MEDAL DESCRIPTIONS

CHRISTOPHER J. PRESCOTT MEDAL

Emergency Medical Technician Christopher J. Prescott had embarked on a career of public service dedicated to the preservation of human life. It was in the pursuit of that noble endeavor while operating at a motor vehicle accident that he lost his life after being struck by a drunk driver. He became the first member of the Emergency Medical Service to make the Supreme Sacrifice in the line of duty. Serving with EMS for just more than a year, EMT Prescott already had made a lasting impression on everyone who worked with him. The consensus of his peers was that this young man was as compassionate and skilled as anyone in the field, including the most seasoned veteran. His coworkers at Brooklyn Station 34 (now Station 39) recognized him as Rookie of the Year in 1993. His expertise and dedicated commitment to his colleagues and profession went well beyond his youthful 22 years. In his relatively short time on the job, EMT Prescott was credited with several pre-hospital save citations, underscoring the level of commitment and expertise he quickly demonstrated as an EMT. This year, we mark the 13th anniversary of EMT Prescott’s death, but the passage of time has not lessened his place in EMS history. Untold numbers of New Yorkers have been deprived of the skills and dedication that he possessed. His legacy lives on in the highest honor for EMS—the Christopher J. Prescott Medal. There is a cash award of $500 (split between recipients), donated by Robert Ungar. --Sponsored by the EMTs and Paramedics Union

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TRACY ALLEN-LEE MEDAL

EMT Tracy Allen-Lee was a vibrant young woman, whose life was tragically cut short in 1997 at the age of just 34. EMT Allen-Lee had been working with the Emergency Medical Service for approximately 18 months in 1989 when she was injured on the scene of an assignment. During the call, EMT Allen-Lee cut her hand while treating a patient in a single-room occupancy residence. Her interaction with this patient led to her unfortunate contraction of the HIV virus and ultimately her death in 1997 of AIDS. Throughout her professional life, EMT Allen-Lee met each challenge with commitment and perseverance and the same is true of her battle with this deadly disease. Though EMT Allen-Lee lost her battle with AIDS, ironically, another battle was won for her posthumously by her family and friends in FDNY. Through the efforts of EMS professionals at FDNY and EMT Allen-Lee’s husband, Victor, her injury was recognized by the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, and she was posthumously awarded the Public Safety Officer’s Benefit. This landmark award recognized EMT Allen-Lee as the first EMS professional in the country to be awarded this benefit after dying from a communicable disease sustained in the line of duty. Today, the Department is proud to honor the memory of EMT Tracy Allen-Lee by awarding the Tracy Allen-Lee Medal. There is a cash award of $500 (split between recipients), donated by Robert Ungar. --Sponsored by the EMTs and Paramedics Union

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CHIEF JAMES SCULLION MEDAL

Chief James Scullion began his career with EMS as a motor vehicle operator. His responsibilities included driving the doctors who rode the ambulances at the time to the scenes of injury or sudden illness. In 1970, when New York State initiated its innovative program of training individuals who rode the ambulances as Emergency Medical Technicians, James Scullion was among the first selected from the ranks of EMS to receive such training and subsequent certification. Chief Scullion’s tenure also included a lengthy tour as the Assistant Chief in charge of the EMS Communications Center. As more sophisticated communications equipment became available, Chief Scullion made sure it was employed by EMS, long before it became an industry standard. With the advent of Paramedic training within the system in the early ‘70s, Chief Scullion was assigned as the administrative supervisor in charge of overseeing Paramedic instruction and field operations. Chief Scullion was actively involved in ensuring New York City’s Paramedic program was second to none, up to the time of his unfortunate passing. The original success of the City’s first Paramedic training program can be attributed to Chief Scullion’s dedication and commitment. His memory and commitment to excellence are honored in the Chief James Scullion Medal. There is a cash award of $500, donated by the Superior Officers Association and retired Chief of EMS Command Robert A. McCracken.

--Sponsored by the Superior Officers Association

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LIEUTENANT KIRBY McELHEARN MEDAL

Lieutenant Kirby McElhearn probably is best remembered for his knowledge of and interest in the communications field. During his tenure as an EMS Communications Tour Supervisor, Lieutenant McElhearn was instrumental in assisting in the research and development and subsequent implementation and operation of one of the first EMS Field Communications Units. The Field Communications Unit (FieldComm) was designed to respond directly to the scenes of multiple-casualty incidents and special events to coordinate EMS resources via dedicated radio frequencies, freeing up regular dispatch operations to focus on other 911 emergencies. Lieutenant McElhearn’s vision and dedication to this project led to the development of an innovative and highly advanced FieldComm unit which, at the time, quickly became the flagship communications vehicle within the City of New York. In honor of his commitment to bringing the project to fruition, the vehicle proudly bore his badge number as its vehicle number. Today, we continue to honor his memory and dedication in the Lieutenant Kirby McElhearn Medal. There is a $400 bond (split between recipients), donated by Paul and Michael Sanner.

