Shimrony (2)
 Paramedic Meir Shubowitz (3)
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 Lieutenant Edmund Signer (7)
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 Paramedic Joshua Silver
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 EMT Johnny Simonis (2)
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 EMT Rajbir Singh
 Paramedic Sherry Singleton (4)
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 Paramedic Hugh Smith
 EMT James C. Smith
 EMT Kelly Smith
 Lieutenant Theresa Smith-Hawkins (2)
 Paramedic Ervin Sobiev (3)
 EMT William Sochor
 Lieutenant Anthony Soto (3)
 EMT Hector Soto
 Lieutenant Philip Soto
 EMT Bryan Sotomayor
 Lieutenant Christopher Specht (2)
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 EMT George Stenby
 Paramedic Gerald Stepanyk
 Paramedic Cindy Stewart
 EMT Casey Stiller (2)
 Paramedic Aaron Stuart (2)
 EMT Michael Stuhler
 Paramedic Tzu Kai Su
 Paramedic Danny Suarez
 EMT Henry Suazo
 EMT Taheerah Suluki (2)
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 EMT Slominski Sylvian
 EMT Kenneth Syrett (3)
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 EMT Jasper Tenorio (2)
 Paramedic Alex Tepliy (2)
 EMT Karan Thadhani
 Lieutenant Elwood Thomas (4)
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 EMT Shakaina Thomas (2)
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 Paramedic Claire Thompson (2)
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 EMT Kinloc Thompson
 Paramedic Bo-Ann Thorpe
 Paramedic Julianne Tien
 EMT Michael Tier
 Paramedic Corey Tillery
 Paramedic Brandon Timshim
 EMT Vanessa Tineo
 EMT Lucas Tinnirello
 Paramedic Jean Tondreau
 Paramedic Erin Toner (2)
 Paramedic Yehuda Topper
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 Paramedic Alexandra Torres
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 Lieutenant Giovanni Tumbaco (2)
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 Lieutenant Robert Vender (2)
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 EMT Mario Villejoint (2)
 EMT Luis Villena
 EMT Lydia Vinas
 EMT Vincent Vitadamo
 EMT Robert Vitale
 Lieutenant John Vives (3)
 EMT Gabriel Vladu
 EMT Kyle Voges (3)
 Paramedic Edgar Vormnadiryan (5)
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 Lieutenant Paul Wallace
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 EMT Leacroft Walters
 Lieutenant Raymond Wang (2)
 EMT Tahmeek Ware
 EMT R'Renaw Waren
 EMT Marcus Waring
 Lieutenant Scott Waryold
 EMT Michael Wattenberg
 EMT Rashard Watts
 EMT Nicholas Webb (2)
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 EMT Jamila Weislo
 EMT Warren Welch
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 EMT James Wheaton (3)
 Lieutenant Alwain White
 Paramedic Tara Whitlock
 Paramedic Peter Wilken
 EMT Peter Williams
 EMT Rose Wilmarth
 EMT Monique Wilson
 EMT Ryan Wilson
 EMT Trevon Wiltshire (2)
 Lieutenant Asher Winik (4)
 Paramedic Julien Winsley
 Paramedic Luna Winslow
 EMT Maggie Wit
 EMT Tariq Witherspoon
 EMT Trenton Withworth
 Paramedic Alexander Witkowski
 EMT Tyler Witte
 EMT Ronald Wolfe (3)
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 Lieutenant Kam Wong (3)
 EMT Ming Wood
 EMT Jamila Woods
 Captain Leonard Wright
 Paramedic Sean Wright
 Paramedic Mingze Wu (2)
 EMT Deanna Yearwood
 Paramedic Andrew Yen
 EMT Jae Yim
 Paramedic Skerdi Ymeraj
 Paramedic Hwajung Yoon (2)
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 EMT Timothy Young (2)
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 Paramedic Kenny Yu (2)
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 Paramedic Diego Zalmunbide
 Paramedic Mohmedidris Zanpawala (3)
 Lieutenant Evgeni Zenkovich (6)
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 EMT Katherine Zeron-Ortega
 Paramedic Yong Zheng
 EMT Ewelina Zielinska (2)
 EMT Damian Ziemak
 EMT Martin Zienkowicz
 EMT Daniel Zimmerman
 EMT Charles Zimring
 EMT Nicholas Zinzer
 EMT Roy Zuniga
 EMT Cecibel Zurita
 EMT Michael Zwilnski

