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**CONTRACT WATER SPRINKLER INSPECTOR ARRESTED FOR FALSIFYING
49 INSPECTION REPORTS AT NYPD FACILITIES**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the Department of Investigation (DOI), announced today the felony arrest of Troy Stallworth, a contract water sprinkler Inspector, for falsifying 49 inspection reports at Police Precincts and other NYPD facilities in Manhattan and Brooklyn.

Stallworth, 35, of the Bronx, was charged with 49 Counts of Forgery in the Second degree, 49 counts of Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree, Forgery in the Third Degree, Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Third Degree and Petit Larceny. If convicted, he faces up to four years in jail.

DOI began its investigation after the FDNY Legal unit reported that Stallworth may have falsified two sprinkler/standpipe system inspection reports at the 61st Precinct and the 72nd Precinct in March 2002. FDNY learned of the allegations from an alert NYPD Detective who was responsible for approving payment for the inspections and had noticed inconsistencies in inspection reports Stallworth had filed.

DOI Investigators determined that Stallworth falsified 49 inspection reports at NYPD facilities in Manhattan and Brooklyn from March 2002, to May, 2002. Stallworth said he filed the fraudulent inspection reports because he didn't have enough time to conduct the inspections. Stallworth's employer, Allstate Sprinkler Corp. of the Bronx, held a purchase order contract with the NYPD to inspect its water sprinkler systems on a monthly basis at 58 locations for approximately \$47 per inspection. As a job requirement, Stallworth passed a test and received a Certificate of Fitness permit/license from the FDNY so he could conduct water sprinkler inspections. Stallworth told investigators Allstate did not know he failed to conduct the inspections. Stallworth was suspended by Allstate Sprinkler Corp. in June 2002 and subsequently resigned in August 2002.

All police facilities assigned to Stallworth have been reinspected by a different company.

"By failing in his duty to conduct proper sprinkler system inspections, this defendant put at risk the lives of thousands of NYPD personnel," said Commissioner Gill Hearn. "If a fire had occurred at any of the uninspected locations, and the sprinkler systems failed to operate, there is no telling what tragedies might have occurred."

The investigation was conducted by FDNY Inspector General John McMahon and his staff, including Special Investigator Tim Crowe.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked FDNY Counsel Julian Bazel for his assistance and cooperation in the investigation.

Bronx Assistant District Attorney Colleen Barry is assigned to the prosecution.

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