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2005 FDNY Medal Day

Day of Celebration Honors Firefighters from All Five Boroughs



The 46 FDNY Medal Day recipients join Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Fire Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta and Chief of Department Peter Hayden on the steps of City Hall on June 1.

Whether it was a rescue from an underground storage tank, saving a blind elderly woman from a building engulfed in flames or rescuing three teenagers from drowning, the bravest of the Department's 'Bravest' were honored at FDNY Medal Day on June 1.

The annual event honors firefighters,

fire officers, fire marshals and fire companies who went above and beyond the call of duty, displaying courage under the most extreme conditions to help save lives.

"It has been said that 'example is not the main thing in influencing others. It is the only thing,'" Fire Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta said. "And whether or not today's medal recipients had this in mind at the start of their tours, whether or not they knew that during that tour they would make a profound difference in the life of a stranger, each has become a living example of all that is great about this Department and has added to its storied history."

Mayor Michael Bloomberg agreed, "Flip through this year's Medal Day book and you will find stories of courage, quick thinking and tenacity. When kids grow up they will say 'I want to be just like you.'"

This year's top medal, the James Gordon Bennett Medal, was awarded to Firefighter Victor J. Rosa, Jr. of Ladder Company 138 in Queens. Firefighter Rosa, along with members of Ladder 138, responded to a fire in Jackson Heights, Queens at 37-52 89th Street on December 15, 2004. The fast moving fire – started by a candle left unattended – had spread from the second floor up to the third floor hallway. Using a portable ladder, Firefighter Rosa entered the third floor apartment above the fire and began searching for victims. Moving to the building's exterior hallway without the protection of a hose line, Firefighter Rosa encountered heavy smoke and high heat. In the hallway, Rosa successfully located three victims, including a four-year-old child, and carried them to safety.

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Personal Safety System Developed for Firefighters

On January 23rd, we were all horrified by what occurred in the Bronx, when six firefighters faced an impossible choice and were forced to jump from a burning building. The following day, after meeting with our senior chiefs, I announced that the Department would consider issuing personal ropes to firefighters. Days later I met with Mayor Bloomberg – who approved millions in city funds to move ahead with the development, purchase and training needs for a new personal rope system. I directed that work begin immediately on this vital task and that it be fast-tracked as a top priority for the Department.

It is a tremendous credit to our firefighters and fire officers that on June 5 - only four months after work began – we were able to announce completion of design work on a new Personal Safety System. Special credit goes to a core group of people with diverse backgrounds as machinists and mountain climbers — as well as rope rescue operations — that dedicated themselves to developing this new system for firefighters.

As one of the leaders of the design and testing team, Lieutenant Tim Kelly said, “We were going at it as if we were sending an astronaut into space.”

The goal from the outset was to provide our firefighters with a system that is strong, easy to use and can be rapidly deployed. These were all critical objectives, given the circumstances of the January 23rd tragedy. From handie talkie radio transmissions that were recorded, we know that less than two-and-a-half minutes elapsed between the time the first MAYDAY was given and our firefighters were forced to jump from the building.

In the course of developing this system, the Department performed more than 5,000 tests on 36 different ropes and 15 different descent control devices. The new system is comprised of five components:

The **harness**, which is eight ounces lighter than our existing harness due to the use of a lighter weight aluminum carabineer (but with the same strength as our current steel carabineer). Harnesses will also be issued to every member and will no longer be positional harnesses.

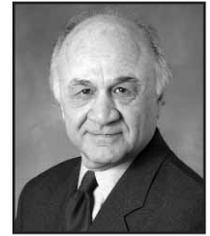
The **rope**, which has a breaking strength of more than 5,000 pounds well above the NFPA 1983 standard and made with a new generation fiber called Technora, that offers tremendous thermal and abrasion resistance well above a simple nylon rope.

The **descent control device** (also known as an EXO), an easy-to-use piece of equipment that was a clear winner among the firefighters who tested numerous descent devices.

The **hook** is made of forged steel and was designed in-house by Lieutenant Chris Delisio and Firefighter Geroge Gramas. The hook will also have a breaking strength well above NFPA standards.

The final component is a **harness bag**, which will be attached to the harness and will conveniently hold the entire system. This harness bag was also developed in-house by our Rope Testing Group after exhaustive tests of off-the-shelf items proved inadequate for our needs.

While we worked quickly to develop this system, we were committed – as with any safety initiative - to making sure that the testing and evaluations were thorough and done properly. I directed the formation of a committee to oversee all aspects of this project – from component testing and evaluation, specification development, purchasing and training, to continued evaluation and quality assurance. The result was the Personal Safety System Committee co-chaired by Milton Fischberger, Deputy Commissioner for Technol-



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At June 6 announcement at Randall's Island marking completion of design on Personal Safety System (left to right) Capt. Mike Hayes, Lieut. Paul Arias, Lieut. John Gormley, BC Andy Richter, UFOA Lieuts. rep. Jim McGowan, Lieut. Tim Kelly, Commissioner Scoppetta, Chief of Dept. Pete Hayden, Chief of Operations Sal Cassano, First Deputy Commissioner Frank Cruthers, UFOA Lieuts. rep Steve Carbone and UFOA Chiefs rep Arthur Parinello. Also in attendance were several UFA officials, including President Steve Cassidy.



The new Personal Safety System that was chosen and rigorously tested by Department members.

ogy and Support Services, and Al Hay, Assistant Chief in charge of Safety. In total, about 150 Department employees worked on this project, with many more participating in the exhaustive testing carried out on each component. Several units were involved in the day-to-day work: The Safety Command's Research & Development Unit was responsible for developing the specifications for each component, as well as testing them; and the Bureau of Training's Rope Testing Group, composed of a core group of firefighters and fire officers, conducted extensive tests and developed some creative solutions. We also hired an outside consultant and nationally renowned rope rescue experts to evaluate our testing procedures and components. Also playing an essential, albeit behind the scenes role, were members of the Department's Management and Planning Unit, Fiscal Services, Technical Services, and Technology Development and Systems. We also enlisted the cooperation, advice and expertise of representatives from both the Uniformed Firefighters Association (UFA) and Uniformed Fire Officers Association (UFOA) in this important effort.

The system we will begin to issue in the next few months will be the first of its kind for any major metropolitan fire department in the country.

The FDNY plans to spend about \$11 million to equip and train all of our firefighters and fire officers. Training will start this fall, beginning with our Special Operations Command units, then members assigned to Ladder companies, and finally Engine companies. The training is scheduled to take place on overtime, seven days a week, with two eight-hour sessions a day so that we can get this equipment out into the field as quickly as possible.