EMS UNIT OF THE MONTH—2018

Month	Station	Unit	Members
January	3	03G2	EMTs Eric Archer, Yasmine Tineo
February	16	11F3	EMTs Jared Acevedo, John Scanlon, Andrew Vuolo
March	58	83B3	EMTs Jessica Byers, Daniel Schwartz, James Wheaton
April	19	19G3	EMTs Rafael Martinez, Michael Ortiz, Kevin Rosado
May	-----		
June	23	23A2	EMTs Giovanni Arsenault, Michael Gayle, Frank Reddy
July	-----		
August	-----		
September	-----		
October	16	16B2	EMTs Miguel Acevedo, Waldo Puerto, Jhovanny Sanchez
November	10	12R2	Paramedics Ashley Alejo, Kenneth Yu
December	43	43A3	EMTs Bianca Adamita, Tara Ihnken, Joseph Sarro

The Roll of Merit and the James Gordon Bennett Medal

By Firefighter Paul Hashagen, Rescue 1 (retired)

Just three years after the start of the paid force in 1865, the Metropolitan Fire Department began a system of recording the heroic deeds of its members. The Department's committee of appointments on November 22, 1868, made the following resolution:

Resolved, that the secretary be instructed to open and keep under his personal supervision, a book of record, which shall be called, "The Roll of Merit M.F.D.," in which shall be entered the names of such Officers and members of the Department as may have, in the judgment of the Board of Commissioners, distinguished themselves in the discharge of their duties, with a full record of the act by which they have become entitled to the honor of being there enrolled. Opposite each name shall be stated the action taken by this Board in making rewards in each case.

The heroic actions of Assistant Foreman Minthorne D. Tompkins and other members of the Department one night in November of 1868 probably prompted this official recognition only eight days later.

Mr. Tompkins had been a clerk and volunteer Firefighter before becoming one of the original members of the new paid Department. He lived across the street from Liberty Hook & Ladder Company 16, located at the corner of Lexington Avenue and 50th Street. He was the only member of that volunteer company who remained after the transition to the professional Department. Old Ladder 16 had been reorganized as Hook & Ladder Company 2 of the Metropolitan Fire Department.

In 1868, FF Tompkins and many other candidates went before the Department Board of Officers for examination and possible appointment to Foreman or Assistant Foreman (Captain or Lieutenant). FF Tompkins passed an examination and interview and was promoted to the rank of Assistant Foreman. He then was transferred to Hook & Ladder Company 1, on Chambers Street.

The standard hook and ladder truck of this era was pulled by two horses and carried wooden portable ladders, both extension and straight, in sizes up to 73 feet. Two Officers (a Foreman and Assistant Foreman), a driver and eight Firefighters were assigned to each ladder company. The company Commander was required by Department regulations to keep at least nine members in quarters at all times, to ensure adequate staffing to raise the ladders.

Most of the early rescues involved these heavy wooden ladders. With no breathing equipment available and the normal delay in waiting for a steam pumping engine to gain enough pressure to charge a hose-line, the most effective rescue efforts were performed by using ladders.

On November 14, 1868, at 2345 hours, a fire was discovered in the first-floor kitchen of the Stewart House, a hotel and restaurant located at 480 Broadway, near Broome Street, in lower Manhattan. Flames raced through the rear portion of the building and to the upper floors with lightning speed. As the fire companies began to arrive at the scene, they were advised that numerous people were trapped within the building. As many as a dozen guests were cut off. Additionally, nearly all of the hotel's servants—who lived in the attic—were trapped as well.

