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#### **Cover**

*FDNY firefighters operate to rescue three victims trapped at the window on the 20th floor, November 5, 2022, Manhattan. FDNY fire, EMS and dispatch members worked to rescue and treat dozens of residents at this challenging high-rise apartment fire, which was ignited by a micro-mobility device's lithium-ion battery. FF Artur Podgorski (L-108, det. L-16), FF Darren J. Harsch (S-270, det. R-1), FF Adam M. Nordenschild (L-2), FF Belvon J. Koranteng (E-295, det. L-16), Lieutenant Christopher J. DiGiulio (L-2), FF John G. Petito III (L-2), FF Christian D. Wellinger (L-16) and FF Julian D. Castaneda (L-35) received medals this year for their determination, courage and skill at this incident. (Photo by Ken Gunsberger)*

#### **Back cover**

*On December 8, 2022, FDNY members rescued, treated and stabilized a patient who had fallen five floors down an elevator shaft, landing in the elevator pit below. Rescue Paramedic (now Lieutenant) Shlomo E. Winkler and Paramedic Kira L. Watkins received the Christopher J. Prescott Medal for their professionalism and unwavering commitment to providing quality care at this incident. (Photo by Barry Williams/New York Daily News)*



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Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome everyone to the New York City Fire Department (FDNY)'s annual Medal Day celebration.

Our city rises on the foundation of the many women and men who share a sense of responsibility to protect and defend their neighborhoods. We owe an enormous debt of gratitude to all who work tirelessly to ensure that their fellow New Yorkers feel safe in their communities. Public safety is the prerequisite to prosperity, and for nearly 160 years, the FDNY has shown a steadfast commitment to guaranteeing the safety of all people throughout the five boroughs. The members of the FDNY embody the ideals of courage, selflessness, and service that define our great city. The annual FDNY Medal Day celebration offers us an excellent opportunity to recognize the invaluable contributions and acts of valor carried out by our firefighters, Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), and paramedics every day. As you gather to celebrate these brave individuals, I am proud to applaud the entire FDNY family for its unflinching dedication to safeguarding New Yorkers and working to forge a more peaceful, safer future for all.

On behalf of the City of New York, congratulations to all of this year's honorees. I extend my best wishes for a memorable ceremony and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric Adams".

Eric Adams  
Mayor

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## FIRE COMMISSIONER



**Laura Kavanagh**

**T**here is a reason the members of the New York City Fire Department are known as New York's Bravest. Since 1865, our members have shown up to aid the neediest New Yorkers in times of grave danger and significant strife. They have made rescues large and small, and we celebrate the best among them today, at FDNY Medal Day.

Our highest award for a meritorious act for members of Fire Operations is the Chief of Department Peter J. Ganci Jr. Medal, awarded to Firefighter Artur Podgorski for his work at an incredibly dangerous fire in a Midtown, Manhattan high-rise. At this complicated and dangerous operation, our members immediately reverted to their training on a life-saving rope and worked together to make the rescue a success. There were reports of people trapped, and two others hanging out of a window. Firefighter Podgorski climbed 21 flights of stairs and was lowered on a life-saving rope, without being tied off to a substantial object, and rescued an entangled victim while 20 stories high. Several other members are being awarded for their bravery at this fire, including Firefighter Darren Harsch, who receives the Hugh Bonner Medal/Honor Legion Medal; Firefighter Adam Nordenschild, who receives the Walter Scott Medal; Firefighter Belvon Koranteng, who receives the Henry D. Brookman Medal; Lieutenant Christopher DiGiulio, the recipient of the Thomas Dougherty Medal; Firefighter John Petito, the recipient of the William and Gertrude Friedberg Medal; Firefighter Christian Wellinger, awarded the American Legion Fire Department Post 930/Mark M. Wohlfield Memorial Medal; and Firefighter Julian Castaneda, who receives the Arthur J. Laufer Memorial Medal. The rescue was made possible by the determination and skill of these members.

Our highest award for a meritorious act for members of EMS Operations is the Christopher J. Prescott Medal, awarded to Lieutenant Shlomo Winkler, Station 14, and Paramedic Kira Watkins, Station 45. In an unusual and highly dramatic rescue, the pair, working together out of Station 45, treated two patients who plummeted five floors down an elevator shaft at the Bronx Terminal Market. One of the patients was extricated quickly and suffered minor injuries, but the other was trapped. Then-Rescue Paramedic Winkler climbed into the pit to treat the patient through the breached floor. EMS members typically perform their life-saving work in an ambulance or a home, but in this case, they did so in an elevator shaft. The team of rescue paramedic and non-rescue paramedic is uncommon, but this pair exemplified the professionalism, skill and bravery to execute a truly remarkable rescue.

This year includes a new medal: the Captain Alison Russo North Star Medal, so named in honor of Captain Alison Russo, killed in a random and unprovoked violent attack while at work. The award represents the leadership and bravery of a woman who was known for her wealth of knowledge, her kind heart and her dedication to her job. Congratulations to Captain Edgar Baez of Public Safety Answering Center 2; his instincts and extensive experience make him an excellent choice for this inaugural award, which will keep the memory of Captain Russo alive.

Congratulations to all our members whose brave acts fill the pages of this book. They have responded, without pause, to blazing fires and urgent medical emergencies. They have performed incredible feats and gone home only to return the next day and do it again. They have saved countless lives, and their courage and commitment to the FDNY endure. We are proud of you, and we thank you for your service today, and every day.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura Kavanagh". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light grey background.

## CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT



**John J. Hodgens**

**F**rom the first day of joining the FDNY, the message and importance of teamwork and training are repeated. The work of responding to fires and medical emergencies is made possible only through coordinated efforts, communication and a shared desire to do good. This teamwork and training have allowed our firefighters, EMTs and paramedics to accomplish rescues that appear impossible. This brings us to Medal Day, when we honor all the people who make the great work of our Department possible.

Members of Ladder Company 56 responded to one of the deadliest days in FDNY history: the Twin Parks fire. Seventeen people were killed in the Bronx apartment complex in a fire started by a faulty space heater. It is a day that will bring sadness to our Department for decades to come. Yet even in these tremendous losses, there are successes: Teamwork and training allowed the members of Ladder 56 to remove six people, four of whom survived. For their tireless efforts, pure determination and teamwork, the members of Ladder Company 56 are awarded the World Trade Center Memorial Medal.

Our EMS members also did incredible work at the Twin Parks fire. A day marked by overwhelming tragedy, it also exemplified the tireless efforts of our EMS and their dedication to saving lives, even when faced with impossible circumstances. As soon as Haz-Tac Lieutenant Charles Santangelo arrived, he was inundated with patients. One after another, he worked to ventilate, resuscitate and provide life-saving measures to each patient he encountered. His compassion, integrity and leadership have been recognized with the Chief Ulyses Grant Leadership Medal.

We often say our members are never truly off duty. Firefighter Stefon Douglas knows that intimately, as he fought a fire four doors down from his own home while off duty. He donned a SCBA he had in his car and entered the back of the home where the fire was. He helped a neighbor putting flames out with the garden hose and finally made entry into the home to search for victims. Crawling down the hallway without a hoseline, protective gear or help from other units, he was able to remove a crying child from the bathroom and out of harm's way. His quick thinking, training and ability to stay calm earned him the Brooklyn Citizens Medal and FF Louis Valentino Award.

Last year, our Department suffered the tragic loss of Firefighter William (Billy) Moon of Rescue Company 2, who was critically injured while conducting a training drill in quarters. Firefighter Moon was an organ donor. When it became clear he would not recover, his family made the decision to donate his organs, a choice that saved the lives of five people, including two retired FDNY members. In his honor, we have created the William P. Moon II Medal of Life, to be given to any member who dies in the line of duty and donates their organs. Firefighter Moon's wife, Kristina, is a tireless advocate for organ donation, and we present this inaugural medal to her. We know it will keep Billy's memory alive for generations to come.

There are incredible stories here at Medal Day, and we congratulate and thank every member who has gone beyond the call of duty and relied on their training and teamwork to get things done.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John J. Hodgens". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



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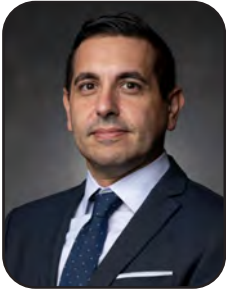
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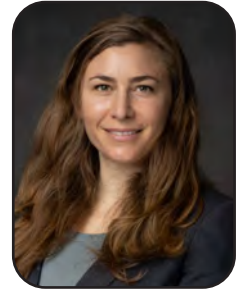
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## Special Recognition

# William P. Moon II Medal of Life



### Presented to Kristina Moon, wife of Firefighter William P. Moon II

Last year, the FDNY suffered the tragic loss of Firefighter William (Billy) Moon II of Rescue Company 2. Firefighter Moon was critically injured while conducting a training drill at his firehouse. Firefighter Moon was an organ donor, an issue he felt passionately about, and when it became clear he would not recover, his family made the decision to donate his organs. Because of his selflessness, his organs saved the lives of five people, including two retired FDNY members. To honor members who have died in the line of duty and donated their organs, the FDNY is introducing the creation of the William P. Moon II Medal of Life to be presented today to



Kristina Moon, the wife of Firefighter Moon, for her selflessness and continued service to our City.

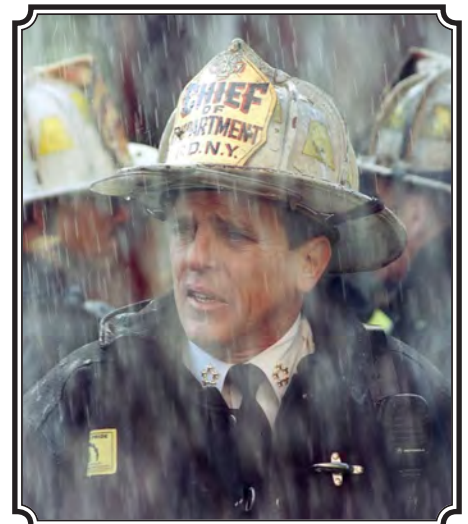
Kristina is a tireless advocate for organ donation. Since Billy's death, she has spoken publicly about the importance of organ donation, encouraging Department members and the public at large to make sure the organ donor box is checked on their driver's license. She has encouraged people to have the difficult conversations about what happens after death, and she has done so with class and grace, even as she mourns the loss of her husband.

The Medal of Life will keep Firefighter Moon's memory alive for generations to come.

## TOP FIRE OPERATIONS MEDAL RECIPIENTS

Since 1869, the FDNY has awarded annually a medal for the highest act of bravery by a firefighter or fire officer. In 2020, the James Gordon Bennett Medal was renamed in honor of Chief of Department Peter J. Ganci Jr., the highest ranking uniformed member of the Department killed on September 11, 2001. Chief Ganci made the supreme sacrifice while leading the rescue efforts in response to the terrorists attacks at the World Trade Center.

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|---|---|---|
| 1869—Lieutenant Minthorne D. Tompkins (L-1)<br>Captain Benjamin A. Gicquel (E-9)                                  | 1925—Captain Thomas J. O'Toole (E-27)         | 1985—Firefighter James A. Sollami (E-62)        |
| 1870—Lieutenant Charles L. Kelly (E-9)  | 1926—Firefighter William G.R. Mitchell (E-18) | 1986—Captain James F. McDonnell (L-42)          |
| 1871—Firefighter Ambrose L. Austin (E-15)   | 1927—Firefighter Michael McInerney (L-12)     | 1987—Lieutenant William F. Maloney (L-34)       |
| 1872—Lieutenant Thomas Henry (L-6)<br>Firefighter Thomas Hutchinson (L-1)   | 1928—Captain James A. Walsh (1) (E-234)       | 1988—Firefighter John J. McDonnell (L-28)       |
| 1873—Battalion Chief William H. Nash (Bn-7)<br>Firefighter Alfred Conner (L-10)<br>Lieutenant Henry Schuck (E-34) | 1929—Firefighter George W. Reilly (L-19)      | 1989—Captain Richard Jacquin (L-59)             |
| 1874—Captain William Mitchell (E-10)  | 1930—Firefighter Edward V. Conroy (L-1)       | 1990—Lieutenant Gerard M. Murtha (R-3)          |
| 1875—Lieutenant James Horn (E-11)   | 1931—Captain Albert B. Carlson (E-66)         | 1991—Firefighter William E. Jutt (L-22)         |
| 1876—Firefighter Joseph McGowan (E-6)   | 1932—Firefighter Vincent J. Hyde (R-3)        | 1992—Firefighter Michael M. Dugan (L-43)        |
| 1877—Firefighter Thomas J. Dougherty (L-1)  | 1933—Captain Cornell M. Garety (R-1)          | 1993—Firefighter Albert J. Gonzalez Jr. (L-18)  |
| 1878—Captain Daniel J. Meagher (L-3)  | 1934—Firefighter Rudolph F. Musil (L-12)      | 1994—Lieutenant John M. Fox (SQ-1)              |
| 1879—Firefighter Paul Bauer (L-4)   | 1935—Firefighter George J. Wolken (E-60)      | 1995—Firefighter Gregory J. Smith Jr. (L-108)   |
| 1880—Firefighter John Levins (L-2)  | 1936—Firefighter Joseph E. Smith (2) (E-211)  | 1996—Firefighter Gerard J. Triglia (L-132)      |
| 1881—Firefighter Michael Connerford (E-12)  | 1937—Firefighter James P. Nevin (E-201)       | 1997—Firefighter John K. Duddy (L-28)           |
| 1882—Firefighter John L. Rooney (L-10)  | 1938—Firefighter Charles G. Roscher (L-1)     | 1998—Firefighter Stan J. Sussina (R-1)          |
| 1883—Firefighter William B. Kirchner (E-11)   | 1939—Firefighter Daniel J. Sullivan (L-3)     | 1999—Captain John J. Pritchard (E-255)          |
| 1884—Firefighter John Binns (E-32)  | 1940—Firefighter Charles A. Merz (L-168)      | 2000—Firefighter Stephen P. Fenley (L-78)       |
| 1885—Captain Peter H. Short (L-1)   | 1941—Firefighter Thomas F. Brennan (L-111)    | 2001—Firefighter John F. South (L-44)           |
| 1886—Firefighter Michael Brady (E-34)   | 1942—Captain John W. Heaney (Hdq.)            | 2003—Battalion Chief James Marketti (Bn-48)     |
| 1887—Lieutenant Samuel Banta (L-10)   | 1943—Firefighter John Colgan (L-2)            | 2004—Firefighter James F. Mills (L-176)         |
| 1888—Lieutenant William Quirk (E-22)  | 1944—Firefighter Harvey W. Crook (R-3)        | 2005—Firefighter Victor J. Rosa Jr. (L-138)     |
| 1889—Firefighter William Reilly (L-12)  | 1945—Captain George H. Winter (L-3)           | 2006—Captain Christopher J. Joyce (E-318)       |
| 1890—Captain Thomas J. Ahern (E-5)  | 1946—Firefighter Arthur L. Speyer (L-24)      | 2007—Firefighter James T. Byrne (L-121)         |
| 1891—Firefighter Patrick F. Lucas (E-30)  | 1947—Firefighter Anthony J. Riccardi (L-26)   | 2008—Lieutenant James F. Congema (Bn-19)        |
| 1892—Firefighter Patrick H. Aspell (L-4)  | 1948—Captain Patrick T. Green (R-1)           | 2009—Firefighter Anthony M. Romano (L-142)      |
| 1893—Firefighter John Walker (L-6)  | 1949—Firefighter James S. Norton (L-163)      | 2010—Firefighter Michael A. Czech Jr. (L-142)   |
| 1894—Firefighter Denis Ryer (L-15)  | 1950—Firefighter Wilbur J. O'Donnell (L-111)  | 2011—Firefighter Peter G. Demontreux (L-132)    |
| 1895—Firefighter William H. Behler (E-35)   | 1951—Firefighter Victor F. Rossi (L-120)      | 2012—Firefighter Kevin J. Hogan (L-114)         |
| 1896—Firefighter Martin M. Coleman (L-3)  | 1952—Lieutenant John F. McGlynn (L-10)        | 2013—Lieutenant Thomas G. Woods (L-154)         |
| 1898—Firefighter James Pearl (L-7)  | 1953—Firefighter Angelo Micholini (E-97)      | 2014—Lieutenant Robert E. Lee (L-47)            |
| 1899—Firefighter John Hughes (1) (L-14)   | 1954—Deputy Chief John T. Oakley (2) (Hdq.)   | 2015—Captain William J. Grant (E-168)           |
| 1900—Firefighter William Clark (L-14)   | 1955—Firefighter Bernard F. Curran (E-92)     | 2016—Lieutenant Brian J. Colleluori (L-174)     |
| 1901—Firefighter Thomas J. McArthur (E-29)  | 1956—Firefighter Michael J. O'Driscoll (L-28) | 2017—Firefighter James P. Lee Jr. (R-1)         |
| 1902—Firefighter Richard Nitsch (E-35)  | 1957—Firefighter William Von Diezelski (L-4)  | 2018—Lieutenant Michael J. Conboy (R-3)         |
| 1903—Firefighter Charles F. Douth (L-3)   | 1958—Firefighter Nicholas Sharko (L-11)       | 2019—Lieutenant Patrick T. Mataraza, III (L-56) |
| 1904—Firefighter James R. McAvoy (L-4)  | 1959—Captain Arthur J. O'Connor (SQ-4)        | 2020—Firefighter John H. McCoy (SQ-288)         |
| 1905—Firefighter Michael J. Stevens (L-4)   | 1960—Firefighter William V. Russo (E-254)     | 2021—Firefighter Abraham G. Miller (L-23)       |
| 1906—Firefighter Cassimer C. Wodzicki (E-17)  | 1961—Firefighter Joseph G. Peragine (L-14)    | 2022—Firefighter Darren J. Harsch (L-270)       |
| 1907—Firefighter Michael Nicklaus (L-4)   | 1962—Firefighter Joseph E. Almon (L-35)       |   |
| 1908—Firefighter John T. Oakley (L-11)  | 1963—Firefighter Lawrence F. Duenas (E-59)    |   |
| 1909—Battalion Chief George L. Ross (Bn-7)  | 1964—Firefighter David Crowley (L-14)         |   |
| 1910—Firefighter John R. Harcke (L-12)<br>Firefighter Frank C. Clarke (L-24)                                      | 1965—Firefighter James E. Bowler (R-2)        |   |
| 1911—Firefighter Richard J. Condon (2) (E-12)   | 1966—Firefighter Robert E. Farrell (L-31)     |   |
| 1912—Firefighter Robert J. Boyle (L-10)   | 1967—Firefighter Thomas D. Ferraiuolo (L-28)  |   |
| 1913—Engineer of Steamer Seneca Larke (E-20)  | 1968—Firefighter Gene P. Dowling (L-25)       |   |
| 1914—Firefighter John F. Mooney (1) (L-4)   | 1969—Firefighter James N. Tempro (E-217)      |   |
| 1915—Captain Thomas W. Smith (E-2)  | 1970—Firefighter Charles Varner (L-55)        |   |
| 1916—Firefighter James T. Daniels (L-26)  | 1971—Lieutenant Richard R. Hamilton (R-2)     |   |
| 1917—Firefighter John Walsh (1) (L-1)   | 1972—Firefighter Steven C. DeRosa (L-102)     |   |
| 1918—Firefighter Patrick R. O'Connor (L-14)   | 1973—Firefighter Raymond G. McCann (L-40)     |   |
| 1919—Lieutenant Francis Blessing (R-1)  | 1974—Firefighter Gilbert J. Murtha (L-108)    |   |
| 1920—Firefighter Timothy F. O'Leary Jr. (E-15)  | 1975—Firefighter Thomas J. Neary (L-31)       |   |
| 1921—Firefighter Frank J. Costello (L-12)   | 1976—Firefighter Martin McGovern (L-114)      |   |
| 1922—Firefighter Jacob F. Ferber (E-239)  | 1977—Captain Frederick W. Gallagher (R-2)     |   |
| 1923—Captain Edwin A.A. Quinn (E-14)  | 1978—Firefighter James H. Battillo (L-152)    |   |
| 1924—Hon. Medical Off. Harry M. Archer, MD  | 1979—Firefighter John J. Pritchard (R-2)      |   |
|   | 1980—Lieutenant Thomas J. Neary (L-28)        |   |
|   | 1981—Lieutenant Howard R. Kennedy (L-154)     |   |
|   | 1982—Firefighter Joseph H. Dirks (L-103)      |   |
|   | 1983—Firefighter Kenneth L. Connelly (L-111)  |   |
|   | 1984—Firefighter Robert Merkel (L-42)         |   |



*Chief of Department Peter J. Ganci Jr.*



# Chief of Department Peter J. Ganci, Jr. Medal & NYS Honorary Fire Chiefs Association Medal

## Firefighter Artur Podgorski

Ladder Company 108 (assigned)

Ladder Company 16 (detailed)

November 5, 2022, 1020 hours, Box 33-0877, Manhattan



*Appointed to the FDNY on November 12, 2019. Previously detailed to Engine Company 55 for a year rotation at the time of the incident. Holds a bachelor's degree in health service administration from Lehman College. Resides in Whitestone, New York, with wife Astrid.*

**F**irefighter Artur Podgorski's detail on Saturday, November 5, 2022, put him at one of the most memorable fires in recent history. Ladder Company 16 was assigned second due to a phone alarm with reports of people trapped by fire on the 20th floor of a high-rise apartment building. First arriving units transmitted a 10-77, and when Ladder 16 arrived, they observed smoke emanating from the building and residents partially hanging out of a window on the 20th floor, one side of which was blocked by a full-size child window guard.



With the elevator no longer working, Ladder 16 ascended the stairs to the floor above the fire. On their way up, Lieutenant Joseph Decker (Ladder 16) and FF Podgorski (can) briefly stopped to help Engine Company 8 free their hose-line by prying the door it was wedged under, allowing it to advance.

On the 21st floor, FF Podgorski joined members from Ladder 16 and Ladder 2 preparing for a life-saving rope (LSR) rescue. He assisted Firefighter Belvon Koranteng (Ladder 16, roof) out of the window, then helped secure Firefighter Christian Wellinger (Ladder 2, roof) as he lowered FF Koranteng. FF Koranteng discovered that the first victim, now hanging completely outside the window, was entangled in the window guard; he reported that an additional member was needed to assist with the other victims.

As additional members arrived in the apartment, the decision was made to lower FF Podgorski. Firefighter Julian Castaneda (Ladder 35, roof) began setting up his LSR in the cluttered apartment. Members navigated around furniture and construction debris to set up the rope operation. Complicating matters was the fact that simultaneous, side-by-side LSR rescues were happening from the same window, in a cluttered apart-



*FF Artur Podgorski secures a victim hanging from a 20th-floor window at Manhattan Box 0877, November 5, 2022. (Photo by Rickie Samson)*

ment, with no substantial object initially. As the rope was being prepared, FF Podgorski determined the location of the victim, readied the anti-chafing device and placed his bunker coat over the jagged, light-gauge metal frame for added protection. The firefighters knew time was of the essence, so FF Castaneda placed his feet against the bed to brace himself, and—with a Halligan in hand—FF Podgorski exited the window.

The smoke condition intensified as FF Podgorski reached the window, due to the heavy volume of fire ignited by lithium-ion batteries. While FF Koranteng held the victim's legs, FF Podgorski was able to take hold of her and properly secure her. At that point, FF Koranteng was lowered to the floor below. Both securing the victim and freeing her arm proved difficult for one member on a rope, so FF Darren Harsch (forcible entry, detailed to Rescue Company 1) directed the members inside to haul FF Podgorski up and into a better position to secure the victim. FF Harsch then exited the window, and together, the two firefighters worked to free her. Several times during this difficult and coordinated rescue effort, FF Podgorski climbed or was pulled up to get better leverage under the direction of the lowering members. Once the victim's arm was freed, she and FF Podgorski were lowered inside the 19th floor window to start medical treatment.

The actions of Firefighter Artur Podgorski were beyond what he envisioned in "taking the detail." After climbing 21 flights and being lowered on a life-saving rope—without being tied off to a substantial object—to rescue an entangled victim while 20 stories high, FF Podgorski never wavered in his actions. For his extreme bravery and actions, he is hereby awarded the Chief of Department Peter J. Ganci, Jr. Medal and the NYS Honorary Fire Chiefs Association Medal. - AP



# Brooklyn Citizens Medal & FF Louis Valentino Award

## Firefighter Stefon S. Douglas Engine Company 276

June 5, 2022, 1802 hours, Box 75-3103, Brooklyn

*Appointed to the FDNY on June 27, 2016. Member of the FDNY Vulcan Society, FDNY hockey team and FDNY basketball team. Resides in Brooklyn.*

The mission and role of a New York City firefighter does not rest when a member of the Department is off duty. As has been stated many times, "It's not what we do; it's who we are." This motto was once again illustrated the evening of June 5, 2022, when Firefighter Stefon Douglas, Engine Company 276, was parking his vehicle at home after a day tour in Battalion 33. While parking, FF Douglas observed dense black smoke coming from a multiple dwelling just four doors away. Fires in these combustible buildings can rapidly extend and expand, endangering any occupants inside. Knowing this, FF Douglas wasted no time. Without regard for his own safety, he attempted to make entry through the front door of the first floor of a fully involved apartment fire.

Firefighter Douglas's initial attempt was thwarted by the intense heat, smoke and flames, but utilizing the ingenuity, perseverance and tenacity that is the hallmark of FDNY firefighters, he remembered that he had an SCBA in his vehicle from a recent career day he had participated in. Donning the SCBA, he ran to the rear of the occupancy, where the main fire was located, and found a neighbor using a garden hose to try to control the fire. Firefighter Douglas utilized the garden hose to the best of his ability to control the flames and attempted to make entry for a search of any trapped

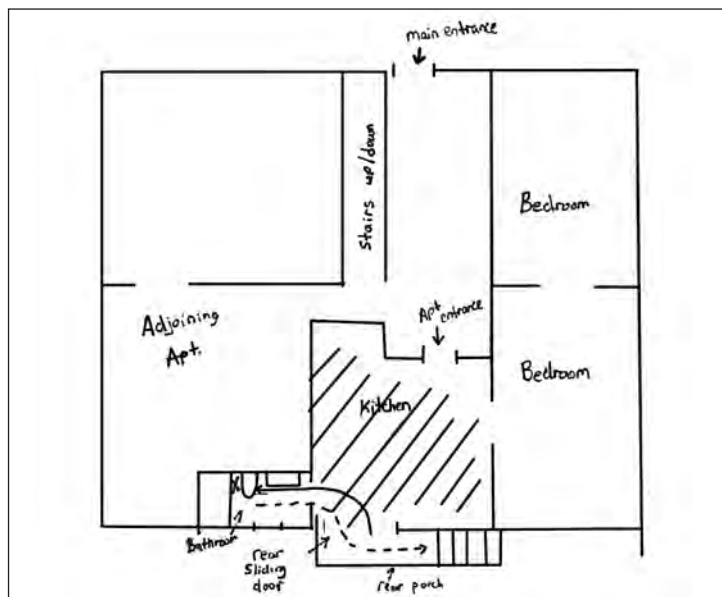
victims. Upon hearing cries, FF Douglas—with no protective gear and no FDNY units yet on scene—made the incredibly brave decision to begin a primary search.

During these crucial moments, with intense smoke, heat and flames and without the protection of a charged hoseline, FF Douglas crawled down the hallway, passing fire to find a young child in the bathroom, between the toilet and the shower. Using his own body as a shield, he quickly removed the small child, traversing back through the intensifying heat, smoke and flames to remove the victim to safety. Knowing someone was possibly still inside, he was about to attempt a second search when Ladder Company 159's outside vent firefighter arrived. The fully equipped members of Ladder 159 took over the search and located an additional unconscious victim in the rear of the home, removing them to safety.

This rescue and the actions of FF Douglas are illustrative of the highly skilled nature of New York City firefighters, based on a core of solid training to achieve operational excellence, as well as the quick thinking and courageous and innovative actions to save lives during dynamic fire conditions. Firefighter Stefon Douglas exemplifies the very best traditions and professionalism of the FDNY and is awarded the Brooklyn Citizens Medal and FF Louis Valentino Award. - TC



Mayor Eric Adams proclaims Friday, July 15, 2022, "FDNY Firefighter Stefon Douglas Day" in the City of New York.



# Christopher J. Prescott Medal

December 8, 2022, 1107 hours, Bronx



**Lieutenant  
Shlomo E. Winkler  
Station 45**

Appointed to the FDNY on September 21, 2015. Previously assigned to EMS Stations 45 and 16. Recipient of two Pre-Hospital Saves and two Unit Citations. Served three years of active duty and eight years of reserve duty in the Israeli Defense Forces. Resides in Levittown, New York, with his wife, Rivka Quinn, and children, Thor and Magnus.

Appointed to the FDNY on March 6, 2017. Previously assigned to the Queens Tactical Response Group and EMS Station 49. Recipient of one Pre-Hospital Save. Resides in Sea Cliff, New York, with fiancé Nathan Ray.



**Paramedic  
Kira L. Watkins  
Station 45**

In the early afternoon of December 8, 2022, two people, ages 29 and 16, plummeted five floors down an elevator shaft at the Bronx Terminal Market. The 16-year-old landed on top of the elevator, while the 29-year-old fell down to the elevator's pit. Within three minutes, vital Department resources—including EMTs, paramedics, firefighters and the Rescue Battalion—arrived to assist the two victims.

Thanks to Fire Department personnel and facility elevator operators, the younger patient was extricated from the elevator shaft having sustained minor injuries from falling debris and was promptly evaluated by EMS members on scene. However, the older patient's fall resulted in serious traumatic injuries.

Rescue Paramedic Shlomo Winkler (now a lieutenant at Station 14) and Paramedic Kira Watkins (who had just completed her internship as a new paramedic) immediately began working with the on-scene Rescue Battalion to initiate patient care to the injured and trapped patient. Rescue Paramedic Winkler attempted to access the patient from the elevator shaft but was unsuccessful. While units devised a plan for accessing and extricating the patient, Rescue Paramedic Winkler began conducting verbal assessments of the patient and relayed pertinent reports to on-scene resources—most importantly, to Paramedic Watkins. As a new paramedic, Watkins frequently partnered with Rescue Paramedic Winkler during her internship. Paramedic Watkins would ask, "What can I do to be a good 'rescue assistant' in case we are assigned to a rescue job?" Little did Paramedic Watkins know, her vigilance and desire to learn would pay off.

Through their continuous coordination, an acute change in the patient's condition was detected. The patient was now having trouble breathing, potentially because of traumatic injuries. Due



Paramedic Kira Watkins (Sta. 45) and Lieutenant Shlomo Winkler (Sta. 45, now Sta. 14).



EMS members administer care as the patient is removed from the elevator pit to the awaiting ambulance. Paramedic Kira Watkins is the third paramedic from the left. (Photo by WABC)

to urgent patient care requirements, limited access and extrication challenges, breaching the wall to the elevator's pit became the only viable option.

Rescue companies also secured the car and cut a hole in the floor of the elevator. Rescue Medic Winkler climbed down into the pit and began thoroughly assessing the patient and providing urgent medical treatments. Haz-Tac companies brought equipment in through the breached wall. Without hesitation, Paramedic Watkins seamlessly assisted from above as Rescue Paramedic Winkler called out for needed medications and equipment while working in the dark, narrow elevator pit. Paramedic Watkins prepared patient-carrying equipment and some medications for the

trapped and injured patient's extrication from the pit. Thanks to accurate assessment skills, fluid communication, aggressive medical interventions, coordination between resources on scene and a committed, diligent, attentive "rescue assistant," this potential critical patient was removed from the pit in stable condition.

Rescue Paramedic Winkler and Paramedic Watkins, along with numerous on-scene units, worked together in the face of numerous challenges and succeeded as a team. Of note, it is uncommon for a rescue paramedic to work with a non-rescue paramedic—especially one who has only recently completed an internship. Rescue Paramedic Winkler's ability to effectively communicate with the newly minted Paramedic Watkins is a true testament to the spirit of the Christopher J. Prescott Medal. For their professionalism and unwavering commitment to providing quality care, Lieutenant Shlomo Winkler and Paramedic Kira Watkins are awarded the Christopher J. Prescott Medal. - BR



## Hugh Bonner Medal & Honor Legion Medal

### Firefighter Darren J. Harsch

**Squad Company 270 (assigned)**

**Rescue Company 1 (detailed)**

**November 5, 2022, 1020 hours, Box 33-0877, Manhattan**

*Appointed to the FDNY on June 11, 2006. Previously assigned to Ladder Company 129. Holds a bachelor's degree in security systems from Farmingdale State College. Recipient of the 2022 Chief of Department Peter J. Ganci Jr. Medal & NYS Honorary Fire Chiefs Association Medal, the 2022 Firefighter Thomas R. Elsasser Memorial Medal, two Class II and five Unit Citations. Resides in Hauppauge, New York, with wife Jillian.*

On November 5, 2022, Rescue Company 1 responded to a fire in a high-rise residential building. En route, the Manhattan dispatcher notified Rescue 1 that they were receiving numerous phone calls that three people were hanging out the 20th-floor window. Upon arrival, on-scene radio communications indicated there were no functioning elevators, and Ladder Companies 16 and 2 were in the process of setting up a life-saving rope rescue from the 21st floor. Lieutenant Adrienne Walsh split the company in two, sending half to the fire floor and half to the floor above. Firefighters Darren Harsch (irons), Renald Jean (roof) and James Cahill (chauffeur) went to the floor above to assist in what turned out to be a complex, multifaceted rescue operation. Members knew water would be delayed due to the non-working elevators, and the thick, black smoke pushing under pressure meant that time was of the essence, especially for one person now hanging in a precarious position outside the window.