As always, the safety of our firefighters remains a primary focus

of this Department. In the wake of the devastating tragedy last January, members were motivated to action and innovation. Firefighters and fire officers from across the Department offered their expertise, conducted tests and provided valuable insight. The Personal Safety System is a result of those efforts. It will protect our members in the years to come, and, in an important way, it honors the memory of Lieutenants Curtis Meyran and John Bellew, and the sacrifices of Firefighters Jeff Cool, Joe DiBernardo, Eugene Stolowski, and Brendan Cawley.



A firefighter demonstrates how the new System is utilized.

New Addition to EMS Fleet

First Mobile Respiratory Treatment Unit Deployed by FDNY EMS

The EMS Command will soon be rolling out a vehicle that will help New Yorkers breathe a little easier.

At the end of June, the first Mobile Respiratory Treatment Unit (MRTU) will be deployed out of Station 20 at Jacobi Medical Center in the Bronx. The unit will give EMS responders the ability to provide oxygen treatments to up to 30 individuals simultaneously.

"This has been a long time in coming," said Chief of the EMS Command John Peruggia. "It will provide us a means to protect ourselves against the unknown, and it makes us better equipped to help those in need in many different situations."

The MRTU holds eight cylinders of oxygen (two sets of four), with each cylinder containing 8,000 liters. When used in succession, the two sets of cylinders can sustain 30 patients using high levels of oxygen for up to three hours. If the situation requires further treatment time, extra tanks are available at every EMS station, and a medical supply truck can deliver additional cylinders to almost



The FDNY's first Mobile Respiratory Treatment Unit was deployed in June. This Unit will be able to provide oxygen treatments for up to 30 patients.

anywhere in New York City within one hour, said Peruggia.

"This unit will be able to operate for unlimited amounts of time, it's a great resource for the Department," Chief Peruggia said.

In the past, patients in need of oxygen treatment would be transported to local hospitals, increasing the number of EMS units that would need to respond to an

incident and placing an unnecessary burden on local hospitals.

With the new MRTU, EMS units can now treat large numbers of individuals who have been exposed to noxious fumes, as well as transfer numerous patients concurrently or provide shelter for relief workers and victims in inclement weather. Approximately 10 EMS members will be trained in MRTU operation, with one assigned to the vehicle for each shift. Responding paramedics and EMTs would be responsible for helping manage MRTU operations.

"This is less resource intensive, which is a definite plus for us," Chief Peruggia said.

According to Chief Peruggia, the Department chose to locate the vehicle in the Bronx because there are no other large response vehicles based in that borough, which is home to numerous high-rise residential buildings (Manhattan and Queens each have a Major Emergency Response Vehicle – MERV– and Brooklyn is scheduled to receive one soon). He also noted that from its location in the Bronx, the unit will have quick access to highways and will be easily deployable to Manhattan, Queens and northern Brooklyn.

"Past experience has demonstrated a need for this type of vehicle," said Chief Peruggia. "It's a great addition to our fleet and will help us better serve the people of New York."



Saying Thank You. On May 25, the FDNY thanked the staff at St. Barnabas Hospital for the tireless efforts and superior care they provided the Department's members following the tragic Bronx fire on January 23. Joining in the brief ceremony were (L to R) Assistant Director of ICU Dr. D. Adler, Battalion Chief Keith Cartica, EMS Division Chief Frances Pascale, Dr. J. Balentine, Captain Chris King of Rescue 3, Emergency Department Nurse Manager Vijay Edla, ICU Nurse Manager Pauline Francis-Lattery, Bronx Borough Commander Assistant Chief Joseph Callan, Department of Emergency Medicine Director Dr. T. Spevack and Director of Trauma Dr. V. Fausto gather at St. Barnabas Hospital.

It Runs in the Family

Probationary Firefighter Graduation Showcases Family Affair; Mielniks, Flanagans among many welcoming another firefighter

Twelve weeks of grueling hard work culminated with hugs, laughter and applause as 231 probationary firefighters graduated from the FDNY Fire Academy on June 8.

“Courage, bravery, honor -- those are the qualities that define a firefighter,” Fire Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta said. “Those are the qualities that will tell the entire city that you are different than other people. Because you are a New York City firefighter and you belong to the greatest Fire Department in the world.”

Chief of Department Peter Hayden offered the graduates some advice, “working in the Fire Department is a very emotional roller coaster ride... You need to be focused, you need to be prepared and you can never let complacency set in. This job gets real – real quick.”

Hundreds of family members and friends gathered at Brooklyn College to congratulate and cheer the graduates, who were praised for their dedication and teamwork.

And many were recognized for another trait they had in common – family. As



On June 8, Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Fire Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta welcomed 231 probationary firefighters at a graduation ceremony at Brooklyn College.

Commissioner Scoppetta noted, “By the looks of things in today’s graduating class, courage and bravery might very well be genetic.”

One such graduate was Probationary Firefighter Daiana Mielnik. She accepted her certificate from Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Commissioner Scoppetta and Chief Hayden as her sister, Firefighter Kinga Mielnik of Engine 282, enthusiastically cheered her on.

The pair is the only sister-sister firefighting duo currently serving in the Department and only the second such pair in the history of the FDNY.

Probationary Firefighter Mielnik said she was inspired to become a firefighter after seeing how much her sister enjoyed the job. She added that her sister Kinga shared some invaluable Department wisdom with her as she entered the Academy: “Stay busy, stay out of trouble and keep your mouth shut.”

Probationary Firefighter Brian Flanagan

also comes from a distinguished Department bloodline. He is a fourth generation firefighter, following his father, grandfather and great grandfather into the FDNY. His father, Lt. Kevin Flanagan of Ladder Company 28, is a 27-year veteran of the Department. Collectively, the Flanagan family has worked more than 100 years in the FDNY.

In addition, the class included 13 veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Inspired by their service, the graduates created a fund to raise money to purchase cooling vests to send to other Department members still serving overseas. They raised more than \$1,000 for the cause and were able to purchase 10 vests for the troops.

The class Valedictorian was Probationary Firefighter Kenneth Bello, who told his classmates “as long as we work together, there is nothing we can’t accomplish.” Joining him were class Salutatorian, Probationary Firefighter Michael Ober, and the Physical Fitness Award Winner, Probationary Firefighter Kelly Coyle.

Before the probies were sent off to various firehouses throughout the City, Mayor Bloomberg offered them one last word of advice.

“Get ready for the adventure of your lives,” he said.



Probationary Firefighter Daiana Mielnik (right) joins her sister, Firefighter Kinga Mielnik, as the only sister-sister firefighting pair currently active in the Department and only the second in FDNY history.

Saving Lives Across the World

FDNY Helps Bring Bunker Gear to Kabul, Afghanistan

There's a city on the other side of the world where many of its one million residents do not have electricity and live in clay homes.

Its streets have no driving laws, and are swarmed with 4x4's, donkey carts and the occasional herd of sheep.