In an effort to reach those imperiled inside, several long ladders were placed to the upper-floor windows. Assistant Foreman Tompkins started up the first ladder, just as it was being lowered into the building. Immediately, he became engulfed in hot, swirling smoke. The extended wooden ladder was springing with each step he took. Groping in the inky blackness, feeling with his hands and feet for each rung, he continued. Step by step, Assistant Foreman Tompkins inched his way toward the sounds of a woman pleading for help above him.

The dense smoke cleared momentarily as the Fire Officer approached the top of the ladder. Leaning dangerously out the window above him was a woman trapped by the flames. Nearly overcome and exhausted, she attempted to find clear air in the clouds of smoke swirling around her. Darkness closed in again. Assistant Foreman Tompkins continued up blindly.

Climbing to the very top rung, with nothing to steady himself, he slowly stood straight up, leaning in against the wall of the fire building. With a voice choked by smoke, he told her to get ready. Slowly he extended his arms above his head until he could feel her legs. He firmly grasped the woman and carefully began to pull her toward himself. She held onto the windowsill, until he commanded her to let go. Assistant Foreman Tompkins now was holding her entire weight over his head. Only his strength and balance held them to the ladder. Slowly he began to lower her across his shoulder. Carefully, step by step, he descended the ladder to the street.

The woman was gently handed to other Firefighters, as Assistant Foreman Tompkins paused briefly for a few breaths of fresh air, while quickly studying the fire conditions. Entering the blazing structure, he led his members on a difficult search. Inch by inch, hose streams pushed in. Enduring tremendous punishment, the engine companies were able to hold the flames to the rear portion of the building. Their efforts allowed the rescue work to continue.

Despite an injury during the initial phases of the interior search and exhaustion beginning to set in from his precarious ladder work, Assistant Foreman Tompkins pressed on. Under extreme conditions, the members of Ladder 1 were able to locate and safely remove another six people. They dragged and carried them to Firefighters waiting on ladders at the front windows.

Other dangerous rescues also were being made, as another dozen people were pulled from the smoke-filled building. One of the most dramatic rescues was made by FF Christopher C. Flick, Engine Company 20. The gutsy young Firefighter was able to dive into a third-floor window and locate a woman and her baby. With flames closing in, he crawled, carrying the baby and dragging the mother to the window. Just after he had handed the victims out and scrambled out onto the ladder, the window filled with fire.

Assistant Foreman Minthorne D. Tompkins became the first member of the paid force to be placed on the new Roll of Merit. Others also were honored for their heroics at that fire: Foreman Patrick Donohue, Hook & Ladder 9; and FFs Flick and John Kavanagh, both of Engine 20. Department reports stated that FF Flick's intrepidity nearly cost him his life.

The Roll of Merit continued to expand at a steady pace. In 1869, James Gordon Bennett, Jr., sent a letter to the Fire Commissioner that said in part:

My father, being desirous of adding an additional competition to the members of the Metropolitan Fire Department in the discipline, courage and honesty with which their duties are now performed and which were particularly called to his attention at the fire in his summer residence last September, has directed me to enclose the sum of \$1,500 and requests you pay \$500 to Messrs. Tiffany & Co. for the die of a medal they are preparing and use the income from the balance in procuring annually a gold medal to be struck from the same, to be conferred by you and your successors in this trust, upon such members of the Fire Department as you may, in your judgment, consider best entitled to the reward.

This medal, known thereafter as the James Gordon Bennett Medal, has been the highest award presented by the Fire Department. The circular gold medal features Neptune wading ashore, leaving his hippocampus (a sea creature) behind, extending a key to the sea to a goddess standing among ruins and fire implements who, with fire trumpet in hand, summons the Fire Department and dispatches a fire-bearing demon to the underworld below. This allegorical relief represented man's control of fire with water.