As they arrived on the 21st floor, they confirmed that three people were trapped. All members involved discussed the plan and prepared to lower the first firefighter, Belvon Koranteng (detailed to Ladder 16, roof). Firefighter Jean established a substantial object and began coordinating the lowering of FF Koranteng to retrieve the first victim. Members quickly learned that the victim's arm was entangled in the child guard, necessitating a tool to complete the task. FF Harsch took position at the window, where he could better coordinate from the edge.

A second firefighter from Ladder 16, Artur Podgorski, was lowered with a Halligan tool to attempt to free the victim's arm. He was able to hold the victim more securely, and FF Koranteng was

lowered into the 19th floor, where his rope was unclipped and reset. Firefighter Podgorski quickly recognized that securing the victim while also attempting to free her would be challenging and dangerous. Firefighter Harsch was then lowered to a position above the civilian. From this vantage point, he was able to see the person's arm and determine what was needed to free her. Using his training and experience, he made sure that FF Podgorski was prepared to take the entire weight of the civilian once she was freed. Firefighter Harsch used the Halligan tool to make a void in the child guard and shift her weight to the newly created space. He used his legs to slide the civilian to the space and told the firefighter to be ready. Once the civilian's arm was moved, she was freed, and her weight was immediately transferred to FF Podgorski. This entire process, which was recorded and shared around the world, seemed effortless—all while hanging 200 feet above the ground.

FF Harsch turned his attention to the two other trapped occupants. He was lowered into position, held the second female victim and lowered her to safety on the 19th floor. He disconnected his rope and immediately went up to the fire floor to assist with the ongoing operations. Engine companies advanced on the fire just as a fourth firefighter, Adam Nordenschild (Ladder 2, roof), reached the third victim at the window. This victim was rescued from the interior.

Firefighter Darren Harsch displayed incredible courage and expertise at this fire. Two successful life-saving rope rescues happened at this one fire because of his efforts. He acted within the finest traditions of the FDNY, Rescue 1 and the Special Operations Command and is awarded the Hugh Bonner Medal and Honor Legion Medal. - RLL



*Firefighter Darren Harsch (working in Rescue 1) works to free a victim, whose arm is entangled in a window child gate, before she can be lowered to the 19th floor, at Manhattan Box 0877, November 5, 2022. (Photo by Ken Gunsberger)*

# Yadira Arroyo Medal

## Station 26

**Paramedic Mark D. Gioffre**  
**Paramedic Johnathan D. Silvera**  
**EMT Jazmin M. Bourdier**  
**EMT Brandon J. Camacho**  
**EMT Jose Lemus**  
**EMT Christopher T. Love**  
**EMT Vincent Rebolledo**  
**EMT Joel N. Rosado**

December 16, 2022, Box 22-2702, 0610 hours, Bronx

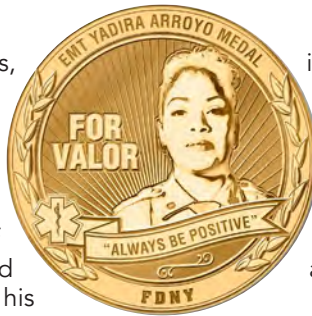


Members of EMS Station 26, from left to right: Paramedic Johnathan D. Silvera, EMTs Christopher T. Love, Vincent Rebolledo, Joel N. Rosado, Jazmin M. Bourdier, Brandon J. Camacho, Paramedic Mark D. Gioffre and EMT Jose Lemus.

**O**n December 16, 2022, at 0610 hours, members at EMS Station 26—EMT Jazmin Bourdier, EMT Brandon Camacho, EMT Jose Lemus, EMT Christopher Love, EMT Vincent Rebolledo, EMT Joel Rosado, Paramedic Mark Gioffre and Paramedic Johnathan Silvera—noticed a strong smell of smoke in the station. A man who lived around the corner entered the station screaming that his house was on fire with his wife and child still inside. EMT Gioffre grabbed a fire extinguisher, and most of the group raced around the corner to Tinton Avenue. EMT Love drove the ambulance nearer to the fire building.

Upon their arrival, fire and smoke was billowing from the front second-story window. Cries of an infant could be heard from within the structure, and the man said that his wife and infant child were on the second floor. The front door was open, but fire in the entryway and staircase made entry impossible. Without hesitation, the members sprung into action.

While members set up a ladder to the second-story window in the rear, EMT Love and EMT Lemus made entry to the first floor through a rear window. As they searched for victims, they could still hear the baby crying and were met with small pockets of fire and a moderate smoke condition. As they made their way toward the front of the building, it became apparent that they could not navigate farther without proper equipment. They retreated back through the rear window after conducting a lim-



ited search of the first floor for victims.

The other members raised a ladder to a second-floor window and broke glass to make entry. They found a heavy smoke condition and made multiple attempts to locate the mother and child. They could hear the child, but the combination of the limited visibility, inhalation of smoke and fatigue forced them back out of the building.

By now, fire companies had arrived, and EMS led members to the ladder in the rear. EMS informed them of the victims' general location on the second floor, and both mother and child were removed from the building. The mother was found unconscious; Paramedic Gioffre and Paramedic Silvera immediately began life-saving efforts. Their quick deployment of treatment saved the victim's life, and she was able to sit up and speak with her saviors.

The victims of this incident would have had a far less desirable outcome if it had not been for the members of EMS Station 26. Their bravery and teamwork are a testament of

what it means to be part of this great Department. In addition, while the victims were transported to the hospital, the remaining members helped assist a neighbor in securing their four dogs from the blazing building.

The Yadira Arroyo Medal is awarded to those who exhibit extraordinary bravery and is named after the sister of one of this year's recipients, EMT Joel Rosado. For their teamwork and bravery, these members of EMS Station 26 are receiving the Yadira Arroyo Medal. – RL



FDNY members operate on scene where a mother and child were saved, Bronx Box 22-2702, December 16, 2022.



# Emily Trevor Mary B. Warren Medal

## Lieutenant John W. Vanderstar Ladder Company 44

October 23, 2022, 1046 hours, Box 22-2751, Bronx

*Appointed to the FDNY on October 27, 1996. Previously assigned to Ladder Company 6 and Engine Company 246; rotation in Engine Company 234. Brother, Lieutenant Gerald Vanderstar, retired from Engine Company 151. Nephews, Firefighters Frank D'adamo and Peter Calabrese, are assigned to Engine Company 321 and Ladder Company 5, respectively. Recipient of a Class III, Class A, four Unit Citations and the Fire Marshals Benevolent Medal. Member of the FDNY Emerald Society. Resides in Chester, New York, with wife Dawn and children Danielle, John and Alexandra.*

**O**n October 23, 2022, at 1016 hours, a civilian knocked on Ladder Company 44's firehouse door to report fire on the top floor of a five-story multiple dwelling on Morris Avenue. While reporting the alarm to dispatch, members were informed that numerous calls were being received for the address. On approach, they saw smoke and fire coming from the top floor of the building and transmitted the 10-75.

Upon arrival, Lieutenant John Vanderstar and his inside team, Firefighters Carlos Azevedo (irons) and Gerard Cash (can), made their way to the fifth floor, where they were met with high heat and heavy black smoke coming from the door of the fire apartment. Firefighters Azevedo and Cash forced entry, but the door was only able to open a few inches, still causing fire to come into the public hallway. At this point, the fire had control of a large room, cutting off access to the fire escape, and had extended to the apartment hallway and living room.

Lieutenant Vanderstar noticed that two chain locks were engaged, which meant people were, most likely, still inside the apartment. Firefighter Azevedo forced the chain locks while FF Cash used the can to push the fire back into the apartment. With heavy fire and smoke still at the front door, Lieutenant Vanderstar decided to quickly search the apartment hallway to see if anyone had tried to exit the apartment but didn't make it all the way out. Though his search was negative, he was certain the apartment was occupied.

At extreme risk to himself, the lieutenant crawled deeper into the apartment to search. By now, the extinguisher was empty, and Lieutenant Vanderstar considered returning to the door to wait for the hoseline.

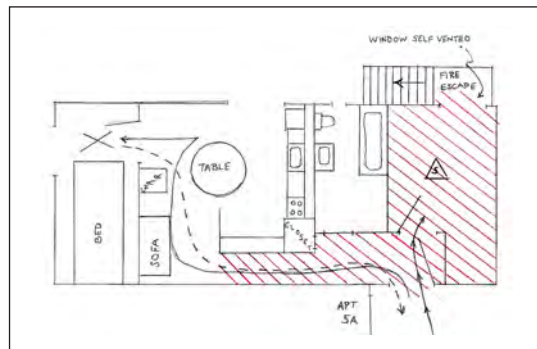
Just then, he heard the faint cries of a child. More determined, he pushed farther and crawled into the bedroom, where he found a female victim lying semi-conscious on the floor with a toddler lying on top of her. At this time, Engine Company 42 was stretching the hoseline, and water was not yet on the fire. When Lieutenant Vanderstar informed the incident commander that he had two 10-45s in the rear bedroom, the child's cries were heard over the handie-talkie. Meanwhile, with the extinguisher expended, members in the hall were forced to hold the apartment door closed until the hoseline could be positioned. The fire was so intense, flames were pushing through the peephole in the door.

From his position at the rear of the building, Lieutenant Vanderstar knew he could not bring the victims out through the apartment door, that the only fire escape was cut off by fire, and that conditions were severe with fire extending toward them. His options were to shelter the victims in place and wait for the fire to be knocked down or prepare for a roof rope rescue. He broke through the window in the bedroom to get fresh air for the victims and informed command he was sheltering with them.

As Engine 42 extinguished heavy fire, Firefighters Azevedo and Cash pushed in behind them to assist Lieutenant Vanderstar in the rear bedroom. He directed his inside team to remove the mother from the apartment while he carried out the now-unconscious toddler and handed her to EMS downstairs. For his aggressive and determined actions that saved the lives of a mother and child, Lieutenant John Vanderstar is being honored with the Emily Trevor/Mary B. Warren Medal. - NG



Ladder Company 44 operates at Bronx Box 22-2751, October 23, 2022. (Photo by the Citizen app)



# Thomas E. Crimmins Medal

## Firefighter Sean K. Driscoll

Ladder Company 44

October 17, 2022, 0008 Hours, Box 75-2712, Bronx

Appointed to the FDNY on June 26, 2016. Previously assigned to Engine Company 92. Resides in the Bronx with wife Noella and their child, Mason.



On October 17, 2022, members of Ladder Company 44 received an alarm at 0008 hours reporting “smoke in the basement” of a five-story New Law tenement (H-type building) on the Grand Concourse. As members arrived, they discovered heavy black smoke venting from a cellar window on the exposure 3 side of the building. Firefighter Sean Driscoll, who had the OV position, moved to the rear of the building and found a large group of civilians in the alleyway. Almost immediately, panicked civilians who were trapped behind a window called out to Driscoll for help. He rapidly assisted all three civilians out of the window, removing them from harm.

At the same time, the fire had intensified drastically; it was now blowing out of a cellar window and rolling out of the rear cellar doorway to the open air. The doorway appeared impassable, but FF Driscoll was undeterred. Knowing the building was heavily occupied during sleeping hours, he approached the rear cellar doorway, dropped to a knee and donned his SCBA facepiece as the fire continued to intensify. As soon as FF Driscoll’s gear was set, he ducked down below the fire, crawling aggressively into the cellar and passing a doorway on his left that led to the main fire area.

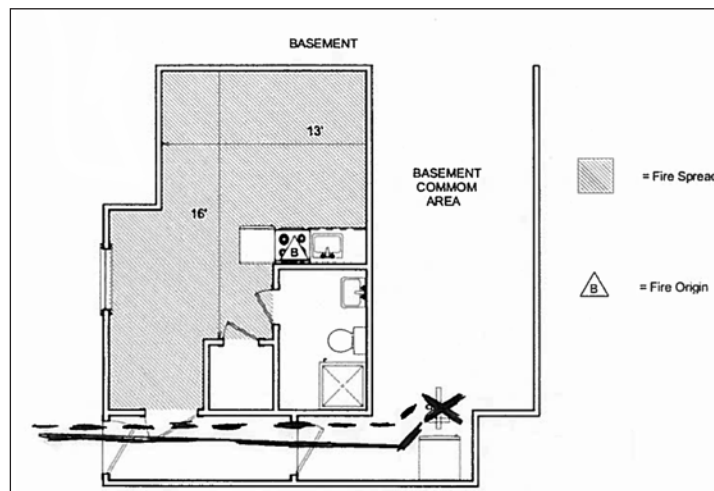
Firefighter Driscoll felt immense heat as he moved past the fire room without the protection of a charged hose-line (later examination revealed that his bunker coat was discolored from thermal loading). He proceeded beyond the fire area, toward the front of the building, using his

Halligan tool as a probe. After traveling about 25 feet straight in from the doorway, he felt his tool hit something soft—the limp body of an unconscious fire victim. He immediately transmitted a 10-45 to the incident commander. As this was happening, Engine Company 50 arrived at the rear of the building with a hoseline, quickly moving into the fire area and knocking down the main body of fire. This provided a path through which FF Driscoll could remove the victim. With the help of Firefighter Eric Taddeo, Ladder 44’s chauffeur, FF Driscoll removed the victim back the way he came in, transferring him to fresh members in the rear alley and ultimately to members of FDNY EMS.

Firefighter Driscoll exhibited extreme courage under daunting fire conditions. His daring rescue saved the life of a helpless victim who was in imminent peril and would not have survived the fire. For Firefighter Sean Driscoll’s exceptional tenacity and selfless act of valor, he is awarded the Thomas E. Crimmins Medal. - JC



Firefighter Sean Driscoll (Ladder 44) enters exposure 3 at Box 75-2712, followed by Ladder 44 Chauffeur Eric Taddeo, as flames roll over their heads. (Photo by FNTV)





# Thomas A. Kenny Memorial Medal

## Firefighter Christopher A. Iannuzzi

Ladder Company 31

November 15, 2022, 1222 hours, Box 22-2736, Bronx

Appointed to the FDNY on May 5, 2002. Cousin, Lieutenant Eddie Iannuzzi, is assigned to Engine Company 70. Recipient of the Vincent J. Kane Medal in 2012, Class A, Class III and three Unit Citations. Resides in Waccabuc, New York, with his wife, Kerrie, and their child, Chris.

Engine Company 82 and Ladder Company 31 are well known throughout the Department due to the fire duty in the South Bronx. In the past, many rescues have been made by members of "La Casa Grande." In carrying on the traditions of courage and valor, another firefighter from the house has asserted himself as one of New York's Bravest.

On the afternoon of November 15, 2022, the alarm tones went off and assigned the companies to a first-due phone alarm reporting a fire at Box 5736, with people trapped on the third floor. On arrival, the 10-75 signal was given for a fire in a three-story, light-weight dwelling with heavy smoke pushing from the first and third floors.

As Engine 82 began to stretch a hoseline, the inside team of Ladder 31 was met with fire lapping out the first-floor apartment door and into the public hallway. The door could not be pulled closed to contain the fire due to burning debris wedged inside the door frame. While the can firefighter deployed the water extinguisher, Firefighter Christopher Iannuzzi (irons) told his officer he would dive under the fire and dash up the stairwell, despite the flames rolling across the ceiling and without the protection of a hoseline.

FF Iannuzzi quickly ascended the stairs and began searching the hallway. Upon reaching the third-floor apartment in zero visibility and high-heat conditions, he had to force the door alone. Next, he

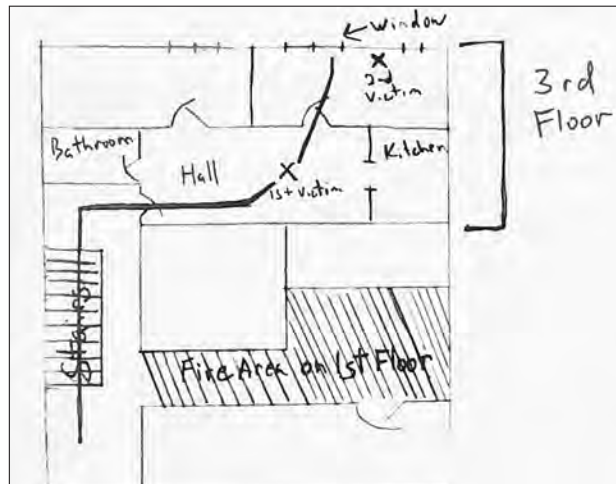
began a methodical search to locate any victims. He came across an unconscious female lying prone on the floor and transmitted the 10-45. Aware of the poor conditions in the public hallway and stairs, he moved the victim to the rear of the apartment, hoping she could be removed via portable ladder.



Ladder Company 31 operates at Bronx Box 22-2736, November 15, 2022.

FF Iannuzzi heard another voice deeper in the apartment and proceeded in that direction. As he entered a rear bedroom, he came across a victim in a state of panic at a window. After laying the first victim on the bed and closing the door to the room, he vented the window to allow the smoke to lift and give both victims some fresh air. Once he assessed the conditions and knew the roof teams were in position to attempt a rope rescue of the second victim, he relayed to the incident commander that he was sheltering the victims in place until the hoseline had control of the fire. As Engine 82 knocked down the fire and conditions improved, the decision was made to carry the first victim down the interior stairwell, with the second victim following. Outside, the victims were turned over to EMS, who provided the appropriate care.

Without regard for his own personal safety, Firefighter Christopher Iannuzzi put himself at great personal risk to save the lives of two victims and therefore is awarded the Thomas A. Kenny Memorial Medal. - MC





# Walter Scott Medal

## Firefighter Adam M. Nordenschild

### Ladder Company 2

November 5, 2022, 1024 hours, Box 33-0877, Manhattan



Appointed to the FDNY on December 29, 2014. Cousin Firefighter Frankie Lopresti retired from Engine Company 304, and cousin Firefighter Thomas Nordenschild is assigned to Ladder Company 167. Served as a corporal in the United States Marine Corps. Recipient of a Unit Citation in April 2018. Resides in Brooklyn.

On Saturday, November 5, 2022, at 1024 hours, Ladder Company 2 responded to East 52nd Street for a fire in an apartment on the 20th floor, with reports of people trapped. Upon arrival, heavy, turbulent smoke could be seen pushing out from two upper-floor windows as building staff, and panicked civilians in the lobby reported a fire on the 20th floor. With transmissions from the Incident Commander that people in distress were visible at upper floor windows, Ladder 2 Roof Firefighter Adam Nordenschild used the elevator to access the 18th floor and initiate floor-above operations.

FF Nordenschild rapidly accessed the apartment above the fire as the incident commander notified members of people climbing out onto the windowsills. As building elevators became inoperable, causing a serious delay in subsequent units accessing the fire area, FF Nordenschild anticipated the need for rapid deployment of the life-saving rope. He cleared the bedroom window and prepared for the operation as Ladder 2's outside vent firefighter attempted to communicate with victims below to prevent panic and allow critical time for operating forces.

With the arrival of Ladder Company 16, life-saving rope operations commenced. FF Nordenschild maintained direct contact with the member being lowered, ensured the rope remained free of abrasion and provided critical updates to operating members. The first occupant was impaled on a window guard and unable to follow commands, making them difficult to remove, so a second life-saving rope was rapidly deployed from the same window.

FF Nordenschild again tasked himself with numerous vital functions, which included coordinating and managing the challenging scene. At one critical point, FF Nordenschild was required to pull back on a rope bearing the weight of two people in an extreme and successful maneuver to free the impaled victim's hand.

With the fire remaining unchecked on the floor below and one occupant still trapped at the window, FF Nordenschild mounted the windowsill and began his descent on a life-saving rope. As engine companies aggressively advanced on the fire, he reached a position just above the occupant, who was in shock, severely burned and bleeding. He instructed the victim not to move as FDNY members made their way to the window from the interior, remaining in position to ensure the victim was carefully secured. When instructed by his officer, FF Nordenschild continued his descent and was retrieved safely into the 19th floor, rejoining interior members to further assist with removal of the victim.

FF Nordenschild directly participated in successfully deploying three members via life-saving rope, with two ropes operating simultaneously. He worked tirelessly, navigating through extreme sets of circumstances to facilitate the retrieval of three FDNY members and two civilians into the 19th-floor window. Following this, FF Adam Nordenschild himself deployed via life-saving rope to address a third civilian on the fire floor. For his professionalism, determination and quick thinking—which resulted in the saving of three lives—he is awarded the Walter Scott Medal. - MB



Firefighter Adam Nordenschild (Ladder 2) is lowered to the 20th-floor window at Manhattan Box 33-0877, November 5, 2022. (Photo by Rickie Samson)



# John H. Prentice Medal

## Captain Daniel C. O'Shea

Ladder Company 31

December 16, 2022, 0615 hours, Box 22-2702, Bronx

Appointed to the FDNY on July 28, 2002. Previously assigned to Ladder Company 112 and Ladder 102. Holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Siena College. Resides in Warwick, New York, with his wife, Caroline, and their children, Daniel and Jack Ryan.

Just after 6 a.m. on December 16, 2022, Ladder Company 31 was assigned first due to a reported fire in a private dwelling in the Bronx. The company, led by Captain Daniel O'Shea, arrived to find heavy fire blowing out of the second-floor windows. EMS members on scene reported that there were a mother and baby possibly trapped in a second-floor rear bedroom. Captain O'Shea knew that the advanced fire condition in the wood-frame dwelling put the two victims in great peril without immediate action.

Upon entering the building, Captain O'Shea observed burning debris dropping down from the second-floor landing, catching the first floor and stairs on fire. Once at the top of the stairs, he confronted two front bedrooms that were fully involved with fire. He made a calculated decision to pass the rooms without the protection of a charged hoseline in order to reach the rear bedroom, the reported location of the victims. As he advanced, the environment grew hotter and darker until the visibility reached zero and the heat drove him to a low crouch. With controlled urgency, he found his way to the rear bedroom door. The smoke and heat persisted as he entered the bedroom. He began his search and quickly located an unconscious, adult female at the base of the bed. He communicated that he had found a victim to his in-

side team, Firefighters Josiah Rivera and Seth Diamond, who were in the deteriorating hallway.

Captain O'Shea removed the victim to FF Rivera as FF Diamond used his water extinguisher to hold back the fire. Firefighters Diamond and Rivera then worked together to remove the victim down the stairs to awaiting EMS crews just as fire began to consume the hallway. Now alone on the fire floor, Captain O'Shea returned to the rear bedroom to continue searching in zero visibility for the trapped baby. He heard

a faint cry that led him to a pile of blankets and various other debris. He carefully sifted through the pile and found a small baby. Removing the infant through the interior was not an option due to the condition of the hallway and stairs, so—while sheltering the baby in his arms—Captain O'Shea found relief from the toxic smoke at the broken bedroom window. Firefighter McGoldrick (Ladder 19, outside vent) was in the rear of the fire building and placed a portable ladder to the window. He rapidly ascended the ladder and removed the baby from Captain O'Shea to await-

ing paramedics on the ground.

Without hesitation, Captain O'Shea put himself at great personal risk under extreme fire conditions in order to quickly locate and rescue these two victims. His actions that morning were a testament of his dedication to the highest traditions of the FDNY, and for this, he is awarded the John H. Prentice Medal. - FW



Ladder Company 31 at Bronx Box 22-2702, December 16, 2022, from left to right: Captain Dan O'Shea, FF Seth Diamond, FF Sean McCort, FF Lucas Niskanen, FF Joseph Westenberger and FF Josiah Rivera.



Captain Daniel O'Shea (L-31) rescued a mother and baby from this structure. (Photo by FNTV)

# Henry D. Brookman Medal

## Firefighter Belvon J. Koranteng

**Engine Company 295 (assigned)**

**Ladder Company 16 (detailed)**

**November 5, 2022, 1020 hours, Box 33-0877, Manhattan**



*Appointed to the FDNY on November 12, 2019. Recipient of one Pre-Hospital Save in 2021. Attended New York City College of Technology. Resides with his wife, Icsis, in Briarwood, New York.*

**F**ew meritorious acts rise to the level of the life-saving rope rescue, which is so symbolic of the bravery of New York City firefighters who readily put their life on the line to rescue a fire victim, while being lowered from a life-saving rope, many stories above the street. This was the case on November 5, 2002, as Ladder Company 16 rolled out to multiple calls for fire at a high-rise multiple dwelling located at Box 0877, Manhattan. Ladder 16 is no stranger to these types of buildings and the challenge of firefighting in a high-rise environment. As Firefighter Belvon Koranteng (detailed Ladder 16, roof) arrived, it was evident that this would be a difficult and dangerous operation. Upon arrival, members observed that three occupants had broken the windows in their 20th-floor apartment, and were precariously hanging out of one side, trying to escape the intense flame, heat and smoke. The other side of the window was blocked by a full-sized child guard.

This dangerous and dynamic fire situation was greatly exacerbated due to malfunctioning elevators, which firefighters rely on to expedite their travel to the fire area to initiate life-saving operations. At this fire, FF Koranteng climbed 21 stories—carrying the life-saving rope and firefighting tools—to begin a rescue of the trapped occupants. Relying on the many training evolutions featuring life-saving rope operations, FF Koranteng entered the apartment and met up with members from Ladder Company 2. He immediately began preparing for a life-saving rope operation and navigated the cluttered apartment to the window of descent.

At that time, one occupant was hanging completely outside of the building, 200 feet above the street. FFs Koranteng and Christian Wellinger (Ladder 16, forcible entry) made the incredibly courageous decision to use a metal door frame and FF Wellinger's body as a brace—effectively before a typical substantial object could be secured.

With prior and consistent training as his foundation and with multiple members laying on the lowering firefighter, FF Koranteng tried to calm the trapped victims and began his rescue descent. Smoke conditions had intensified due to the heavy volume of fire ignited by lithium-ion batteries. As he reached the victims, he realized the situation was even more dire: one female was entangled in the child-guard window gate, which was keeping her from falling. He informed the members, but attempts to lower a Halligan tool were unsuccessful. While enduring exposure to thick, acrid smoke, FF

Koranteng supported the trapped victim as Firefighter Artur Podgorski (detailed to Ladder 16, can) was readied for descent and lowered to assist with the rescue.

Once FF Podgorski secured the victim, FF Koranteng was lowered to the floor below, where he eventually assisted in the removal and treatment of two of the trapped victims. This amazing example of firefighter teamwork, bravery and ingenuity is emblematic of the highest traditions of the FDNY, and for his heroic actions, Firefighter Belvon Koranteng is awarded the Henry D. Brookman Medal. - TC



*FF Belvon Koranteng is lowered to the fire apartment window on the 20th floor to help three victims in distress at Manhattan Box 33-0877 on November 5, 2022. (Photo by Rickie Samson)*



# Chief Ulyses Grant Leadership Medal

## Lieutenant Charles Santangelo

**Haz-Tac**

**January 9, 2022, 1100 hours, Box 55-3162, Bronx**

*Appointed to the FDNY on July 9, 2007. Previously assigned to EMS Stations 4, 8, 50 and 58. Attended the CTD- West Point Combating Terrorism Leadership Course. Recipient of two Unit Citations, 10 Pre-Hospital Saves and a Certificate of Merit. Member of the FEMA NY Task Force. Resides in Patchogue, New York, with wife Johanna Santangelo.*

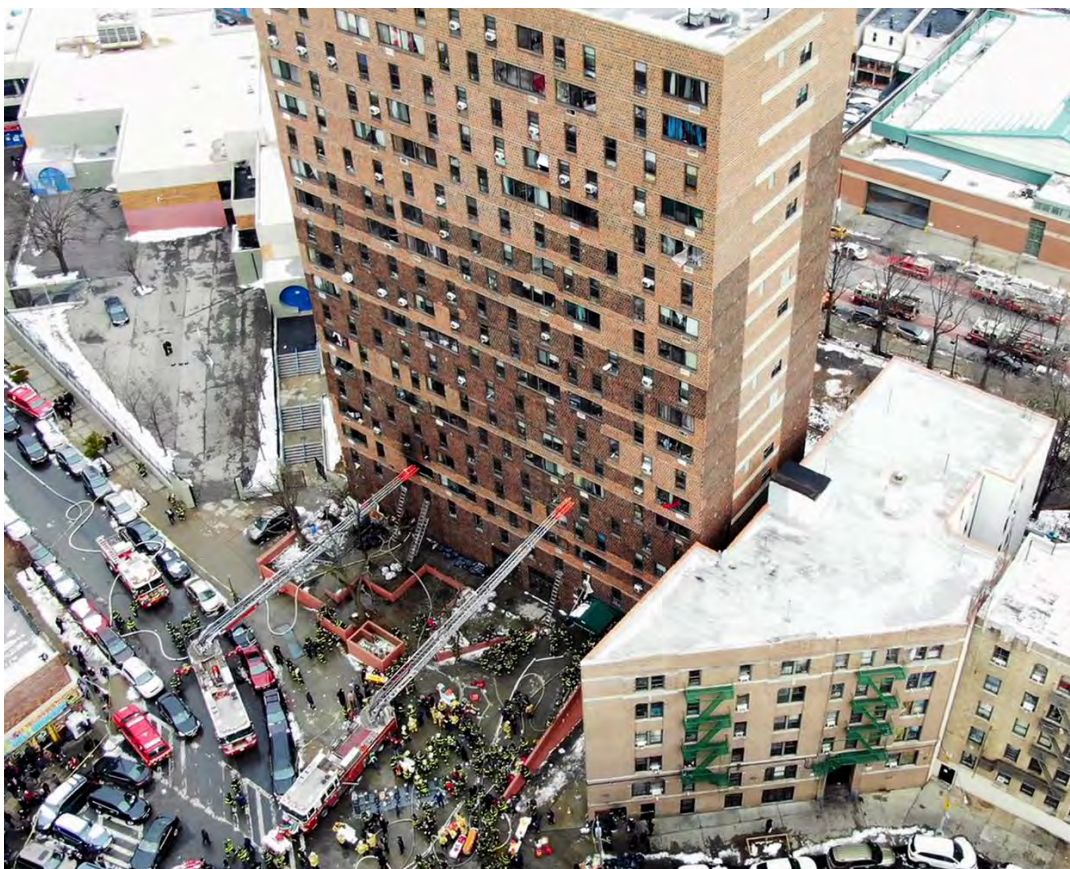
**S**unday, January 9, 2022, will forever be remembered as one of the deadliest fires in New York City history. Seventeen people tragically lost their lives and dozens of patients were left injured. This day was exceptionally difficult for all those who responded and witnessed the tragic events unfold and, in the process, heroically gave their all to save as many lives as they could.

Haz-Tac was assigned to CAD 1733 for a fire in a high-rise residential apartment building in the Bronx. Lieutenant Santangelo arrived on scene at 1105 hours and quickly made his way to the command post. As soon as he arrived, he was presented with a patient who appeared lethargic and had

difficulty breathing from smoke inhalation. The patient was immediately placed on oxygen, and patient care was subsequently transferred to a basic life support (BLS) unit. Moments later, a patient in respiratory arrest was brought out from the high-rise fire. CFR engine company members began ventilating the patient while Lieutenant Santangelo began treatment for smoke inhalation. As soon as the patient was transferred to a responding advanced life support (ALS) unit, Lieutenant Santangelo was presented with a young child in respiratory arrest. Due to the limited number of resources resulting from the magnitude of this event, Lieutenant Santangelo had to ventilate the patient using his mouth-to-mask device.

Once an ALS unit arrived, he transferred over patient care and assisted the unit in administering medications for smoke inhalation. Seconds after assisting this unit, Lieutenant Santangelo was presented with an infant patient also in respiratory arrest. With even fewer resources at his disposal, he provided mouth-to-mouth ventilations until an arriving BLS unit was able to take over patient care. As more and more patients were removed from the fire, Lieutenant Santangelo, along with Lieutenant Alison Shaughnessy and CFR companies, continued to deliver life-saving measures to each patient he encountered.

For the leadership, integrity, compassion and dedication he displayed on that tragic day, Lieutenant Charles Santangelo has earned the Chief Ulyses Grant Leadership Medal. - ET



FDNY members operate on scene at Bronx Box 55-3162, January 9, 2022. (Photo by FDNY Command Tactical Unit)

# Hispanic Society 23rd St. Fire Memorial Medal of Valor

## Captain Travis C. Boroden

*Division 3 (assigned)*

*Ladder Company 26 (detailed)*

**August 4, 2022, 0557 hours, Box 77-1351, Manhattan**

*Appointed to the FDNY on March 8, 2005. Previously assigned to Engine Company 92, Ladder Company 21, Ladder Company 39 and Engine Company 63. Father, Firefighter Dennis Boroden, retired from Engine Company 63; grandfather, Firefighter Paul Lotti, retired from Ladder Company 3 and is now deceased; great-grandfather, John Baggan, is a retired firefighter and is now deceased. Holds a bachelor's degree in English from Eckerd College. Recipient of a Unit Citation. Resides in Goshen, New York, with wife Meghan and children Aubrielle and Mariska.*



**O**n August 4, 2022, at 0557 hours, Ladder Company 26 responded to a report of smoke on the top floor of a 13-story NYCHA apartment building. With no fire or smoke visible from the exterior, the forcible entry team—led by Captain Travis Boroden (detailed from Division 3)—took control of the only working elevator. They encountered smoke emanating from an unmarked apartment door on the 12th floor. As they forced that door, the roof firefighter gave an excellent report from the apartment above describing the layout and locations of the rear bedrooms and recommended utilizing a right-handed search.

Once they breached the apartment door, the hallway filled with heavy, black, turbulent smoke. Unable to transmit the 10-77 due to radio traffic, and knowing the additional companies would be delayed due to the lone working elevator, Captain Boroden ordered his team into the apartment to conduct a rapid primary search. The captain stayed to the right while his team members went left.

Encountering clutter conditions and zero visibility, Captain Boroden located a rear bedroom 30 feet into the apartment. With intense fire conditions and blinding smoke, he employed his thermal imaging camera (TIC) to scan the room and picked up the silhouette of an unconscious female lying on the floor. She was close to the bed and contents that were aflame, so there was no time to waste.