It's a city that only most recently heard the call of freedom. That city is Kabul, Afghanistan.

Left battered after 25 years of war and revolution and most recently the campaign to restore democracy, Kabul residents and, more specifically, its firefighters, have had to do largely 'without.'

Kabul does not have running water, so its fire trucks have to carry well water in their tanks. Its 350 firefighters earn \$40 per month, battle fires in a bunker gear jacket or pants (rarely both), and use cheap sunglasses as a substitute for eye shields. It's a situation that is unimaginable to most FDNY members – especially retired firefighter Ed Quirk.

Formerly of Marine 9, Firefighter Quirk arrived in Afghanistan nearly one year ago, to assist with reconstruction. When he learned of the stark conditions faced by Kabul firefighters, he wanted to find a way to help. Quirk, who is deployed with the Army Corps of Engineers, said he happened to meet a group of local firefighters in February, and got to tour their station.

"I saw the meager conditions of their bunker gear, fire site and clothing, and I knew I had to do something," Quirk said.

On May 25, he was able to lend a hand to Kabul's Bravest by orchestrating the donation of 15 new sets of bunker gear to the city's fire department.

"They were overwhelmed," Quirk said. "They really appreciated this."

His commander, Colonel John O'Dowd, head of the Afghanistan Engineering District and District Engineer for New York after September 11th, said he too, recognized the Afghan firefighters' need after watching them battle a fire caused by a rocket missile.

"They were out with these old Russian fire trucks," he said. "There was a hodge-podge of equipment – the stuff looked like



(Top) Commander of Kabul Fire Stations Col. Mohd Kazim (fifth from the left), Retired FDNY Marine Engineer Ed Quirk (sixth from the right), Commander of the Afghanistan Engineering District Col. John O'Dowd (fourth from the right), Head of the Kabul Firefighters Department Brigadier General Mohd Daud Askaryar (third from the right) and other members of the Army Corps of Engineers in Afghanistan celebrate the donation of 15 sets of bunker gear to the Kabul Fire Department.

(Right) Firefighters from the Kabul Fire Department look on as Col. O'Dowd helps organize the new gear.



it was 30- to 40-years-old. But they were still doing the work all firefighters do."

With the support from Col. O'Dowd, Quirk contacted his friend, retired Marine 9 Firefighter Dan Reddan.

Reddan said he remembered seeing piles of old gear at the Quartermaster, and made a number of calls to see if he could obtain the used bunker gear for the firefighters overseas. For safety reasons, he said he was unable to obtain used gear, but with the help of the FDNY and quartermaster supplier VF Solutions, and a nudge from the New York Post, he was able to do one better – obtain 15 new sets for the Afghan Department, valued at \$1,200 apiece.

"We were overwhelmed when we found they were donating new bunker gear," Quirk said. He added that Afghan Col. Mohammed Kazeem said the gear "was like getting medicine for a sick person."

When the gear arrived in Afghanistan,

the Kabul City Fire Department arranged an elaborate two-hour ceremony to thank its benefactors. They lined up their trucks, demonstrated how they respond to a fire and performed a prayer. Quirk and Col. O'Dowd said they were honored to be able to pass along gear from one group of firefighters to another.

Quirk added that he is still looking for a number of items to donate to the firefighters, including training videos, books and other educational supplies.

"Instructors are doing their job with limited resources," Col. O'Dowd said of their visit to the fire training facility for Kabul and its surrounding provinces. "It was obvious they cared about their job and were doing the best they could with what they had."

For now, all involved said they were pleased they were able to help out in some way. "This was a very positive thing and I hope they can do it again in the future," Reddan said. "It is a good story with a nice ending on both sides of the globe."

He's a 'Survivor'

Firefighter Tom Westman Takes Home Top Prize on Reality TV Show

Who says nice guys always finish last?

Fire Lieutenant Tom Westman of Ladder 108 used brains, brawn and honesty to defeat 20 fierce competitors and win CBS Television's *Survivor: Palau* on May 15.

"Playing it clean wasn't a matter of morality, it was part of the strategy," said 41-year-old Westman. "I was always trying to play all the way down the board. The only position I was playing for was to win the final prize."

The reality show maroons contestants on a tropical island for 39 days, forcing them to live off the land as they scheme to vote each other out of the competition. The hit show debuted in March 2000, and Lt. Westman's landslide win wrapped up its 10th season.

And no matter what his achievement on the show, from spearing a shark to winning "Immunity Challenges," Lt. Westman credits all his success to his family and his firehouse.

He said he decided to apply for the show at the urging of his wife, Bernadette. Together they watched past seasons of the show and he said she would constantly tell him, "You could have easily beaten that guy."

Auditions lasted for months and he was told he was chosen as a contestant three weeks before filming began. Immediately, he said, he tried to come up with a 'character' to play, but said his wife told him "don't be false, just play hard and be yourself."

"Luckily I'm a good, smart husband who listens to my wife," he said.

Lt. Westman said he also physically trained for months before heading off to the Pacific island, even before he knew he was a contestant, swimming and working on his stamina in the water. But, he added, "I attribute all my success to the FDNY. The training and the mindset that when you set your mind to something, coming up empty or failing just isn't an option."

He joined the Department on August 3, 1985, after his father, Firefighter Thomas J. Westman, coaxed him into taking the exam.

"My father said that you don't have to take the job but you have to try it for 20 or 25 years and see if you like it," he joked. The senior Westman retired from Engine



Commissioner Scoppetta and Chief Hayden congratulate Survivor: Palau winner Lt. Tom Westman.

251 in 1990 with 33 years on the job.

But Lt. Westman did not need to be persuaded to become a firefighter. He said he saw the job as the perfect way to spend ample time with his family, including his children Meghan, 9; Dedan, 7; and Conor, 5. And he said that growing up, he watched just how much his father loved going to work. "I saw you didn't need more than that."

He also said he was thrilled to be able to spend 16 of his 20 years on the job at Ladder 108/Engine 216. "I've been lucky enough to spend both ends of my career

in the same firehouse, one of the best in the City, with some of the best guys on the job."

Outside of the firehouse, Lt. Westman stays busy supporting philanthropies nationwide, which most recently have included an appearance at the Akron (Ohio) Children's Hospital Burn Center with fellow Survivor castmate and friend Ian Rosenberger as well as work with Disabled Sports, USA.

He said his \$1 million Survivor winnings will be tucked away to fund his children's college tuition, weddings and other necessities. And although he is retiring from the

Department on August, he stressed that his big win did not compel him to quit work, his wife did. She was always concerned about the danger of firefighting, and after some "active negotiation," he agreed that he is ready to try something new.