The rear of the medal reads: *Endowed by a fund contributed by James Gordon Bennett. Presented to (space for name to be engraved) in appreciation of meritorious performance of duty as a Fireman.*

This is an edited excerpt from the soon-to-be-published book, For Valor, by Firefighter Paul Hashagen, Rescue 1 (retired).

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. The Fire Foundation of New York, Inc., funds this award, Kenneth Bronstein, President. (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 Fire Foundation of New York, Inc., funds this award, Kenneth Bronstein, President. The recipient also is awarded the Firefighter Louis Valentino Award, a medal endowed since 1998 by Diane Valentino and the Valentino family. (Page 12)

Christopher J. Prescott Medal

Named in honor of EMT Christopher Prescott, the first NEMS 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. Endowed by the Uniformed EMTs and Paramedics and Fire Inspectors Union. Also endowed by former First Assistant Fire Commissioner, Robert A. Ungar, Legislative Counsel to the 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 endowed 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 for the endowment of the Crimmins Memorial Medal. Additional award from Honorary Fire Commissioner Dorothy Marks, in memory of Jeffrey S. Childs, great-great-grandson of Thomas Crimmins. Also funded by the Fire Foundation of New York, Inc., Kenneth Bronstein, President. (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. Funded by the Honorary Fire Officers Association of the FDNY—Honorary Chief of Department Jack Lerch, President. (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. The Fire Foundation of New York, Inc., funds this award, Kenneth Bronstein, President. (Page 18)

John H. Prentice Medal

This medal is endowed by 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 endowing this award, 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)

Chief Ulyses Grant Leadership Medal

Named in honor of Chief Ulyses Grant, a 30-year veteran of the Emergency Medical Service, who exemplified respect, leadership, integrity, imagination, compassion and dedication. The recipient of this medal is an EMS Officer who has the ability to influence others to accomplish the mission. The medal is awarded to an EMS Officer who, in leading members under his/her command, has performed an outstanding act of heroism and bravery in the line of duty. The award is endowed by Chief of EMS Operations Robert A. McCracken (retired) and EMS Division Chief Robert P. Browne (retired), who believe a man's experience and wisdom need not die with him, but become his legacy. (Page 21)

Hispanic Society/ 23rd Street Fire Memorial Medal of Valor

Endowed/funded by the Hispanic Society as "a memorial tribute to the 12 Brother Firefighters who made the Supreme Sacrifice at the East 23rd Street fire on October 17, 1966." The Hispanic Society Memorial Medal first was awarded in 1968. A \$1,000 honorarium in memory of Battalion Chief Anthony Mendez, Senior, is given to the medal recipient. (Page 22)

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 23)

Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia Medal

The Honorable Fiorello H. LaGuardia, while the 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 24)

William F. Conran Medal

Honorary Chief Conran endowed this medal in 1937. His profession of fire protection engineer enabled him to improve the efficiency of firefighting appliances. Sponsored in memory of Honorary Battalion Chief Paul Sanner. (Page 25)

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. Recipient is awarded cash, donated by Honorary First Deputy Commissioner Brian F. Mulheren, in memory of his father, Joseph A. Mulheren, a friend of the FDNY. (Page 26)

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 27)

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 28)

Bella Stiefel Medal

In Mrs. Stiefel's 90 years, she came to admire the bravery displayed by Firefighters. Medal was first awarded in 1947. Endowed by Mrs. Stiefel and the Uniformed Firefighters Association. An honorarium is provided by Michael Zorek and Jennifer Zorek-Pressman, to also honor their parents, Jane and Warren Zorek. (Page 29)

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. Endowed by the Uniformed EMTs and Paramedics and Fire Inspectors Union. Also endowed by former First Assistant Commissioner, Robert A. Ungar, Legislative Counsel to the Union. (Page 30)

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. Endowed by the UFA. (Page 31)

Pulaski Association Medal

Endowed by the Pulaski Association of the FDNY in memory of General Casimir Pulaski. At the direction of George Washington, General Pulaski founded the American cavalry during the American Revolution. He died of wounds received leading the charge at the Battle of Savannah. The medal is presented to a member who has upheld the Department's tradition of bravery, valor and service to the citizens of the City of New York in the way that General Pulaski did for our country. First awarded in 1962. Cash award is donated by Honorary Assistant Chief Gary Urbanowicz. (Page 32)