After transmitting the 10-45 and fire conditions over his radio, Captain Boroden

abandoned his tools and, in an army crawl, grabbed the victim's wrists and pulled her lifeless body around the bed. He struggled to shield her from the heat with his body while simultaneously removing her from the room. After pausing to close the bedroom door with his foot—slowing the fire extension in their direction—he crawled toward the apartment door. Without the TIC or a free hand for guidance, the heavy clutter and furniture posed a nearly insurmountable challenge on the way out. Relying on his keen sense of spatial

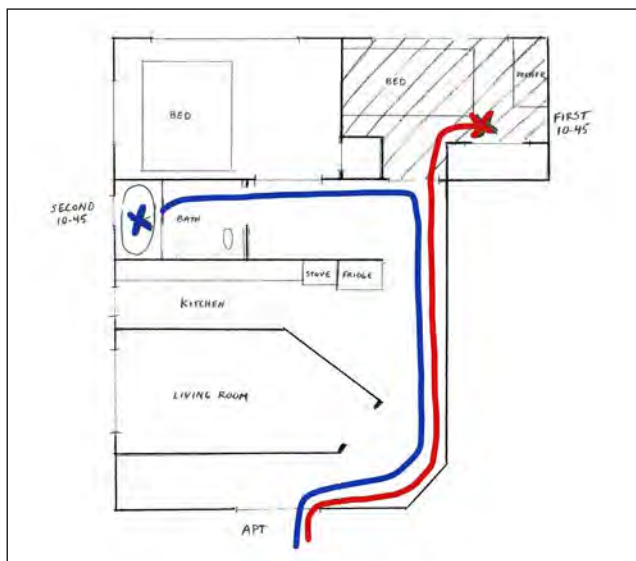
orientation, he reached the apartment door and passed off the victim to members of Ladder Company 40. He quickly returned to the apartment and guided Engine 58's nozzle team toward the seat of the fire.

After retrieving his TIC and tools, Captain Boroden continued his search, which led him to a bathroom where he located a second unconscious female. Once again, he radioed the 10-45 and began removing the victim from the apartment, now more difficult due to the advancing hoseline. With assistance, he removed her to the floor below and into the only available elevator.

Unbeknownst to Captain Boroden, in disregarding his own personal safety, he had just rescued two elderly twin sisters. In upholding the finest traditions of the FDNY, Captain Travis Boroden is presented the Hispanic Society/23rd Street Fire Memorial Medal of Valor for his life-saving endeavors. - SM



Aftermath of fire, August 4, 2022, Manhattan Box 77-1351 (Photo by WCBS)





# Michael J. Delehanty Medal

## Lieutenant Martin B. Murphy

**Engine Company 301**

**April 14, 2022, 1818 hours, Box 75-6693, Queens**

*Appointed to the FDNY on May 31, 2005. Previously assigned to Ladder Company 58. Father-in-law, John Ross, and brother-in-law, Chris Ross, are retired firefighters. Holds an associate degree in emergency management from SUNY Empire and also attended SUNY Farmingdale. Recipient of the Brummer Medal in 2014, a Class A, a Class III and three Unit Citations. Member of the FDNY Emerald Society. Resides in Lindenhurst, New York, with his wife, Patricia, and their children, Kieran and Lillian.*

**O**n April 14, 2022, at 1818 hours, while returning from a prior run, Engine Company 301 received a call for a reported fire at a private dwelling in Queens. As they responded, FDNY dispatch notified them that there was a report of people trapped inside the building. Upon arrival, their engine company officer, Lieutenant Martin Murphy, made contact with occupants on the front lawn, who frantically indicated that there were still two people trapped inside.

As Lieutenant Murphy began his life-saving search, he faced heavy, black smoke pushing from the front door of the building. He ordered his members to bring a hoseline to his location at the front of the building, then entered the fire building and immediately discovered an unconscious adult behind the front door. He removed the lifeless victim out of the fire building and onto the front lawn.

As Lieutenant Murphy rescued the first victim, he heard a second voice deeper inside the building shout, "I'm in here." At this time, aware of the limited resources on

scene, he knew he had to act fast. He instructed his back-up firefighter, Julio Andrade, to begin patient care on the initial victim. Due to the need for immediate life-saving intervention by FF Andrade, this left the nozzle firefighter, Ryan McKeown, to complete the initial hoseline stretch on his own. Firefighter McKeown promptly took the hoseline to the front door, awaiting orders from Lieutenant Murphy and ready to put the hoseline into operation.

As there were no other engine companies on scene yet and there was still an immediate life hazard, Lieutenant Murphy reentered the building alone. Once again, he was faced with extreme heat and zero visibility. In his search for the second victim who had called out earlier, he aggressively entered the living room, surrounded by heavy fire. He radioed FF McKeown and indicated the location of the fire.

Lieutenant Murphy called out to the voice but did not receive a reply. Realizing the occupant was likely in a perilous situation, he searched deeper into the fire building.

Approximately 30 feet inside, he encountered the victim—a disabled, elderly, semi-conscious adult—in the rear kitchen. He quickly realized the victim would be unable to assist in his own removal and had begun removing the victim toward the front of the building when he encountered Firefighter Michael Rauer, Ladder Company 150's irons firefighter, who had just arrived on the scene. Together, they removed the victim out the front door and handed off the patient to Engine Company 304, which was providing patient care out front. Lieutenant Murphy promptly rejoined Engine 301's initial hoseline, which was under the temporary supervision of Captain Kevin Profitlich (Ladder Company 150), who extinguished all visible fire.

For Lieutenant Martin Murphy's brave, quick-thinking actions in which two lives were saved, he is awarded the Michael J. Delehanty Medal. - DB



Members who operated at Queens Box 75-6693, April 14, 2022, from left to right: FF Thomas Vaughan (L-150), FF Cliff Scott (E-301), Lieutenant Martin Murphy (E-301), FF Ryan McKeown (E-301), FF Julio Andrade (L-150) and FF Michael Rauer (L-150).

# Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia Medal

## Lieutenant Scott D. Batterberry

**Engine Company 82**

**January 18, 2022, 1054 hours, Box 22-2335, Bronx**



*Appointed to the FDNY on July 9, 1995. Previously assigned to Engine Company 67 and Ladder Company 155. Grandfather, Captain Joseph Damato, and uncle, Captain Stephen Damato, retired from Engine Company 262 and Ladder Company 14, respectively. Cousins Lieutenant Larry Griffin, Firefighter Brian Griffin and Firefighter Joseph Griffin retired from Engine Company 313, Battalion 44 and Engine Company 312, respectively. Brother, Captain Douglas Batterberry, is assigned to Engine Company 302. Cousins Captain Gregory Damato and Captain Sean Griffin are assigned to Ladder Company 33 and Engine 324, respectively. Holds a bachelor's degree in economics from the University at Buffalo. Resides in Sayville, New York, with his wife, Geraldine, and his children, Cameron and Catherine.*

**O**n January 18, 2022, on their way back to quarters from a previous box, Engine Company 82 was assigned second due to an explosion in the Longwood section of the Bronx. The company was the first unit to arrive on scene, where they were confronted with a major collapse due to an explosion of a three-story, 25- by 60-foot private dwelling with heavy fire.

Lieutenant Scott Batterberry quickly transmitted a 10-75. The debris field of the collapsed building covered the front yard and sidewalk and was also obstructing the street, so Lieutenant Batterberry ordered his chauffeur, Firefighter Richard Granahan Jr., to locate a hydrant on the cross street and get water as soon as possible. Exiting the apparatus, Lieutenant Batterberry ordered his members to stretch a 1 3/4" hoseline. As he approached the building, he noted that all that remained of the exploded building was a large area of debris engulfed in flames, structural damage with heavy smoke issuing from exposure 2, and structural damage with fire showing from the second-floor windows of exposure 4.

As Lieutenant Batterberry maneuvered his way through the rubble, numerous civilians alerted him to the fact that a woman was still in the exposure 4 building next door. He made his way to where the door of the building should have been. He found the entrance obstructed by an extensive collapse pile, and he began removing the large sections of the exploded building that blocked the front door. He then forced open the front door with his officer's tool, donned his facepiece and entered the first floor to

find a medium smoke condition. The walls and ceiling of the first floor had blown down from the force of the explosion, making for a difficult search around and through the clutter.

With fire extending overhead and no charged hoseline yet in place, Lieutenant Batterberry located an elderly female sitting on her couch, injured and seemingly paralyzed by fear as she watched the fire extend over her head.

After transmitting a 10-45, he began the arduous task of removing the victim, carrying her through constantly shifting debris and shielding her from the searing heat with his own body.

As visibility neared zero, Firefighter Harold Mendoza (Engine 82, nozzle) met Lieutenant Batterberry at the front door of the dwelling. He assisted in bringing the victim out of the building, negotiating the debris field in the front yard to the relative safety of the sidewalk. After handing the victim off to EMS, Lieutenant Batterberry and his crew returned to exposure 4. They extinguished fire on the first and second floors, protecting members of Rescue Company 3 as they completed their search of the building until the incident commander ordered the evacuation of the building due to fear of collapse. Lieutenant Batterberry then supervised the exterior operations of the hoseline for the remainder of the operation.

Lieutenant Scott Batterberry's experienced foresight and brave interventions are within the highest traditions of the Department, and he is presented with the Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia Medal. – TM



*Moments after the natural gas explosion.*



*FDNY units operate at Bronx Box 22-2335, January 18, 2022.*



# William F. Conran Medal

## Firefighter Steven C. Clavel

Engine Company 166 (assigned)

Ladder Company 86 (detailed)

June 5, 2022, 0203 hours, Box 75-1969, Staten Island

Appointed to the FDNY as an emergency medical technician on July 7, 2004, and became an FDNY firefighter on January 27, 2014. Previously assigned to EMS Stations 43, 22 and 23. Recipient of a Class A, two Unit Citations and three Pre-Hospital Saves. Member of the FDNY Hispanic Society. Resides on Staten Island with his wife, Kristin, and their child, Christian.

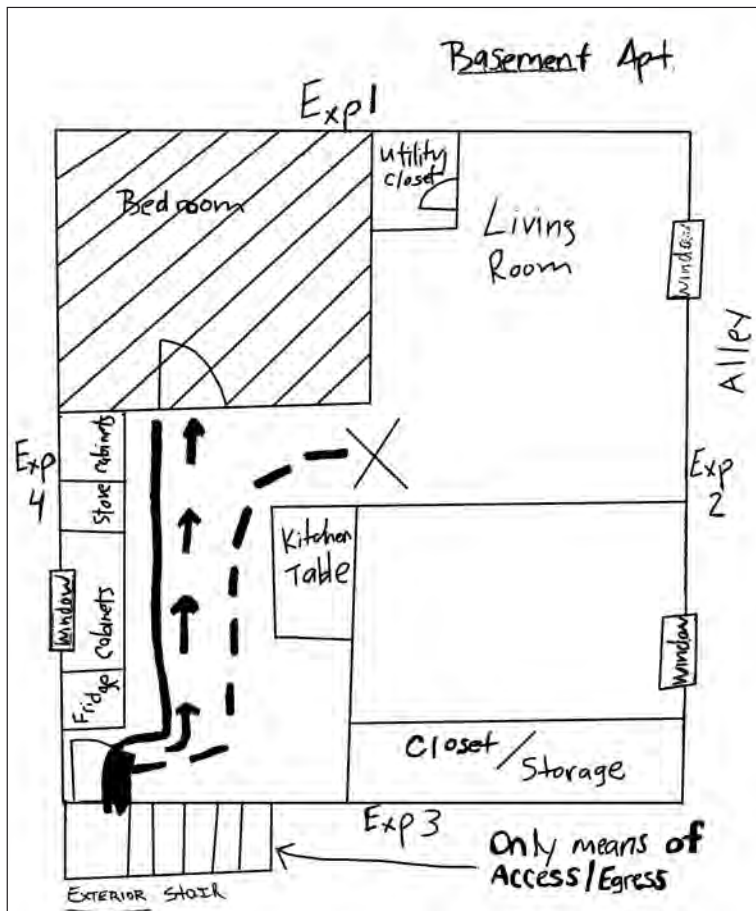
**A**t approximately 0200 hours on June 5, 2022, Tower Ladder Company 86 received an alarm reporting smoke on the second floor from a two-story, private dwelling in the Graniteville section of Staten Island. En route to the box, the Staten Island communications office transmitted that they were now receiving multiple reports for fire and for a person trapped at the location.

Upon arrival, members were met with a heavy smoke condition in the street.

Lieutenant Michael Strype led the inside team, Firefighter Steven Clavel (can) and Firefighter Louis Giordano (irons), to the front of the building. The owner of the building quickly informed members that the fire was in the basement and a female occupant was unaccounted for, then took the inside team around the rear to the basement entrance. Members were met with high heat and a heavy smoke condition at the top of the stairs and decided to make the move down 10 steps without a charged line, due to the long hoseline stretch.

Upon reaching the bottom of the stairwell, Lieutenant Strype and FF Clavel began a left-hand search of the fire apartment. They came to the rear bedroom, which was fully involved with fire that was extending ferociously into the hallway. Lieutenant Strype ordered FF Clavel to knock down the growing fire with the extinguisher as they continued searching for the trapped occupant. Still without the protection of a charged hoseline, Lieutenant Strype ordered FF Clavel to perform a left-hand search while he went right. Within moments, FF Clavel found an unconscious female and verbally informed Lieutenant Strype that he had found the victim. Lieutenant Strype immediately transmitted a 10-45, indicating a victim had been located, and the two members positioned the victim for a rapid removal. Shielding her from the roaring fire, Lieutenant Strype and FF Clavel made their move past the fire room. They then began the arduous task of lifting the victim up 10 steps through blinding smoke and high heat. Once the members brought the victim to street level, FF Clavel began treating her before she was handed off to EMS and transported to an area hospital.

Due to the courage and outstanding tactical decision-making of FF Clavel, this victim was saved. In keeping with the highest traditions of the Department and displaying extreme valor, Firefighter Steven Clavel is awarded the William F. Conran Medal. – SI





# Chief John J. McElligott Medal & FFs Fitzpatrick and Frisby Award

## Firefighter Robert F. Knips

Ladder Company 30

October 10, 2022, 1709 hours, Box 75-1522, Manhattan

Appointed to the FDNY on December 12, 2016. Holds a bachelor's degree in business from SUNY Old Westbury. Member of the FDNY softball team. Resides in Commack, New York, with his wife, Julie, and their children, Theodore, Sienna and Charles.



At approximately 1709 hours on October 10, 2022, several civilians rushed to the quarters of Engine Company 59 and Ladder Company 30 to verbally report heavy smoke on Lenox Avenue and West 130th Street. Simultaneously, an alarm was received from the dispatcher for smoke from an apartment on the third floor of a multiple dwelling at Box 1522. Units were dispatched, and upon arrival at the location, Ladder 30 observed dozens of people outside the building pointing to thick, black smoke emanating from the third-floor windows of a six-story New Law tenement. Occupants were self-evacuating from the upper floors via the open interior stairs and exterior fire escapes.

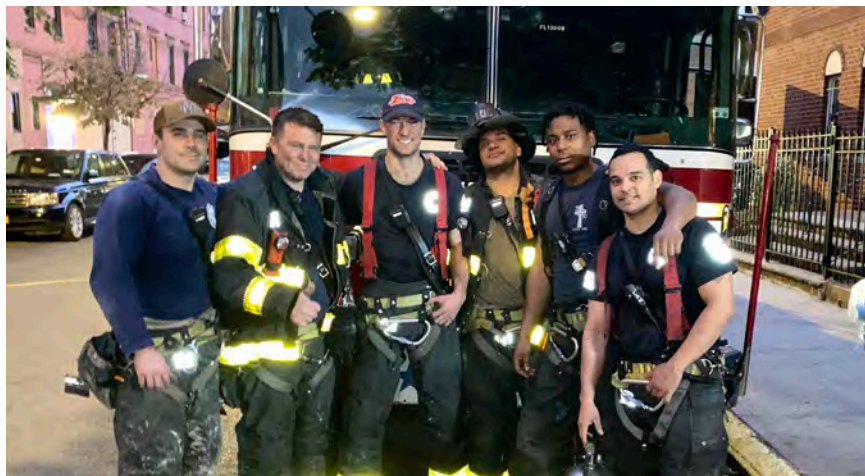
Ladder 30 members quickly made their way up to the fire floor, where Firefighter Robert Knips (iron) initiated forcible entry into the fire apartment. With heavy smoke forcefully pushing from the door frame and enveloping members in the hallway, the door was rapidly forced open, and members of Ladder 30's inside team began their search for the fire. Operating in high heat and zero visibility, FF Knips located the main body of fire. While FF Kenneth Gago (can) assisted Engine 59 in advancing toward the main body of fire, FF Knips joined his Captain, Matthew Burke, in searching the remainder of the apartment for life.

Conducting an arduous search

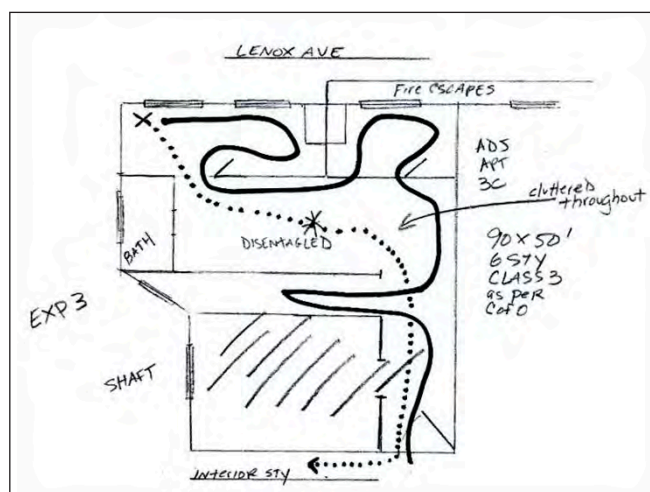
through heavy clutter, FF Knips entered a bedroom in the rear of the apartment and found an unconscious victim on the bed. He pulled the victim off the bed and began moving her out of the bedroom, toward the interior stairs. As he removed the victim, FF Knips became tangled in a wire bed frame in the living-room area. Highly fatigued and in distress, he remained calm and focused as he used the "quick-release maneuver" to disentangle himself from the bed

frame. After re-donning his self-contained breathing apparatus, FF Knips continued the rescue, now joined by the FF Gago, as Captain Burke cleared the way to the front door. Firefighter Knips brought the lifeless victim into the public hallway and carried her down three flights of stairs to EMS members in the street. He and FF Gago returned to the fire apartment to commence overhauling the fire area.

At this incident, FF Knips passed a large volume of fire and navigated through a heavy clutter condition to discover and rescue an unconscious victim. Using his intuition and training, he disentangled himself under intense conditions while completing a successful rescue at great personal risk. Firefighter Robert Knips performed in an exemplary manner in accordance with the highest standards and traditions of the FDNY, and for this, he is awarded the Chief John J. McElligott Medal/FFs Fitzpatrick and Frisby Award. - MB



Members of Ladder Company 30 at Manhattan Box 75-1522, October 10, 2022, from left to right: FF Lindon Rukaj, Captain Matthew Burke (Division 6), FF Robert Knips, FF Jose Fernandez, FF Ramon Zeigler and FF Kenneth Gago.





# Thomas F. Dougherty Medal

## Lieutenant Christopher J. DiGiulio

Ladder Company 2

November 5, 2022, 1024 hours, Box 33-0877, Manhattan

*Appointed to the FDNY on June 11, 2006. Previously assigned to Ladder Company 85 and Ladder Company 18. Brother, Firefighter Matthew DiGiulio, is assigned to Engine Company 168. Attended North Shore Community College Fire Science Program. Recipient of the Company Officers Association Medal in 2015 and a Class A. Resides in Pearl River, New York, with his wife, Dawn, and their children, Grace and Christopher Jr.*

On November 2, 2022, Engine Company 8 and Ladder Company 2 were dispatched to Box 0877 for a reported fire on the 20th floor of a high-rise, fireproof, multiple dwelling. As they entered the block, the 10-77 was transmitted due to turbulent smoke emitting from the upper floors. Ladder 2, under the direction of Lieutenant Christopher DiGiulio, entered the building and recalled the elevators, only one of which returned to the lobby. They ascended to two floors below the reported floor and then used the stairs to continue their trek upward. Upon reaching the fire floor, they opened the door to the hallway and encountered zero visibility and high-heat conditions. The thermal imaging camera revealed violent heat waves pushing toward them.

Realizing the fire apartment door must be open, Lieutenant DiGiulio led his team down the hallway to control the door. As the company pushed down the hallway, Battalion 8 notified them of reports of people trapped at the fire apartment's windows. Despite fire lapping out the apartment and into the public hallway, Ladder 2 kept pushing forward. While attempting to knock down the fire with the pressurized water extinguisher and control it, Lieutenant DiGiulio notified the battalion of the untenable conditions and requested the hoseline forthwith. The battalion then notified Ladder 2 that the victims were now climbing out the 20th-floor window.

Aware of the dire predicament the victims were in, Lieutenant DiGiulio

crawled flat on the floor—with the “can” discharging overhead—into the involved apartment. As he continued to push forward, lithium-ion batteries began violently discharging nearby. He could feel his bunker gear absorbing heat and burning him as the violent fire overtook his position. Despite these conditions, he made another attempt to move past the fire, but this time, the arm of his bunker coat began to burn. With no hoseline in place, the unit pulled out of the apartment to regroup, patting the lieutenant's sleeve to subdue the flames.

At this time, transmissions informed units that the elevators were not working and incoming units would have to use the stairs to reach the fire floor. Hearing these transmissions and with Engine 8's hose-

line now stretched to their location, Lieutenant DiGiulio led the team back down the hallway to the fire apartment. As they entered, he slid past the nozzle that was starting to knock down the heavy fire conditions. Following the wall and low on air, he entered the rear bedroom as the third life-saving rope evolution was in process. Here, he located a male who was lying horizontally on the sill, impaled on glass. Cautiously, he lifted the victim off the sill, transmitted the 10-45 and began removing the person to safety. The victim was brought to the floor below to initiate patient care, and the lieutenant was transported to the hospital for treatment of his injuries. For his heroic actions, Lieutenant Christopher DiGiulio is awarded the Thomas F. Dougherty Medal. - MC



*FDNY members who operated at Manhattan Box 33-0877 were honored by Mayor Eric Adams at a proclamation ceremony held November 22, 2022. Members of Ladder Company 2, from left to right: FF Joe Girimonte, FF Mike Niccoll, FF Adam Nordenschild, Lieutenant Chris DiGiulio, FF John Petito and FF Sean Edwards.*



*Public hallway of the 20th floor, the fire apartment floor.*

# Albert S. Johnston Medal

## Captain James B. Spencer Engine Company 275

September 16, 2022, 1747 hours, Box 75-5004, Queens

Appointed to the FDNY on July 5, 1988. Previously assigned to Engine Company 88, Engine Company 43, Ladder Company 59 and Engine Company 92. Father, Firefighter Thomas Spencer, retired from Engine Company 53 and is now deceased. Grandfather, Firefighter Edward J. Markey, was a recipient of the Hugh Bonner Medal in 1956, retired from Engine 41 and is now deceased. Son, Firefighter James Spencer, is assigned to Engine Company 50; son, Emergency Medical Technician Joseph Spencer, is assigned to EMS Station 50. Brother, Captain Christopher Spencer is assigned to Engine Company 79; cousin, Firefighter Robert Spencer Jr., is assigned to Engine 275; and uncle, Captain Robert Spencer, retired from Engine Company 325. Recipient of two Unit Citations and three Pre-hospital Saves. Resides in Commack, New York, with wife Diane. His children are James, Joseph, and Danielle.



On September 16, 2022, the members of Engine Company 275 in Queens were just beginning their night tour. The firehouse was alive with the sounds of the tour change. As members completed checking the rig and a riding list was prepared, the Queens Communications Office received a telephone alarm reporting a fire on 174th Street.

At 1747 hours, Engine 275 was dispatched and responded first due under the command of Captain James Spencer. Upon arrival, they found heavy fire on the first floor of a two-and-a-half story private dwelling, and Captain Spencer promptly transmitted a 10-75. He called for his members to begin stretching a 1 3/4-inch handline. As he approached the burning house, he was met by two frantic occupants who reported that their mother was still inside the building.

Captain Spencer knew the gravity of the situation before him. With no hesitation, he donned his facepiece and entered the dwelling through the main entrance by himself. Time was not on his side. Without the protection of a hose-line, he crawled through thick, blinding smoke. After crawling in several feet, he located the fire in the first floor living room with no doorway to contain it. He continued to push his way past the fire to the rear of

the house in an effort to find the victim. As he crawled and searched his way through the burning first floor, he located a bathroom, where he found an unconscious female lying on the floor. He transmitted a 10-45 over his portable radio and grabbed hold of the victim.

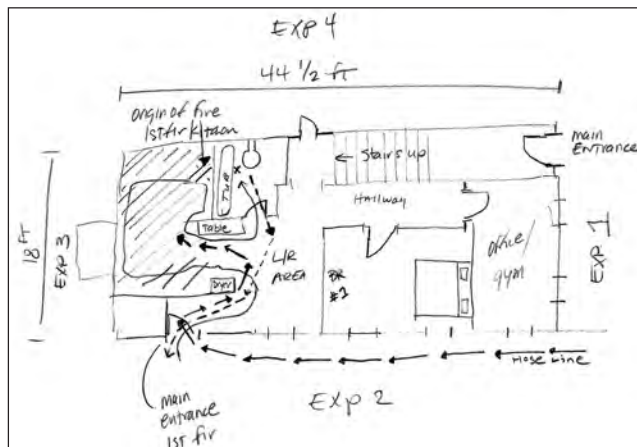
With fire rapidly extending and the hoseline still not in place, he began the dangerous and arduous task of removing the unconscious victim past the lapping fire, while simultaneously shielding the victim from the intense heat of the burning room. He managed to remove the victim from the rear of the first floor, past the extending fire and toward the front door. As he approached the door, he met up with Firefighter James Hayden of Ladder 133, and together they moved the woman to the exit and onto the street.

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Captain James Spencer acted in a manner that exemplified duty and bravery. He placed himself directly in harm's way to save a life. He conducted a primary search by himself in zero visibility and crawled past visible fire without the protection of a hose-line in a determined effort to locate a victim. For his selfless act, in a manner consistent with the highest traditions of this great Department, he is awarded the Albert S. Johnston Medal. - RAW



Members of Engine Company 275 at Box 75-5004, Queens, from left to right: FF Michael Urbanick, FF Devin Schiller, FF Lee Nolan, Captain James Spencer and FF Jonathan Preyor.





# Bella Stiefel Medal

## Lieutenant Michael S. Strype

**Engine Company 166 (assigned)**

**Ladder Company 86 (detailed)**

**June 5, 2022, 0203 hours, Box 75-1969, Staten Island**

*Appointed to the FDNY on December 10, 2003. Previously assigned to Ladder Company 18. Cousin, Firefighter Shawn Whelan, is assigned to Rescue Company 5. Holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Seton Hall University. Recipient of three Unit Citations and two Pre-Hospital Saves. Member of the FDNY Emerald Society and FDNY Holy Name Society. Resides on Staten Island with his wife, Eileen, and their children, Michael, Maeve and Keira.*

In the early hours of June 5, 2022, Ladder Company 86 received a call for smoke emanating from the second floor of a private dwelling on Willow Road West, on Staten Island. As Ladder 86 boarded the apparatus to respond, the Staten Island Dispatch Office informed the company that they were receiving numerous calls for fire at the address, along with a report of a person trapped inside. As Ladder 86 approached the address, their ladder company officer, Lieutenant Michael Strype (Engine 166, detailed to Ladder 86), noticed a haze in the distance.

Arriving on scene, Lieutenant Strype and his members quickly realized they had a working fire. As he approached the front door, the building's landlord notified him that the fire was in the basement and that the occupant of the basement apartment could not be accounted for. Understanding the severity of the situation, Lieutenant Strype and his two inside team members—Firefighter Steven Clavel (Engine 166, detailed to Ladder 86), assigned the can position, and Firefighter Louis

Giordano (Ladder 86), assigned the irons position—immediately entered the apartment and descended the basement stairs under punishing conditions.

As fire conditions worsened around them, all three members of Ladder 86's inside team aggressively searched the basement for the missing occupant. About 25 feet into the cluttered basement apartment, Lieutenant Strype located the fire inside a rear bedroom. As the fire intensified and freely burned around and above him, he ordered FF Clavel to utilize his water extinguisher and push back the flames rolling along the ceiling outside the bedroom.

Once his extinguisher was fully depleted, FF Clavel joined Lieutenant Strype for a rapid search of the remaining rooms in the apartment. FF Clavel located the unconscious victim, and moments later, Lieutenant Strype arrived to assist in the removal. FF Clavel grasped the victim's upper body while Lieutenant Strype grabbed the victim's lower body, and they began removing the victim toward the exit. This was a tremendously arduous task, as both members had to remove the victim 25 feet back to the entrance while facing an extending fire condition with no hoseline yet in place.

Displaying tremendous teamwork, Lieutenant Strype and FF Clavel rapidly removed the unconscious victim through the hot and smoky apartment and up the exterior basement staircase. Lieutenant Strype began to administer life-saving medical care in anticipation of handing off care to EMS waiting outside. Once patient care was transferred to EMS, he descended back into the apartment to ensure no other victims remained. For his aggressive and selfless actions displayed at this fire, Lieutenant Michael Strype is awarded the Bella Stiefel Medal. - DB



Members who operated at Staten Island Box 75-1969 on June 5, 2022. Top row, from left to right: FF Dave Israeli (L-86), FF Rizo Kraja (L-86) and Vidal Rodriguez (E-166). Bottom row: Deputy Chief Brian Gorman (Div-8) , FF John Capo (L-86), FF John Cannizzaro (L-86), FF Louis Giordano (L-86), FF Steven Clavel (E-166), FF Rich Nagy (E-166), Lieutenant Mike Strype (L-86), FF Jackie Baggion (E-166), FF Tony Limanovski (E-166), FF William Slavik (E-166), Battalion Chief Andrew Morgan (B-22), Captain Dave Hughes (E-166), Lieutenant Richard Capobianco (E-166), FF Greg Siciliano (E-166) and FF Jason Almanza (L-86). (Photo courtesy of the Staten Island Advance)

# Tracy Allen-Lee Medal

October 29, 2022, 0204 hours, Queens



Appointed to the FDNY on February 5, 2018. Previously assigned to EMS Station 47. Father, Captain Joseph Cavanagh, retired from Engine Company 265. Holds an associate degree in health studies from Nassau Community College. Resides in Rockaway Beach, New York, with partner Katie Zator.



Appointed to the FDNY March 28, 2021. Previously assigned to EMS Stations 45 and 49, Division 9, Station 51 and WTC Health Center. Recipient of a Pre-Hospital Save. Resides in Amityville, New York.

**EMT**  
**Michael C. Cavanagh**  
Station 47

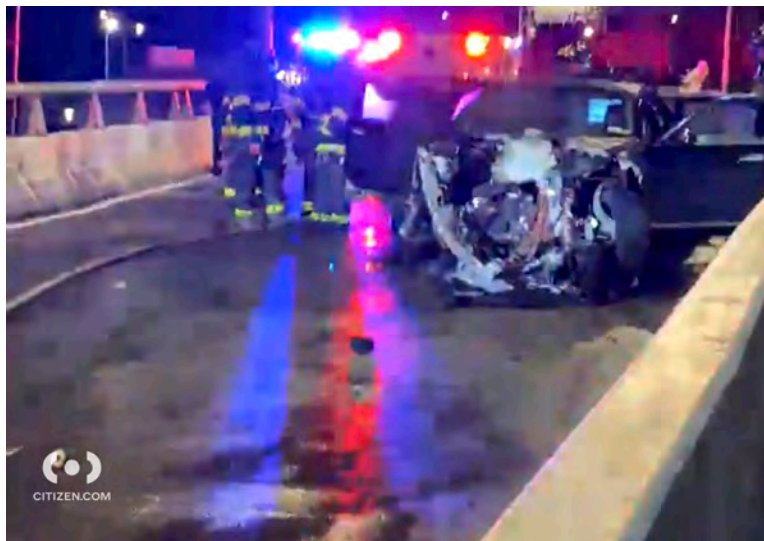
**EMT**  
**Thomas J. Langford**  
Station 47



In the early morning hours of October 29, 2022, EMTs Thomas Langford and Michael Cavanagh of Station 47 were traveling in their ambulance near Cross-Bay Bridge in Queens when they heard a loud bang. The two EMTs noticed a large debris field in the roadway and a vehicle emanating heavy, black smoke. They immediately notified dispatch and requested additional resources. As EMT Langford and EMT Cavanagh approached the vehicle, they noticed major damage to the front end and right side of the vehicle, with a victim still inside. EMT Cavanagh made contact with the patient inside the vehicle while EMT Langford began to douse the flames with a fire extinguisher. At this time, the passenger compartment of the heavily damaged vehicle was filling with noxious smoke. The patient advised EMT Cavanagh

that her leg was pinned and she was unable to get out. As the fire began to grow, EMT Langford discharged a second fire extinguisher in an attempt to stop the flames from entering the passenger compartment. Knowing time was of the essence, EMT Cavanagh used all his strength and was assisted by an off-duty NYPD officer to extricate and carry the patient to safety as the vehicle was consumed by fire. The patient was transported to a local hospital in stable condition.

With a patient in great peril, both EMT Thomas Langford and EMT Michael Cavanagh risked their lives to rescue a fellow New Yorker. For their commitment to the patient's well-being and their professional level of care, they are awarded the Tracy Allen-Lee Medal. – ET



Aftermath of car accident and rescue by EMTs Langford and Cavanagh near Cross-Bay Bridge in Queens, October 29, 2022. (Photo by the Citizen app)



# Vincent J. Kane Medal

## Firefighter Richard A. Gurecki

Ladder Company 61

March 26, 2022, 0442 hours, Box 75-4396, Bronx

Appointed to the FDNY on July 14, 2014. Holds an associate degree in fire technology and emergency management from Palomar College. Paramedic training from Northeastern University. Served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 2004-2008 as an aircraft rescue firefighter; Marine Wing Support Squadron 372, Camp Pendleton, California; and deployment to Al Taqaddam, Iraq, in 2006. Member of Staff Sergeant Christian Engeldrum FDNY VFW Post #12033. Resides in Patterson, New York.

