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FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK...

It is with a great sense of pleasure and pride that I have returned to this great Department. While I was retired, I followed the Department's operations—from a distance—regarding productivity, Scorecard, and snow fighting efforts and the work you all did after the terrible September 11th attack on our City.



JOHN J. DOHERTY

I knew when the towers fell that the Department would be right in the middle of the rescue and clean up efforts. We were, and some of you are still working at it. You've done an outstanding job. Everyone involved — from uniformed personnel to the civilian support staff in all titles — can be very proud of the work you did. I know because I was proud of you.

As I look to the future of the Department, I know there will be some difficult times ahead, especially in view of the City's current fiscal condition. I also know that we will rise to the occasion and meet the challenges of providing an essential service to the citizens of this City. Mayor Bloomberg has confidence in us.

In the three years that I was gone, Fresh Kills closed leaving us with no city-run waste disposal locations. We currently have to rely on a short-term export plan of using private transfer stations to dispose of more than 11,000 tons of municipal waste each day. Presently, we are working on an improved and permanent export system that should rely, to a great part, on our marine transfer stations.

Street cleaning is also a very important aspect of life in the City and it is something we all must work at. A clean City is a safe City. Remember when we are in the street doing our job we are very visible. What we do — or don't do — can either enhance or tarnish the reputation of the Department and all its members.

This newsletter marks the return of a useful 'voice' for the Department. It will keep you informed of things that we are pursuing, it will quell rumors and most importantly, it will be your newsletter. It will be for you and about you. I hope you will read every issue and send in any ideas you may have to our Bureau of Public Information and Community Affairs in Room 714 at headquarters. Thank you.

We Were There At Ground Zero Helping New York

The Department played a vital role in the up and restoration of the area surrounding World Trade Center, the financial district Wall Street in the days and weeks following the September 11th terrorist attack. It was able to maintain normal cleaning, recycling and trash collections above Canal Street Manhattan and throughout the other four boroughs.

The Department's tremendous efforts became even more dramatic when the main office at 125 Worth Street, a few short blocks from the Twin Towers collapse, was left without communications in the wake of the disaster. The Department temporarily relocated headquarters to the Central Repair Shop in Queens thanks to the efforts of Deputy Commissioner for Support Operations Jerry Della Cerna where staff and equipment for the Ground Zero operation were coordinated by First Deputy Commissioner Peter Montalbano.

The Department's two-pronged operation involved cleaning up the areas surrounding

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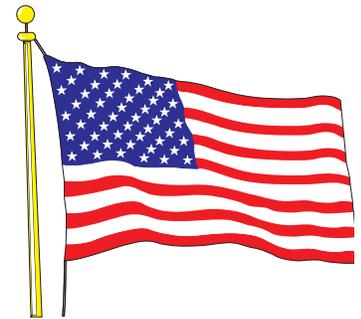
had been the Twin Towers, while providing uninterrupted cleaning and collection schedules to the remainder of the City.

In lower Manhattan, 800 Sanitation Workers and supervisory personnel worked around the clock on rotating 12-hour shifts — despite the fear and concern for further building collapses — using hoses, flusher trucks, street sweepers, fuel trucks, refuse trucks, front end loaders, hand brooms, and open dump trucks to clear debris. Wearing protective clothing (face masks, eye protection, gloves) they hosed down buildings, loaded debris, swept streets (manually and with mechanical street sweepers) and flushed streets.

At Ground Zero, the Department provided trucks and other heavy equipment to swiftly remove WTC debris during the initial rescue and recovery phase. The Department reopened two dormant marine transfer stations from which debris was taken by barge and truck to the closed Fresh Kills Landfill on Staten Island. The landfill was reopened by the Governor on an emergency basis to accept the WTC debris because it provided an excellent and secure area for investigators to spread out debris to search for clues and evidence.



SCENES FROM GROUND ZERO



Collector's Items

Congratulations to new members of Sanitation management team: **Michael A. Bimonte**, who came out of retirement to be Commissioner Doherty's Chief of Staff; **Benedict J. Cecere**, a 38-year Department veteran promoted to Director of the Bureau of Cleaning and Collection; **Vito A. Turso**, who returns after an 11-year absence to be Deputy Commissioner of the Bureau of Public Information and Community Affairs; **Harry Szarpanski**, the new Assistant Commissioner for Long Term Export, and **Philip J. Gleason**, the new Assistant Commissioner for Waste Management Engineering...**Welcome** to newly appointed Department Chaplain, **Rabbi Stuart I. Berman**.... **Best wishes** to **Peter Scarlatos**, president of Uniformed Sanitation men's Association, Local 831, who recently announced his plans to retire. Pete plans to enjoy more time with his family. He's earned it! ...**Nice work** by Officers and Sanitation Workers of **Manhattan 8** who collected more than \$5,000 through various fund raising events and distributed proceeds to families of Firefighters lost in the September 11th attacks and to Ronald McDonald House... **Kudos** to Sanitation Worker **Ercelle John**, Manhattan 2, who represented the Department at the "Women Who Care" luncheon honoring women from the City's uniformed agencies who revived lower Manhattan in the aftermath of the World Trade Center tragedy.



A GREAT DAY — Commissioner Doherty with Mayor Bloomberg, Emerald Society President Thomas Doyle, and others at the St. Patrick's Day Parade.



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TERRIFIC WORK — Deputy Commissioner Steve Lawitts joins (left to right) Commissioner Doherty, Roberta Martell, First Deputy Commissioner Peter Montalbano, and Deputy Commissioner Jerry Della Corte in congratulating Ms. Martell on exemplary dedication in coordinating the Department's Employee Suggestion Awards Program for the last 31 years.



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH: The Department celebrated Women's History Month by presenting certificates of recognition for outstanding contributions by female employees. Gayl Johnson (standing left) coordinated the event. The 25 Years of Service awards were given to Diana Arnold, Queens East; Rhonda Harper, BCC; Patricia Mah, Advocate's Office; and Brenda Smith, Medical Office. Other awards went to Elizabeth Leeza Garcia, Bronx Boro; Barbara Robinson, Brooklyn North; Yolanda Alayon, Queens Boro; Kathleen Hopkins, Bronx 6; Monik Love, Human Resources; Sandy McCaffrey, R.N., Medical Division, and Ernestine E. Roach, WEP.



GOOD SUGGESTIONS: Twelve employees were awarded cash or certificates as part of the Department's recent 31st Annual Employee Suggestion Awards program. Employee's recommendations have contributed cost savings and increased efficiency of operations. The awarded employees were Louis Rubino, Supervisor of Mechanics, BME; Roy Ingrassia, Sanitation Worker, BCC; Jimmy Brown, Blacksmith, BME (2 awards); George Iannone, Auto Mechanic, BME; Albert Yarusinsky, Auto Mechanic, BME; Nicholas Pavlides, Auto Machinist, BME; Nancy Cruz, Research Assistant, Human Resources; Thomas Doyle, General Superintendent 1, BCC; Anthony Monte, Auto Mechanic, BME; Thomas Fitzgerald, Supervisor, BCC, and Richard Franco, Supervisor of Mechanics, BME.