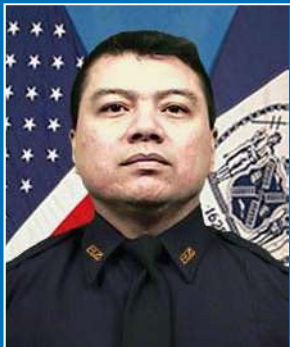# FALLEN FINEST

POLICE OFFICER
ALAIN K. SCHABERGER
84 Precinct

On Sunday, March 13, 2011, Police Officer Alain Schaberger was killed when he was pushed off the exterior staircase of a building by a suspect he was attempting to arrest at a domestic violence call.

At about 4:20 am, Officer Schaberger and other officers responded to a call of a domestic dispute at an apartment building on Bergen Street, in the Boerum Hill section of Brooklyn. When the officers arrived, they were met by a female victim who told them the suspect had threatened to kill her and that she had an order of protection against him. Additionally, she told them that the suspect had run into his home which was around the block.

Three officers, including Officer Schaberger, responded to the suspect's home on St. Mark's Place. The suspect's father initially told officers that his son was not home, but after additional questioning admitted that his son was inside the house. The officers entered the house and located the suspect. They removed him from the house onto a stoop in front, where the victim identified him.

The officers began to place the suspect under arrest and had handcuffed one wrist when a violent struggle ensued. The suspect used both hands and pushed Officer Schaberger backwards, over a 21-inch railing, causing him to fall nine feet down a cement stairwell leading to a basement entrance. Officer Schaberger struck his head and fractured his neck. Officer Schaberger was taken to Lutheran Medical Center where he died from his injuries.

The suspect was arrested at the scene after being tasered. He was convicted of manslaughter in May 2012 and subsequently sentenced to 28 ½ years to life in prison.

On June 12, 2012, Officer Schaberger was posthumously awarded the NYPD Medal of Honor.

Police Officer Alain K. Schaberger, 42 years old, served with the New York City Police Department for 10 years and had previously served with the United States Navy. He was survived by his parents, Paul and May; and his sister, Tracey.