**A**t 0442 hours on March 26, 2022, Engine Company 66 and Ladder Company 61 were assigned first due to Bronx Box 4396, reporting fire on the seventh floor of a high-rise, fireproof multiple dwelling. Ladder 61 arrived on the scene and transmitted a 10-77 for fire in the window on the seventh floor.

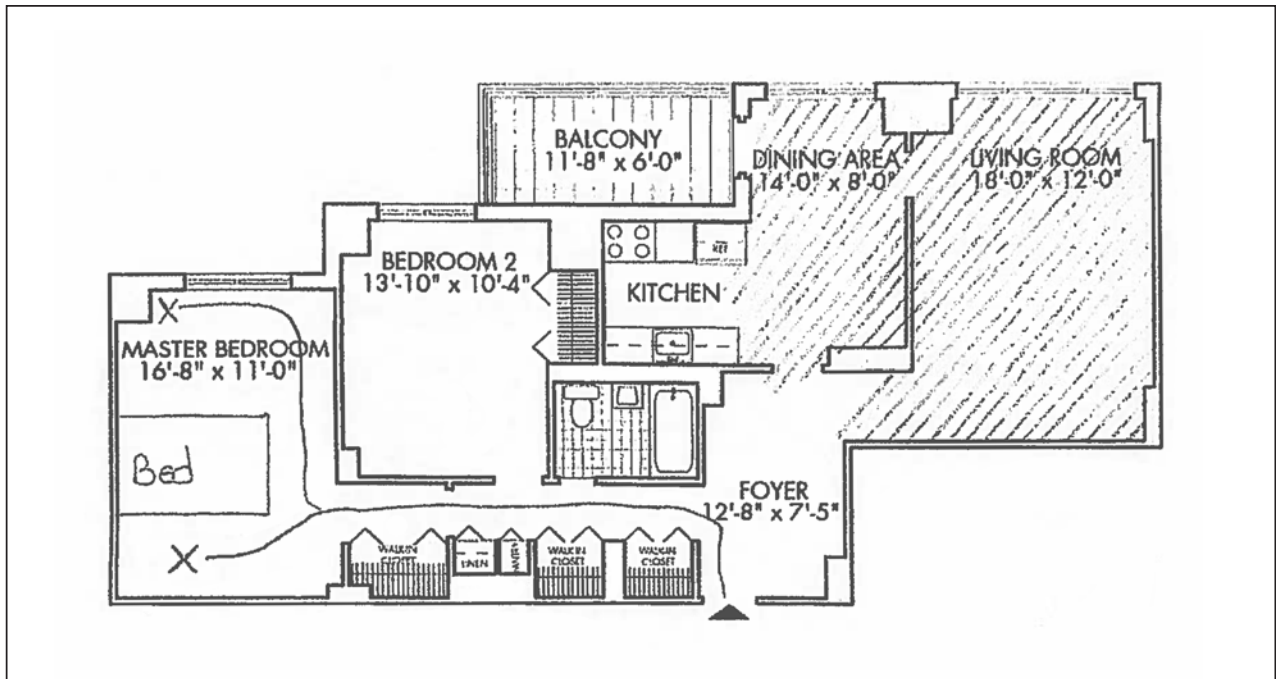
Ladder 61's inside team—Captain Charles Minicozzi, Firefighter Richard Gurecki (irons) and Firefighter Lirim Begai (can)—ascended the stairs to the seventh floor, where they were met with heavy smoke and high heat in the public hallway. They donned their facepieces and crawled their way to the apartment door, which had been left open, and were immediately met with heavy fire inside. Captain Minicozzi instructed FF Begai to remain at the apartment door awaiting Engine 66's hoseline.

Familiar with the layout of the apartments in the building, FF Gurecki knew the bedrooms for the unit were down a long hallway toward the rear. Despite knowing that it would take some time for the hoseline to be placed into operation, FF

Gurecki and Captain Minicozzi began their primary search toward the back bedrooms.

After making their way down the long hallway filled with clutter, FF Gurecki and Captain Minicozzi entered a large rear bedroom. Firefighter Gurecki began a left-handed search of the bedroom and quickly came across a motionless female victim on the floor beside the bed. He transmitted the signal 10-45 and began removing the victim to the hallway. At the same time, Captain Minicozzi located a male victim and transmitted his own 10-45. FF Begai heard both 10-45s being transmitted and immediately entered the apartment to assist with removal, meeting FF Gurecki and Captain Minicozzi at the bedroom doorway and then removing both victims to the public hallway as a team.

Without the protection of a hoseline, FF Gurecki assumed unusual personal risk in saving the life of a trapped occupant who otherwise would have perished. It is for these reasons that Firefighter Richard Gurecki is being awarded the Vincent J. Kane Medal. - KC



# Pulaski Association Medal

## Captain Charles A. Minicozzi Jr.

*Division 7 (assigned)  
Ladder Company 61 (detailed)*

**March 26, 2022, 0442 hours, Box 75-4395, Bronx**



*Appointed to the FDNY as an EMT on March 22, 1998, and became a firefighter on February 3, 2003. Previously assigned to Ladder Company 165 and Squad 270 as a firefighter, Battalion 39 and Ladder Company 176 as a lieutenant and Division 7 as a captain. Holds a bachelor's degree in biology from SUNY University at Albany. Recipient of multiple Unit Citations and Pre-Hospital Saves. Member of the FDNY Columbia Association. Resides in Huntington, New York, with wife Tina and their children, Morgan and Matthew.*

**O**n March 26, 2022, Engine Company 66 and Ladder Company 61 were assigned first due to Bronx Box 4396, reporting fire on the seventh floor of a 24-story, fireproof multiple dwelling. Captain Charles Minicozzi, covering in Ladder 61 (now assigned), arrived on scene and transmitted a signal 10-77 for visible fire within a window on the seventh floor.

When Ladder 61's inside team—including Firefighter Richard Gurecki (irons) and Firefighter Lirim Begai (can)—arrived at the seventh-floor stairwell landing, they encountered a heavy smoke condition. Captain Minicozzi knew this indicated that the fire apartment door had been left open. The inside team entered the public hallway of the seventh floor and were met with high heat and very dense smoke, creating zero-visibility conditions. Captain Minicozzi was guided to the fire apartment by the direction of the heat emanating from its door and by using his thermal imaging camera. As the members crawled toward the fire apartment, the heat in the hallway intensified significantly.

Captain Minicozzi entered the fire apartment and was immediately met by heavy fire in the living room, a severe heat condition and clutter throughout. He also confirmed that he was dealing with a fire impacted by wind. With this in mind, Captain Minicozzi instructed FF Begai to maintain door control while he advised Engine 66's officer of the fire's location. Knowing they would be unable to confine and contain the fire due to its location in the kitchen, dining room and living room, Captain Minicozzi urgently began his primary search toward the bedrooms of the apartment.

Without the protection of an operating hoseline, Captain Minicozzi and FF Gurecki searched down a long hallway together and entered a rear bedroom. Captain Mini-

cozzi searched to the right, and FF Gurecki searched to the left. While searching, Captain Minicozzi came across a large pile of clutter directly next to the bed in the back corner of the room. He searched over and through the pile a few times and eventually grabbed what he thought was a leg. Captain Minicozzi tried to clear as much clutter off the unconscious victim as possible and transmitted the signal 10-45.

Simultaneously, FF Gurecki transmitted a 10-45 for a second victim in the same bedroom. Captain Minicozzi had a difficult time removing his victim due to their position and the clutter within the bedroom. Hearing the 10-45s being transmitted, Firefighter Begai immediately entered the apartment to assist with removal. Together, they removed the victims to the public hallway and handed them off to EMS.

Captain Minicozzi exhibited tremendous bravery and initiative in effecting this rescue. His quick and decisive actions gave the victim their only chance of survival. It is for these reasons that Captain Charles Minicozzi is being awarded the Pulaski Association Medal. – KC



Ladder Company 61 at Bronx Box 75-4396, March 26, 2022, from left to right: FF Richard Gurecki, FF Daniel Santiago, FF Andres Mendez (L-51), FF Lirim Begai, FF Yancy Duran and Captain Charles Minicozzi.



# Commissioner Edward Thompson Medal

## Lieutenant Donald Schmidt Ladder Company 117

December 29, 2022, 0940 hours, Box 75-7572, Queens

*Appointed to the FDNY on February 8, 1998. Previously assigned to Engine Companies 23 and 240, Ladder Company 154 and Battalion 48. Cousins Lieutenant Paul Schmidt and Joseph Schmidt retired from Ladder Company 9 and Engine Company 16, respectively. Holds a bachelor's degree in political science from SUNY Plattsburgh. Resides in South Setauket, New York, with wife Victoria and their children, Brendan and Kiersten.*

The nickname “New York’s Bravest” was not bestowed upon the men and women of the FDNY; it was earned. On the crisp morning of December 29, 2022, Lieutenant Don Schmidt of Ladder Company 117 would once again prove that the members of the FDNY truly are New York’s Bravest.

That morning, Ladder 117 was dispatched to a report of fire in the Astoria section of Queens. The building was far from quarters, and Lieutenant Schmidt knew the flames

would intensify every minute the company was not on scene. Upon arriving, Engine Company 312 transmitted a 10-75 for a fire on the third floor of the three-story, non-fireproof dwelling. Still a few blocks away, Lieutenant Schmidt notified his members and reviewed his next course of action.

Lieutenant Schmidt and his crew arrived on the fire floor and met Captain Christopher Oleaga of Engine 312, who was attempting to make entry to the apartment through the fortified door. Lieutenant Schmidt directed his iron firefighter, Alex Vollmer, and can firefighter, Robert Casal, to continue with Captain Oleaga's efforts to force open the apartment door.

The apartment door opened into a large foyer, and the team was forced to the floor by intense heat. Lieutenant Schmidt heard the faint sound of a man gasping for air and felt the heat from the bedroom just to the right of the foyer. He immediately headed into the small bedroom, where he found a pair of semi-conscious, elderly victims—who turned out to be brothers—on the floor at the foot of a bed, and a quickly growing fire in the corner. The 25-year veteran lieutenant knew he had only a few moments to save the victims. He grabbed hold of one of the men and removed him out of the apartment, handing him off to other members.

Lieutenant Schmidt immediately returned to the apartment to save the other victim, who was still in the fire room. While maneuvering his way back through the large foyer, he teamed up with his outside vent firefighter, Joseph Greco, who had ascended the fire escape into the fire apartment. The fire had increased in size and was beginning to affect other areas of the apartment. Firefighter Greco was already in the burning bedroom, attempting to rescue the second brother. After stretching their hoseline around double-parked cars and through a large courtyard, Engine Company 312 made it to the apartment's foyer. The hose-line was directed to the door of the fire bedroom to keep the advancing fire at bay. FF Greco, assisted by Lieutenant Schmidt, removed the second victim to a safe area. Lieutenant Schmidt rejoined his inside team in the fire apartment to continue the primary search for more victims and overhaul.

In recognition of his courageous and remarkable rescue efforts, Lieutenant Don Schmidt is being honored with the Commissioner Edward Thompson Medal. - SR



Members of Ladder 117 at Queens Box 75-7572, December 29, 2022, from left to right: FF Joseph Greco, Lieutenant Don Schmidt, FF Rob Casal, FF Albert Chinch, FF Alex Vollmer and FF John Soukas.



# Columbia Association Medal

## Firefighter Joseph Greco Jr. Ladder Company 117

December 29, 2022, 0940 hours, Box 75-7572, Queens

Appointed the FDNY on March 7, 2004. Previously assigned to Engine Company 236. Resides in West Babylon, New York, with his wife, Marisa, and his children, Broso and Joseph.



**O**n December 29, 2022, at 0940 hours, Queens Box 7572 was transmitted for smoke coming from the third floor of a three-story occupied multiple dwelling. As Ladder Company 117 responded, they heard Engine Company 312 give a 10-75 for heavy smoke pushing from the top-floor windows.

Upon arrival, Firefighter Joseph Greco (Ladder 117, outside vent) immediately saw smoke moving under pressure from the top-floor windows. He assisted Ladder 117's chauffeur with positioning the apparatus and then continued his size-up of the three-story, Class 3 building. He made his way to the front of the building and released the drop ladder of the fire escape. As he made his way up to the third floor, Lieutenant Don Schmidt (Ladder 117) transmitted a 10-45, at which point FF Greco requested permission to vent-enter-isolate-search (VEIS) from the fire escape. Upon getting confirmation, FF Greco made his way into the window and began searching the bedroom he had just entered. Though hampered by high heat and zero-visibility conditions, he rapidly completed his search and made his way to the hallway, where he encountered Lieutenant Schmidt in the process of removing an injured, semi-conscious victim from the adjacent room.

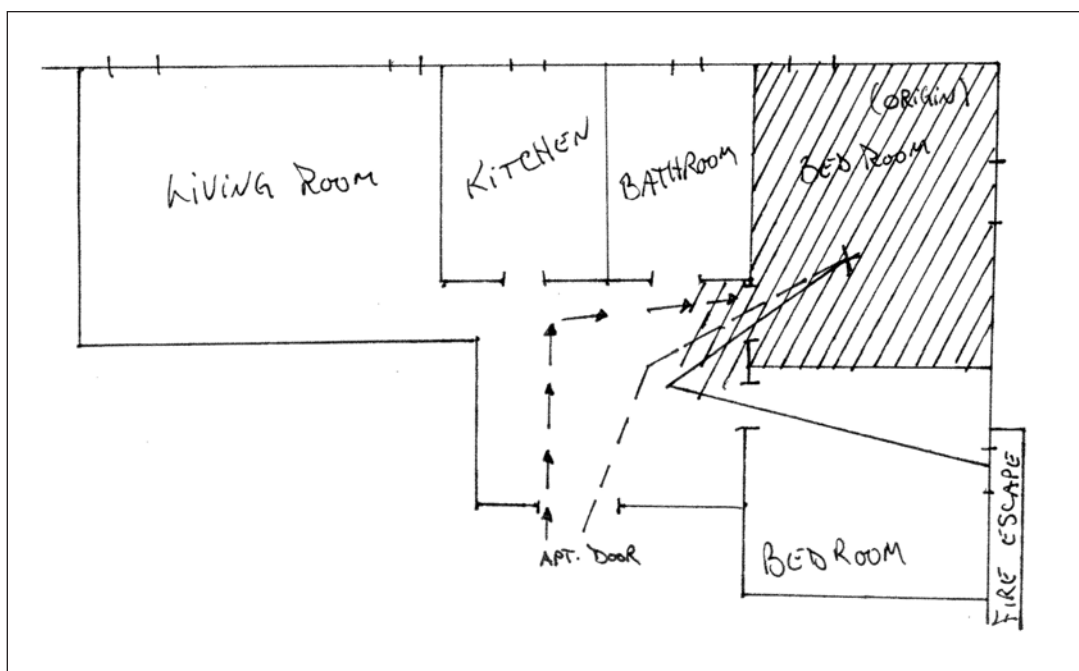
After encountering multiple obstacles, Engine Company 312 had stretched 12 lengths of hoseline and was now entering the fire apartment with a charged hoseline. Lieutenant Schmidt handed off the first victim to Engine 312's officer and informed FF Greco that there was a second victim in the fire room, a bedroom adjacent to the one he had just searched. Engine 312 entered the apart-

ment and knocked down the fire rolling over the rescuer's heads.

Lieutenant Schmidt had the line shut down momentarily to initiate the second rescue. As conditions in the fire room continued to deteriorate, FF Greco searched and found the second victim. Due to the high heat and heavy smoke condition, he was unable to transmit the second 10-45 but was able to verbally contact Lieutenant Schmidt, who assisted with moving the unconscious male to the hallway. Simultaneously, Engine 312 entered the apartment to knock down the fire. With the assistance of second-due companies, FF Greco removed the victim out of the fire apartment and down to the front of the building.

Upon exiting the building, FF Greco recognized that the victim wasn't breathing, called for EMS and transmitted the second 10-45. He helped restore the victim's breathing before turning him over to EMS.

In the long-standing traditions of the FDNY and due to his valiant efforts, Firefighter Joseph Greco is awarded the Columbia Association Medal. – JT





# Susan Wagner Medal

## Firefighter John R. Channell

Ladder Company 36

October 22, 2022, 1734 hours, Box 75-1786, Manhattan

Appointed to the FDNY on May 15, 2019. Father, Firefighter John Channel, retired from Ladder Company 8. Holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from Manhattan College. Resides in the Bronx with fiancée Liz Miller.

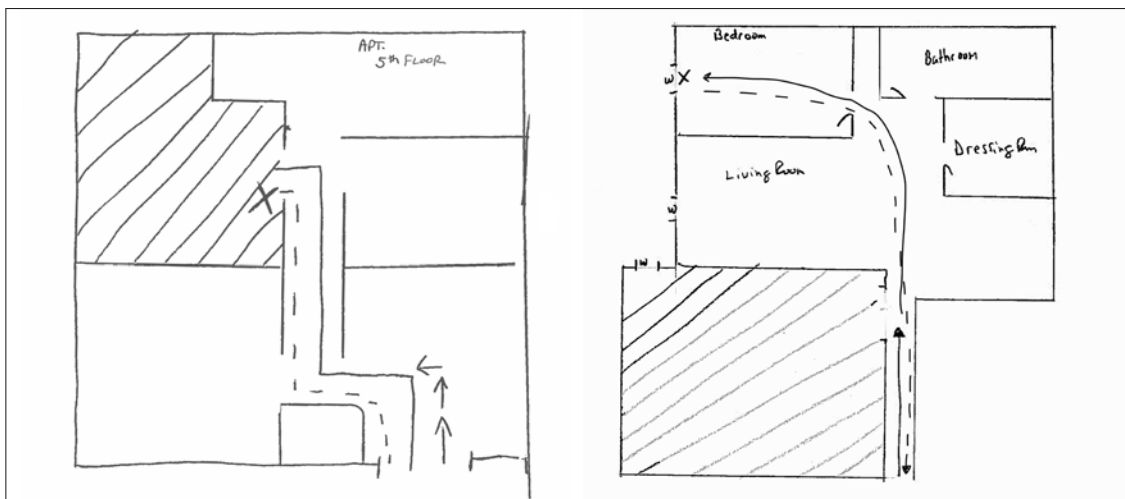
Clutter conditions create extreme and dangerously cramped living spaces, with all surfaces and possible storage areas filled with accumulations of ceiling-high stacks of rubbish and debris. Only narrow, winding pathways allow for limited mobility within such units. The result of this condition is an inability of emergency personnel to easily enter, locate and remove persons trapped within. Additionally, the large amounts of accumulated items create an abnormally high fire fuel load, leading to excessive smoke generation, deep-seated or advanced fire conditions and delayed detection and notification to the Fire Department.

On October 22, 2022, at 1734 hours, the members of Ladder Company 36 and Battalion 13 encountered such conditions when they were dispatched to a fire on the fifth floor of a six-story, non-fireproof multiple dwelling. Arriving in just 3 ½ minutes, the members of Ladder 36's inside team rapidly ascended to the fifth floor, where smoke was emanating from around the door frame of the fire apartment. Firefighter John Channell (irons) and Firefighter Erich Smith (can) made quick work of forcing the door and were immediately hit with heavy black smoke and high heat. Donning the remainder of their firefighting gear, the members, supervised by Lieutenant James Kasyjanski, entered the apartment without the protection of a hoseline. They encountered an extremely heavy clutter condition at the apartment door, coupled with dense smoke and fire rolling over their heads, and FF Channell crawled onward using only his sense of touch as a guide.

As the inside team made their way to the rear of the apartment, high heat and fire rolling overhead pushed members to the floor. Feeling his way along the narrow, debris-filled aisle, FF Channell came across an unconscious female lying prone just inside what turned out to be the doorway of the rear bedroom. After yelling that he had found a 10-45, he summoned all his strength to pull the victim back through the narrow, debris-lined cavern toward the apartment door. FF Channell was assisted by FF Smith, who had just radioed the 10-45 to Command. Due to the narrow passage through the heavy clutter, the members of the first-due engine, Engine Company 95, were unable to advance the attack hoseline until the victim was removed. After the officer and members of the engine assisted FF Channell in removing the victim, Engine 95 moved the hoseline toward the unchecked and intensifying fire to extinguish it.

Firefighter Channell removed the victim to the stairwell, where the members of Engine Company 93 completed the removal to the floor below and initiated life-saving treatment. FF Channell then returned to the apartment, rejoining his team to complete the searches and overhaul.

Due to the determination, perseverance and brave actions of Firefighter John Channell in locating and removing an unconscious victim under tenuous conditions, before an operating hoseline was in place, he is awarded the Susan Wagner Medal. - SM



# Steuben Association Medal

## Firefighter Peter T. Morawek

Ladder Company 113

October 18, 2022, 0233 hours, Box 77-3762, Brooklyn

*Appointed to the FDNY on December 12, 2016. Previously assigned to Engine 249. Father, Battalion Chief Andrew Morawek, is assigned to Battalion 58. Holds a bachelor's degree in arts from SUNY Albany. Served in the United States Marine Corps. Resides on Staten Island with wife Tiffany.*



In the early morning hours of October 18, 2022, Ladder Company 113 and Engine Company 249 received a residential phone alarm for smoke at Brooklyn Box 3762, a 25-story, occupied, high-rise, fireproof multiple dwelling. En route, Ladder 113 received reports of smoke on multiple floors from the Brooklyn Communications Office. Upon their arrival, dispatchers told Ladder 113's officer, Lieutenant Andrew Kelly (Battalion 41), that they had received a call from a resident on the 16th floor who was trapped by fire in her apartment. Lieutenant Kelly and his inside team—FF Peter Morawek (forcible entry) and FF Teron Melville (can)—quickly made their way into the building. After gaining control of the elevators, the members took one to the 14th floor.

Ladder Company 113 exited the elevator and ascended the "A" stairwell to the 16th floor. Lieutenant Kelly felt the door of the reported fire apartment and notified Battalion 38 that they had a heat condition and were forcing entry. As the inside team forced the door, Firefighter John Nuzzela (roof) made entry to the apartment above the fire and gave them a layout. He also notified them of the thick, inky-black smoke coming from a bedroom window. Upon receiving the transmission, Lieutenant Kelly transmitted a 10-77 to Battalion 38. With the assistance of FF Melville, FF Morawek expertly forced his way into the apartment, maintaining control of the apartment door. With the door open, and high heat and dense black smoke emitting from the apartment, the members donned their facepieces and entered.

With the punishing heat pushing him to the floor and no charged hoseline in place, FF Morawek crawled into the apartment and maneuvered his way through a medium-clutter condition. Approximately 15 feet into the apartment, he located the main body of fire in the kitchen. FF

Morawek pushed deeper into the apartment, past the fire.

On the floor above, FF Nuzzela reported that a woman was visible at a bedroom window of the fire apartment and fighting for air, and that he was setting up a life-saving rope evolution. FF Morawek pressed farther into the apartment, fighting through clutter to locate a rear bedroom. There, he located an elderly female near the window and quickly transmitted a 10-45. With the fire extending out of the kitchen and conditions rapidly deteriorating in the apartment, he began the grueling task of carrying the victim out of the apartment, using his own body to shield her from the searing heat. Blocking the flames, he guided her past the kitchen and into the public hallway, transferring care to members of Rescue Company 2. Once the victim was removed from the hallway, FF Morawek returned to the fire apartment to complete his primary search.

Firefighter Peter Morawek's determination and skill to fight his way through a cluttered apartment, in high heat and zero visibility, undoubtedly saved a life. He acted within the highest traditions of the FDNY and is presented with the Steuben Association Medal. - TM



Firefighter Peter Morawek (third from the left) poses with members of Ladder Company 113, left to right: FF Nana Saunderson, FF Darren Bould, FF Andrew Trotta, FF Jimmy Frontera and Captain Robert Gibson.



# Chief James Scullion Medal

## Paramedic Nicole M. Perez

**Station 38**

**October 27, 2022, 0850 hours, Brooklyn**

*Appointed to the FDNY July 25, 2016. Cousin, Firefighter Noel Perez, is assigned to Engine Company 228. Previously assigned to EMS Station 58. Holds a bachelor's degree sociology from CUNY Hunter College. Resides in Brooklyn with husband Ivan Perez and child Julian Perez.*

**O**n Thursday, October 27, 2022, Paramedic Nicole Perez and her partner, Paramedic Daja McKeithen, were operating in Brownsville, Brooklyn. As they removed a patient to their ambulance, multiple gunshots rang out nearby. Within moments, numerous individuals frantically approached the crew, one requesting assistance for their father, who had been shot. Both members reacted instinctively, safely securing the original patient inside the ambulance and immediately requesting additional units and NYPD assistance. Paramedic McKeithen tended to the original stable patient in the ambulance while Paramedic Perez followed the young man back to his injured father. Without hesitation or regard for her own safety, Paramedic Perez entered a restaurant across the street whose front door was riddled with bullet holes. As soon as she located the individual's father, she began treating him for gunshot wounds he had received to his abdominal and pelvic area. While she stabilized her patient, another paramedic crew

arrived to assist. Paramedic Perez relinquished patient care to the crew, who proceeded to provide advanced life support.

Soon after transferring patient care, Paramedic Perez focused her attention on sounds coming from the other side of the room. With the realization that NYPD was still en route, she determinedly went to investigate and encountered a second patient who had gunshot wounds to the chest and upper torso. Paramedic Perez sprang into action and, with the assistance of Lieutenant Timothy Cusack (Station 38), began treating the patient for life-threatening injuries. An arriving unit was able to take over patient care and provide further assistance. Paramedic Perez subsequently returned to her original stable patient and initiated transport to a nearby hospital.

Paramedic Nicole Perez's actions on this day exemplified the true definitions of valor, initiative, perseverance and selflessness, and it is for these reasons Paramedic Perez is being awarded the Chief James Scullion Medal. – ET



*Paramedics Nicole Perez (right) and partner Daja McKeithen (left) at the end of their tour on October 27, 2022.*

# Dr. J.W. Goldenkranz Medal

## Firefighter Patrick Modzelewski

Ladder Company 104

November 28, 2022, 2109 hours, Box 0106, Brooklyn

*Appointed to the FDNY on May 13, 2019. Previously detailed to Engine 263 for a year rotation. Holds a bachelor's degree in kinesiology from SUNY Brockport. Member of the FDNY basketball team. Resides in Brooklyn.*



On November 28, 2022, at 2109 hours, Ladder Company 104 responded as the cold-water rescue company for a report of a person “holding onto the pier” near 2 North 6th Street. While en route to the box, Firefighter Patrick Modzelewski, the primary rescue swimmer, donned the cold-water rescue suit. Upon arrival, Lieutenant Howard Holmes and Firefighter Devin Degaetano (primary tether) proceeded to the edge of the water to search for the victim. The members were met by the caller, who informed them that the victim was at the “far end” of the pier at North 5th Street, approximately 380 feet away. The caller stated that the person had gone under the water and resurfaced several times, and they estimated the victim had been in the water for at least 15 minutes before the 911 call. That night, the air temperature was 42 degrees, and the water temperature was 50 degrees. The pier and East River were both dark, and the water was rough.

Once the victim was located, FF Modzelewski sprinted to the location, scaled a 4-foot railing and stood on the narrow edge of the pier. He let the victim know that help was on the way. FF Modzelewski attached the carabiner to himself; FF Degaetano tied off to an anchor point and attached another carabiner to FF Modzelewski. FF Degaetano lowered FF Modzelewski about 20 feet to the river below using the tether rope and Atlas life belt. The victim was now exhausted, mentally confused and struggling to hold on to the pier. Suddenly, without warning, he let go of the piling and sank under the water.

As the victim went under, FF Modzelewski entered the water, diving down to locate the victim. He reached under the victim’s armpits and pulled him back above the surface of the river. FF Modzelewski then placed a water rescue torpedo on the man’s chest and held him afloat as he regained his breath.

After assessing the victim, FF Modzelewski determined that the victim had an altered mental status and was unable to assist in his removal from the water. FF Modzelewski knew that if he let go, the victim he would sink below the water again, and he communicated this to Lieutenant Holmes. It was determined that the quickest and safest way to remove the victim from the river would be aboard Marine Company 6, which had arrived on scene. FF Modzelewski continued to hold onto the man until the rescue swimmer of Marine 6 could reach them and bring the victim onto the boat. Once on land, the victim was transferred to FDNY EMS and transported to the hospital.

For his quick and determined actions that saved a man from drowning in the cold and dark East River, Firefighter Patrick Modzelewski of Ladder Company 104 (“the Southside”) is being honored with the Dr. J.W. Goldenkranz Medal. - NG



Members of Ladder Company 104, from left to right: FF Devin Degaetano, FF David Pennolino, FF Patrick Modzelewski, Lieutenant Howard Holmes, FF William Murphy and FF Darek Przestrzelski.



## Uniformed Fire Officers Association Medal

### Lieutenant Edward Cowan Jr.

#### Rescue Company 5

October 21, 2022, 0353 hours, Box 75-2078, Staten Island

*Appointed to the FDNY on January 26, 1997. Previously assigned to Engine Company 246, Ladder Company 85 (rotation), Engine Company 248 (rotation), Ladder Companies 85 (rotation) and 103, Squad Companies 1 and 8 and Rescue Company 2. Great-grandfather, Captain James Killen, retired from Ladder Company 120. Grandfather, James Killen, retired as a fire marshal. Uncle, Lieutenant Vincent Tavella, retired from Engine Company 159. Cousin, Firefighter Vincent Tavella, retired from Rescue Company 2. Resides on Staten Island with his wife, Laurie, and their children, Brendan, James and Shane.*

**D**uring the overnight hours on October 21, 2022, Staten Island Communications transmitted Box 2078 for a fire on Hylan Boulevard. Engine Company 165 was first to arrive and transmitted the 10-75 for fire on the first floor of a two-story, 26- by 60-foot mixed occupancy with a commercial occupancy on the first floor. With fire visible in the front of the building, Engine 165 went to work stretching a handline, and Ladder Company 85 began to force entry to the first floor.

A civilian advised the members that a male lived on the first floor and was possibly trapped. Under the command of Lieutenant Edward Cowan, Rescue Company 5 arrived on scene and reported to the front of the fire building. Aware of a possible trapped occupant, Lieutenant Cowan and Rescue 5 Firefighter Robert Fucci (can) rapidly entered the building, along with Ladder 85's inside team. Once inside, they encountered a heavy fire condition that was quickly extending halfway through the store.

Lieutenant Cowan began a right-hand search along

the exposure 4 wall opposite the visible fire and made his way toward the rear of the store. He encountered an extremely heavy clutter condition in addition to blinding smoke and high heat. Despite these grueling conditions, he searched deeper into the store and eventually arrived at the rear wall. The rear of the store was filled with clutter, and the heavy smoke produced blackout conditions.

As Lieutenant Cowan made his way along the rear wall, he came across a bathroom. He searched it with no results, then exited and continued to crawl and search. As he advanced towards the rear left corner of the store, he found an unconscious male among the heavy clutter. He transmitted a 10-45 over his radio and requested assistance in removing the unconscious victim from his untenable position in the rear of the store. Ladder Company 85 made their way to assist Lieutenant Cowan and the victim. Together, they began the extremely difficult and dangerous task of moving the unconscious male across the heavy clutter condition, as Engine Company 165 advanced their handline on the fire. They removed the victim from the rear of the store, across the heavy clutter and past the fire, to the front of the store, where the victim was placed into a stokes basket for removal to the street and into the care of EMS.

Lieutenant Edward Cowan acted within the highest traditions of the Department. At great personal risk, he showed tremendous courage and tenacity under extremely dangerous conditions and pushed well beyond the fire to save a life. For this, he is awarded the Uniformed Fire Officers Association Medal. - RAW



# William and Gertrude Friedberg Medal

## Firefighter John G. Petito III

Ladder Company 2

November 5, 2022, 1024 hours, Box 33-0877, Manhattan



*Appointed to the FDNY on May 13, 2019. Holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from the College of Mount Saint Vincent. Resides in Brooklyn with fiancée Annmarie Ingravallo.*

**F**irefighting operations in high-rise buildings present a unique set of challenges that is extremely labor intensive and complex. The vertical landscape creates an enormous burden on all aspects of the operation. From defying the laws of gravity to pump adequate water to upper floors, to the superhuman efforts required to reach the fire location and then search, confine and extinguish the fire, there are many challenges.

At 1024 hours on November 5, 2022, Ladder Company 2 encountered heavy, black, turbulent smoke pushing out of upper-floor windows and transmitted a signal 10-77 to confirm a working fire at a high-rise residential building. Firefighter John Petito, assigned the outside ventilation position, initiated elevator recall and shuttled Ladder 2's forcible entry team to the 18th floor. He returned to the lobby to retrieve and deliver Engine Company 8 to the 18th floor. Shortly after, the elevator experienced mechanical failure. At the same time, there were transmissions of people climbing out of 20th-floor windows, and Ladder 2 was met with severe fire conditions in the hallway and at the fire apartment door.

At this point, all three elevators in the building became inoperable. FF Petito recognized that operating forces in the lobby had the arduous task of ascending 20 stories in a congested stairwell, racing against time to rescue the occupants, and he urgently notified the incident commander. He forced open the elevator doors using his Halligan tool and repositioned himself to the floor above, where he found Ladder 2's roof firefighter heavily engaged in the cluttered apartment, preparing for the arrival of the life-saving rope.

FF Petito provided reassurance to the occupants hanging out the window, telling them to remain calm and not jump and that FDNY members were coming to get them. More dense black smoke and heat began pushing out under pressure as one occupant slipped and became impaled on the window guard. She became extremely distressed and began flailing erratically on the exterior of the building. Without hesitation, FF Petito placed himself at great personal risk and extreme danger by extending his body out of the 21st-floor window, untethered, while holding out his self-contained breathing apparatus to give the occupant fresh air.