"Leaving Ladder 108 will be the saddest day of my life, no matter when I do it," he said. "And I would have to find something else rewarding to do. Everyday, even if it's not something dramatic, you have to have a sense of purpose. And whatever I do after this, it would never compare."

Honoring Those Who Gave Their All

EMS Captain Appointed to National EMS Memorial Board

EMS Captain William Merrins is someone who believes in supporting his own. He has volunteered for the National EMS Memorial Service (NEMSMS) since he first learned about the organization more than a decade ago. And this May, his dedication and enthusiasm helped him win a three-year term on the organization's 12-member Board of Directors.

"NEMSMS gives me a better appreciation for the work [all EMS members] do," said Capt. Merrins. "It brings an esprit-de-corps or brotherhood feeling that EMS hasn't always had before."

Launched in 1992, NEMSMS honors EMS personnel who have died in the line of duty. The organization is based in Roanoke, Virginia, and is recognized by the Senate and House of Representatives

as the country's only official EMS memorial.

Each year the group hosts a ceremony honoring fallen EMS members at the end of National EMS Week. Family members or agency representatives attending the event are presented with a US flag that was flown over the Capitol Building, a white rose representing their love and a medallion signifying their memory. Additionally, a plaque is added to the Memorial Wall in their honor.

Five FDNY members are listed on the Wall, which Capt. Merrins said honors approximately 20 to 50 EMS members nationwide each year.

"I think this is a very honorable service. I'd never seen anything like it for EMS professionals before," he said.

In the Borough:

Manhattan Borough Update

By: Assistant Chief Harold Meyers,
Manhattan Borough Commander

As summer approaches and residents of New York City begin to relax and prepare for vacation and summer activities, the Manhattan Borough Command (MBC) and its units gear up for the increased workload that the summer brings.

Special Events

The MBC and its units are charged with providing life safety for the large number of special events scheduled every year at various venues within the Borough of Manhattan. Battalion Chief Ronald Werner serves as the MBC Special Projects Coordinator.

Special event planning starts long before the date of the event and involves a number of Fire Department administrative units as well as many outside agencies. Through his wide range of experience with these events, Chief Werner is able to use Fire Department resources, other City agencies and other outside organizations (the United States Secret Service, Coast Guard, Macy's, etc.) to ensure that life and property are protected, while allowing "the show to go on."

Last year at this time, the resources of the Manhattan Borough Command were being marshaled for the Republican National Convention. This year, along with planning for the usual complement of parades, street fairs and outdoor activities, the MBC is gearing up for the 60th Anniversary of the United Nations. The Anniversary will coincide with the meeting of the UN General Assembly in September. Hundreds of diplomats and heads of state from around the world will be visiting New York for these two events, and MBC units will be called upon to provide extra protection for these visitors.

Fireworks are also a traditional part of summer celebrations. The firework displays scheduled in Manhattan this summer span the range from a small display with one barge near the Ritz Carlton to



celebrate a wedding, to the Macy's 4th of July celebration in the East River with seven barges. Few people watching the fireworks shows realize the behind-the-scenes work that it takes to create a production that is both safe and entertaining.

Each event requires the commitment of many resources from the FDNY and other agencies. As a first step, the Bureau of Fire Prevention works with the local Battalion Chiefs conducting a "preliminary site inspection." As a result of the site inspection, the Battalion Chief makes recommendations through the Chain of Command regarding measures needed to ensure the safety of the public and protection of property. Recommendations may call for Marine units and land units to attend the event to monitor and manage any problem that may arise.

Illegal fireworks are also a problem at this time of year. Increased vigilance and fire prevention duties by MBC units in conjunction with the Bureau of Fire Investigation help keep fireworks off the streets and prevent accidental fires and injuries.

Parades and large street festivals are also a large part of the rite of summer and further test the resources of the MBC. This year, the 116th Street Festival and

the National Puerto Rican Day Parade took place on the same weekend in June. Third Division units were asked to provide many additional members to staff those events on what turned out to be a very hot summer weekend.

While the special events of summer take place, the day-to-day routines necessary to perform our main mission, fire-fighting, must still be carried out. Multi-Unit Drills (MUD), Company Drills, AFID and other training initiatives must still take place despite the demands that special events place on time and manpower. The efforts of the MBC Units are much appreciated.

Training

As always 2004/2005 was a busy year for training with large-scale drills at many Manhattan locations including 70 Pine Street (AIG Insurance Company Headquarters) for a full-scale hi-rise drill, with Division 1 taking the lead in planning. The Time Warner Building in Columbus Circle will host a large-scale drill with Division 3 units later this summer.

Manhattan units have also been participating in a number of hi-rise roof operation drills (AUC 269R) with NYPD helicopters. These drills also utilize an Air Recon Chief (ARC) from Brooklyn flying in from Floyd Bennett Field, who hovers over the drill and interacts and communicates with the roof units providing a very realistic training scenario

Centennial Celebration

On September 25, Ladder 1 and Engine 7 will hold a gala Centennial celebration at its quarters on Duane Street. Festivities will include a ceremony in quarters for past and present members, followed by a block party that will share the event with their neighbors in Tribeca.

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Manhattan

The New EMS Station 10 "EL Barrio"

By: EMS Chief Abdo Nahmod and
Captain Luis Basso

Since 1970, the men and women assigned to the then "Station 15" have known their home as Metropolitan Hospital. Nestled next to the Emergency Room, Station 15 was a bustling facility that offered excellent job experience and opportunities to EMS rookies and veterans alike. The station was strategically located to serve the Manhattan communities of Yorkville, Spanish Harlem and El Barrio. Today, that facility is known as EMS Station 10.

In June 2005, EMS Station 10 was officially relocated to Draper Hall at 1918 First Avenue in Manhattan. The new 3,600 square foot facility, located along the FDR Drive, has a bright modern appearance and full facilities.

The commanding officer of Station 10 is Captain Luis Basso. Captain Basso commands nine EMS officers, 11 paramedics (including Michael Glenn who is on active military duty in Iraq) and 44 EMTs. Station 10 turns out one ALS and five BLS ambulances of which there is one BLS and one ALS Haz-Tac unit. These ambulances have Haz-Mat trained personnel and are equipped with PPE, decontamination supplies and life-saving gear.

Station 10 plays host to some of the busiest units in the City. They respond to a variety of assignments including rendering care to the sick and injured, mass casualty incidents and special events such as the 116th Street Festival, Puerto Rican Day Parade as well as the ING New York City Marathon.