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 33)

Columbia Association Medal

Endowed by the Columbia Association since 1966. Medal is awarded in memory of retired Fire Marshal Thomas J. Russo, Senior. (Page 34)

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 endows this medal in memory of the late assemblywoman Eileen Dugan, a prime sponsor of the Cancer Bill. (Page 35)

Steuben Association Medal

Endowed by the Steuben Association in honor of General Frederick Wilhelm Von Steuben. First awarded in 1967. Endowed by the Fire Department Steuben Association Charities, Inc. (Page 36)

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 37)

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. (Page 38)

Uniformed Fire Officers Association Medal

Endowed in 1977 by the Uniformed Fire Officers Association "for an act of heroism and bravery performed by a Fire Officer at a fire. (Page 39)

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. (Page 40)

American Legion Fire Department Post 930/ Mark M. Wohlfeld Memorial Medal

Endowed by American Legion Post 930, this medal is in memory of Mark M. Wohlfeld, 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. (Page 41)

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. (Page 42)

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. Recipient is awarded cash, donated by Matthew, Susan and Alana Daly. (Page 43)

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 was awarded for the first time in 1982. It is donated this year by Battalion Chief John Dunne, Battalion 2, a former C.O.A. board member. (Page 44)

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 (Field-Comm) for EMS. Sponsored in memory of Honorary Battalion Chief Paul Sanner. (Page 45)

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. \$1000 is donated by the Martin and Canning families, in memory of Frances B. Martin (1905-1996), daughter of "Smokey Joe" Martin. \$100 is donated in memory of Firefighter Anthony D. Bucieri, Engine 75. \$100 is donated in memory of Firefighter Mike Donnelly, Ladder 33, who died in 1983 after a heroic battle with cancer. \$100 is donated in memory of Battalion Chief William C. Rinsdale, 19th Battalion, who died in the line of duty in 1971. (Page 46)

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. (Page 47)

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 69 years of service to the Firefighters of New York and their families. The medal, endowed 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. (Page 11)

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 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. (Page 48)

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. (Page 49)

Deputy Commissioner Christine R. Godek Medal

Established and endowed 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. (Page 50)

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. Endowed by Mr. Friedberg's late wife, Gertrude, and family. (Page 51)

Probationary Firefighter Thomas A. Wylie Medal

This medal is endowed by the members of Ladder Company 18 in honor of their fallen Brother, Probationary Firefighter Thomas A. Wylie, who gave his life assisting in the rescue of more than 20 civilians at a fire in Chinatown. The medal is awarded to a Probationary Firefighter who distinguishes himself as Tom did in his brief career. The medal depicts his caricature of a "Can Man," the traditional position of a "Proby." (Page 52)

Shelly Rothman Memorial Medal

This medal is dedicated to honoring all Firefighters who have performed with valor. Awarded for the first time in 2005. Endowed 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. (Page 53)

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. (Page 54)

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. (Page 55)

Firefighter Thomas R. Elsasser Memorial Medal

Endowed by the Uniformed Firefighters Association, this medal is named in honor of Firefighter Thomas R. Elsasser, a 20-year veteran of the FDNY, whose firefighting career was cut short in 1990 by his untimely death. Firefighter Elsasser was a major contributor to UFA charity sporting events. (Page 56)

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 by the 9/11 parents and families. (Page 57)

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Died in the Line of Duty



Firefighter Steven H. Pollard
Ladder Company 170

Died on January 6, 2019, as a result of injuries sustained in the performance of duty at Brooklyn Box 8628.
Appointed June 12, 2017.



Firefighter Christopher A. Slutman
Ladder Company 27

Died on April 8, 2019, as a result of injuries sustained while on active military duty in Afghanistan.
Appointed September 14, 2003.



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