As additional personnel arrived, FF Petito continued working tirelessly and committedly in his position by providing important updates to the incident commander and coordinating the deployment of two more life-saving ropes. Once members had safely lowered two victims to the 19th-floor window, a final oc-

cupant remained straddling the windowsill as acrid smoke continued to push out around him. FF Petito clipped the rope hook into another member's harness and lowered the member out the window. This victim was rescued from the interior.

Firefighter John Petito was vital in a successful operation where multiple rescues were made from firefighters scaling a high-rise building on the 20th floor and hanging from a rope. His individual acts of bravery, in conjunction with initiative and capability, truly exemplify the finest traditions of the New York City Fire Department. For his undeniable actions that prevented three trapped occupants from jumping to certain death, he is awarded the William and Gertrude Friedberg Medal. – BC



*At Manhattan Box 33-0877, Firefighter John Petito (L-2) lowers a mask to victims at the window to give them relief from the heavy smoke conditions. (Photo by Mariusz Korecki)*



## American Legion Fire Dept. Post 930 Mark M. Wohlfeld Memorial Medal

### Firefighter Christian D. Wellinger

Ladder Company 16

November 5, 2022, 1020 hours, Box 33-0877, Manhattan

*Appointed to the FDNY on May 13, 2019. Probationary detail for a year to Engine Company 71. Holds a bachelor's degree in English from Stony Brook University. Recipient of a Unit Citation. Resides in Manhattan with his wife, Angelica, and their children, Stella and Oliver.*

**O**n the morning of November 5, 2022, Ladder Company 16 was assigned to Manhattan Box 0877 with reports of a fire in a 37-story, high-rise, fireproof multiple dwelling. As Ladder 16 responded, Manhattan dispatchers advised incoming companies that they were receiving multiple calls for people trapped. As Ladder 16 arrived on scene, they observed heavy smoke pouring from an apartment on the 20th floor. Three occupants of the apartment had broken the windows and placed their bodies outside them in an attempt to escape the deadly conditions in the apartment.

Ladder 16 entered the building and found no working elevators. The company quickly started climbing the stairs and were instructed to go to the floor above the fire. Firefighter Christian Wellinger (Ladder 16, irons) entered the apartment above the fire and found two members from Ladder Company 2 lowering an SCBA to the three occupants trapped at the window below, as heavy smoke pushed all around them. With time being of the essence, the need for a life-saving rope (LSR) rescue was immediately recognized.

FF Wellinger began to set up the LSR operation while navigating several pieces of furniture and debris in the cluttered apartment. Because a substantial object could not be found initially and because of the gravity of the situation, he made the decision to lower Firefighter Belvon Koranteng (detailed to Ladder 16, roof) by wrapping the LSR in his harness hook and bracing himself with his feet against a metal door frame. At this point, one victim's entire body was now precariously hanging outside the 20th-story window. As FF Koranteng was lowered, members assisted by laying on FF Wellinger in order to keep him secure and in place. Other members had to communicate the commands between the two firefighters, as they were out of each other's sight.

FF Koranteng reported that the victim's arm was stuck in the full-size child guard gate, and that a second member was needed to disentangle the victim. Firefighter Artur Podgorski (detailed to Ladder 16, can) was lowered and was able to secure the victim, but he needed assistance to free her. FF Koranteng was then lowered to the floor below, and the rope was sent back up and reset to lower Firefighter Darren Harsch (detailed to Rescue 1, forcible entry). Meanwhile, FF James Cahill (Rescue 1, chauffeur) breached the wall behind them and was able to anchor FF Wellinger's rope around a stud. FF Wellinger lowered FF Harsch, who was able to disentangle the first victim and take hold of a second victim. FF Wellinger then lowered FF Harsch with the second victim to the floor below.

FF Wellinger was able to successfully lower two firefighters and one civilian to safety. His exceptional performance and courage under difficult circumstances led to the effective rescue of numerous trapped civilians 20 stories above the street below. His unwavering strength and mental clarity, even after climbing 21 stories, show his commitment to the people of this City and his fellow firefighters. The Department is proud to honor Firefighter Christian Wellinger for his dedication and efforts with the American Legion Fire Department Post 930/Mark M. Wohlfeld Memorial Medal. - FW



Members after operating at Manhattan Box 33-0877, from left to right: FF James Bryant (L-39), FF Raheim Parker (L-16), FF Artur Podgorski (L-108, det. to L-16), FF Belvon Koranteng (E-295, det. to L-16), FF Christian Wellinger (L-16), Lieutenant Joe Decker (L-16) and FF Eric Heym (L-16). (Photo by Ken Gunsberger)



# Arthur J. Laufer Memorial Medal

## Firefighter Julian D. Castaneda

### Ladder Company 35

November 5, 2022, 1028 hours, Box 33-0877, Manhattan

*Appointed to the FDNY July 7, 2004. Previously assigned to Stations 16 and 17. Became a firefighter on December 12, 2016 and was previously assigned to Engine Company 40 in 2017. Resides in Smithtown, New York, with his wife, Diana, and child, Noah.*

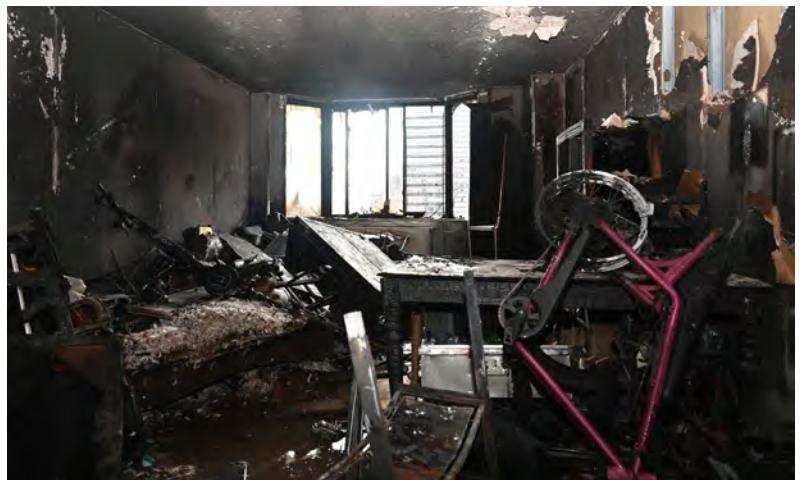


**O**n November 5, 2022, at 1028 hours, Tower Ladder Company 35 responded to a phone alarm for a fire on the 20th floor of a 37-story, high-rise, multiple dwelling in Manhattan. Assigned as the fourth ladder company on the alarm with reports of multiple people trapped, Tower Ladder 35 arrived at the address, where members observed heavy smoke pushing from multiple windows on the 20th floor.

The responding members of Tower Ladder 35 quickly made their way up to the 21st floor, where Firefighter Julian Castaneda—assigned the roof position—immediately made his way to the bedroom of the apartment above the fire. Upon entering, he encountered a member at the window preparing to descend from the exterior for a life-saving rope rescue. Without hesitation, FF Castaneda assisted the member in dismounting the window; within seconds, it was determined that a second life-saving rope rescue was needed due to additional victims trapped at the window on the fire floor.

FF Castaneda immediately began to set up his life-saving rope for a second rope rescue. After tying himself into the rope system, he lowered the second firefighter, Artur Podgorski (Engine 55, detailed to Ladder 16), to the window directly below him, where the victims were trapped. A short time later, it was determined that FF Podgorski needed to be raised in order to help dislodge and support the victim, who had been entangled in the window she was trying to escape. FF Castaneda, with the help of other members in the room, pulled on the rope with all his might to raise the firefighter into a better position to assist in freeing the victim. As a result of FF Castaneda's actions, both the trapped victim and rescuing firefighter were safely lowered into an apartment window on the 19th floor.

Firefighter Julian Castaneda exemplified the highest traditions of the FDNY by taking initiative and coordinating his actions with other members, which undoubtedly saved the lives of victims at this fire. For his actions, he is awarded the Arthur J. Laufer Memorial Medal. - MB



*Aftermath of the fire apartment living room, which was next to the bedroom where the rope rescues took place. (Photo by FDNY Bureau of Fire Investigation)*



*The fire at Manhattan Box 33-0877 was caused by a lithium-ion battery connected to a micro-mobility device.*



## Emerald Society Pipes and Drums Medal

### Firefighter John C. McAuliffe

**Engine Company 22 (assigned)**

**Ladder Company 110 (detailed)**

**January 18, 2022, 0305 hours, Box 77-0389, Brooklyn**

*Appointed to the FDNY on November 12, 2019. Holds a bachelor's degree in communications from Manhattan College. Resides in Manhattan.*

**O**n January 18, 2022, at 0305 hours, Ladder Company 110 was dispatched to Brooklyn Box 0389 for a report of smoke in a 13-story, high-rise, fireproof multiple dwelling. Upon arrival, members of Ladder 110 observed heavy smoke emanating from a fifth-floor window. They forced their way through the locked main entrance door and

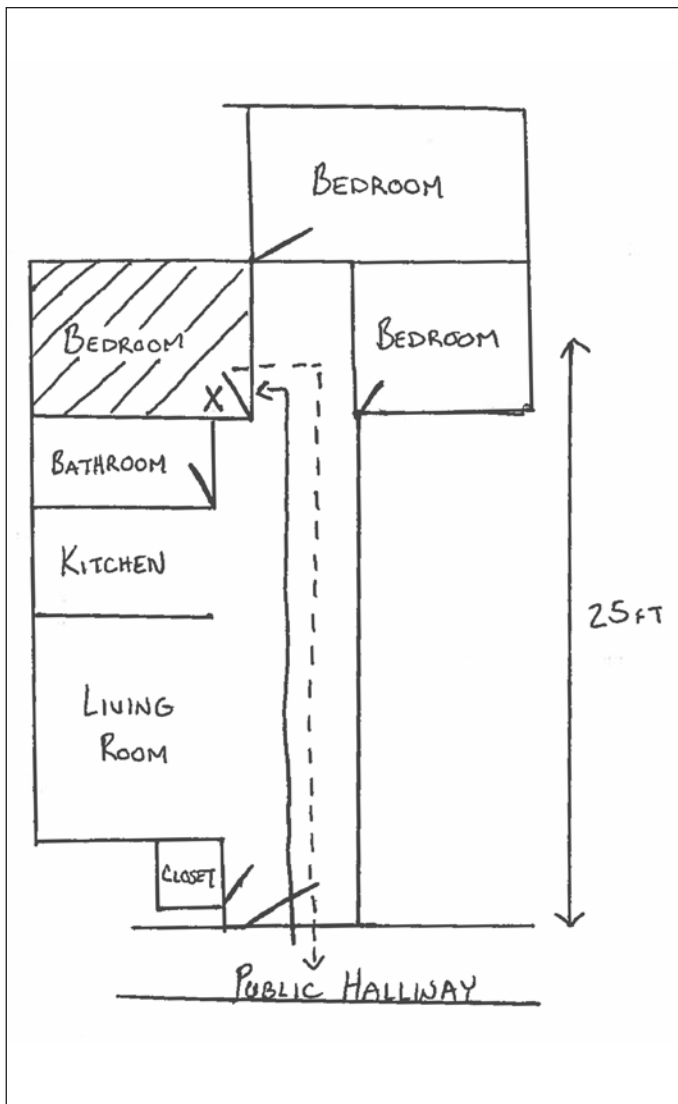
made their way up to the fifth floor using the enclosed interior stairway.

At the fifth-floor landing, Ladder 110's inside team made their way through the smoke condition in the hallway to locate the fire apartment. As a 10-77 was transmitted, they donned their masks and made entry into the apartment to begin their primary search. Firefighter John McAuliffe (forcible entry) conducted a left-handed search with Firefighter Artem Zubanov (can), while Lieutenant Jorge Morales conducted a right-handed search to locate the fire using the thermal imaging camera.

Firefighters McAuliffe and Zubanov crawled along the floor, making their way to the rear of the three-bedroom apartment. At the entrance to one of the bedrooms, FF McAuliffe discovered that the door was closed but unlocked; however, something was blocking it and preventing it from being fully opened. He was able to force the door open to just a few inches. From this vantage point, a burning mattress could be seen through the heavy, black smoke.

At this time, radio transmissions indicated a delay in water delivery to the standpipe on the fire floor. Knowing he had to act quickly should someone be found on the other side of the door, FF McAuliffe squeezed through the tight space to make entry into the fire room. In conditions of zero visibility and high heat, he discovered an unconscious, badly burned victim in respiratory distress wedged against the door. As coordinated by Lieutenant Morales, FF Zubanov used the extinguisher to hold back the flames of the fully involved mattress while FF McAuliffe moved the victim from the fire room into the apartment hallway. The team continued removing the victim to the public hallway. They were met by the outside vent firefighter, Kenneth Jackson, who removed the victim to street level and transferred them to EMS personnel for care and transport to the hospital.

FF McAuliffe went above and beyond the call of duty in accomplishing the task of search and removal of a victim without the protection of a hoseline under dangerous conditions. The teamwork demonstrated by Ladder Company 110 and the actions of Firefighter John McAuliffe reflect the highest standards of the FDNY. For his efforts, he is awarded the Emerald Society Pipes and Drums Medal. - MB



# Company Officers Association Medal

## Lieutenant Christopher P. Walter

Ladder Company 108

May 18, 2022, 1611 hours, Box 77-0160, Brooklyn



Appointed to the FDNY on February 2, 2003. Previously assigned to Ladder Company 132, Engine Company 280 and Engine Company 26. Brother, Lieutenant Tim Walter, is assigned to Ladder Company 132. Holds a bachelor's degree in administration from Slippery Rock University. Resides in Rockaway Park, New York, with wife Tara and their children, Emma and Avery.

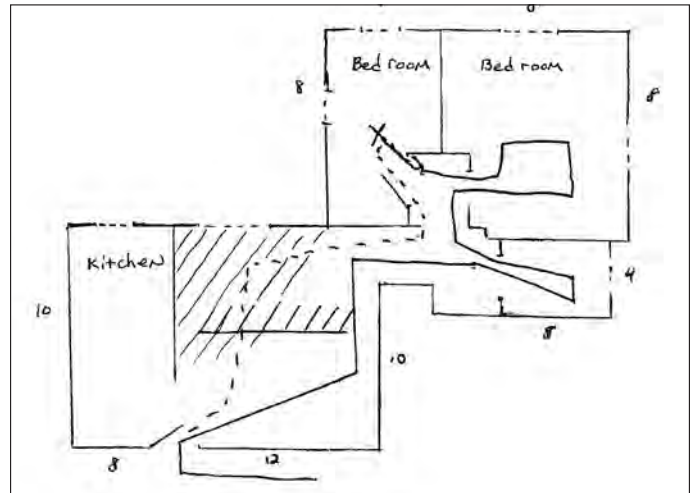
On May 18, 2022, at 1611 hours, Ladder Company 108 was assigned first due to Brooklyn Box 0162 for a report of fire in an apartment on the third floor. En route, the Brooklyn dispatcher advised that they had reports of people trapped inside the fire apartment. While reading the Critical Information Dispatch System (CIDS), Ladder 108's officer, Lieutenant Christopher Walter, noted that the building was a high-rise multiple dwelling without a standpipe, set back from the street. The CIDS also advised that because of placement of hydrants and where the first- and second-due engines needed to position themselves, units should expect a delay in water.

Upon arrival, Lieutenant Walter entered the building with his inside team and acknowledged a report from the first-due engine officer of a heavy smoke condition on the third floor. After arriving at the fire floor via the B stairwell, Lieutenant Walter—along with Firefighter Joseph Andres (can) and Firefighter John Mulder (irons)—masked up and entered the hallway, which was now banked down with dark smoke and high heat. This indicated to him that the door to the fire apartment had been left open. Using his thermal imaging camera for direction, along with confirmation from his roof firefighter, Peter Castelli, on the floor above, he determined the fire apartment. The team then made their way to the apartment and took control of the door to limit the flow path.

Inside, members were again met with high heat, combined with zero visibility and a heavy-clutter condition. After a quick search, the main body of fire was located in the living room. Aware of the unavoidable delay in water but conscious of the credible report of victims trapped, Lieutenant Walter left FF Andres positioned outside the living room to hold back the fire, while he and FF Mulder continued to search. Following a right-handed search to the bedrooms, Lieutenant Walter came across an unconscious, disabled, elderly woman and immediately transmitted the 10-45. With the assistance of firefighters Brendan Tracy (outside vent) and Roger Buck (chauffeur), who had entered the bedroom after placing the 35-foot portable ladder to the window, they removed the victim past the fire, out of the apartment to the B stairwell

and into the care of waiting EMS personnel. The three members then returned to the fire apartment, where two additional 10-45s were found and safely removed.

While utilizing the CIDS information, radio transmissions, experience and good judgment, Lieutenant Christopher Walter entered the IDLH for a credible life hazard and facilitated the rescue of a disabled victim, while aiding in the rescue of two more. For these outstanding efforts, he is awarded the Company Officers Association Medal. - JP



Members of Ladder Company 108 who rescued three residents from Box 0160 in Brooklyn, from left to right: FF John Mulder, FF Joseph Andres, FF Roger Buck, Lieutenant Chris Walter and FF Brendan Tracy.



# Edith B. Goldman Medal

## Firefighter Joseph L. Andres

Ladder Company 108

May 18, 2022, 1611 hours, Box 77-0160, Brooklyn

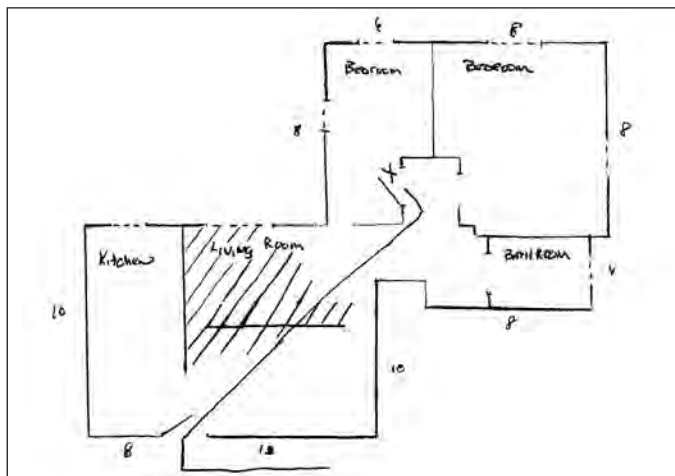
*Appointed to the FDNY on January 27, 2014. Holds a bachelor's degree in anthropology from Queens College. Probationary class valedictorian, June 2014. Recipient of the 2016 Emily Trevor/Mary B. Warren Medal, a Class III and two Unit Citations. Member of the FDNY Honor Legion. Resides in Bayside, New York, with his wife, Maureen, and their child, Penelope.*

**A**t 1611 hours on May 18, 2022, Ladder Company 108 was dispatched first due to Brooklyn Box 0160 for a report of fire on the third floor. Firefighter Joseph Andres was assigned the can position. En route, the Brooklyn radio dispatcher advised that members of the household who had escaped were reporting victims trapped inside the fire apartment. The building—an eight-story, high-rise multiple dwelling with no standpipe—was set back from the street. Engine companies needed to position their rigs in an adjacent lot, and it required both the first and second due companies to get a water supply and a line in operation. This meant there would be a delay in getting water on the fire.

Upon arrival, FF Andres, alongside Firefighter John Mulder (irons) and Ladder 108's officer, Lieutenant Christopher Walter, entered the building and made their way to the third floor. On the fire floor, they were met with high heat and heavy smoke. After masking up behind the closed stairwell door, the members reentered the hallway and made their way to the fire apartment, both closing the stairwell door and controlling the door to the fire apartment, which had been left open.

Inside the apartment, they were also met with high heat, zero visibility and heavy clutter. The members began their search and located the main body of fire in the living room. Lieutenant Walter continued a right-handed search, past the fire and toward the bedrooms, while FF Andres positioned himself

just outside the living room and used his water extinguisher to keep the fire at bay. Before the engine could make it from the lot into the building and up to the fire floor, FF Andres heard his officer transmit a 10-45 for an unconscious victim. Knowing the members would have to go past the living room to get the victim out, FF Andres maneuvered himself between the bedrooms and the living room, protecting the path of egress.



Firefighters Brendan Tracy (outside vent) and Roger Buck (chauffeur), who had entered the bedroom after placing the 35-foot portable ladder to the window, assisted Lieutenant Walter in removing the victim safely out of the apartment to the stairwell. With his extinguisher now empty but knowing the earlier report was for multiple victims trapped, FF Andres continued searching the rear bedrooms. In the clutter, he located an unconscious child. He transmitted another 10-45 and brought the child out through the clutter, past the spreading fire and safely into the hallway, leaving the child with EMS. FF Andres then returned to the apartment and assisted FF Buck with the removal of a third victim.

Without regard for his own safety, and before the arrival of a charged hoseline, Firefighter Joseph Andres went deep into an IDLH to rescue a known life hazard. His actions that day helped save the lives of three victims. For his efforts, he is awarded the Edith B. Goldman Medal. - JP



Ladder 108 operates at Brooklyn Box 22-0269 on January 26, 2022.

# Lieutenant Kirby McElhearn Medal

September 29, 2022, 1421 hours, Bronx



**EMT  
Odell Joris  
PSAC 1**

Appointed to the FDNY on February 9, 2015. Holds an associate degree in business administration from Borough of Manhattan Community College. Resides in Brooklyn with his wife, Dana, and children, Imani and Caden.



**EMT  
Michelange Mathieu  
PSAC 1**

Appointed to the FDNY on April 1, 2003. Brother, Firefighter Umberto Mathieu, is assigned to Ladder Company 166. Previously assigned to EMS Stations 44 and 39. Holds a bachelor's degree in communications from St. John's University. Recognized as Dispatcher of the Month in April 2015. Resides in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, with his wife, Shaquanna, and child, Mia.



**EMT  
Joseph C. Verardi  
PSAC 1**

Appointed to the FDNY on February 9, 2015. Resides in Brick, New Jersey, with his wife, Jennifer Ortiz, and children, Stella and Joseph.

**O**n September 29, 2022, as the result of a random and unprovoked violent attack, the Department suffered a tragic loss with the line-of-duty death of Lieutenant Alison Russo (promoted posthumously to captain). When this tragedy occurred, multiple witnesses to the event and the aftermath called 911 to report the incident.

Emergency Medical Service citywide dispatchers have the highest level of communications training offered by Emergency Medical Dispatch. They handle all multiple casualty incidents (MCIs), high-profile or complex jobs that require multiple types of resources and heavily coordinated responses.

When the first call came in, EMTs Odell Joris, Michelange Mathieu and Joseph Verardi were working the Citywide Board, already handling two MCIs. The caller stated that a firefighter had been stabbed. They also heard Manhattan Fire Company Engine 9 come over the air stating they had been flagged down for a medical call while en route to Randall's Island. This struck EMT Joris and EMT Verardi as an odd combination of reports, and their intuition kicked in. The public is not familiar with all the different uniforms and facilities the FDNY utilizes, so the conflicting information was understandable. Still, it required experience, persistence and quick thinking to untangle what could have quickly become an overwhelming amount of contradictory information.

Multiple calls began coming in simultaneously regarding the



EMTs Odell Joris, Michelange Mathieu and Joseph C. Verardi.

incident. Dispatcher Verardi consulted the map to pinpoint Engine 9's location, which was close to the location given by multiple other callers. Dispatcher Mathieu coordinated with Fire Citywide Dispatch, who had been notified that a firefighter had been stabbed. Dispatcher Joris handled several calls from FDNY chiefs from both EMS and Fire, confirming that it was in fact a member of service—an EMS officer—who

had been attacked. Many units in the field were highly eager to rush to Lieutenant Russo's aid, which made for heavy air traffic and rapid dissemination of information essential.

It was an uncommon situation with many obstacles that Dispatchers Mathieu, Verardi, and Joris overcame by maintaining focus and remaining in constant communication with each other and multiple officers in person, on the air and by phone. They provided a disciplined and decisive response from EMD to all EMS personnel involved, as well as to Fire Dispatch and the EMD Dispatch floor commander. A confusing and challenging situation like this could have resulted in several additional jobs being entered into the computer-aided dispatch (CAD) system unnecessarily, potentially hindering the most effective use of all available resources.

Their teamwork, experience and dedication delivered the fastest and most effective response possible. They have been awarded the Lieutenant Kirby McElhearn Medal for their combined decisive and determined effort. - GA

# Chief Joseph B. Martin Medal

## Firefighter Roger Buck

Ladder Company 108

May 18, 2022, 1611 hours, Box 77-0160, Brooklyn



Appointed to the FDNY on February 4, 1996. Previously assigned to Ladder Company 121. Recipient of two Class A, a Unit Citation and a Pre-Hospital Save. Holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from St. John's University. Member of the FDNY Steuben Association. Resides Carle Place, New York, with wife Joanne and their children, Maximilian and Harleigh.

Just after 1600 hours on May 18, 2022, Ladder Company 108 was assigned first due to Brooklyn Box 0160 for fire in an apartment on the third floor with reports of victims trapped. Firefighter Roger Buck was assigned the chauffeur position for the tour. He observed on the ticket printout that the Critical Information Dispatch System (or CIDS, which provides members with vital building information) indicated the residence was a high-rise multiple dwelling without a

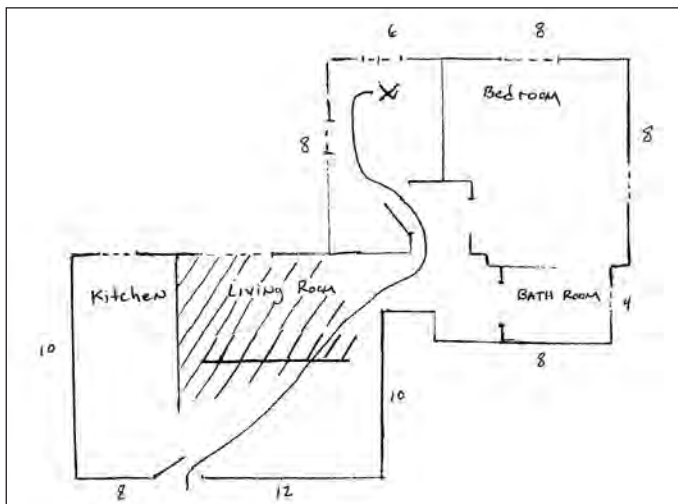
standpipe, and that the building was set back from the street.

Upon his arrival outside the front of the building, FF Buck saw the distance from the street to the building, as well as parked and double-parked cars and overhead obstructions. After searching half the perimeter of the building and conferring with the outside vent firefighter, Brendan Tracy, he determined that the visible smoke seen from outside was from the G line of apartments on the third floor. Firefighter Buck returned to the apparatus for the 35-foot portable ladder. With help from FF Tracy, FF Buck raised the ladder to a bedroom window of the fire apartment. Firefighter Buck butted the ladder as FF Tracy entered, then followed him up, stopping to finish clearing out the window and frame, clearing the way for potential egress.

Inside, FF Buck came across a heavy clutter condition, high heat and smoke. Remembering reports of victims trapped, he began a methodical search. Outside the bedroom, Ladder 108's officer, Lieutenant Christopher Walter, gave a 10-45 for an unconscious disabled woman, and FF Buck assisted in the removal. Along with FF Tracy, the three men maneuvered the victim through heavy heat and heavy clutter out to the hallway to EMS.

Still without the protection of a hoseline, FF Buck crawled under the fire, in zero visibility and through heavy clutter, back to the rear bedroom to continue his search. He came upon a bed covered with clothing and toys. As FF Buck searched through the clutter on top and under the bed, he found a child on the floor between the wall and bed, lying in the fetal position with clothing surrounding him. FF Buck immediately transmitted another 10-45, and with the child in his arms, he crawled under the extreme heat and back out of the fire apartment to the hallway. The child's breathing was labored, so FF Buck began treating the unconscious child, then brought him down to the lobby, turning him over to the care of EMS.

Firefighter Roger Buck used clear thinking, bravery and his training to rescue the life of an unconscious child and assist in the rescue of a disabled victim, for which he is receiving the Chief Joseph B. Martin Medal. - JP



Ladder Company 108 operates at a different fire in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn.

# Police Honor Legion Medal

## Firefighter Michael T. Gervasi

**Engine Company 279 (assigned)**

**Ladder Company 131 (detailed)**

**July 7, 2022, 0118 hours, Box 75-1310, Brooklyn**



*Appointed to the FDNY on June 29, 2015. Attended Borough of Manhattan Community College. Served in the U.S. Navy for four years. Resides in Brooklyn with fiancée Grecia Johana Guerrero.*

In the early hours of July 7, 2022, Ladder Company 131 was assigned second-due truck for a fire on the top floor of a 20- by 50-foot, four-story, Old Law tenement. Firefighter Michael Gervasi of Engine Company 279, working a mutual tour in Ladder 131, was assigned the irons position. When companies arrived, heavy fire was showing on the exposure 1 and 4 sides of the building, a corner building off of 4th Avenue with a commercial occupancy on the ground level. The fire was in an apartment on the fourth floor, where Ladder Company 122 had already begun their search.

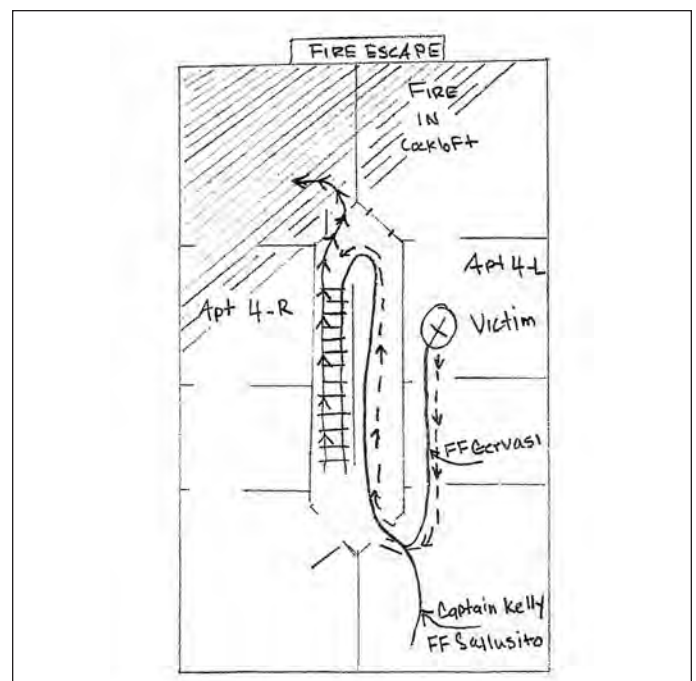
The Ladder 131 inside team—FF Gervasi, Captain George Kelly (Division 11) and Firefighter Frank Sallustio (Ladder 118, can), both detailed to Ladder 131 for this evening—made their way to the fire floor behind Ladder 122. Showing initiative, FF Gervasi relayed to Captain Kelly that the adjacent apartment on the fire floor was likely exposed to life-threatening smoke conditions and was not currently being searched. The members made their way up through low-visibility conditions to the public hall on the fourth floor. FF Gervasi, under Captain Kelly's orders, forced entry to the main entrance of the apartment adjacent to the fire apartment and immediately began a left-handed search, while Captain Kelly and FF Sallustio searched toward the right. Members were immediately faced with high heat and heavy smoke conditions as fire extended from the fire apartment into the shared cockloft of the adjacent apartment.

Undeterred by the knowledge that no hoseline had yet been stretched to protect them, FF Gervasi began searching for life in the first bedroom, relying on his training to use his sense of touch alone. Using his knowledge of the typical layout of a railroad apartment, he continued his search into the middle bedroom, where he found an unconscious victim lying on the floor in respiratory arrest. FF Gervasi verbally notified Captain Kelly of the 10-45, and together, with FF Sallustio, they began removing the victim from the apartment into the public hallway. There, they met members of Squad Company 1, who assisted FF Gervasi in removing the victim from the building to awaiting FDNY EMS. FF Gervasi then reentered the building and continued searching for life and fire.

For his efforts in locating an unconscious victim in a high heat and heavy smoke condition and initiating their removal from the apartment and building, Firefighter Michael Gervasi of Engine Company 279 is being honored with the Police Honor Legion Medal. - NG



Members operating at Brooklyn Box 75-1310 on July 7, 2022, from left to right: FF Daniel Rochford (L-131), FF Anthony Petito (L-131), FF Michael Gervasi (E-279, detailed to L-131), Captain George Kelly (Div-11), and FF Stan Khavosov (L-118). Missing from picture: FF Frank Sallustio (L-118, detailed to L-131).





# Firefighter David J. DeFranco Medal

## Firefighter Lawrence D. Landon

**Marine Company 6**

**May 30, 2022, 0130 hours, Box 0501, Brooklyn**

*Appointed to the FDNY on July 28, 2002. Previously assigned to Ladder Company 124, Engine Company 81 and Ladder Company 46. Holds a bachelor's degree in history from Mount St. Mary College and an associate degree in nursing. Resides in Walden, New York, with his wife, Elizabeth, and children, Lawrence and Giorgianna.*

**O**n May 30, 2022, at 0130 hours, Marine Company 6 responded to “a person in the water” near Pier 7, south of the Brooklyn Bridge. Firefighter Lawrence Landon was assigned as the rescue swimmer, and he donned his Mustang Swiftwater wetsuit while en route. As he prepared his gear, he was unaware that in less than an hour, his decisive actions and determination would save a victim from certain death in the dark waters along the Brooklyn waterfront.

The search conditions that night were less than optimal. The water temperature was a frigid 58 degrees. A slight chop, darkness, shadows and debris among the pilings hindered FF Landon’s line of sight as he searched for the victim. The difficult conditions were compounded by the fact that the victim had, by then, been missing in the water for 30 minutes. The situation was extremely dire. Undaunted by the tough conditions and reports that the area had already been searched, FF Landon continued his meticulous search of the area below the pier.

