



FDNY EMS WEEK
May 18-24, 2014



National Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

Week is designed to bring public attention to the life-saving work that more than 750,000 men and women provide to millions of Americans each year.

During this week we honor those who work for the New York City Fire Department's EMS Command and salute them for their commitment and dedication.

EMS Week also features special events and forums that seek to educate the public.



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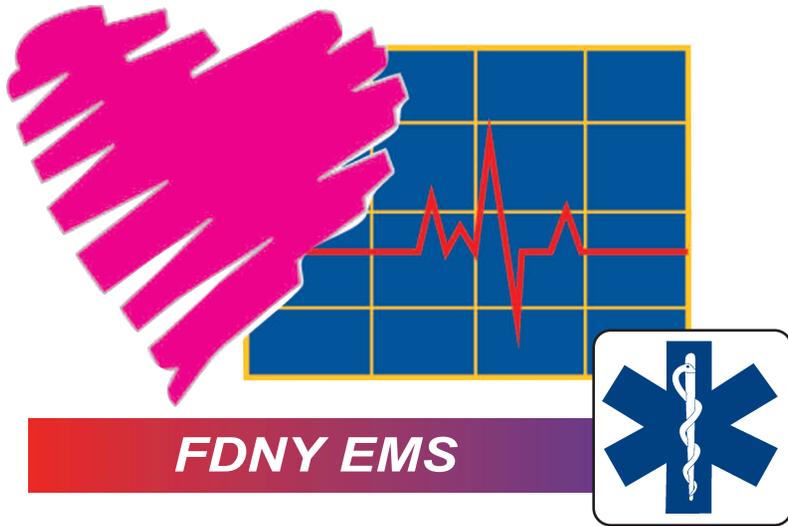
WEDNESDAY
MAY 21, 2014
10:00 A.M.

Fort Hamilton Army Base
Community Center
Brooklyn, NY

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Salvatore J. Cassano
Fire Commissioner

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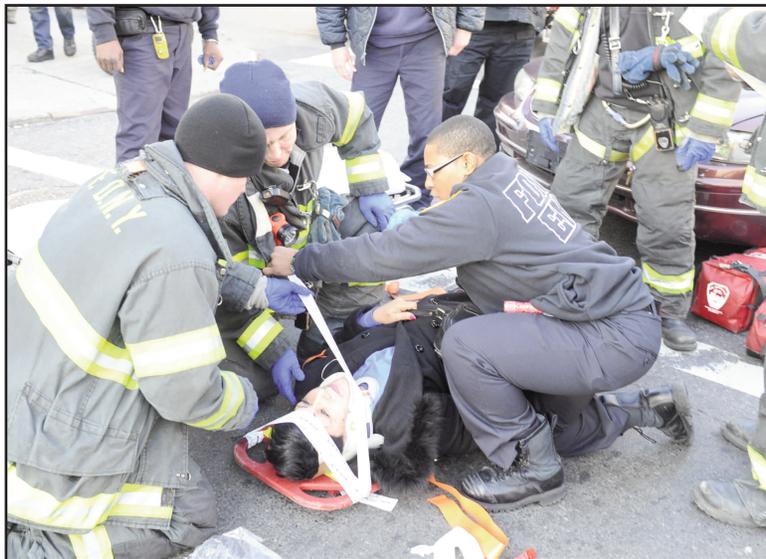
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PROGRAM

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: **Gary Miller**
Lieutenant

NATIONAL ANTHEM: **EMT Jeff Samerson**

INVOCATION: **Rev. V Simpson Turner**
FDNY Chaplain

REMARKS: **Salvatore J. Cassano**
Fire Commissioner

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Chief of EMS

INTRODUCTION
OF SURVIVORS: **Dr. Glenn Asaeda**
Chief Medical Director
Office of Medical Affairs

BENEDICTION: **Rev. V Simpson Turner**
FDNY Chaplain

*The Fire Department would like to thank
the Pintchik Family for their generous support
in making this annual event possible.*

SECOND CHANCE BRUNCH 2014

JOSE CONTRERAS

Jose Contreras was home in bed in the early morning hours of April 12, 2013 when, without warning, he became unresponsive. His family quickly called 911.

Minutes later, Captain Brian McKeon and Firefighters Thomas Damiano, Kevin Minicus, George Podias and Matthew Carini of Engine Company 236 were in Mr. Contreras's home performing CPR and administering a shock with a defibrillator.

Shortly after the Engine Company's arrival, Paramedics George Trail and Peter Wilken from Station 39 arrived to begin advance life support efforts. They were joined by EMTs Abdul Boddington and Cesar Rosario, also of Station 39. Working together, FDNY members were able to restore Mr. Contreras's heartbeat and transport him to Brookdale Medical Center.

Thanks to the professionalism and teamwork of nine FDNY members that morning, Mr. Contreras is continuing to spend time with his family and making the most of his second chance.



JESSI SALDANA

Jessi Saldana was woken by chest pains on the morning of February 11, 2013. Seeing that he needed immediate medical attention, his mother called 911.

Minutes later, EMTs Shakeel Ajaz and Margaret Devlin from Station 14 responded to find Mr. Saldana still experiencing chest pain, along with shortness of breath and numbness in his arm. They began patient care, readied Mr. Saldana for transport to the hospital, and called for additional assistance.