The members provide the best pre-hospital care to these communities, which are rich in both cultural and economic diversity. Ask any of the members of Station 10 and you'll find that the EMTs and Paramedics all share a common "love for the job." Many members feel like the Station is an extension of their family and look forward to coming to work. They develop friendships outside the workplace and



Station 10 members include (L to R), D/C Abdo Nahmod, Paramedic Marco Girao, Paramedic Juan Henriquez, Paramedic Valerie Gosling-Martinez, EMT-D John O'Connor, Captain Luis Basso, EMT-D Robert Brown, EMT-D Christian McNamee, EMT-D Jing Kong, EMT-D Emilio Martinez, EMT-D Martin Fernandez, Lt. Stewart Wolf and Division Commander Mark Steffens.

foster a positive environment for personal and professional growth and development. In the past, the members assigned to this Station have received recognition and meritorious awards for individual and communal excellence.

The opening of this new EMS station will take the men and women assigned here well into the future ensuring that the communities they serve continue to receive top-notch pre-hospital emergency medical care.



Help to Heal. On June 20, Chief of Department Peter Hayden accepted a \$5 million grant from the American Red Cross on behalf of the Fire Department and the FDNY Fire Safety Education Fund. For the next two years, the grant will support the continued medical treatment for active and retired members of the Fire Department who responded to the World Trade Center on 9/11. Chief Hayden and Deputy Chief Medical Officer Dr. David Prezant (second from the right) joined U.S. Senator Hillary Clinton (6th from the left), American Red Cross 9/11 Recovery Program's Executive Director Alan Goodman (6th from the right) and other grant recipients at the event held at the American Red Cross of Greater New York's headquarters in Manhattan.

Golden Goodbye

After more than four decades, Firefighter Anthony Catapano retires

In 1963, when he was 23 years old, Anthony Catapano was a Chemical Bank employee who really wanted to be a firefighter.

He passed the written test, but when it came time for the medical exam, he found a glitch: he measured 5'6 1/4" – not the Department's required minimum height of 5'6 1/2".

Undeterred, he scheduled to take the medical exam again the next day and devised a plan based what he knew about the anatomy of the spine.

That night, he slept on the floor. In the morning, a close friend came over and carried the prospective firefighter to his car. He laid Catapano on the back seat, drove him to the medical office and carried him inside.

When Catapano stepped up to be measured for the second time, he was 5'6 3/4".

This launched Firefighter Catapano's career with the Department, which can only be described as dedicated. He served 42 years at Engine 202 – 20 years of which were as company chauffeur. Known as the Department's longest serving firefighter, Catapano retired on May 23, his 65th birthday.

"I don't feel retired yet," he said. "I just feel like I have a few days off. I still don't know what retirement feels like."

In his four decades on the job, Firefighter Catapano said he has seen the Department evolve. He served under 13 commissioners and 17 chiefs of department. He watched as firehouse seniority decreased, the salary increased (his starting salary was



Firefighter Anthony Catapano, the Department's longest serving firefighter, on his last tour.

less than \$100 per week), firefighters stopped riding on the back step of the rig and the pesky height requirement was abandoned.

He also saw the equipment advance. When he first came on the job, firehouses were just starting to supply air packs for all its members – even though firefighters refused to use them.

"Change is hard in the Fire Department," he said with a laugh. "At that time, we went into fires without a mask. If you put the mask on, you didn't look right."

He's also seen dramatic changes in Red Hook, Brooklyn, Engine 202/Ladder 101's home and the neighborhood where he grew up. Although the area is in a real estate flux today, when Firefighter Catapano started

working there, the area was filled with paint factories and other industries.

He said that his first big job, and one of his most unusual, was at a nearby shellac and varnish manufacturing plant. He and other members of his Company could hear the explosions from the kitchen of their firehouse and as they rushed to the scene, they saw empty 55-gallon chemical drums blasting into the sky.

"It was exciting and scary at the same time," he said. "And it was funny because everyone was going up the street and we were running down."

Although Firefighter Catapano loved his job, he said he never pressured his children (two daughters and a son) to join the Department. His son ultimately followed in his dad's footsteps a few years ago.

"I was just happy doing what I was doing and it must have rubbed off on him," said Firefighter Catapano. "Other than being with my family, I loved going to work."

Although he is not sure what he will be doing next, for now, Firefighter Catapano will spend his free time fixing up his daughter's house, playing softball with the FDNY team and watching his five grandsons (ranging in age from 1 to 8) play baseball.

Firefighter Catapano turned in his gear on June 1.

"I would have liked to stay a little longer," he said. "But I'm sure I'm going to keep busy now – as soon as I realize I'm retired."



Firefighter Catapano is joined by other members of his firehouse during his last day at Engine 202.

Lost and Found

Retired Firefighter Reunited with Father's Promotion Ring

Who would have thought that losing a beloved ring could be a good thing?

When retired FDNY firefighter Mike Lofaro lost his firefighter father's ring, he thought it was gone forever. But on May 24, the affable 79-year-old reclaimed the heirloom ring, made a new friend, and got the chance to return to his old stomping ground, Engine 282/Ladder 148, the firehouse where he and his father served for a combined 58 years.

On Mother's Day, Lofaro was traveling from Florida to his Lake Grove, Long Island summer home on Amtrak's Auto-Train. As he waited for his car to be unloaded in Lorton, Virginia (the train's final stop), Lofaro says he somehow lost his beloved ring – the ring his father, Lt. John Lofaro, received for his promotion in 1938 and willed to his son 41 years later.

He said he looked everywhere for the ring, but "there were so many people at the station. I gave it up for lost, I never thought I'd ever get it back."

Little did he realize that on that same train was Harry Packman, an 86-year-old retired US Treasury administrator, who was also traveling to the New York area from his Florida home when he happened to notice the ring near the tracks.

"I just slipped it into my pocket," Packman said. "I didn't think much of it."

It wasn't until he stopped at a coffee shop on the way to his son's house in New Jersey that he took a good look at the gold and diamond ring and noticed the inscription: "Presented by officers + members of Eng. 282 H + L 148 to Lieut. J. Lofaro 8-1-38."

Packman said he immediately knew he had found something special, and enlisted his son for help. After some sleuthing, the Packmans were connected to their perfect investigative partner – Captain Mike Gala of Ladder 148.

Captain Gala has known the ring's owner since he was a boy, growing up just blocks from Engine 282/Ladder 148 when Lofaro was an active firefighter there. Once the Captain determined that the ring

indeed belonged to his friend from years ago, he arranged a dinner and reunion at the firehouse.

"I couldn't believe how easy it was," Captain Gala said.