Finally, FF Landon shouted, “I see him!” He could see a silhouette of the victim in the dark waters among the floating debris and shadows of the pilings. Still, the other members of the fireboat crew could not get a visual of the victim. FF Landon insisted he could see the victim, barely visible, in the darkness. The fireboat “Bravest” snapped into action, and the pilot

navigated the 65-foot, 3,000-horsepower vessel closer to the pier. The victim was nearly lifeless and mostly submerged, presenting in an unusual manner: arms outstretched, with only his fingers above the waterline. He was only moments away from completely submerging.

FF Landon quickly entered the water and swam approximately 100 feet, fighting current, poor visibility, darkness and cold to reach the victim. He secured his arms around

the victim from behind and lifted the victim’s head out of the water, and they were quickly pulled back to the Bravest. This was no small feat, as the pilot had to secure the 3,000-horsepower Hamilton Jet engines to allow them to approach the stern. This left the Bravest temporarily at the mercy of the current to safely get the barely conscious victim, who weighed in excess of 200 pounds, and FF Landon aboard.

With the assistance of FF Landon, who was still in the water, the victim was pulled aboard, exhibiting signs of hypothermia. The Bravest proceeded immediately to the closest pier near Atlantic Avenue, where Marine 6 members transferred the victim to awaiting EMS units.

Firefighter Lawrence Landon’s personal initiative, decisive action and determination to find and save this victim exemplifies the finest traditions of the FDNY, and for this reason he is awarded the Firefighter David J. DeFranco Medal. – MD



*Firefighter Lawrence Landon aboard the Bravest.*



*Location where the victim was found, near Pier 7, Brooklyn.*



# Lieutenant James E. Zahn Lieutenant Peter L. Troiano Memorial Medal

## Firefighter David I. Maglathlin Rescue Company 5

March 3, 2022, 2018 hours, Box 75-0434, Staten Island

Appointed to the FDNY on September 12, 2004. Previously assigned to Engine Company 281 and Ladder Company 147. Recipient of a Class A citation. Served as a combat engineer in the United States Army. Member of the FDNY Emerald Society and FDNY Holy Name Society. Resides on Staten Island with his wife, Mary Ellen, and their child, Daniel.



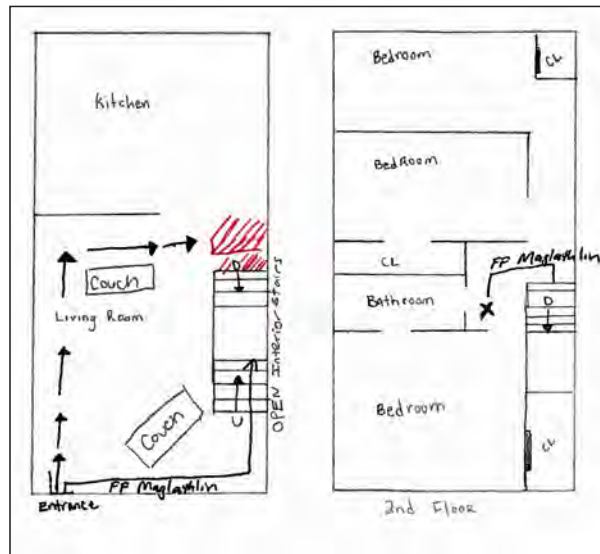
**O**n a Thursday night in early March, Rescue Company 5 had just concluded a drill when the tones rang out in the firehouse. The house watch member shouted, "Rescue goes, dispatchers are loading up the box." Rescue 5 members jumped on the rig and raced out of quarters toward Staten Island Box 434, knowing it was just outside of their first-due area.

While Rescue 5 was en route, Engine Company 153 transmitted a 10-75, reporting a basement fire with heavy smoke pushing from the first and second floors of a two-story home. They arrived to find Engine 153 flaking out the hoseline on the front porch as Ladder Company 77 forced entry. Battalion 21 announced over the handie-talkie that a civilian was still missing inside the house on the second floor.

Lieutenant Kristopher Stubbs (Rescue 5) and his inside team, Firefighter David Maglathlin (can) and Firefighter Robert Hosie (irons), donned their SCBA and prepared to enter the private dwelling. As thick, black smoke poured from the front door, FF Maglathlin began a right-handed search in a medium-clutter environment as his lieutenant and irons firefighter searched toward the left.

With zero visibility and high heat from the basement fire now extending up the stairs, FF Maglathlin crawled around the front room until he found the staircase on the exposure 4 side of the building. He notified his officer that he had found the stairs and was going to the second floor. The heat intensified as he reached the top of the staircase.

He continued searching toward the front bedroom, crawling down the hallway on his stomach, until he found an unconscious victim lying face-down.



FF Maglathlin transmitted a 10-45 and communicated that he was removing the victim down the interior staircase. He began removing them down the hallway toward the staircase. The top of the stairs was now extremely hot due to fire extending up from the basement staircase and into the first floor. Hearing that the fire was still burning and that a second line was not yet in place for their protection, FF Maglathlin knew the only chance the victim had for survival was for him to get them out of the building. He proceeded down the stairs, trying to shield the victim from the intense heat.

FF Maglathlin reached the first floor and headed toward the exit. As he made his way through the cluttered room and furniture, he was met by FF Hosie, who assisted him in carrying the victim out the front door and onto the lawn. They began life-saving interventions until the CFRD Engine Company 155 took over care. FF Maglathlin donned his facepiece once more and returned to the second floor to complete his search of the last two bedrooms.

Firefighter David Maglathlin demonstrated initiative and determination as he advanced up the stairs under extreme conditions and without the protection of a hoseline to find the missing occupant and save a life. For his aggressive actions, he is awarded the Lieutenant James E. Zahn/Lieutenant Peter L. Troiano Memorial Medal. - PB



# Deputy Commissioner Christine R. Godek Medal

April 3, 2022, 2125 hours, Box 44-0728, Brooklyn



**Fire Marshal  
Craig T. Gundersen**  
*Special Investigation Unit*

Appointed to the FDNY on February 4, 2001. Previously assigned to Ladder Company 157 and Citywide South Command. Recipient of two Class A and two Class B service ratings, and 15 Unit Citations. Serves on the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Task Force. Served in the U.S. Navy. Resides on Staten Island with his family, Traci and Isabella.



**Fire Marshal  
Lelis S. Rosario**  
*Citywide South*

Appointed to the FDNY on January 20, 2008. Previously assigned to Engine Companies 84 and 14. Earned a bachelor's degree in medical laboratory technology from York College. Recipient of a Pre-Hospital Save. Member of the FDNY Hispanic Society. Resides in Manhattan with his wife, Eridelka, and their children, Steven and Justin.

**O**n April 3, 2022, at 2125 hours, the Brooklyn Communications Office transmitted Box 0728 for a reported fire in a mixed-occupancy building in Bushwick, Brooklyn. Responding FDNY units arrived to find panicked civilians outside and discovered fire inside a bar on the first floor of an occupied, three-story, non-fireproof building. The owner of the bar informed members on scene that an unknown individual had carried a container into the bar, poured out a liquid and ignited a fire, seriously injuring two patrons as they tried to escape. A signal 10-41-1 was transmitted, and a notification was made for a fire marshal response.

The Bureau of Fire Investigation (BFI) promptly dispatched fire marshals from the Citywide South Command and Special Operations Command to initiate an investigation. Supervising Fire Marshal Matthew Donnelly and Fire Marshals Lelis Rosario and Kevin Goodwin arrived on scene and immediately began interviewing witnesses and reviewing video surveillance footage. A thorough forensic examination of the fire scene was conducted, and a red gas container was discovered. FM Reynaldo Narvaez from the FDNY/BFI K-9 Unit directed K-9 Howie to search the area for the presence of an ignitable liquid, which resulted in a positive indication, and physical evidence was collected for lab analysis. The team of fire marshals determined the fire was of incendiary origin - arson.

Armed with a description of the suspect from the video footage, Fire Marshal Craig Gundersen of the Special Investigations Unit assisted FM Rosario in conducting a video canvass, which tracked

the suspect to his residence. They followed the suspect on numerous cameras for several blocks until he entered a three-story multiple dwelling. Since they did not know which apartment the suspect was living in, nor did they want to alert him to their investigation, they conducted a computer search of the building to help identify the suspect. This investigative tactic revealed that a male matching the suspect's description had been arrested for assaulting his roommate several days before the fire. The assault victim positively identified the suspect to the investigators. With this new information, the case was presented to the United States Attorney's office in the Eastern District of New York, and an arrest warrant was issued.

Multiple locations were searched and surveilled, with negative results, until the suspect's credit card activity was traced to a hotel in Brooklyn. Several members of BFI converged on the hotel and confirmed that the suspect was staying there but was not currently in his room. An arrest plan was promptly formulated, and a coalition of law enforcement agencies consisting of FDNY/BFI, NYPD and ATF kept surveillance on the hotel until the suspect returned several hours later. The suspect was apprehended without incident while attempting to enter his hotel room and was later indicted on federal charges of arson.

FM Lelis S. Rosario and FM Craig T. Gundersen demonstrated the resourcefulness and abilities found in the most dedicated investigators. Their actions reflect the highest traditions of the FDNY, and in recognition of their exemplary service, they are presented with the Deputy Commissioner Christine R. Godek Medal.

- MJK



Surveillance video of defendant on the day of the incident.

# Shelly Rothman Memorial Medal

## Firefighter Kevin J. Travis

**Engine Company 317**

**September 20, 2022, 1119 hours, Box 75-5399, Queens**



*Appointed to the FDNY on August 6, 2007. Holds a master's degree in business administration and finance and a bachelor's degree in education from Hofstra University. Recipient of one Unit Citation and five Pre-Hospital Saves. Member of the FDNY lacrosse team. Resides in Huntington, New York.*

Since its inception, the Critical Information Dispatch System (CIDS) has been a source of important information for fire companies en route to an incident. On September 20, 2022, this information proved crucial to the members of Engine Company 317. While they responded first due to a reported fire at Box 5399 in the St. Albans area of Queens, the CIDS stated that a quadriplegic was living on the second floor of the two-story, peaked-roof, private dwelling. Engine 317 arrived and saw heavy smoke pushing from a second-floor window on the corner of the residence and transmitted the 10-75. As Captain Noon approached the building, a civilian stated that his mother was on the second floor, in a room to the right of the stairs. The information was relayed via handie-talkie to the incoming truck companies.

Firefighter Kevin Travis (control position) assisted his chauffeur in establishing a positive water supply. He tested and connected the 35-foot soft suction and opened the hydrant. After ensuring the engine chauffeur was set up, he proceeded to chase the kinks into the fire building. As he ascended the stairs to the second floor, he noticed the fire was extending out of the fire room and beginning to impinge on the staircase to the attic area. Anticipating that the nozzle team would need more hoseline to extend to the attic, he opened a door to a bedroom opposite the fire room to accommodate the line.

As FF Travis entered the room through a heavy smoke condition, he had a moment of limited, floor-level visibility in which he recognized the bottoms of wheelchair wheels in the center of the room. Recalling the CIDS information and the information relayed by Captain Noon, he quickly moved to the wheelchair and found an unconscious female. Knowing she was in a life-threatening situation, he picked her

up from the wheelchair and—without hesitation or assistance—carried her back past the fully involved fire area and down the heavily charged stairs to the front yard. The second-due engine officer, Lieutenant Chris Conklin (detailed to Engine 275, assigned to Engine 302), saw FF Travis carrying the occupant and transmitted the 10-45.

As FF Travis' actions had taken place rapidly upon arrival, EMS was not yet on scene. He began patient assessment and life-saving interventions, assisted by members of Engines 275 and 301. Shortly thereafter, the victim was transferred to the care of EMS and transported to the hospital. FF Travis reentered the fire building to continue his control position duties.

Firefighter Kevin Travis went above and beyond his assigned positional duties to rescue a victim in grave danger. For his efforts, he is awarded the Shelly Rothman Memorial Medal. - JT



Members operate at Queens Box 75-5399 on September 20, 2022. (Photo courtesy of @firstscenephotos)



# Jack Pintchik Medal

## Lieutenant Ludmila Muller

**Station 22**

**March 3, 2022, 2040 hours, Staten Island**

*Appointed to the FDNY on May 2, 2011. Previously assigned to EMS Stations 22, 43, 7, 20 and 4. Holds a Bachelor of Science in nursing from Grand Canyon University. Recipient of multiple Pre-Hospital Saves and two meritorious awards. Member of the FDNY Ner Tamid Society and Women's Benevolent Association. Resides on Staten Island.*

**O**n March 3, 2022, fire resources were valiantly battling a blaze at a private dwelling on Staten Island when a non-responsive patient was extracted from the fire. As Engine Company 155 began resuscitation efforts, EMS resources arrived on scene.

Rescue Medic Ludmila Muller and her partner, Paramedic Christopher Daley, were the first medical resources to arrive. They heard over the onboard radio in the ambulance that there was a patient, but no other information could be ascertained. As they donned their protective ensembles, a firefighter approached them and said that their immediate assistance was required for a female victim of the house fire. Paramedic Muller and her partner would answer this call to action.

Upon being brought to the patient, severe burns were found on the unconscious victim. There was no time to move the patient; the life-saving treatments began immediately, in front of the house, while suppression efforts continued all around them.

Throughout the incremental and methodical interventions administered by Paramedic Muller and the rest of the EMS resources, the patient would be transferred to the hospital with pulses intact. It was later discovered that the prognosis on the patient was favorable.

Paramedic Ludmila Muller was promoted to lieutenant in September 2022 and, due to her skills and experience administering life-saving treatment, is presented with the Jack Pintchik Medal. – RL



Ludmila Muller was promoted to lieutenant in September 2022 and is now assigned to Station 38.

# Captain Alison Russo North Star Medal

## Captain Edgar Baez

### Public Safety Answering Center 2

September 29, 2022, 1421 hours, Bronx

*Appointed to the FDNY on January 27, 1997. Previously assigned to EMS Station 20, EMS Station 19, Division 1, EMS Station 7 and EMD PSAC 1. Attended Westchester Community College paramedic program in 2000. Promoted to paramedic in November 2000, lieutenant in July 2005 and captain in 2019. Recipient of the 1999 Christopher J. Prescott Medal, two Pre-Hospital Saves, a Unit Citation and the 2017 Communications Supervisor of the Year. Member of the FDNY Hispanic Society. Resides in the Bronx with wife Cynthia and daughter Valerie. Son Manuel serves in the U.S. Army.*



The tragic death of Lieutenant Alison Russo (promoted posthumously) on September 29, 2022, as the result of a random and unprovoked violent attack sent shock waves through the Department. Captain Edgar Baez was the commanding officer on the Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) floor at PSAC II when the incident took place. Captains at EMD supervise multiple lieutenants and are, in effect, one step removed from dispatch personnel who work in teams divided by borough. He was in the office monitoring EMS and ongoing multiple casualty incidents (MCIs) when he saw an NYPD assignment pending for EMS. He immediately noticed it carried the code 34K; K stands for a knife in NYPD coding.

Captain Baez opened the assignment and saw “firefighter stabbed” in the text while second and third calls popped up, all describing the same situation. He immediately left the office and directed the Queens Borough dispatcher to assign a supervisor to the job. He then proceeded over to the Fire Alarm Dispatch (FAD) area of the floor to see whether any fire dispatch boxes were open near the reported call location. At this time, the FAD reported no knowledge of any fire inspectors in the area or firefighters performing building or hydrant inspections. Adding complexity to the situation, the Manhattan-based Engine Company 9 had hit its emergency transmission button to give a 10-13 signal—emergency assistance from fire, EMS and police units urgently needed for a unit or member of service in danger—in Queens. The company could not be reached afterward. It was later determined that this company, on their way to the Fire Academy, had been flagged down by concerned citizens.

Captain Baez ensured that the Queens West EMS dispatcher had submitted a 10-13 to NYPD and that all three response groups —EMS, Fire and NYPD—were aware of the emergency and that the victim was a member of service. When a Queens EMS dispatcher on a landline yelled out Lieutenant Russo’s shield number, Captain Baez immediately confirmed where Lieutenant Russo



was logged in and pinpointed the units attending to her on the GPS map. He alerted the Fire Department Operations Center (FDOC) and the Deputy Assistant Chief of EMD, Denise Werner, and notified all chiefs when the ambulances were on their way to the hospital. Using his intuition and experience, Captain Baez helped untangle communications coming in, which helped determine what was happening or needed.

Captain Baez’s 26 years of experience and dedication served the Department incredibly well on this call. He is known for his hands-on leadership style and is often seen on the floor. He can frequently be found observing dispatchers’ expert handling of many complicated situations firsthand. In this case, his instincts, knowledge and extensive experience as an officer who leads from in front were greatly appreciated.

For his outstanding leadership qualities, particularly on September 29, 2022, Captain Edgar Baez is the inaugural recipient of the Captain Alison Russo North Star Medal for Leadership. - GA



Captain Edgar Baez at PSAC 2 in the Bronx. (Photo by EMT Christopher Harrigan)

# Lieutenant James Curran

## New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation Medal

### Engine Company 48

**Lieutenant David J. Wirta**  
**Firefighter Christopher G. Carlin**  
**Firefighter Michael A. LaPietra**  
**Firefighter Brendan T. Lorino**  
**Firefighter Nicholas L. Rose-Meyer**

**January 9, 2022, 1058 hours, Box 55-3162, Bronx**



Left to right: Lieutenant David Wirta, FF Christopher Carlin, FF Michael LaPietra, FF Brendan Lorino and FF Nicholas Rose-Meyer.

On Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 1058 hours, Engine Company 48 responded first due to Bronx Box 3162 for a reported fire on the third floor. Engine 48 turned onto the fire block and transmitted a 10-77 for fire in a high-rise residential building. Members witnessed thick, black smoke pushing from the third-floor windows, with numerous panicked residents screaming for help on multiple floors, from the front of the 19-story building.

FF Brendan Lorino (chauffeur) positioned the rig in front of the building and immediately communicated to Engine 75 that a positive water source would be delayed because the hydrant was out of service. As Engine Company 75 (second-due engine) worked to supply Engine 48, FF Lorino stretched three lengths of 3 1/2-inch hose to supply the standpipe Siamese. Having knowledge of the building, FF Lorino communicated with Engine Company 88's chauffeur to charge the supply line to the building Siamese, then ran inside to the fire pump room to activate the fire pumps.

Arriving on the third floor, Lieutenant David Wirta found thick, black smoke pulsing from around the door jamb of the stairwell door, rapidly filling the stairwell and exposing the floors above. Companies knew the fire apartment door was open and

that the movement and color of smoke indicated a rapidly deteriorating fire. Ladder Company 56 entered the third-floor hallway to locate the fire apartment. From the standpipe outlet in the A-wing lobby, FF Michael LaPiertra (nozzle), FF Christopher Carlin (back-up), FF Nicholas Rose-Meyer (control) and members of Engine 75 connected and operated their hoseline. Positioning their line was challenging, as members of the nozzle team encountered an overwhelming number of fleeing occupants, along with members entering to perform their duties, making the narrow hallway nearly impassable.

With an open fire apartment door, the nozzle team entered the third-floor hallway with a charged hoseline. Heavy radio traffic made it difficult for Engine 48 to talk to Ladder 56 and establish their location or the location of the fire apartment. Making a left out of the stairwell on the third floor, Engine 48 was met with thick black smoke, zero visibility and high heat conditions as they worked their way down the hallway. The progress of the hoseline was again impeded by the numerous rescues being made. During their advance down the public hallway, the nozzle firefighter operated the hose stream at the ceiling to cool down the extreme heat. The heat drove them closer to the floor, and Lieutenant Wirta called for a backup line stretched to his location. Through punishing and crowded conditions, Engine 48 arrived at the fire apartment door at the same time Ladder 56 was removing six unconscious victims.

Engine 48 advanced into the fire apartment, knocking down fire and cooling the superheated gasses being fueled by the broken front window when conditions rapidly deteriorated. Fire rolled across the ceiling from an apartment across and down the hallway, forcing Engine 48 to back their line out and turn the hoseline 180 degrees, reversing the direction of the stream to aggressively push down the hallway.

At this point, members of Engine 48 fought the fire in both directions, knocking down fire in each apartment and saving countless lives. Exhausted and nearly out of air, Lieutenant Wirta called for relief on the line and ordered FF LaPietra and FF Carlin to swap positions so they could make one final push on the fire across the hall.

Engine 48 operated until visible fire was knocked down in the two apartments and hallway. At this tragic fire, against tremendous adversity, Engine Company 48's dedication, training and bravery were on display. Their actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the New York City Fire Department, for which they are being awarded the Lieutenant James Curran/New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation Medal. - RLL



Public hallway of the third floor at Bronx Box 55-3162 on January 9, 2022. (Photo by the FDNY Bureau of Fire Investigation)

# Firefighter Thomas R. Elsasser Memorial Medal

## Rescue Company 3

**Captain William G. Murphy**

**Firefighter Joseph S. Drury**

**Firefighter Joseph M. Killeen**

**Firefighter Kevin J. Legacy**

**Firefighter Michael R. McNamara**

**Firefighter Timothy K. Wren**

**January 9, 2022, 1100 hours, Box 55-3162, Bronx**



Left to right: Captain William Murphy, FF Joseph Drury, FF Joseph Killeen, FF Kevin Legacy, FF Michael McNamara and FF Timothy Wren.

**A**t 1100 hours on January 9, 2022, Rescue Company 3 responded to Box 3162 on a "10-30, load up the Box signal." Seconds later, units on scene transmitted a 10-77 for a fire on the third floor of a 19-story, high-rise apartment building with duplex apartments. Upon arrival, due to the heavy smoke showing from multiple floors as well as civilians at windows calling for help, Division 7 ordered Rescue 3 into the building. At the fire floor landing, Captain William Murphy ordered Firefighter Joseph Drury (roof) and Firefighter Kevin Legacy (hook) to the floor above for a size-up of the hall and apartments. Due to severe smoke, zero visibility and heat in the hallway on the fire floor, Firefighter Michael McNamara (can) took position at the hallway door as a guide for possible members in distress or needing egress. Captain Murphy and Firefighter Joseph Killeen (irons) began crawling toward the fire apartment to assist operating units.

Once operating units entered the fire apartment to attack the fire, Rescue 3 returned to the stairwell to reassess conditions due to extreme heat and smoke coming from multiple locations. Captain Murphy looked up the stairs and found an adult male victim in the stairwell, who was passed to Squad Company 41 for removal. The floor-above team arrived on the landing to report that the upper floor and stairway were heavily charged. Firefighter Timothy Wren (chauffeur) joined the unit and reported that additional victims were now showing at windows. At this point, multiple victims were found in the A-stair. Firefighter Wren removed a victim to the lobby. Due to continued lack of visibility and heat, Captain Murphy kept the company together to continue fire-floor operations and began crawling toward the fire apartment.

Upon entering the fire floor, FF Drury found another victim and removed them to the lobby. Firefighter McNamara heard other members looking for the stairwell, moved toward an officer and two members and

assisted them to the stairwell landing. The officer told FF McNamara he could not reach his forcible-entry firefighter, so FF McNamara suggested trying again using his name; the member acknowledged immediately, thereby averting a potential mayday. Firefighter McNamara crawled again into the hallway and encountered another member struggling to remove a victim. They collided, and FF McNamara's facepiece became dislodged. Without protection from his facepiece, FF McNamara continued to assist the member remove this person approximately 25 feet back to the stairwell. Firefighter McNamara then re-donned his facepiece and continued his duties on the fire floor.

As Rescue 3 members reached the fire apartment, they noticed fire farther down the hall. Firefighter Killeen redirected the first line to the new location, but the first-due engine members were out of air, and some were burned. Firefighter Legacy escorted a member who was out of air and in need of direction to the stairway, while FF Wren and FF Killeen stayed with the hoseline until another hoseline was brought into position. As the line advanced on the fire, multiple members were out of air and, due to the unusually heavy smoke, disoriented from finding a means of egress. Firefighter McNamara continued to assist those members out to safety. Captain Murphy, FF Killeen and FF Wren assisted with additional victim removals. Once the fire was knocked down, Rescue 3 members took down the wall in the fire apartment to allow the public hall to vent through the apartment and not into the stairway.

Rescue Company 3 operated at great personal risk under the most extreme and demanding conditions at this tragic fire. As a direct result of their actions and experience, multiple members were assisted, and numerous civilians are alive today. For their actions, Rescue Company 3 is awarded the Firefighter Thomas R. Elsasser Memorial Medal. - AP



Exposure 3 side of the fire building.



The door to the fire apartment, from the third-floor public hallway. (Photo by Bureau of Fire Investigation)

# World Trade Center Memorial Medal

## Ladder Company 56

**Captain John F. Hunt**  
**Firefighter Thomas E. Burke**  
**Firefighter Michael V. Ferrara**  
**Firefighter David N. Skinner**  
**Firefighter Clinton D. Velten**  
**Firefighter Jacob Worstell**

**January 9, 2022, 1058 hours, Box 55-3162, Bronx**



Left to right: Firefighter Thomas E. Burke, Firefighter Michael V. Ferrara, Firefighter David N. Skinner, Firefighter Clinton D. Velten (unable to attend Medal Day ceremony due to military deployment) and FF Jacob Worstell.

**O**n January 9, 2022, Ladder Company 56 arrived first due to a report of a fire on the third floor of a 19-story occupied multiple dwelling in the Bronx. En route, Engine Company 48 transmitted a 10-77 after spotting smoke in the rear. As units reached the front of the building, they found smoke also coming from the front of the building and numerous occupants at the windows of many floors calling for help and preparing to jump out the windows.

Firefighter Jacob Worstell (chauffeur) tactically positioned the apparatus in front of the building, and the inside team made their way to the fire floor. When Captain John Hunt, Firefighter Michael Ferrara (irons) and Firefighter David Skinner (can) reached the third-floor landing, they encountered thick, black smoke with zero visibility. Captain Hunt attempted to use the thermal imaging camera, but conditions were so extreme he could not see the screen.

As Ladder 56's inside team made their way down the left side of the hallway, the heat conditions intensified. They found the open apartment door and took control of it. Captain Hunt communicated the location of the fire apartment to Engine 48, and the forcible entry team entered the quickly deteriorating apartment to search for life and the exact fire location. The can firefighter was left at the door due the extreme conditions and to wait for the engine. FF Ferrara went

left and quickly located a victim, whom he and FF Skinner began to remove. Firefighter Clinton Velten (roof) was on the floor above, where he encountered a similar smoke condition and assisted in removing a victim.

Outside, FF Worstell and Firefighter Thomas Burke (outside vent) worked together. As the apparatus was positioned toward the third-floor window, where several people were seen gasping for air, FF Burke grabbed the 35-foot ladder and—with the help of several civilians—placed it at another third-floor window. As FF Burke climbed the aerial, the faces that had been visible in the window disappeared. FF Worstell used the aerial ladder to vent the window. With extreme heat and smoke coming at them, both firefighters masked up and worked to clear the window so FF Burke could enter the apartment to search.

Inside, Captain Hunt continued the search where FF Ferrara left off. He quickly found a second victim. At this time, conditions inside the apartment had become untenable. Engine 48 entered the apartment and was ordered to direct the nozzle at the ceiling to cool the rapidly worsening environment. At this point, FF Burke entered the apartment from the aerial ladder and found a third victim. FF Skinner and FF Ferrara continued searching the apartment and found three additional victims. The condition in the hallway had completely deteriorated and was no longer a viable option to get the remaining five victims out of the apartment from the interior; Ladder 56's aerial was the best option. The inside and outside teams of Ladder 56 worked together to accomplish this arduous task. By this point, the members of Ladder 56 were completely out of air and exhausted, and members of Rescue 3 helped remove the last two victims down to the street.

Seventeen lives were lost at this tragic fire. Ladder Company 56 was able to rescue six victims, four of whom survived. This monumental task under extreme conditions was accomplished by pure determination, teamwork and dedication to the mission of this Department, for which members of Ladder Company 56 receive the World Trade Center Memorial Medal. - FW



Scene of Bronx Box 55-3162, January 9, 2022. (Photo by the Command Tactical Unit)



## **SERVICE RATING A**

**FF Joseph L. Andres, L-108**  
**Lt. Scott D. Batterberry, E-82**  
**FF Roger Buck, L-108**  
**FF Julian D. Castenedo, L-35**  
**FF Michael C. Cerrone, L-107**  
**FF John R. Channell, L-36**  
**Lt. Salvatore Cirami, D-15**  
**FF Steven C. Clavel, E-166**  
**Lt. Edward Cowan Jr., R-5**  
**Lt. Christopher J. DiGiulio, L-2**  
**FF Michael T. Gervasi, E-279**  
**FF Joseph Greco, L-117**  
**FF Richard A. Gurecki, L-61**  
**FF James E. Howe, L-44**  
**FF Robert F. Knips, L-30**  
**FF Lawrence D. Landon, M-6**

**FF James P. Larstana, L-161**  
**Lt. Ryan P. Lennon, L-114**  
**FF David I. Maglathlin, R-5**  
**FF Daniel H. Mansdorf, L-59**  
**FF John C. McAuliffe, L-110**  
**Capt. Charles A. Minicozzi Jr., D-7**  
**FF Patrick Modzelewski, L-104**  
**FF Peter T. Morawek, L-113**  
**FF John G. Petito III, L-2**  
**Lt. Donald Schmidt, L-117**  
**FF Brian Sica, L-130**  
**Capt. James B. Spencer, E-275**  
**FF Michael S. Strype, E-166**  
**Lt. Christopher P. Walter, L-108**  
**FF Christian D. Wellinger, L-16**  
**FF Travis R. Whitlock, L-102**

## **SERVICE RATING B**

**Lt. Michael J. Agliato, E-274**  
**FF Michael A. Aruta, L-169**  
**FF Joseph M. Bellino, L-56**  
**FF Christopher Caiazza, L-147**  
**FF Kenneth A Camacho, L-36**  
**FF Robert Chapman, L-124**  
**FF Thomas J. Christiansen, L-80**  
**Lt. Edward Cowan Jr., R-5**  
**FF Mario C. DePalma, L-32**  
**FF Angelo T. DiMartino, L-77**  
**FF Patrick F. Donohue, L-56**  
**FF Charles W. Flohr, L-143**  
**FF Eduard H. Gomez, L-2**  
**Lt. Michael R. Kauke, E-225**  
**FF Shane M. Kimple, L-173**  
**FF Robert J. Kitson, E-23**

**FF Erik T. Larsen, L-125**  
**FF Sean M. McCarthy, L-111**  
**Capt. Michael McGee, L-46**  
**FF Joseph P. McGrath, L-175**  
**FF Steven J. McGuire Jr., L-161**  
**FF Carl G. Paccio, L-32**  
**FF Brian T. Quinn, L-170**  
**FF Kody A. Schrum, L-107**  
**Capt. Mark S. Schweighardt, L-170**  
**Lt. William J. Sessler, D-8**  
**FF Anthony M. Stancati, L-130**  
**FF Daniel Strogh, L-161**  
**FF Michael J. Toritto, L-38**  
**FF Michael R. Whalen, L-43**  
**FF Joseph A. Zanca, L-138**