Very quickly, they were joined by Paramedics Joy Canter and Joseph Fortis, as well as Lieutenant Feliks Granovskiy. The Paramedics provided advance cardiac monitoring and administered intravenous medication. However, on the way to Bronx Lebanon Hospital, Mr. Saldana heart stopped. The FDNY members initiated CPR, administered three shocks with a defibrillator to restart Mr. Saldana's heart, and transported him to the emergency room for further treatment.

Just 24 hours later, Mr. Saldana was sitting up in his hospital bed talking to his rescuers on the phone. Now more than a year later, this young man is continuing to enjoy his second chance.



BENEDICT PEREZ

Benedict Perez was sleeping in his home on December 13, 2013 when he awoke to a crushing pain in his chest. The day before, Mr. Perez, had undergone a procedure to open up the blood vessels in his heart after several weeks of frequent chest pain. Very concerned, he called 911 for help.

Within minutes, Paramedics Gregory Companion and Gregory Floyd of Station 4 arrived to find Mr. Perez in extreme pain. Immediately, they began patient care, including cardiac monitoring, and prepared to transport Mr. Perez to the hospital.

Once in the ambulance, Mr. Perez stopped breathing. Paramedics Companion and Floyd began CPR and delivered a shock with a defibrillator in an attempt to restart his heart. After a minute of CPR, Mr. Perez began to once again breathe on his own and opened his eyes. With the assistance of EMTs Vanessa Johnson and Ronadlit Marte from Beth Israel Medical Center and FDNY EMS Lieutenant Mark Caplan, Mr. Perez was transported to Beth Israel Medical Center.

Thanks to quick response and dedicated efforts of Paramedics and EMTs that morning, Mr. Perez was breathing, alert and able to talk to Doctors about his condition when he arrived at the hospital. Today he is alive and well and enjoying his second chance at life.



NICKOLAY DASHEVSKY

Nickolay Dashevsky was home with his wife in the early morning hours on April 10, 2012 when he began to have chest pains and difficulty breathing. When he suddenly became unresponsive, his wife called 911.

Lieutenant Thomas Dowd and Firefighters Anthony Borruso, Patrick Kelly, Joseph Marcello and Damian Riccardella from Engine Company 321 were first to arrive and initiate care for Mr. Dashevsky, performing CPR and applying a defibrillator. They were joined moments later by Lieutenant Edward Meyer and EMTs Christopher Devine and Dominic Rogovich from Station 43.

When Paramedics Bernard Pogrebinsky and Lionel Roman of Station 43 arrived, they found Mr. Dashevsky still in a lethal cardiac rhythm. To preserve Mr. Dashevsky's brain function they began hypothermia treatment – administering cold intravenous fluids – and then shocked him two additional times with a defibrillator to restore his heartbeat. Mr. Dashevsky was then transported to Coney Island Hospital for additional treatment.

Every FDNY member who responded that morning played a critical role in providing Mr. Dashevsky a second chance.



RALPH MILES

Ralph Miles went to bed on the evening of December 21, 2013 after experiencing abdominal pains throughout the day. Early the next morning, his girlfriend discovered he had stopped breathing and immediately called 911.

Within minutes, Paramedics Daniel Almandoz and Joseph Yu from Station 43 arrived and found Mr. Miles in a lethal cardiac rhythm. Using their Paramedic training, they inserted a breathing tube and initiated hypothermia treatment to preserve Mr. Miles's brain function by providing cold intravenous fluids. Following four shocks with a defibrillator, his heart rate was restored and he began to once again breathe on his own.

The Paramedics were joined by Lieutenant Scott Rothschild and EMTs Joshua Brownstein and Edison Gbor, also of Station 43, as well as Lieutenant Peter Frank and Firefighters Steven Donadio, John Bernard, Ewart Henry and Stephen Urso of Engine Company 318. All units worked together to continue treatment of Mr. Miles and safely transport him to Coney Island Hospital.

Thanks to the quick response and professionalism of every FDNY member that day, Mr. Miles is now enjoying his second chance.



SUDHIR MONGIA

Sudhir Mongia was on the way home to New Jersey with his family on the evening of May 17, 2012 after celebrating his daughter's graduation from New York University. A wonderful day quickly turned tragic as Mr. Mongia collapsed while walking down the stairs to the train platform.

Numerous passengers saw him fall and quickly called 911 for help, while Amtrak Police Officer Adam Peterkin and a bystander, Jon Dohlin, leapt into action and began CPR. They were soon joined by Amtrak Police Officer Christine Wiebusch and Captain Kenneth Metz who helped continue CPR.

Lieutenant Robert Narducci and Firefighters Anthony Abbruzzese, Lucas Domingo, Christopher Hughes and Daniel Golden from Engine 1 were next to arrive and provided a defibrillator shock which restored Mr. Mongia's pulse.

Paramedics Ashley Strevy-McDonald and Michael Ullman from Station 7 and EMTs Darius Dorsett and Dameon Marks from New York University Hospital arrived to take over care of Mr. Mongia and transport him to Bellevue Hospital.

Thanks to the quick reactions of those who called 911, the immediate bystander CPR he received, and the collective efforts by so many first responders, Mr. Mongia is alive and well and enjoying a second chance at life.