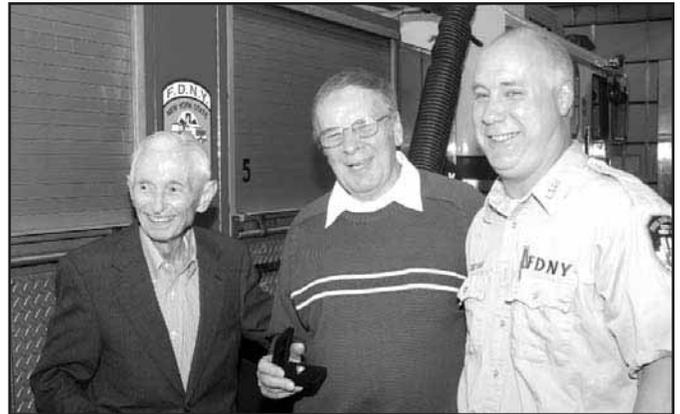
When they met, Lofaro and Packman hugged. Packman patted his new friend on the cheek and immediately pulled out a black velvet box from his pocket.

"Don't worry, we're not getting married," Packman said with a smile as he opened the box containing the ring. "My daughter-in-law polished it up for you."

Lofaro, who was a firefighter from 1958 to 1986, worked most of his career with Ladder 148. His father worked at adjoining Engine 282 for ten years until his promotion, when he moved nearby to Engine 278, the company with which he worked until his retirement in 1959. Since their firehouses were so close, Mike Lofaro said that some of his fondest memories as a firefighter were when, as a proby, he got to battle a few fires alongside his father.

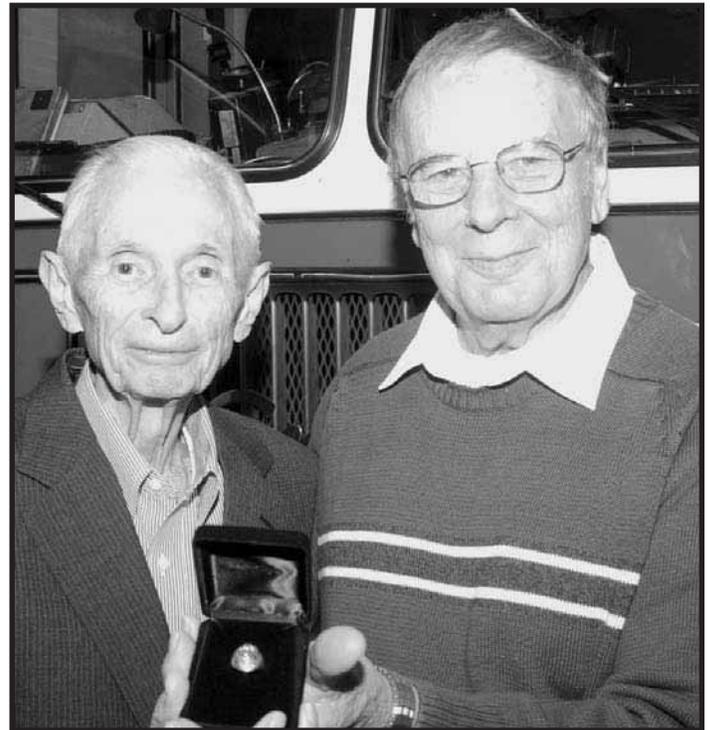
He noted that the ring "is the only thing I have to remember [my father] by. I always remember the ring being on his finger. It's great to have it back."

Lofaro said he is going to someday



(L to R) Harry Packman, retired Firefighter Mike Lofaro and Capt. Mike Gala of Ladder 148 share a laugh as Packman returns Lofaro's heirloom ring.

give the ring to his 20-year-old grandson, whom he hopes will represent the next generation of firefighters in the family. Yet, he says, although he is trying hard to convince the young man to join the Department, he isn't sure his urging will pay off. "He's young, he wants to be everything right now."



Packman (left) and Lofaro with the ring Lofaro's father received for his promotion to lieutenant in 1938.

Fireworks Get the Boot: BFI Taskforce Keeps NYC Safe

To many, the Fourth of July means barbecues and beach vacations, but to fire marshals it means only one thing – fireworks.

From early May thru July of each year, the FDNY Bureau of Fire Investigation (BFI) teams up with the New York City Police Department to form the Citywide Fireworks Taskforce. The unit works to reduce fireworks related fires and injuries by cracking down on the sale, possession and unlicensed display of fireworks in New York.

“It’s a successful quality-of-life enforcement,” Chief Fire Marshal Louis Garcia said.

In the early 1990s, there were more than 1,000 fires every July 4th, as well as hundreds of injuries, the majority of which could be attributed to fireworks. The Department even added dozens of units from 6 p.m. on July 4th to 1 a.m. the next morning to assist in responding to the increased volume of emergencies.

One problem, according to Chief Garcia, was that people were shooting off the rockets in crowded, residential areas.

“When you shoot a rocket off, it’s going to land someplace,” he said. “And often where it will land is through a window or someplace like a rooftop.”

Another hazard was how the illegal fireworks were stored. Through the years, Chief Garcia said the Taskforce has

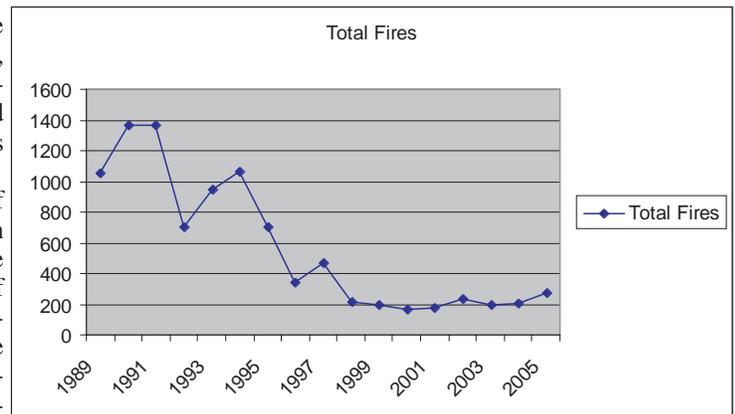
uncovered fireworks in some incredible places, including at a day-care center and around a child’s crib.

And in terms of injuries, children and the elderly are most at risk. Chief Garcia said children often handle the fireworks carelessly, and the elderly can mistake the waxy, candle-like shape of a firework for a candlestick and ignite it indoors.

Former Fire Commissioner Howard Safir recognized the issue and wanted to take action. He asked BFI to start locating premises storing fireworks, arrest people selling and buying them and confiscate vehicles transporting the contraband. Thus, the Fireworks Taskforce was launched in 1994 on Canal Street in Manhattan, in the heart of what was often considered the “fireworks marketplace.”

That year, the fire marshals made 12 arrests, confiscated five vehicles and served a search warrant that produced a room full of fireworks stored by a hot water heater.

Then in 1996, the FDNY launched a



partnership with the NYPD, bringing together the vast resources of the police force with the expertise of the fire marshals. The collaboration increased media coverage and public education of fireworks laws.

Former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani applauded the Taskforce’s efforts, saying “the FDNY can take pride in the Fireworks Taskforce 1996, because of a very visible contribution to the peace, health and safety of the citizens of the City of New York.”