--Sponsored by the Lieutenants and Captains Union

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JACK PINTCHIK MEDAL

Twenty-six years ago, Paramedics Kenneth Honig and Carl Tramontana resuscitated a cardiac arrest victim, Mr. Jack Pintchik, founder of Pintchik Home Improvement Stores chain. Despite a pronounced statement of death by a physician who happened to be on the scene, these Paramedics fought against the odds and won, successfully resuscitating Mr. Pintchik. The following year, with a donation from the Pintchik family, the EMS Awards Ceremony was initiated to honor EMS professionals whose actions were deemed worthy of praise and recognition. Although Jack Pintchik since has passed away, the Pintchik family continues to show their support and respect for EMS professionals through generous support of the EMS Medal Day. As a testimony to the Pintchik’s appreciation for the men and women who dedicate their lives to New York, the Department proudly awards the Jack Pintchik Life Saving Medal. There is a cash award of $500 (split between recipients), donated by Matthew Pintchik.

--Sponsored by the Pintchik family
Honoring the actions of EMS personnel during 2006

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Message From The Mayor of New York City

The EMTs and Paramedics of New York City’s Emergency Medical Service always remain at the ready to assist New Yorkers in distress. EMS Medal Day is a wonderful opportunity to recognize individuals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in one of our most demanding and vital professions.

More than 3000 times each day, the men and women of our EMS come to the aid of the New Yorkers who need them most, saving lives by providing the finest pre-hospital care in the world. From administering CPR to delivering a child, the challenges EMS workers face are often unpredictable, but these great New Yorkers are always distinguished by their professionalism, skill and courage.

Today, I applaud all those who comprise New York City’s Emergency Medical Service. Your selflessness and commitment to protecting human life reflect our highest shared values. I congratulate you on receiving the recognition you deserve.

Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor
Message From The Fire Commissioner

Every day, members of the FDNY Emergency Medical Service Command deliver the highest quality pre-hospital medical care to the citizens and visitors of this great City. The EMS Medal Day celebration is an opportunity for us to recognize our emergency medical personnel for the difficult, but tremendously important work they do, performing lifesaving acts that often go unrecognized by the general public.

As the narratives in this book illustrate, the men and women of our EMS Command do their jobs with great skill, competence and bravery. Paramedics Brian Frayne and Joel D. Pierce exhibited their specialized, technical skills and training when they helped to free two victims from a construction site accident in Brooklyn in June 2006. Witness the competence EMT Myrna Mendez consistently has demonstrated throughout her 15 years of service in various roles. Cheer the bravery demonstrated by EMTs Jason Rosado and Michael Skody when they subdued a shotgun-wielding suspect until police arrived on the scene in March last year.

During the past year, we have seen call volume increase, while response times for life-threatening calls are at historic lows. We also have implemented several advanced equipment and training initiatives to supplement the work that our members do. Ultimately, however, it is their skill and commitment that get the job done.

Several of our medal winners have been EMS members for many years and have numerous pre-hospital saves under their belt. Other medal winners are newer to the Department, but have shown no less dedication to their jobs. Congratulations to you all. Never forget that the City of New York is grateful for the work you do. Your quick action and expertise is nothing less than a lifeline for millions of New Yorkers.

Nicholas Scoppetta
Commissioner
Teamwork and cooperation go hand in hand. The Emergency Medical and Fire Services are renowned for these attributes. Never were the two qualities more in evidence than at Brooklyn Box 1326, 145 11th Street, a trench cave-in rescue, on June 27, 2006. The combination of EMS personnel and Firefighters joined forces to extricate two brothers who were buried under 15 feet of concrete below grade at a reconstruction site.

Two Paramedics--Brian Frayne and Joel D. Pierce--went above and beyond to provide collapse rescue and crush medicine in the delivery of pre-hospital medical care to the brothers. Employing their specialized training and skills (operational training in trench rescue at Randall’s Island and instruction in crush medicine through the Office of Medical Affairs), the pair truly made a difference in the lives of two men. Working with Firefighters, the Paramedics provided their medical expertise. Each rescuer knew his job and performed according to his training, to bring about a successful conclusion to the incident.

Heartiest congratulations to all of the EMS personnel being honored today. You’ve performed well, frequently under difficult conditions. Thank you for bringing your special skills to the table to mitigate a wide variety of medical emergencies.
We are FDNY EMS. Millions depend on the expertise of the men and women of the Fire Department’s Emergency Medical Service Command. Our members are well trained, very skilled and extremely knowledgeable pre-hospital medical professionals--Emergency Medical Technicians, Paramedics and EMS Officers.