## UNIT CITATIONS

<b>Engine Company 39</b> January 9, 2022, Box 55-3162	<b>Ladder Company 44</b> January 9, 2022, Box 55-3162	<b>Ladder Company 114</b> April 12, 2022, Box 7032	<b>Engine Company 8</b> November 5, 2022, Box 0877
<b>Engine Company 42</b> January 9, 2022, Box 55-3162	<b>Ladder Company 45</b> January 9, 2022, Box 55-3162	<b>Ladder Company 148</b> April 12, 2022, Box 7032	<b>Engine Company 16</b> November 5, 2022, Box 0877
<b>Engine Company 43</b> January 9, 2022, Box 55-3162	<b>Ladder Company 46</b> January 9, 2022, Box 55-3162	<b>Engine Company 301</b> April 14, 2022, Box 6693	<b>Engine Company 54</b> November 5, 2022, Box 0877
<b>Engine Company 45</b> January 9, 2022, Box 55-3162	<b>Ladder Company 48</b> January 9, 2022, Box 55-3162	<b>Engine Company 9</b> April 15, 2022, Box 0162	<b>Engine Company 39</b> November 5, 2022, Box 0877
<b>Engine Company 46</b> January 9, 2022, Box 55-3162	<b>Ladder Company 56</b> January 9, 2022, Box 55-3162	<b>Ladder Company 61</b> April 15, 2022, Box 0162	<b>Engine Company 21</b> November 5, 2022, Box 0877
<b>Engine Company 48</b> January 9, 2022, Box 55-3162	<b>Ladder Company 58</b> January 9, 2022, Box 55-3162	<b>Engine Company 72</b> April 29, 2022, Box 4148	<b>Ladder Company 2</b> November 5, 2022, Box 0877
<b>Engine Company 50</b> January 9, 2022, Box 55-3162	<b>Ladder Company 59</b> January 9, 2022, Box 55-3162	<b>Engine Company 68</b> May 9, 2022, Box 2389	<b>Ladder Company 4</b> November 5, 2022, Box 0877
<b>Engine Company 71</b> January 9, 2022, Box 55-3162	<b>Ladder Company 61</b> January 9, 2022, Box 55-3162	<b>Engine Company 81</b> May 12, 2022, Box 3387	<b>Ladder Company 16</b> November 5, 2022, Box 0877
<b>Engine Company 72</b> January 9, 2022, Box 55-3162	<b>Squad Company 41</b> January 9, 2022, Box 55-3162	<b>Ladder Company 46</b> May 12, 2022, Box 3387	<b>Ladder Company 24</b> November 5, 2022, Box 0877
<b>Engine Company 75</b> January 9, 2022, Box 55-3162	<b>Rescue Company 3</b> January 9, 2022, Box 55-3162	<b>Ladder Company 34</b> May 15, 2022, Box 1670	<b>Ladder Company 35</b> November 5, 2022, Box 0877
<b>Engine Company 79</b> January 9, 2022, Box 55-3162	<b>RAC Company 3</b> January 9, 2022, Box 55-3162	<b>Ladder Company 108</b> May 18, 2022, Box 0160	<b>Rescue Company 1</b> November 5, 2022, Box 0877
<b>Engine Company 81</b> January 9, 2022, Box 55-3162	<b>Field Com Unit 1</b> January 9, 2022, Box 55-3162	<b>Engine Company 285</b> May 27, 2022, Box 2142	<b>Ladder Company 59</b> November 24, 2022, Box 2959
<b>Engine Company 88</b> January 9, 2022, Box 55-3162	<b>Engine Company 73</b> January 18, 2022, Box 22-2335	<b>Ladder Company 86</b> June 5, 2022, Box 1969	<b>Ladder Company 31</b> November 25, 2022, Box 2727
<b>Engine Company 90</b> January 9, 2022, Box 55-3162	<b>Engine Company 82</b> January 18, 2022, Box 22-2335	<b>Engine Company 43</b> June 12, 2022, Box 4711	<b>Engine Company 317</b> November 28, 2022, Box 6878
<b>Engine Company 92</b> January 9, 2022, Box 55-3162	<b>Ladder Company 155</b> January 20, 2022, Box 8684	<b>Ladder Company 59</b> June 12, 2022, Box 4711	<b>Ladder Company 83</b> December 5, 2022, Box 1390
<b>Engine Company 94</b> January 9, 2022, Box 55-3162	<b>Ladder Company 56</b> January 25, 2022, Box 22-3338	<b>Ladder Company 118</b> June 18, 2022, Box 4711	<b>Engine Company 321</b> December 6, 2022, Box 3298
<b>Engine Company 263</b> January 9, 2022, Box 55-3162	<b>Engine Company 303</b> February 21, 2022, Box 6063	<b>Engine Company 229</b> July 1, 2022, Box 0137	<b>Engine Company 160</b> December 23, 2022, Box 0458
<b>Ladder Company 17</b> January 9, 2022, Box 55-3162	<b>Ladder Company 126</b> February 21, 2022, Box 6063	<b>Ladder Company 158</b> July 24, 2022, Box 4994	<b>Rescue Company 5</b> December 23, 2022, Box 0458
<b>Ladder Company 23</b> January 9, 2022, Box 55-3162	<b>Engine Company 280</b> February 26, 2022, Box 933	<b>Ladder Company 107</b> September 3, 2022, Box 2056	<b>Engine Company 73</b> December 25, 2022, Box 2256
<b>Ladder Company 27</b> January 9, 2022, Box 55-3162	<b>Engine Company 216</b> March 3, 2022, Box 344	<b>Ladder Company 119</b> October 17, 2022, Box 0208	<b>Ladder Company 42</b> December 25, 2022, Box 2256
<b>Ladder Company 31</b> January 9, 2022, Box 55-3162	<b>Ladder Company 102</b> March 3, 2022, Box 344	<b>Ladder Company 50</b> October 27, 2022, Box 8961	<b>Engine Company 312</b> December 29, 2022, Box 7572
<b>Ladder Company 33</b> January 9, 2022, Box 55-3162	<b>Engine Company 108</b> March 3, 2022, Box 344	<b>Engine Company 64</b> October 30, 2022, Box 2861	<b>Engine Company 219</b> December 30, 2022, Box 0988
<b>Ladder Company 36</b> January 9, 2022, Box 55-3162	<b>Ladder Company 48</b> March 25, 2022, Box 5112	<b>Ladder Company 47</b> October 30, 2022, Box 2861	<b>Ladder Company 105</b> December 30, 2022, Box 0988
<b>Ladder Company 37</b> January 9, 2022, Box 55-3162	<b>Engine Company 228</b> April 12, 2022, Box 7032	<b>Ladder Company 54</b> October 30, 2022, Box 2861	
<b>Ladder Company 38</b> January 9, 2022, Box 55-3162	<b>Engine Company 201</b> April 12, 2022, Box 7032	<b>Ladder Company 104</b> November 4, 2022, Box 0204	

## CFR-D PRE-HOSPITAL SAVE COMMENDATIONS

### January 2022

Engine Co. 9, January 29  
Engine Co. 10, January 24  
Engine Co. 34, January 4  
Engine Co. 59, January 10  
Engine Co. 91, January 6  
Engine Co. 160, January 10  
Engine Co. 162, January 6  
Engine Co. 163, January 24  
Engine Co. 168, January 25  
Engine Co. 205, January 17  
Engine Co. 214, January 4  
Engine Co. 217, January 16  
Engine Co. 225, January 10  
Engine Co. 235, January 5  
Engine Co. 237, January 26  
Engine Co. 275, January 1 and 16  
Engine Co. 279, January 22  
Engine Co. 287, January 4 and 8  
Engine Co. 291, January 4  
Engine Co. 292, January 12 and 22  
Engine Co. 298, January 3, 7 and 28  
Engine Co. 301, January 24  
Engine Co. 303, January 26  
Engine Co. 305, January 31  
Engine Co. 309, January 29  
Engine Co. 311, January 16  
Engine Co. 330, January 9  
Squad Co. 8, January 7

### February 2022

Engine Co. 5, February 10 and 28  
Engine Co. 46, February 1  
Engine Co. 60, February 20  
Engine Co. 72, February 12  
Engine Co. 79, February 25  
Engine Co. 88, February 13  
Engine Co. 92, February 26  
Engine Co. 162, February 15  
Engine Co. 216, February 27  
Engine Co. 222, February 9  
Engine Co. 236, February 25  
Engine Co. 246, February 19  
Engine Co. 246, February 20  
Engine Co. 249, February 15  
Engine Co. 251, February 9  
Engine Co. 253, February 14  
Engine Co. 271, February 6  
Engine Co. 275, February 12  
Engine Co. 290, February 22  
Engine Co. 298, February 9

Engine Co. 313, February 13  
Engine Co. 317, February 12 and 22  
Engine Co. 320, February 17  
Engine Co. 324, February 19  
Squad Co. 41, February 10

### March 2022

Engine Co. 38, March 31  
Engine Co. 58, March 24  
Engine Co. 62, March 13  
Engine Co. 79, March 28  
Engine Co. 155, March 3  
Engine Co. 160, March 15 and 25  
Engine Co. 201, March 21  
Engine Co. 246, March 12  
Engine Co. 249, March 21  
Engine Co. 254, March 25  
Engine Co. 255, March 10 and 14  
Engine Co. 266, March 18  
Engine Co. 281, March 21  
Engine Co. 290, March 1  
Engine Co. 294, March 25  
Engine Co. 310, March 25  
Engine Co. 316, March 21  
Engine Co. 330, March 2

### April 2022

Engine Co. 28, April 12  
Engine Co. 35, April 7  
Engine Co. 37, April 30  
Engine Co. 96, April 17  
Engine Co. 253, April 6  
Engine Co. 263, April 5  
Engine Co. 273, April 11 and 23  
Engine Co. 281, April 24  
Engine Co. 299, April 5  
Engine Co. 305, April 9 and 15  
Engine Co. 309, April 11  
Engine Co. 310, April 2  
Engine Co. 320, April 29  
Engine Co. 321, April 23  
Engine Co. 330, April 7  
Squad Co. 61, April 1

### May 2022

Engine Co. 3, May 21  
Engine Co. 9, May 15  
Engine Co. 35, May 28  
Engine Co. 155, May 8  
Engine Co. 221, May 6

Engine Co. 235, May 10  
Engine Co. 251, May 10  
Engine Co. 273, May 26 and 27  
Engine Co. 286, May 4 and 27  
Engine Co. 292, May 3  
Engine Co. 303, May 4  
Engine Co. 308, May 8  
Engine Co. 312, May 5  
Squad Co. 252, May 29

### June 2022

Engine Co. 34, June 29  
Engine Co. 52, June 1  
Engine Co. 71, June 28  
Engine Co. 88, June 17  
Engine Co. 92, June 29  
Engine Co. 97, June 24 and 27  
Engine Co. 151, June 18  
Engine Co. 156, June 27  
Engine Co. 162, June 26  
Engine Co. 217, June 14 and 23  
Engine Co. 219, June 3  
Engine Co. 228, June 24  
Engine Co. 236, June 20  
Engine Co. 274, June 9 and 12  
Engine Co. 281, June 9  
Engine Co. 283, June 28  
Engine Co. 294, June 13  
Engine Co. 304, June 5  
Engine Co. 311, June 13

### July 2022

Engine Co. 5, July 1  
Engine Co. 14, July 16  
Engine Co. 40, July 12  
Engine Co. 52, July 4  
Engine Co. 69, July 2  
Engine Co. 153, July 24  
Engine Co. 156, July 12  
Engine Co. 161, July 3  
Engine Co. 218, July 22  
Engine Co. 236, July 25  
Engine Co. 254, July 25  
Engine Co. 271, July 4  
Engine Co. 273, July 9  
Engine Co. 282, July 7  
Engine Co. 303, July 25  
Engine Co. 330, July 7 and 30

### August 2022

Engine Co. 1, August 26  
Engine Co. 9, August 15  
Engine Co. 10, August 30  
Engine Co. 35, August 11  
Engine Co. 46, August 15  
Engine Co. 53, August 17  
Engine Co. 75, August 1  
Engine Co. 76, August 22  
Engine Co. 80, August 2  
Engine Co. 160, August 4 and 23  
Engine Co. 205, August 31  
Engine Co. 230, August 20  
Engine Co. 233, August 15  
Engine Co. 237, August 26  
Engine Co. 246, August 4 and 20  
Engine Co. 248, August 2  
Engine Co. 257, August 29  
Engine Co. 258, August 11  
Engine Co. 263, August 2  
Engine Co. 274, August 12  
Engine Co. 281, August 19  
Engine Co. 302, August 30  
Engine Co. 309, August 18  
Engine Co. 324, August 19  
Engine Co. 325, August 31

### September 2022

Engine Co. 15, September 23  
Engine Co. 43, September 2  
Engine Co. 47, September 29  
Engine Co. 48, September 12  
Engine Co. 62, September 24  
Engine Co. 74, September 16  
Engine Co. 152, September 30  
Engine Co. 168, September 15  
Engine Co. 218, September 26  
Engine Co. 222, September 16  
Engine Co. 225, September 30  
Engine Co. 236, September 7  
Engine Co. 265, September 26  
Engine Co. 274, September 7  
Engine Co. 305, September 5  
Engine Co. 313, September 5  
Engine Co. 331, September 25

### October 2022

Engine Co. 10, October 10 and 22  
Engine Co. 37, October 1  
Engine Co. 69, October 13  
Engine Co. 73, October 28  
Engine Co. 96, October 3

## CFR-D PRE-HOSPITAL SAVE COMMENDATIONS

Engine Co. 163, October 24  
Engine Co. 210, October 24  
Engine Co. 214, October 2  
Engine Co. 225, October 6  
and 8

Engine Co. 227, October 1  
Engine Co. 236, October 4  
Engine Co. 290, October 2  
Engine Co. 291, October 29  
Engine Co. 298, October 4  
and 17  
Engine Co. 302, October 25  
Engine Co. 303, October 4  
Engine Co. 305, October 23  
Engine Co. 307, October 10  
and 31  
Engine Co. 308, October 13  
and 25

Engine Co. 309, October 29  
Engine Co. 310, October 2  
Engine Co. 323, October 9

### **November 2022**

Engine Co. 3, November 6  
Engine Co. 8, November 9  
Engine Co. 16, November 23  
Engine Co. 53, November 25  
Engine Co. 73, November 24  
Engine Co. 80, November 19  
Engine Co. 163, November 2  
Engine Co. 217, November 5  
and 11  
Engine Co. 227, November 24  
Engine Co. 230, November 6  
Engine Co. 241, November 2  
Engine Co. 245, November 14

Engine Co. 246, November 10  
Engine Co. 258, November 17  
Engine Co. 268, November 29  
Engine Co. 281, November 29  
Engine Co. 306, November 10  
Engine Co. 309, November 5  
Engine Co. 311, November 27  
Engine Co. 324, November 18  
Engine Co. 330, November 4

### **December 2022**

Engine Co. 7, December 14  
Engine Co. 43, December 26  
Engine Co. 46, December 17  
and 31  
Engine Co. 62, December 12  
Engine Co. 201, December 18  
Engine Co. 210, December 2

Engine Co. 214, December 20  
and 28  
Engine Co. 217, December 29  
Engine Co. 225, December 16  
Engine Co. 230, December 22  
Engine Co. 253, December 22  
Engine Co. 281, December 9  
and 16  
Engine Co. 287, December 23  
Engine Co. 290, December 29  
Engine Co. 298, December 13  
Engine Co. 301, December 27  
Squad Co. 18, December 16

## BUREAU OF FIRE INVESTIGATION—BFI

### SERVICE RATING A

April 3, 2022, FM Lelis S. Rosario, CWS  
April 3, 2022, FM Craig T. Gundersen, SIU  
June 8, 2022, FM Michael J. Pritchett, SIU

### SERVICE RATING B

January 10, 2022, FM Richard C. Mundy, CWS  
February 13, 2022, FM Joseph Wakie, CWN  
June 8, 2022, FM Larry George, CWS  
July 1, 2022, FM Robert Alphonse, CWS  
November 7, 2022, FM Joseph M. Chidichimo, SIU

## UNIT CITATIONS

Second-Alarm Arson  
January 10, 2021, Box 2741

Arson/Domestic Violence  
February 13, 2022, Box 1679

Nightclub Arson Task Force  
April 3, 2022, Box 0728

Arson Investigation  
July 1, 2022, Box 0694

Arson/Commercial Store  
August 6, 2022, Box 2397

Arson/Domestic Violence  
November 23, 2022, Box 0132

Arson/Domestic Violence  
December 13, 2022, Box 4070

## 2022 PRE-HOSPITAL SAVE AWARDS

Number in parentheses indicates number of saves.

Paramedic Byron Abad (1)  
EMT Dominick Abbriano (1)  
Paramedic Salih Abdur Rahman (1)  
EMT Jasmine Abdus-Salaam (1)  
Paramedic Antonio Accardo (1)  
EMT Adam Acevedo (2)  
Paramedic Alex Acevedo (1)  
EMT Bernadette Acosta (1)  
Paramedic Reyman Acuna (1)  
ELT Brandon Adams (5)  
EMT Matthew Adams (1)  
ELT Antonio Adorno (3)  
Paramedic Julianne Agosta (1)  
EMT Paul Agulo (1)  
Paramedic Angie Albuquerque (1)  
ELT Ashley Alejo (1)  
EMT Vincent Alfano (1)  
EMT Joseph Alfaro (1)  
EMT Mir Ali (1)  
EMT Pierce Allen (1)  
ELT Anthony Almojera (1)  
EMT Edward Alonzo (1)  
EMT Klinsman Altamar (1)  
EMT Xavier Altamirano (1)  
Paramedic Abdul Alvarado (1)  
EMT Jonathan Alvarez (1)  
ELT Christopher Ang (2)  
EMT Dominic Angelella (1)  
ELT Timothy Anson (3)  
Paramedic Natalie Apollon (1)  
Paramedic Alexis Aponte (1)  
EMT Lenore Aponte (1)  
EMT Roberto Aponte (2)  
EMT William Arent Jr. (1)  
Paramedic Jonathan Armijos Torres (1)  
Paramedic Pietro Arsenault (1)  
EMT Wayne Askew (1)  
Paramedic Steven Aumoithe (1)  
ELT Gilberto Aviles (5)  
EMT Riyad Baksh (1)  
EMT Craig Balkhuysen (1)  
EMT Vincent Balletta (2)  
Paramedic Xiaotian Bao (2)  
EMT Jaiden Barnart (1)  
EMT Kenneth Barriteau (1)  
ELT Anthony Bartolomey (2)  
EMT Michael Basile (1)  
EMT Claudine Beckford (2)  
Paramedic Michael Beierle (1)  
EMT Elvz Belen (1)  
ELT Jose Benitez (2)  
EMT Jesse Bernheimer (2)  
EMT Gina Bernier (1)  
Paramedic Jennifer Berrio (1)  
ELT Victor Berrios (2)  
ELT David Besemer (1)  
EMT Christopher Betancourt (1)  
ELT Peter Bilardello (1)  
Paramedic Jonathan Billian (5)  
EMT Joel Blanco (1)  
EMT Victoria Block (1)  
Paramedic Robert Boardman (1)  
Paramedic Aline Bocanegra (1)  
ELT Peter Bockwoldt (1)  
EMT Kyle Bodnar (1)  
EMT Austin Bodurian (1)  
EMT Marc Jansen Bolanos (1)  
ECP Richard Bonet (2)  
Paramedic Elizabeth Bonilla (1)  
ELT Peter Borriello (1)  
ELT Yan Borukhov (1)  
Paramedic Yan Borukhov (1)  
ELT Kelly Boulter (3)  
Paramedic Nedrill Bowen (2)  
ELT Schyler Boyd (1)  
ELT Kevin Bratholt (4)  
Paramedic Jessica Breier (3)  
EMT Maximo Brito Rondon (1)  
Paramedic Benjamin Briu (1)  
ELT Andrew Brock (1)  
ELT Artur Bronshteyn (3)  
EMT Matthew Brower (1)  
Paramedic Bruce Brown (1)  
Paramedic Bree Brown Rosa (1)  
Paramedic Kaylie Bruce (1)  
ELT Louis Brunk (2)  
EMT Emmanuel Bruno (2)  
Paramedic Kelvin Bruno (2)  
Paramedic Lauren Bryan (1)  
EMT Gabriel Buckley (1)  
EMT Christopher Buder (1)  
Paramedic Teodulu Buhat (1)  
Paramedic Vincent Bui (1)  
Paramedic Keil Burey (2)  
ELT Daniel Burgos (4)  
Paramedic Richard Burlew Jr. (2)  
ELT Tyisha Burwell (1)  
EMT Sergey Buryanenko (1)  
EMT Jerry Butler Jr. (1)  
Paramedic Alexis Buttermark (1)  
EMT Rafal Bystry (1)  
EMT John Cabezas (1)  
EMT William Cadet (1)  
Paramedic David Cadogan (1)  
Paramedic Yitzchok Cagun (1)  
EMT Alyssa Calderon (1)  
Paramedic Christopher Caldwell (2)  
EMT Linda Callery (3)  
Paramedic Julio Camargo (1)  
EMT Vincent Caminiti (1)  
EMT Daniel Campbell (2)  
Paramedic Michelle Campbell (1)  
Paramedic Oscar Canada (1)  
EMT Joseph Canzoneri (1)  
EMT Thomas Canzoneri (1)  
EMT Danielle Caporicci (1)  
EMT John Capunay (1)  
EMT Nicholas Caracciolo (1)  
EMT Joseph Carlo (1)  
EMT John Carozza II (2)  
EMT Jeannine Carpenter Reeves (1)  
EMT Luis Carrillo (1)  
ELT Dustin Carter (2)  
EMT Michael Casanova (1)  
EMT Thomas Casey (1)  
ELT Diana Cassa (3)  
Paramedic Tatiana Cassemiro (1)  
Paramedic Sidney Castiblanco (1)  
EMT Henry Castillo (1)  
EMT Jason Castillo (1)  
Paramedic Ruben Castillo (3)  
EMT Elvis Castro (1)  
Paramedic Priscilla Castro (1)  
ELT Andre Catapano (3)  
EMT Carmelo Catapano (1)  
EMT Michael Cavanagh (2)  
Paramedic Brian Cawley (1)  
EMT Christian Ceglia (1)  
Paramedic Michael Cerar (1)  
Paramedic Joel Cerizier (2)  
EMT Ricardo Cervoni (1)  
Paramedic Christopher Chalmers (1)  
Paramedic Chin-Shan Chan (1)  
ELT Chris Chan (1)  
Paramedic Chris Chan (1)  
ELT Christopher Chaplin (4)  
ELT Pierre Charboneau (2)  
Paramedic Francisco Checo (2)  
ELT Dennis Chen (1)  
EMT Kai Chen (1)  
EMT Jian Cheng (2)  
ELT Kenny Cheng (3)  
Paramedic Timur Chernichkin (1)  
EMT Kevin Chew (1)  
Paramedic Dianelys Chibas (1)  
Paramedic Christopher Chin (1)  
EMT Mister Chisolm (1)  
EMT Christopher Chiusano (1)  
EMT Maciej Cichosz (1)  
EMT Keith Clark (1)  
EMT George Clark III (1)  
EMT William Clark III (3)  
Paramedic Zuleyka Codero Lozada (1)  
EMT Luke Cohen (2)  
EMT Matthew Colavito (4)  
Paramedic John Coleman (3)  
Paramedic Gardenia Collins (1)  
EMT Joseph Collins (1)  
EMT Aristides Columbie Jr. (1)  
EMT Joseph Composto (1)  
EMT Steven Conboy (1)  
EMT Joanna Connors (1)  
EMT Richard Consolazio (1)  
EMT Brian Contino (1)  
Paramedic David Cook (1)  
EMT Robert Coppola (2)  
EMT Damiya Coram (1)  
EMT Ronald Cordova (3)  
EMT Shawn Cornell-Schurig (1)  
EMT Francisco Cornier (1)  
Paramedic Miguel Cornier Jr. (1)  
Paramedic Amanda Cornwall (4)  
ELT Gary Cortes (1)  
EMT Justin Cosoleto (1)  
EMT Miles Costa (1)  
EMT Michael Costarelli (2)  
EMT Sandra Cotton (2)  
Paramedic Jillian Cox (1)  
EMT Khalil Cox (1)  
Paramedic Stephanie Cruz (1)  
Paramedic Veronica Cruz (1)  
Paramedic Richard Cuccurullo (1)  
Paramedic Carlos Cuellar (2)  
EMT Meghan Cullen (1)  
EMT Joseph Culmine (1)  
ELT Michael Cumberbatch (2)  
EMT Brenden Cummings (1)  
Paramedic Giovann Cummings (1)  
ELT Michael Curatolo (1)  
ELT William Curley (1)  
EMT Timothy Cusack (3)  
Paramedic Amanda Czaja (2)  
EMT Philip Dacey (1)  
ECP Michael Daddona (1)  
Paramedic Christopher Daley (3)  
EMT Emmett Daly (1)  
EMT Alexander Damian Nunez (2)  
ELT Latoya Darden (1)  
ELT Kevin Darnowski (1)  
EMT Gioacchino Davi (2)  
ELT Roy David (1)  
Paramedic Jorge Davila (1)  
EMT Michael Davis (1)  
Paramedic Dakota Dawkins (1)  
ELT Gonzalo De Jesus (1)  
Paramedic Gonzalo De Jesus (1)  
EMT Kenneth De La Cruz (1)  
EMT Lennie De La Hoz (1)  
EMT Patrick Deery (1)  
ELT Jesus Deinnocentii (1)  
Paramedic Ryan Dejesus (2)  
ELT David Deleon (1)  
EMT Christian Delisio (2)  
Paramedic Bryan Deliz (2)  
EMT David Delorbe Jr. (1)  
ELT Christopher Deluca (1)  
Paramedic Michael Demiro (2)  
ELT Christopher Demott (1)  
ELT Michael Dennehy (1)  
Paramedic Brian Deroberts (1)  
EMT James Diaz (2)  
EMT Jeffrey Diaz (1)  
EMT Natalie Diaz (1)  
EMT Rachel Dicandia (1)  
Paramedic Joseph Dinovelli-Lang (2)  
EMT Snejana Dolgounova (1)  
EMT David Dominguez (1)  
ELT Thomas Donofrio (8)  
ELT Anselmo Dos Santos (2)  
EMT Joseph Downey (1)  
EMT Brandon Doyle (2)  
ELT Erin Doyle-Pinson (3)  
EMT Dylan Drum (1)  
EMT Travis Dryden (1)  
ELT Ian Dsouza (2)  
Paramedic Christopher Duffus (1)  
EMT Quentin Dumerve (1)  
ELT Susanne Duque (2)  
EMT Kevin Durmer (1)  
Paramedic Jason Dwyer (1)  
Paramedic Bryan Easop (2)  
EMT Vanessa Echeverry (1)  
Paramedic Kristopher Eckert (1)  
EMT Thomas Egan (1)  
EMT Sean Eggert (1)  
ECP Leisha Elguera (2)  
EMT Keisha Ellis-Carter (1)  
ELT John Emington (2)  
EMT Kenneth Enderley (1)  
ELT Richard Erdey (1)  
EMT Gabriel Espinal (1)  
Paramedic Julio Espinoza (1)  
EMT Jordan Evans (1)  
EMT Matthew Faeth (1)  
ELT Abed Faisel (1)  
EMT Ana Fajardo (1)  
EMT Mustafa Farah (1)  
EMT Michael Fargione (1)  
EMT Dana Farmer (1)  
ELT Joseph Farrell (1)  
EMT James Fasano (1)  
EMT Julian Feliciano (2)  
Paramedic Joseph Felix (1)  
Paramedic Eric Feng (1)  
EMT Madelyn Fernandez (1)  
EMT Edwin Fernandez-Saravia (1)  
EMT Nicholas Ferraioli (1)  
EMT Vincent Ferrante (1)  
Paramedic Romario Ferreira (3)  
Paramedic Elizabeth Ferrin (3)  
EMT Ashley Fields (1)  
ELT Alvin Figueroa (3)  
ELT Jerry Figueroa (7)  
EMT Erick Figueroa Pauta (1)  
EMT Joseph Filocamo (2)  
EMT Carlo Finazzo (1)  
EMT Richard Finnerty (2)  
EMT Alyssa Fioravante (2)  
ELT Stanislav Flaksman (1)  
EMT Christopher Flores (1)  
Paramedic Elizabeth Flores (1)  
EMT Justin Flores (1)  
Paramedic Paul Florida (1)  
EMT Terrence Flynn III (1)  
EMT Adewumi Folorunso (2)  
Paramedic Bruce Fonseca (1)

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EMT Paul Forte (1)  
 Paramedic Michael Frail (2)  
 Paramedic David Franco (1)  
 ELT Helen Franco (1)  
 EMT Brian Frank (1)  
 Paramedic Charlie Frank (1)  
 EMT Elizabeth Franolich (1)  
 Paramedic Brian Frayne (2)  
 ECP Joshua Frumer (3)  
 ELT Bruce Funaro (1)  
 EMT Maxim Furman (1)  
 EMT Tyrrell Gainey (1)  
 EMT Christopher Gallo (1)  
 Paramedic Arlene Garcia (1)  
 EMT Christopher Garcia (1)  
 EMT Emily Garcia (1)  
 ELT Jessy Garcia (3)  
 EMT Kamil Garcia (1)  
 Paramedic Sonia Garcia (2)  
 EMT Dionisio Garcia Jr. (1)  
 ELT Joshua Gardiner (2)  
 Paramedic Kelcee Garneau (2)  
 EMT Kyle Garrabrant (2)  
 ECP Joseph Gasparini (2)  
 EMT Joseph Gates (1)  
 Paramedic Juan Gavilanes (1)  
 Paramedic Schuyler Gazzo (1)  
 EMT Patrick Geiger (1)  
 ELT Bruce Geiser (2)  
 EMT Sarah Geldard (1)  
 EMT Anthony Gentiluomo (1)  
 ELT Edward Gerber (3)  
 Paramedic James Geronimo (1)  
 EMT Lucas Gerrato (2)  
 EMT John Giakis (1)  
 Paramedic Michael Ginty (1)  
 Paramedic Mark Gioffre (2)  
 EMT Anthony Gitto (2)  
 EMT Michael Giudice Jr. (1)  
 EMT John Glidden IV (1)  
 ELT Alexander Gomez (2)  
 EMT Edwin Gomez (1)  
 EMT Giovanni Gomez (2)  
 Paramedic Yonh Gomez (1)  
 EMT Francisco Gomez Rivas (1)  
 Paramedic Joseph Gonzales (1)  
 EMT Kandis Gonzales (1)  
 Paramedic Alexis Gonzalez (1)  
 ELT Andre Gonzalez (1)  
 Paramedic Carlos Gonzalez (1)  
 ELT Edwin Gonzalez (1)  
 Paramedic Enrique Gonzalez (1)  
 EMT Kenneth Gonzalez (1)  
 Paramedic Bernard Gordon (1)  
 EMT Kevin Gordon (2)  
 EMT Chris Gorman (1)  
 Paramedic Joshua Goset (2)  
 ELT Valerie Gosling-Martinez (1)  
 EMT William Graziano Jr. (1)  
 Paramedic Erin Greaney (1)  
 EMT Keneshia Greene (1)  
 ELT David Greenidge (1)  
 EMT Meaghan Grey (1)  
 ECP Jeremy Griffel (1)  
 EMT Michael Grova (1)  
 ELT Charles Gschlecht (1)  
 ELT Jimmy Guailacela (4)  
 EMT Chavali Guance (1)  
 Paramedic Brian Guerra (1)  
 Paramedic Daniel Guillen (1)  
 ELT Bryant Gutierrez (3)  
 EMT Christopher Gutierrez (1)  
 Paramedic Brian Gutkin (1)  
 Paramedic Richard Guzman (1)  
 Paramedic Joshua Haber (1)  
 EMT Kelson Haberlack (1)  
 EMT Steven Hadjimanolis (1)  
 Paramedic Lana Hagai (1)  
 EMT Patrick Haggarty (1)  
 Paramedic Sharona Hagler (1)  
 ELT Andrew Haley (2)  
 Paramedic Ali Hammad (1)  
 Paramedic John Harney (1)  
 EMT Omar Harvey (1)  
 EMT Glenroy Haywood (1)  
 EMT Robert Healy (1)  
 Paramedic Christian Hehn (1)  
 EMT Mark Henderson (1)  
 EMT Thomas Hennett (1)  
 Paramedic Dawil Hernandez (1)  
 Paramedic Henry Hernandez (1)  
 EMT Irving Hernandez (2)  
 ELT John Hernandez (3)  
 Paramedic Henry Hernandez Jr. (2)  
 EMT Noe Hernandez Mendoza (1)  
 Paramedic Joshua Herrmann (1)  
 EMT Orlando Hewitt (1)  
 EMT Sean Higgins (1)  
 Paramedic Austin Higley (2)  
 Paramedic Luke Hill (2)  
 Paramedic Andrew Hodges (2)  
 EMT Shanell Hollis (2)  
 EMT Ceasar Holloway (1)  
 Paramedic Shoshanna Holzberg Pill (1)  
 Paramedic Ivan Hom (1)  
 Paramedic Jimmy Hong (2)  
 EMT Michael Hostos (1)  
 EMT Daniel Howard (1)  
 ELT Natasha Howard (1)  
 EMT Luis Hoyos (1)  
 Paramedic Joseph Hudak (1)  
 Paramedic Tahirah Hulse (2)  
 EMT Syed Hussain (1)  
 ELT Derek Hutchinson (1)  
 EMT Heather Hutchinson (1)  
 Paramedic Jennifer Hyppolite (2)  
 EMT Erik Ildtensohn (1)  
 Paramedic Justin Imburgia (2)  
 ELT Eric Ingram (1)  
 Paramedic Jermaine Irving (2)  
 ELT Amanda Isenberg (2)  
 ELT Matt Jachyra (1)  
 ELT Gregory Jackman (2)  
 Paramedic Christopher Jacobs (1)  
 EMT Akeem James (1)  
 Paramedic Jose Jaquez (1)  
 EMT Tony Jarani (1)  
 EMT Taffari Jarvis (1)  
 EMT Jonathan Jeronimo (1)  
 Paramedic Daril Jimenez (1)  
 Paramedic Joshua Jimenez (1)  
 ELT Andre Jones (1)  
 EMT Breyon Jones (1)  
 ELT Daniel Jones (1)  
 EMT Matthew Jordan (1)  
 EMT Suzette Jordan (1)  
 Paramedic Alexis Joseph (1)  
 Paramedic Joel Joseph (1)  
 ELT Paula Josten (1)  
 ELT Sean Josten (2)  
 Paramedic Eduardo Juarez Garcia (3)  
 Paramedic Jack Kaddah (1)  
 ELT Treylvia Kadin (4)  
 EMT Christopher Kagenaar (1)  
 Paramedic Kevin Kahl (2)  
 Paramedic Jessica Kaldor (2)  
 EMT Patrick Kane (1)  
 EMT Robert Kane (1)  
 EMT William Kane (3)  
 EMT Zsofia Karaszi (2)  
 EMT Tomislav Karlovic (1)  
 ELT Laura Karol (2)  
 EMT Andrew Katsanos (1)  
 Paramedic Brett Keane (1)  
 EMT Rosemary Kearins (1)  
 ELT Edward Keenan (1)  
 EMT Francis Kelly (1)  
 EMT Kathleen Kelly (2)  
 EMT Shane Kelly (1)  
 EMT Lecept Kennedy Jr. (1)  
 Paramedic Travis Kessel (1)  
 Paramedic Adil Khalid (2)  
 ELT Omran Khan (1)  
 ELT Andrew Khargie (1)  
 Paramedic Shaun King (1)  
 Paramedic Andrey Kirichenko (1)  
 ELT Moshe Klein (2)  
 Paramedic Jonathan Kleisner (1)  
 Paramedic Darren Kondas (2)  
 Paramedic Daviti Korinteli (2)  
 EMT James Krauss (1)  
 Paramedic Marc Krokowski (1)  
 ELT George Kroustallis (1)  
 EMT Thomas Kubisa (1)  
 Paramedic Franklin Kupferberg (1)  
 ELT Josephine Kwok (1)  
 EMT Pablo Laboy (1)  
 Paramedic Marco Lacertosa (1)  
 ELT Monique Lacroze (2)  
 ELT Erica Laguer (1)  
 EMT Katherine Lajara (1)  
 EMT Jonathan Lamar (1)  
 Paramedic Paul Lananna (1)  
 EMT Thomas Langford (1)  
 Paramedic Marlene Lantigua (3)  
 Paramedic Nicholas Larocca (2)  
 EMT Annmarie Lavalley (1)  
 Paramedic Adrian Lazar (2)  
 ELT Jason Lazar (2)  
 Paramedic Andy Le (1)  
 EMT Patrick Leach (1)  
 ELT Kenneth Lebow (2)  
 Paramedic Hyo Gap Lee (4)  
 ELT Warren Lees (2)  
 EMT Nancy Leger (1)  
 EMT Ronald Leggiadro (1)  
 ELT Katty Lejarde (1)  
 EMT Ciara Lennon (1)  
 EMT John Lentini (1)  
 EMT Jessica Leon (1)  
 ECP Vito Leone (5)  
 Paramedic Jason Lew (2)  
 Paramedic Monica Lewis (2)  
 EMT Sushawna Lewis (1)  
 Paramedic Christine Li (1)  
 EMT Timothy Liang (1)  
 ELT Justin Lim (2)  
 EMT Deanne Lindsay (1)  
 Paramedic Jesse Lipton (2)  
 Paramedic Carlos Lizcano (1)  
 EMT Brian Lobaton (1)  
 EMT Matthew Lobaton (1)  
 ELT Kyle Logiudice (6)  
 Paramedic Darren Lolk (1)  
 EMT Jared Long (1)  
 EMT Ryan Long (1)  
 EMT Wanya Long (1)  
 EMT Eugenio Lopez (1)  
 EMT Isacc Lopez (2)  
 ELT Alexander Loutsky (5)  
 EMT Christopher Love (1)  
 EMT David Loza (1)  
 EMT Robert Lubinski (1)  
 EMT Efrosini Lucio (1)  
 Paramedic Paul Lynch (1)  
 EMT Walter Macas (1)  
 Paramedic Andrew Mach (4)  
 ELT Elizabeth Mackiewicz (1)  
 Paramedic Kieran Macneil Lima (2)  
 Paramedic Nelson Madrigal (1)  
 ELT Sean Mahoney (2)  
 Paramedic Ralph Maisonneuve (3)  
 ELT Valeri Makarets (2)  
 Paramedic Jessica Maldonado (1)  
 EMT Miguel Maldonado (1)  
 EMT Joseph Maloku (1)  
 EMT Jessica Mancino (1)  
 Paramedic Thameshwar Mangra (1)  
 Paramedic Ralph Mangrella (1)  
 EMT Daniel Manning (1)  
 EMT Christina Manno (1)  
 Paramedic Wilfredo Manrique (1)  
 EMT Madeleine Manzo (2)  
 ELT Robertson Marc (1)  
 EMT Joseph Marino (1)  
 Paramedic Lizeth Mark (4)  
 EMT Thomas Markowitz (1)  
 Paramedic Thomas Marmann (2)  
 EMT Robert Marshall (1)  
 Paramedic Christian Marte (1)  
 EMT Louisa Martinez (1)  
 Paramedic Noe Martinez Garcia (1)  
 Paramedic Aldo Martinez Jr. (1)  
 EMT Pedro Martinez Veras (1)  
 EMT Joseph Marty (1)  
 ELT Anthony Marullo Jr. (2)  
 EMT Nicholas Mascia (1)  
 EMT Peter Massimillo (1)  
 EMT Nicholas Matteo (1)  
 EMT Frank Maynard (1)  
 ELT Daniel Mboh (1)  
 EMT Amanda McCarthy (1)  
 Paramedic David McCarthy (2)  
 EMT Matthew McCarthy (1)  
 Paramedic Joseph McCourt (2)  
 Paramedic Dylan McCoy (1)  
 Paramedic Angela McCray (2)  
 EMT Devon McDaniels (1)  
 EMT Matthew McDevitt (1)  
 Paramedic Chante McDonald (1)  
 EMT Sophia McDonnell (2)  
 ECP Sean McGrath (1)  
 Paramedic Cullen McGraw (2)  
 EMT Vincent McGuire (1)  
 Paramedic Brian McIntyre (4)  
 Paramedic Daja McKeithen (1)  
 EMT Matthew McKenzie (1)  
 EMT Brendan McKiernan (1)  
 EMT Austin McLoughlin (1)  
 ELT Tyrone McLune (3)  
 Paramedic Francisco Medina (1)  
 Paramedic Brian Melaragno (1)  
 ELT Michael Melas (1)  
 EMT Jovany Melo (2)  
 EMT Jonathan Mendez (1)  
 Paramedic Randy Mercedes (1)  
 EMT Pierre Mercier (1)  
 Paramedic Amanda Mezynski (1)  
 EMT William Miccio (1)  
 Paramedic Kirvens Michel (2)  
 EMT Erik Midbo (3)  
 EMT Nooraldein Milad (1)  
 Paramedic Ron Miller (1)  
 EMT Jonathan Milandri (2)  
 EMT William Millan (1)  
 EMT Matthew Miller (1)  
 EMT Megan Millman (1)  
 Paramedic Daniel Millner (1)  
 EMT Jeremy Mlotok (1)  
 EMT Brian Modzelewski (1)  
 EMT Daniel Moellendorf (1)  
 EMT Craig Mogilovsky (1)  
 ELT Kevin Montgomery (3)