A year later, the Taskforce also teamed up with State Police agencies, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and local law enforcement agencies, forming the Fireworks Compstat.

The partnership enabled fire marshals to stop the contraband before it even reached the City. That year, they seized 28,000 cases of explosives (about 50 tons) in Pennsylvania.

The impact of the interagency partnership was immediate. The number of fires and injuries from fireworks dropped dramatically across the City.

“[This program] is akin to the DWI laws,” Chief Garcia said. “It was something that needed enforcement. When we started cracking down, the numbers dropped.”

Chief Garcia added that the Taskforce has been highly successful again this year. As of July 5, they confiscated 1,585 cases of fireworks and made 109 arrests. There have also been 275 fires caused by the rockets in 2005 and only five injuries.

“Doctors in hospitals are telling us their trauma centers aren’t as busy,” Chief Garcia said. “We’re happy to say it’s a successful initiative.”

THIS MONTH IN FDNY HISTORY

Brooklyn Box 2533 on July 21, 1987: A massive explosion tore through a plumbing supply store in Borough Park, Brooklyn after a worker dropped a 20 pound propane tank down a stairwell into a basement where 12 other propane tanks and nine acetylene tanks



were stored. The leaking gas found an ignition source and caused a thunderous blast. The plumbing store, as well as two other adjacent buildings, collapsed. Engine Companies 250 and 330, and Ladder 148 were the first to respond. Firefighters John Fassari and Brian Foley were awarded medals for their bravery in saving three individuals from tunnel-like vertical voids.

A Street of His Own

Captain Terry Hatton, Lost on 9/11, Honored with Street Renaming

His firehouse nickname, Captain Man-Hatton, made him sound a bit like a superhero, and to many New Yorkers, he was.

Known for his daring rescues and obsession with Post-It notes, Captain Terence S. Hatton of Rescue 1 was a legend by any standard. His death on September 11th left an indelible mark on the Department.

On June 14, the City he worked to protect honored him in front of his beloved firehouse, as West 43rd Street, between 10th and 11th Avenues, was renamed in his honor.

“He was everything you could want in a firefighter, and he raised the bar for what you could expect from a fire officer,” Fire Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta said. “We just needed a little more time.”

Hundreds stopped by to watch Capt. Hatton’s three-year-old daughter, Terri – with a little help from Mayor Michael Bloomberg – unveil the new street sign in midtown Manhattan.

Capt. Hatton was described as a courageous, passionate and dedicated man.

Lieutenant John Flatley of Squad Company 41 described him as a mentor and friend whose, “enthusiasm was contagious.”

Capt. Hatton also taught him to live by three rules, said Lt. Flatley. “Treat people the way you want to be treated, treat every fire as if it were at a family member’s home and stick by your decisions,” he said.

Lieutenant John Weisheit of Rescue 1 added that Capt. Hatton was “striving to make everything safer and better. He is still a driving force for me, Rescue 1 and the Fire Department.” He also said that the Captain’s two favorite words were ‘outstanding’ and ‘unacceptable,’ and that “you didn’t want to be around when he



Lt. John Flatley, Lt. John Weisheit, Commissioner Scoppetta, former-Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and former-Fire Commissioner Thomas Von Essen look on as Mayor Michael Bloomberg helps Terri Hatton and her mom, Beth Petrone-Hatton, unveil the new street sign honoring Capt. Terry Hatton in front of Rescue 1.

used ‘unacceptable.’”

In his 21 years as a firefighter, Capt. Hatton received 19 medals of valor and remains one of the most decorated firefighters in the history of the Department. He saved a woman from a Queens diner leveled by a gas explosion in 1994, rescued a dozen people from a disabled elevator on the 78th floor of the World Trade Center in 2000, and was part of the search and rescue team in Oklahoma City after the bombing in 1995.

“I gave him a medal so often, I think we ran out of medals,” friend and former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani joked. “He stood out in a Department of people who stand out.”

Giuliani also acknowledged the firefighter’s innovative thinking, noting that he was constantly studying architecture so that he could be better prepared for fires and he helped design the truck Rescue 1 uses today. “He helped to write the history of the Fire Department,” he said.

Beth Petrone-Hatton, Capt. Hatton’s wife, said she tries not to romanticize her husband, but to describe him as a real person for their daughter. But after today, “She’s going to look at that sign and think, ‘gee, my dad really was what my mom said.’”

Blessing of the Fleet



On June 17, the annual Blessing of the Marine Fleet took place off Pier 17 at the South Street Seaport. Commissioner Scoppetta, Chief Hayden and Chief Cassano stood by as FDNY Chaplain Msgr. Marc Filacchione blessed the FDNY’s nine fireboats (including the John D. McKean of Marine 1, above) as well as one Coast Guard vessel.

2005 FDNY Medal Day

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“Today we honor Firefighter Rosa and many others,” Commissioner Scoppetta said. “His actions that cold December night embody the qualities which many speak of, but few possess. Courage, bravery, sacrifice — the qualities that define firefighters and make them different from the rest of us.”

Five other medals were also awarded to members who performed heroically at this fire. Although two civilian lives were lost and 15 others were critically or seriously injured at this fire, the toll would have been much worse if not for their efforts.

“This is amazing,” Firefighter Rosa said shaking his head and peering down at the medals around his neck. “But it was a team effort, definitely.”

Hundreds of Department members, standing ten deep, joined in cheering on those honored at the ceremony. The crowd chanted, cheered and blasted horns honoring their fellow firefighters as their names were called to receive medals.

Among the honorees was Marine Engineer Joseph C. Stark of Marine Company 1, who received the Firefighter David J. DeFranco Medal for saving a man from drowning in the 48-degree waters of the Hudson River; Fire Marshal Richard Grigoli, who received the Deputy Commissioner Christine R. Godek Medal for investigating and unraveling an arson case; and Firefighter Thomas Maxwell of Ladder 44, who earned the Walter Scott Medal for saving a 3-year old boy from an intense fire.

Yet one of the most celebrated honorees at the ceremony was the recipient of the Emily Trevor/Mary B. Warren Medal, Firefighter Jeffery Cool of Rescue 3.

The crowd leapt to its feet and cheered as the firefighter, who was critically injured in January’s fatal Bronx fire, walked steadily, with the aid of a cane, to receive his Medal for a roof rescue last June.

Commissioner Scoppetta applauded all the day’s medal recipients, saying, “It is the importance of the work you do, the remarkable example you set, that makes us want to come to work every day.”



Firefighter Victor J. Rosa of Ladder 138 accepts the James Gordon Bennett Medal from Mayor Bloomberg, Commissioner Scoppetta, Chief Hayden and representatives from the NYS Honorary Fire Chiefs Association, Ed Lintol and David Gold.



