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COMMISSIONER'S MESSAGE



I've never been more proud of the DSNY than I have this past Fall. Our response to Super Storm Sandy, overwhelming at times, was instrumental in getting New York City up and running once again.

Before the first drop of rain or gust of wind, we were already hard at work. By carefully preparing for the storm and relocating our equipment away from flood prone areas, we knew we would be in a better position to quickly respond to the needs of our city after the weather cleared. However, post-storm electricity issues were wide-spread, and even our DSNY administrative offices were without power. Luckily, our Central Repair Shop (CRS) in Queens was able to act as our command post. From there, together with other emergency responders, we got down to business.

First, we needed to remove thousands of downed trees and branches and clear roads of tons of sand and debris to allow other emergency crews to have the access that they needed to respond to the crisis. Once City residents were able to return to their homes, our long-term curbside debris collection operations were able to begin in the areas hit hardest by the storm.

Shift after shift, week after week, month after month, you worked tirelessly to help your neighbors in need. By providing additional curbside pickups of bulky household rubbish well into March, our sanitation crews were responsible for collecting an unbelievable 431,128 tons of debris, and just as important, helping thousands of New Yorkers start to rebuild their lives.

You worked 12 hour shifts. You came to work even when your homes were damaged by the storm. You came to work, and stayed at work, sometimes sleeping in your garages.

Your dedication did not go unnoticed. I thank you, and the City of New York thanks you for your commitment, for being there when we needed you most. You have all made the history of "New York's Strongest" even greater.

"And for the first responders who are here, the police officers, the firefighters, the EMS folks, the sanitation workers who sometimes don't get credit but have done heroic work, we are so grateful to you because you exemplify what America is all about," President Barack Obama, who met workers while visiting Staten Island.



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WOMEN OF DSNY HONORED



Nearly 200 women from the Department's uniformed and civilian workforce were honored for their long-term dedication to the city and the country, in a ceremony held during Women's History Month. Some, with more than 40 years of service, were celebrated alongside women who have used their technical skills to help modernize the Department, the woman who helps organize the DSNY's participation in a breast cancer research charity event and women who have been deployed in military service. Congratulations to the women who received certificates, and thank you for your dedication to duty and your strong work ethic.

DSNY EMERALD SOCIETY CELEBRATES 75 YEARS - FIRST DEPUTY COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN TO BE HONORED



This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the DSNY Emerald Society. Originally known as the Irish American Association, the group is very active all year long in charitable and community work. Over the years, the Society has held annual charity golf events to benefit the Boomer Esiason Foundation to help find a cure for Cystic Fibrosis. In addition, the group helps to support their communities with food drives, school supply donation events, clothing drives and providing to Toys for Tots.

The Society is also known for their award winning Pipe and Drum band. Founded in 1993, the band performs during DSNY ceremonies, in the annual New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade and they even travel across the region for other special events.



In celebration of their three-quarters of a century together, the Emerald Society will host a 75th Anniversary Dinner Dance on April 19th at Leonard's of Great Neck. First Deputy Commissioner Bernard "Buddy" Sullivan, who once served as honorary aide to the Grand Marshall of the St. Patrick's Day Parade, will be honored at the dinner as "Irishman of the Year."

Congratulations to the Emerald Society and its president, Brooklyn Boro Chief Tom Doyle, for all their contributions to the community throughout the years, and congratulations to First Deputy Commissioner Sullivan for his well deserved award!

DSNY RECEIVES RECYCLING AWARD

DSNY's Bureau of Waste Prevention, Reuse and Recycling has received the "Electronics Recycling Award" from Veolia Environmental Services in recognition of DSNY's programs promoting environmental protection and product stewardship in all operations. Veolia noted DSNY was the first municipal agency to receive its award. Well done team!

Collectors Items:

Way to Go!...CaBria Huffman, 17, granddaughter of BWD's Pat Huffman, PAA I. CaBria graduated early from Beach Channel High School, with honors, this February and is pursuing an Air Force career. **Like mother, like son...**Congratulations to Supervisor Lillian Hernandez, BKN 9 and her son, newly appointed Sanitation Worker Jorge Gutierrez, BKN 16, on being the first uniformed mother/son team in the history of DSNY. S/W Gutierrez aced his Sanitation exam and passed with 100 percent. **Congratulations...**to Sanitation Worker Bruno Iciano's daughter Lauren for successfully completing her Pre-Med Program at Howard University. Lauren will graduate this Spring and continue her medical studies at Harvard School of Medicine this Fall.

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