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ELT Mario Montoya Sr. (1)  
 EMT Matthew Moore (1)  
 EMT Matin Moradi (1)  
 Paramedic Americo Morales (3)  
 Paramedic Michael Morales (1)  
 EMT Vanessa Morales (1)  
 EMT Jonathan Morel (1)  
 ELT Brian Morrissey (1)  
 EMT Paul Moulton Jr. (2)  
 Paramedic Mourtaz Mourtazaliev (1)  
 EMT Matthew Moza (1)  
 ELT Ludmila Muller (1)  
 Paramedic Ludmila Muller (3)  
 EMT David Mumford (1)  
 EMT Corey Mumolo (1)  
 Paramedic Marc Muratore (1)  
 EMT Connor Mushlit (1)  
 Paramedic Said Mustafa (1)  
 EMT Diana Muyudumbay (1)  
 ELT Steven Myhand (1)  
 Paramedic Samerah Nagi (1)  
 EMT Ciro Napolitano (1)  
 Paramedic Jaffarasam Naseer (1)  
 EMT Jerrell E. Nedd (1)  
 EMT Ciana Negron (1)  
 EMT Danielle Negron (1)  
 EMT Elijah Negron (1)  
 ECP Jonathan Negron (2)  
 EMT Henry Nemorin Jr. (1)  
 EMT Blake Nicholas (1)  
 EMT Christopher Nicholas (1)  
 EMT Thomas Nicholas (1)  
 EMT John Nicosia (1)  
 EMT Arelis Nieves (1)  
 ELT Vladimir Nikulin (2)  
 EMT Bianca Ning (1)  
 Paramedic Heather Norden (1)  
 Paramedic Stephen Northmore (1)  
 EMT Nana Ntim (1)  
 Paramedic Alexander Nunez (1)  
 ELT Eric Nunez (2)  
 EMT Ricardo Nunez (1)  
 ELT Marat Nurilov (2)  
 EMT Stephen Nurnberger (1)  
 EMT Jonathan Nygard (1)  
 ELT Melissa Obrien (1)  
 Paramedic David Ocasio (6)  
 Paramedic Nicholas Occhipinti (3)  
 Paramedic Liane Ochoa (1)  
 EMT Andrew Ochtera (1)  
 EMT Kerry O'Connor (1)  
 EMT John O'Connor (1)  
 EMT James O'Donohue (1)  
 EMT Kevin Ogden Jr. (2)  
 Paramedic Justin Ogrady (3)  
 ELT Justin Ogrady (3)  
 ELT Kevin Oh (1)  
 EMT Gabriel Oliveras (1)  
 EMT Ericksson Olivo (1)  
 EMT Christian Ollivierre (1)  
 Paramedic Hakeem Orelaja (3)  
 EMT Alejandro Orellanaquizhpi (1)  
 ELT Daniel Ornstein (3)  
 Paramedic Ciara Ortiz (3)  
 EMT Justin Ortiz (2)  
 EMT Kenneth Ortiz (1)  
 Paramedic Michael Ortiz (2)  
 Paramedic Niall Oshaughnessy (1)  
 EMT Andres Osorio (1)  
 Paramedic Yari Osorio (1)  
 Paramedic Leonardo Ospino (1)  
 EMT Gregory Ostrove (1)  
 Paramedic James Osullivan (1)  
 ELT Kyle Owens (2)  
 EMT Troy Owens Jr. (1)  
 ELT Arnold Pabon (1)

Paramedic Edva Pace (1)  
 EMT Jennifer Pace (1)  
 EMT Edwin Pacheco (2)  
 EMT Eric Pacheco (1)  
 Paramedic Luis Pacheco (1)  
 Paramedic Orlando Palma (1)  
 EMT Kristen Panarella (1)  
 Paramedic Cesar Panchana (1)  
 EMT Vladyslav Pankiv (2)  
 ELT Angela Pantanio (1)  
 Paramedic Victoria Papazian (2)  
 EMT Vanessa Paradise (1)  
 ELT Lennon Parasram (1)  
 Paramedic Joseph Parisi (2)  
 EMT Charles Paramedick (1)  
 Paramedic Jose Parra (1)  
 Paramedic McCray Parchment (1)  
 ELT Gregory Partch Jr. (2)  
 EMT Anthony Pasqualone (1)  
 EMT Jacob Patane (1)  
 Paramedic Anal Patel (1)  
 EMT Yahya Patel (1)  
 Paramedic Eyisett Patino (1)  
 EMT Marvin Paul (1)  
 ELT Anthony Paulino (2)  
 Paramedic Michael Paulino (1)  
 Paramedic Siul Paulino (1)  
 Paramedic Ronald Peifer li (2)  
 EMT Toni Pepia (1)  
 ELT Esmerelda Pepper-Gonzalez (1)  
 Paramedic Alexandre Pereira (2)  
 ELT Jamil Perez (2)  
 Paramedic Johanna Perez (1)  
 Paramedic Rachel Perez (1)  
 EMT Samantha Perez (1)  
 Paramedic Ashley Pernice (2)  
 EMT Brianna Perry (1)  
 Paramedic Chaz Perry (2)  
 ELT Andre Persaud (5)  
 Paramedic Robert Persaud (1)  
 Paramedic Kreisha Pierre (2)  
 EMT Dennis Pillet (3)  
 EMT Jose Pineda (1)  
 Paramedic James Pione (1)  
 ELT Bernard Pogrebinsky (1)  
 Paramedic Vadim Polishchuk (2)  
 EMT Devin Pollard (1)  
 Paramedic James Porras (3)  
 EMT Sebastian Porras (1)  
 ELT Todd Pressler (1)  
 EMT Katherine Prisco (1)  
 Paramedic Kaylan Prosper (1)  
 Paramedic Nicole Pucciarelli (2)  
 EMT Annwon Quick (1)  
 ELT John Quiles (4)  
 Paramedic Lisset Ramdayal (1)  
 Paramedic Angel Ramirez (1)  
 EMT Veronica Ramirez (1)  
 Paramedic Jairo Ramos (1)  
 EMT Kaity Ramos (1)  
 Paramedic Orlando Ramos (1)  
 Paramedic Veronica Ramos (2)  
 EMT Aziza Rasheed (1)  
 EMT Donte Rasmus (2)  
 ELT William Razenson (1)  
 EMT Vincent Rebolledo (1)  
 EMT Eric Reilly (1)  
 Paramedic Andrew Reiner (1)  
 EMT Dennis Reyes (1)  
 Paramedic Tara Reyes (1)  
 Paramedic Edward Reynolds (1)  
 EMT Eugene Reynolds (1)  
 Paramedic Alvin Rhaburn Jr. (1)  
 EMT Devon Ricciardi (3)  
 Paramedic Daniel Riccobono (2)  
 EMT Dylan Rice (1)

EMT Christopher Richardson (1)  
 EMT Ryan Ricknauth (3)  
 ECP Matthew Rightmyer (1)  
 EMT Casey Riley (1)  
 EMT Cristian Rivas (1)  
 ELT Diane Rivas (2)  
 EMT Jacob Rivera (1)  
 EMT Jeremy Rivera (1)  
 EMT Matthew Rivera (2)  
 Paramedic Peter Rivera (1)  
 EMT George Rivero (1)  
 ELT Ronald Rizzo (1)  
 EMT Dujohn Roberts (1)  
 Paramedic Earl Roberts (1)  
 EMT Mellisa Paramedick (1)  
 ELT Peter Roberts (1)  
 EMT Tiffany Robledo (1)  
 ELT Eddie Rodovic (3)  
 EMT Brandon Rodriguez (1)  
 Paramedic Cristino Rodriguez (3)  
 EMT Franklin Rodriguez (1)  
 ELT Jeanine Rodriguez (1)  
 ELT Joshua Rodriguez (1)  
 ELT Juan Rodriguez (1)  
 Paramedic Yessina Rodriguez (2)  
 Paramedic Michael Rojas (1)  
 Paramedic Angel Roldos Jr. (1)  
 Paramedic Brian Romero (2)  
 Paramedic Edgar Romero (1)  
 EMT Eric Romero Cisneros (1)  
 ELT Douglas Rondon (2)  
 EMT Ada Rosa (1)  
 EMT Jancarlos Rosa (1)  
 Paramedic Jesus Rosa (2)  
 EMT Joel Rosado (1)  
 EMT Jhonny Rosado-Garcia (1)  
 Paramedic Carmen Rosas (1)  
 ELT Andrew Rosenthal (1)  
 EMT James Roth (1)  
 EMT Bryan Rothman (1)  
 ELT John Rothmund (2)  
 Paramedic Dennison Rougier (2)  
 Paramedic Paul Rufrano (2)  
 Paramedic Crystal Ruiz (3)  
 Paramedic Jonathan Ruiz (2)  
 Paramedic Xavier Rush (1)  
 ELT Dean Russell (1)  
 ELT Alison Russo (1)  
 EMT Salvatore Russo (1)  
 Paramedic Corey Ruth (1)  
 EMT Makenzie Saborowski (1)  
 Paramedic Anna Sadowska (1)  
 EMT Anthony W. Sahagun (2)  
 Paramedic Jonathan Sala (2)  
 Paramedic Elizabeth Salazar (1)  
 Paramedic Abraham Salih (1)  
 Paramedic Ciara Sally (1)  
 Paramedic Romulo Samaniego (1)  
 EMT Tyler Sammy (1)  
 Paramedic Ricardo Sanchez (1)  
 ELT Ryan Sanchez (1)  
 EMT Riquiel Sanchez Matos (2)  
 EMT Miquelin Santana (1)  
 EMT Nelson Santana (1)  
 ELT Michelle Santiago (1)  
 EMT Ramon Santiago (1)  
 Paramedic Sabrina Santiago (1)  
 ELT Nicolas Santini (4)  
 Paramedic Tameca Santini (1)  
 Paramedic Kayla Saraniero (1)  
 EMT Rupert Savage (1)  
 EMT Doug Savitz (1)  
 EMT Philip Scarano IV (1)  
 Paramedic Javin Schaefer (2)  
 EMT Zelman Schapira Jr. (1)  
 EMT Brian Schelling (1)

EMT Stacey Schellong (2)  
 EMT Tabitha Schnepf (1)  
 EMT Kristen Schnibbe (1)  
 Paramedic Laura Schor (1)  
 ELT Dwight Scott (1)  
 EMT Kelly Scott (2)  
 EMT Norman Scott (1)  
 Paramedic Tanisha Scott (1)  
 EMT Joseph Scparta (1)  
 Paramedic Joao Seabra (1)  
 EMT Erik Seay (1)  
 EMT Matthew Seecharan (1)  
 Paramedic Hakim Sehad (2)  
 EMT Maxwell Senger (3)  
 Paramedic Rafael Sequeira (1)  
 Paramedic Eric Serrano (1)  
 EMT Tafari Serrett (1)  
 ELT Chunghing Sham (3)  
 EMT Aron Shamayev (1)  
 EMT Jason Shander (1)  
 ELT Kimberly Sharpe (2)  
 Paramedic Hahyung Shim (3)  
 EMT Celine Sierra (1)  
 Paramedic Kenneth Silas (1)  
 Paramedic Jonathan Silvera (1)  
 EMT Leo Silverstein (1)  
 Paramedic Dale Simon (1)  
 EMT Stephon Simon (1)  
 Paramedic Tyrone Sims (1)  
 EMT James C. Smith (1)  
 Paramedic John Smith (1)  
 ELT Shawn Smith (1)  
 Paramedic Hugh Smith II (1)  
 Paramedic William Sochor (1)  
 Paramedic Matthew Sodon (2)  
 Paramedic Arnaldo Soler (1)  
 Paramedic Hector Soto (2)  
 EMT Michael Spalletta (2)  
 ELT Jason Spandorf (5)  
 ELT Philip Spiro (2)  
 EMT Junior St. Vil (1)  
 EMT Jeani St. Clair (1)  
 Paramedic Michael Staines (1)  
 EMT Thomas Stapleton (1)  
 EMT Sean Stenson (1)  
 Paramedic Gerald Stepanyak (1)  
 Paramedic Dwayne Stewart (2)  
 EMT Michael Strauber (1)  
 Paramedic Michael Strobel (3)  
 Paramedic Maggie Studsrud (1)  
 ELT Danny Suarez (2)  
 EMT Timothy Sullivan (1)  
 ELT Joshua Sutherland (3)  
 ELT Seon Taitt (4)  
 Paramedic Gallant Tam (1)  
 EMT Christian Tamarez (1)  
 ELT Yiru Tan (2)  
 EMT Ain Tangeres (1)  
 EMT Marlon Tapper (1)  
 ELT Edwin Tario (1)  
 EMT Marlene Taveras (1)  
 Paramedic Dennis Tavernite (1)  
 ELT Christopher Taylor (3)  
 Paramedic Lorna Tennant (1)  
 Paramedic Alex Teply (1)  
 EMT Karan Thadhani (1)  
 EMT Danavon Thomas (1)  
 ELT Elwood Thomas (4)  
 EMT Joelena Thomas (1)  
 ELT Claire Thompson (1)  
 Paramedic Jason Thompson (1)  
 Paramedic Phillip Thompson (1)  
 EMT Alicia Thompson-Knight (2)  
 ELT Bo-Ann Thorpe (1)  
 Paramedic Julianne Tien (1)  
 EMT Michael Tier (1)

## 2022 PRE-HOSPITAL SAVE AWARDS

EMT Bogdan Tiflinsky (1)  
ELT Corey Tillery (1)  
EMT William Timony (1)  
Paramedic Vanessa Tineo (1)  
EMT Emmanuel Titus (2)  
EMT Paul Toell (1)  
Paramedic Jean Tondreau (3)  
Paramedic Dennis Toral (1)  
EMT Alexis Torres (1)  
Paramedic Christopher Torres (2)  
Paramedic George Torres (1)  
EMT Jeremiyah Torres (1)  
Paramedic Joshua Torres (1)  
EMT Neil Torres (1)  
Paramedic Anthony Tortorici (2)  
EMT Dylan Toth (1)  
Paramedic Anaxenia Toyloy (4)  
ELT Gerardo Toyloy (1)  
EMT Mariana Trece-Lopes (1)  
Paramedic Jose Trinidad (3)  
ELT Timothy Troeber (2)  
EMT Simeon Trotman (1)  
EMT Andrew Trujillo (1)  
EMT Juan Trujillo-Fuentes (1)  
Paramedic Koray Turhan (1)  
EMT Nicholas Turturro (1)  
EMT Dana Twomey (1)  
ELT Michael Ullman (1)  
EMT Yves Ulysse (1)  
Paramedic Mariano Uraje Barroso (2)

EMT Stephanie Urena (1)  
Paramedic David Urrea (2)  
ELT Peter Vaccaro (3)  
EMT Jesse Valdez (1)  
Paramedic Wilfred Valdez (2)  
EMT Michael Vale (1)  
Paramedic Ricardo Valencia (1)  
ELT Chez Valenta (2)  
EMT Erick Valentin (1)  
Paramedic Charles Valiceni (1)  
Paramedic Meagan Valicenti (1)  
EMT Ian Valle (2)  
ELT Kyle Van Nostrand (2)  
ELT Joanna Vanegas (2)  
EMT Barry Vanterpool II (1)  
EMT Ivan Vasco (1)  
EMT Amanda Vasquez (1)  
EMT Richard Vasquez (2)  
EMT Anthony Vass (1)  
Paramedic Anthony Vass (1)  
EMT Aniya Vega (1)  
EMT Frank Vela (1)  
EMT Alexis Velez (1)  
Paramedic Paula Velez (1)  
EMT Michael Viglietta (1)  
EMT Nicholas Villacci (1)  
Paramedic Lydia Vinas (1)  
ELT John Vives (2)  
EMT Joseph Volpe (1)  
Paramedic Edgar Vormnadiryan (2)

ELT Antonios Voxakis (2)  
Paramedic Andrew Vuolo (1)  
ELT Klara Wahlster (2)  
ELT Paul Wallace (1)  
ELT Robert Walsh (2)  
EMT James Ward (1)  
EMT Timothy Ward (2)  
Paramedic Marcus Waring (1)  
EMT Bryan Warshauer (1)  
EMT Michal Wasilewski (2)  
Paramedic Andrew Wasniewski (1)  
Paramedic Raymond Wasyl (2)  
Paramedic Kira Watkins (3)  
Paramedic Keino Watson (1)  
Paramedic Brandon Weber (1)  
EMT Matthew Weiburg (1)  
Medic Basic Kevin Wells (1)  
Paramedic Kimberly Werner (2)  
Paramedic Keith Werner Jr. (1)  
Paramedic Harlan Wernz (1)  
Paramedic James Wheaton (2)  
EMT Malaysia Wheelless (1)  
EMT John Whelan (1)  
EMT Dieonna Williams (1)  
Paramedic Kahlia Williams (1)  
ELT Marvin Williams (1)  
EMT Amanda Willis (1)  
Paramedic Andre Wilson (1)  
EMT Jonathan Wilson (3)  
EMT Kemon Wilson (1)

EMT Tyliek Wilson (1)  
EMT William Wilson (1)  
EMT Brian Winberry (1)  
ELT Asher Winik (1)  
EMT Brian Winter (1)  
Paramedic Maggie Wit (1)  
EMT Jason Withers (1)  
EMT Tremaine Witter (2)  
EMT Jacob Wolner Derose (1)  
ELT Kam Wong (2)  
ELT Kathleen Wood (1)  
EMT Delillah Woods (1)  
Paramedic Weikai Xiang (2)  
Paramedic Oleg Yagudayev (1)  
Paramedic Eric Yau (1)  
EMT Yui Yeh Vaca (1)  
Paramedic Paul Yoon (2)  
Paramedic Sung Jun Yoon (1)  
EMT Tyler Young (1)  
Paramedic Wayne Young Jr. (1)  
Paramedic Kenny Yu (3)  
Paramedic Diego Zaldumbide (1)  
EMT Haw Zaw (1)  
EMT Constantino Zepeda (1)  
Paramedic Anthony Zero (1)  
Paramedic Martin Zienkovicz (2)  
EMT Andrew Zucker (1)  
Paramedic Marvin Zuniga (3)  
Paramedic Cecibell Zurita (1)

## OFFICER OF THE QUARTER 2022

### 2022 First Quarter

Station QTRG, C842  
Captain Matthew Rightmeyer  
Lieutenant Jason Ochoa, Shield 0430  
Lieutenant Dwayne Coley, Shield 0431  
Lieutenant Marvin Chan, Shield 0152  
Lieutenant Jose Benitez, Shield 0602

### 2022 Second Quarter

Station 19, C193  
Captain Elizabeth A. Feaster  
Lieutenant Jerry A. Figueroa, Shield 0143  
Lieutenant Josephine Kwok, Shield 0643  
Lieutenant Sean P. Mahoney, Shield 0215  
Lieutenant Gerardo Toyloy, Shield 0363

### 2022 Third Quarter

Station 40, C402  
Captain Katherine Frawley  
Lieutenant Anthony R. Almojera, Shield 0198  
Lieutenant Alexander Loutsky, Shield 0275  
Lieutenant John A. Emington, Shield 0207  
Lieutenant Stanislav Flaksman, Shield 0539

### 2022 Fourth Quarter

Station 50, C513/C533  
Captain Samuel Jimenez  
Lieutenant Alvin Figueroa, Shield 0611  
Lieutenant Eric W. Ingram, Shield 0638  
Lieutenant Justin H. Kinney, Shield 0619  
Lieutenant John D. Lopez, Shield 0428  
Lieutenant Magdalena Sobocinski, Shield 0427  
Lieutenant Mohmedidris Zapawala, Shield 0637

## EMS UNIT OF THE MONTH 2022

### January 2022

Station 4, 01C2  
Captain Alexander Khalef  
EMT Alyssa M. Fioravante, Shield 1879  
EMT Timothy Ward, Shield 2786  
EMT Slominski Sylvain, Shield 1290  
EMT Amber M. Black, Shield 5266

### February 2022

Station 46, 46B3  
Captain Robin Printy  
EMT Gregory Ostrove, Shield 2135  
EMT Julissa Anderson, Shield 3394  
EMT Joanna Connors, Shield 2113  
EMT Jenisse Adorno Hernandez, Shield 1824

### March 2022

Station 10, 10H2  
Captain Joshua Frumer  
EMT Philip Dacey, Shield 1212  
EMT Sean Ismaili, Shield 2131  
EMT Christopher Caputo, Shield 5518  
EMT Frank Sikorski, Shield 3192

### April 2022

Station 39, 83D2  
Captain Jonathan Negron  
EMT Chris Gorman, Shield 3238  
EMT Michael E. Giudice Jr., Shield 3171  
EMT Wilmer Mercado Cordero, Shield 2557  
EMT Edwin Fernandez Saravia, Shield 2199

### May 2022

Station 16, 16C2  
Captain James Rawcliff  
EMT Wadia Craan-Munro, Shield 2591  
EMT Chase Hudson, Shield 2794  
EMT Michael Kakeh, Shield 2819  
EMT Miguel Martinez, Shield 5724

### June 2022

Station 43, 33C2  
Captain Linda Scott  
EMT Austin J. Addis, Shield 3282  
EMT Joseph Sarro, Shield 5344  
EMT Andrey Bezbordov, Shield 1421  
EMT Taylor M. Nowak, Shield 3244

### July 2022

Station QTRG, 84I3  
Captain Matthew Rightmeyer  
EMT Melody R. Stallworth Cruz, Shield 2324  
EMT Frank C. Schulz, Shield 3584  
EMT Daniel R. Doroski, Shield 3650  
EMT Victoria Wojcik, Shield 3869

### August 2022

Station 35, 35R2  
Captain Eric Colvil  
Paramedic Andrew Mach, Shield 4220  
Paramedic Charles J. Valicenti, Shield 4746  
Paramedic Ralph V. Mangrella, Shield 4225  
Paramedic Meir Shubowitz, Shield 4753

### September 2022

Station 13, 13B3  
Captain Suchingh Singh  
EMT Alban Mucaj, Shield 2514  
EMT Marisa Rueda, Shield 3782  
EMT John M. Perez, Shield 5461  
EMT David E. James, Shield 5255

### October 2022

Station 40, 41B2  
Captain Katherine Frawley  
EMT Jillian M. Clementi, Shield 2088  
EMT Mustafa Farah, Shield 3755  
EMT Casey A. Healey, Shield 3724  
EMT Vito F. Gallicchio, Shield 2322

### November 2022

Station 47, 47B2  
Captain Joshua Frumer  
EMT Kerry M. Burnett, Shield 2978  
EMT William Rush, Shield 1756  
EMT Michael Healey, Shield 3716  
EMT Johnny Miller, Shield 2409

### December 2022

Station 8, 81C2  
Captain Jeremy Griffel  
EMT Alexander Jennings, Shield 2845  
EMT Joseph Filocamo, Shield 2513  
EMT Marco A. Parinello, Shield 3419  
EMT Vladyslav Pankiv, Shield 5307



## MEDAL AND AWARD DONORS

### **Chief of Department Peter J. Ganci, Jr. Medal**

Since 1869, the FDNY has awarded annually a medal for the highest act of bravery by a firefighter or fire officer. In 2020, the James Gordon Bennett Medal was renamed in honor of Chief of Department Peter J. Ganci, Jr., the highest ranking uniformed member of the Department killed on September 11, 2001. Chief Ganci made the supreme sacrifice while leading the rescue efforts in response to the terrorists attacks at the World Trade Center. The Fire Foundation of New York, Inc., Kenneth Bronstein, president, and the NYS Honorary Fire Chief Association Glenn Zarogen, president, funds this award. (Page 15)

### **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 celebrates the service of the firefighters of New York and their families. Since 1984, this medal is presented to the recipient of the top fire medal. (Page 15)

### **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 16)

### **Christopher J. Prescott Medal**

Named in honor of EMT Christopher Prescott, the first EMS member to make the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty in 1994, the Prescott Medal is the highest honor bestowed upon a member of the Bureau of EMS. Endowed by the Uniformed EMTs and Paramedics and Fire Inspectors Union. Also endowed by former First Assistant Fire Commissioner Robert A. Ungar and his wife, Stacy Ungar. (Page 17)

### **Hugh Bonner Medal & Honor Legion 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 18)

### **Yadira Arroyo Medal**

The Yadira Arroyo Medal is named for the courageous EMT who died in the line of duty in March of 2017. EMT Arroyo, a 14-year veteran of the FDNY, lost her life after she and her partner were overtaken by a combative patient who then struck her with their ambulance. This medal is awarded in her name to members of EMS who display extraordinary bravery. Awarded for the first time in 2022. Endowed by EMS Local 2507. (Page 19)

### **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 20)

### **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. (Page 21)

### **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. (Page 22)

### **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 23)

### **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 24)

### **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 ren-

dered 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 25)

### **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 26)

### **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. An honorarium in memory of Battalion Chief Anthony Mendez Sr. is given to the medal recipient. (Page 27)

### **Michael 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 28)

### **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 29)

### **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 30)

### **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 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 the Brian F. Mulheren family in memory of his father, Joseph A. Mulheren, a friend of the FDNY. (Page 31)

#### **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 32)

#### **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. A \$100 cash award in honor and in memory of Fire Patrolman Keith Roma, Fire Patrol 2, who died in the line of duty at the WTC on 9/11/01. #344 Never Forgotten. (Page 33)

#### **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 34)

#### **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 Fire Commissioner Robert A. Ungar and his wife, Stacy Ungar. (Page 35)

#### **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 36)

#### **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 37)

#### **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 38)

#### **Columbia Association Medal**

Endowed by the Columbia Association since 1966. Medal is awarded in memory of retired Fire Marshal Thomas J. Russo Sr. (Page 39)

#### **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 40)

#### **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 41)

#### **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. Sponsored by the EMS Superior Officers Association. (Page 42)

#### **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 43)

#### **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 44)

#### **William & Gertrude Friedberg Medal**

The William & Gertrude Friedberg Medal was first awarded in 1996. Bill was a respected and beloved elementary school principal working with the children of New York City. His wife, Gertrude, was an elementary school teacher. Together they spent well over half a century instilling a love of learning in their students, with the knowledge that early education and instruction were the key to success and fire prevention. The recipient of this award will receive an award presented by their children and grandchildren. (Page 45)

#### **American Legion Fire Department Post 930/Mark M. Wohlfield Memorial Medal**

Endowed by American Legion Post 930, this medal is in memory of Mark M. Wohlfield, a lifelong member of the Fire Department Post, a colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves and a retired FDNY firefighter. The history of this intrepid warrior's exploits is related graphically in the second and third issues of *WNYF* (1945). After his retirement from the FDNY, he continued to serve his country and his fellow man by working for the Veterans Administration. He died on May 24, 1978, and is interred in Arlington National Cemetery. First awarded in 1979. (Page 46)

#### **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 47)

#### **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

ed 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 48)

#### **Company Officers Association Medal**

Endowed by the Company Officers Association (COA) 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 COA board member. (Page 49)

#### **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 50)

#### **Lieutenant Kirby McElhearn Medal**

A dedicated professional with a passion for communications, Lieutenant McElhearn is remembered for his instrumental involvement in the research and development of the first modern-day Field Communications Unit (FieldComm) for EMS. Sponsored in memory of Honorary Battalion Chief Paul Sanner. (Page 51)

#### **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. \$1,000 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. Buccieri, 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 52)

#### **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 53)

#### **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 De-

Franco 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 54)

#### **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 while either on or off duty. Endowed by the members of Engine Company 277 and Ladder Company 112. (Page 55)

#### **Deputy Commissioner Christine R. Godek Medal**

Established and endowed by Honorary Fire Commissioner Dorothy W. Marks and the late 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 56)

#### **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 longtime member and chairman of the Board of Directors. (Page 57)

#### **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 58)

#### **Captain Alison Russo North Star Medal**

Named in honor of Captain Alison Russo, a 24-year veteran officer and rescue medic who was killed in the line of duty September 29, 2022. This award

recognizes an FDNY EMS officer who, in the performance of duty, performs an act of distinguished bravery and stamina under adverse or extreme conditions. This award is endowed by Deputy Chief (ret.) Zachary Goldfarb in memory of Captain Russo, a "North Star" who, through her life of service to the citizens of New York City, exemplified leadership through responsibility, tenacity, resilience, decisiveness, compassion and courage. (Page 59)

#### **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 fundraising 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 60)

#### **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 61)

#### **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 62)

**5-5-5-5**

**Died in the Line of Duty**



**CAPTAIN ALISON RUSSO**  
**EMS Station 49**

**Died on September 29, 2022, as a result of injuries  
sustained while on duty at EMS Station 49 in Queens.  
Appointed to the FDNY on March 23, 1998.**

**5-5-5-5**

**Died in the Line of Duty**



**FIREFIGHTER WILLIAM P. MOON II**  
**Rescue Company 2**

**Died on December 20, 2022, as a result of injuries  
sustained while operating at Brooklyn  
Box 1644 on December 12, 2022.  
Appointed to the FDNY on May 5, 2002.**

# Notes