Firefighter Jeffery Cool of Rescue 3 receives the Emily Trevor/Mary B. Warren Medal from Mayor Bloomberg, Commissioner Scoppetta and Chief Hayden.

2005 Medal Winners

James Gordon Bennett Medal/NYS
Honorary Fire Chiefs Association
Medal – Firefighter Victor J. Rosa,
Jr., Ladder Company 138

Brooklyn Citizens Medal/FF Louis
Valentino Award –
Firefighter
Anthony A. Maiello,
Ladder Company 170

Hugh Bonner Medal –
Firefighter Paul Mastronardi, Rescue
Company 4

Emily Trevor/Mary
B. Warren Medal –
Firefighter Jeffery G. Cool,
Rescue Company 3

Thomas E. Crimmins Medal –
Firefighter John B. Veirun,
Ladder Company 46

Thomas A. Kenny
Memorial Medal –
Firefighter David J. Segot, Ladder
Company 40

Walter Scott Medal –
Firefighter
Thomas P. Maxwell,
Ladder Company 44

John G. Prentice Medal –
Firefighter
Patrick A. McKenna,
Rescue Company 3

Henry D. Brookman Medal –
Firefighter Daniel R. Foley,
Rescue Company 3

M. J. Delehanty Medal –
Firefighter Richard P. Donovan,
Ladder Company 51

William F. Conran Medal –
Firefighter Paul A. Miller,
Ladder Company 48

Mayor Fiorello G.
LaGuardia Medal –
Firefighter Brian W. Cullen,
Ladder Company 138

Chief John J. McElligott Medal/
Fitzpatrick and Frisby Award –
Firefighter
Andrew T. Gaughan,
Rescue Company 4

Thomas F. Dougherty Medal –
Firefighter Joseph J. Tarantini,
Ladder Company 138

Albert S. Johnston Medal –
Firefighter
Vincent A. Tavella, Jr.,
Rescue Company 2

Bella Stiefel Medal –
Captain Brian A. Becker,
Division 13 (assigned),
Ladder Company 143 (detailed)

Vincent J. Kane Medal –
Lieutenant
Peter M. Lusenskaskas,
Ladder Company 117

Pulaski Association Medal –
Firefighter
Rodney A. DeCuffa, Jr.,
Ladder Company 51

Commissioner Edward
Thompson Medal –
Lieutenant
William T. McGee,
Ladder Company 51

Columbia Association Medal –
Firefighter
Todd A. Fredrickson,
Ladder Company 43

Susan Wagner Medal –
Firefighter Eugene F. Nickola,
Ladder Company 133

Steuben Association Medal –
Firefighter John F. Hourican,
Rescue Company 5

Dr. J. W. Goldenkranz Medal –
Firefighter Scott M. Atlas,
Ladder Company 36

Uniformed Fire Officers
Association Medal –
Lieutenant Joseph R. Cilento,
Ladder Company 168

Edith B. Goldman Medal –
Firefighter Brian T. Sullivan,
Ladder Company 173

American Legion Post 930/
Mark M. Wohlfeld
Memorial Medal –
Firefighter Jonathan Hoffman,
Ladder Company 144

Arthur J. Laufer
Memorial Medal –
Firefighter Ryan R. Nordman,
Ladder Company 45

Emerald Society Pipes and
Drums Medal –
Firefighter
John V. Kroczyński,
Ladder Company 169

Company Officers
Association Medal –
Captain Justin C. Werner,
Ladder Company 147

Chief Joseph B. Martin Medal –
Lieutenant Philip J. Solimeo,
Rescue Company 5

Honor Legion Medal –
Lieutenant John M. Spillane,
Ladder Company 105

Police Honor Legion Medal –
Captain Peter J. Frontera,
Ladder Company 113

Firefighter
David J. DeFranco Medal –
Marine Engineer
Joseph C. Stark,
Marine Company 1

Lt. James E. Zahn/Lt. Peter L.
Troiano Memorial Medal –
Firefighter Michael N. Cook,
Ladder Company 41

NY Firefighters Burn Center
Foundation Medal –
Engine Company 298

Firefighter Thomas R. Elsasser
Memorial Medal –
Ladder Company 138

Deputy Commissioner
Christine R. Godek Medal –
Fire Marshal
Richard J. Grigoli,
BFI, City-Wide Command

William Friedberg Medal –
Firefighter
Christopher J. Sweeney,
Engine Company 73 (assigned),
Ladder Company 17 (detailed)

Shelly Rothman Memorial Medal –
Firefighter Michael Sarro, Ladder
Company 117



Medal winners and their families during the closing benediction at Medal Day. Hundreds of Department members joined in congratulating the winners.

Long Farewell to a Hero

Nearly four years after the attacks on September 11th, friends, family and fellow firefighters gathered to bid farewell to Firefighter Keithroy (Keith) Maynard of Engine 33, one of the 343 firefighters who died at the World Trade Center.

It was a sweltering morning on June 11, as hundreds of firefighters filled two blocks of Morningside Avenue outside of the Church of the Master in Manhattan to pay their final respects to the 30-year-old firefighter.

"He is a hero to firefighters across the world," Fire Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta said. "He is a hero to the City he gave his all to protect, and to the country that found solace in the bravery and commitment to service that his final actions embodied."

Firefighter Maynard's family held a memorial service for him in November 2001, but decided to also hold a funeral after his remains were identified.

He was described as a passionate, funny and kindhearted man who cared deeply for his family. He joined the Department at the urging of his father, Captain Reynold White, a 33-year veteran of the FDNY, and graduated from the Fire Academy in 1999, just months before his father passed away.

His three brothers said that Firefighter Maynard had always wanted to be a role



Hundreds gather to say goodbye to Firefighter Keithroy Maynard of Engine 33. Firefighter Maynard was one of the 343 firefighters who gave their lives on 9/11.

model for young boys and hoped to quickly advance through the ranks of the Department.

His brother Duane White, a New York City Police Officer, described his brother as "one of the best people this City has ever had," and added that he carries his brother's shield with him every day on patrol.

Kevin Maynard, Firefighter Maynard's twin brother, added that he decided to join the Houston Fire Department following his brother's death.

"I just figured I'd finish his legacy," he said.

There were many tears and hugs at the

ceremony, which Mayor Michael Bloomberg said he hopes will bring the family, "a measure of closure."

Firefighter Maynard was buried on the Caribbean Island of Montserrat, where he was born and raised.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Fire Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta and Chief of Department Peter Hayden thank Hawaiian school children for their gifts of leis, a ukulele and a 9'11" long surfboard honoring the victims of September 11th. The children performed traditional Hawaiian dances and special songs for a large crowd at FDNY Headquarters on June 2.



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