Those who are being recognized today have gone beyond the truly amazing work they perform each day when making the difference for some of the eight million residents and 40 million visitors EMS helps. The honorees went “the extra step,” often at risk to themselves or under unusual circumstances when taking action to preserve life.

EMS members’ response to the continuous stream of emergency calls is phenomenal. Their commitment and dedication are exhibited day in and day out. Last year, EMS again set the bar, breaking the record call volume set only 12 months earlier. During 2006, EMS responded to more than 1,164,000 emergency calls. Members performed better and faster than ever before.

I have great pride in being the Chief of EMS for the FDNY. Not only is our EMS system the largest and busiest in the country, but we are also the best! Today’s honorees and our competition teams epitomize why the FDNY EMS is successful in fulfilling its mission, “Serving the Millions Who Depend on Us.” I congratulate the recipients of this year’s medals, as well as all the EMTs, Paramedics and EMS Officers for the tremendous job done each and every day. We are FDNY EMS, the greatest EMS system working in the greatest City in the world.
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With a slow start to their tour, Paramedics Abraham Englard and Juan Henriquez suddenly found themselves racing to the collapse of a fire building with missing and trapped Firefighters. Both had received specialized training in confined space and structural collapse rescue as part of the FDNY’s Rescue Paramedic Program. Those skills were tested on August 27, 2006, at the scene of a three-alarm fire at 1575 Walton Avenue in the Bronx. Firefighters were trapped after the floor of a one-story, 99-cent store collapsed into the basement.

While responding, Paramedics Englard and Henriquez discussed patient care strategies and tactics that they would employ should their specialized skills be required. Arriving at Box 2797, the Paramedics were ordered to the Mount Eden Avenue exposure and into the basement of the fire building. Once in position, they were to provide advanced emergency medical care to Lieutenant Howard J. Carpluk, Jr., of Engine 42 and Probationary Firefighter Michael C. Reilly of Engine 75.

The basement was filled with heavy smoke, active fire in an adjacent room from falling debris and three feet of standing water in some areas. Working closely with a Rescue Company, Paramedics Englard and Henriquez were able to perform a limited assessment of Lieutenant Carpluk and virtually no assessment of FF Reilly, who was pinned underneath the Officer.

Once a sufficient amount of debris was cleared, they determined that Lieutenant Carpluk needed assistance with ventilation. An attempt at intubation was made, but due to the debris and the Lieutenant’s position, it was unsuccessful. The Paramedics used the bag valve mask and successfully ventilated the Lieutenant. After extensive disentanglement by Rescue Firefighters and subsequent extrication to street level, Lieutenant Carpluk was removed to an area hospital.

Paramedics Englard and Henriquez found FF Reilly in cardiopulmonary arrest and immediately started resuscitation efforts. Prompt removal of FF Reilly was hindered by heavy debris. Advanced emergency medical care continued until he was transported to an area hospital.

The two Paramedics operated nearly an hour and a half in the basement of the fire building without benefit of fire protective clothing to provide advanced emergency medical care. Despite the best efforts of the two Paramedics and Firefighters, the Lieutenant and Firefighter perished.

The Paramedics performed in an exemplary manner in perilous and extremely difficult conditions. For placing the life and well-being of their patients above all else, Paramedics Abraham Englard and Juan Henriquez are presented with the Christopher J. Prescott Medal.

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**CHRISTOPHER J. PRESCOTT MEDAL**

August 27, 2006, 1235 hours, Box 33-2797,
1575 Walton Avenue, Bronx

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**Paramedic Abraham B. Englard**

Was appointed to EMS on June 16, 2003. Assigned to Station 10. Previous assignments include Stations 44, 57, 31 and 32. Recipient of numerous pre-hospital saves and an excellent duty with honors distinction. Member of the FEMA USAR Team NY-TF1. Studying for a degree in Business Management and Finance at Brooklyn College. Resides in Brooklyn.

**Paramedic Juan L. Henriquez**

Was appointed to EMS on September 21, 2000. Assigned to Station 10. Recipient of numerous pre-hospital saves and an excellent duty with honors distinction. Member of the FEMA USAR Team NY-TF1. Holds a BS degree in Business from Stony Brook University. Resides in Brooklyn with his wife, Rachel.
TRACY ALLEN-LEE MEDAL

March 19, 2006, 0130 hours,
Myrtle Avenue/Wycoff Avenue, Brooklyn

EMT Michael Skody
EMT Jason Rosado

W hen EMTs Michael Skody and Jason Rosado started their tour on March 19, 2006, they thought it would be another routine shift. Instead, they wrestled a gun-wielding robbery suspect to the ground near a Brooklyn subway station, protecting civilians from a chaotic and potentially deadly outcome.

It all began when the two EMTs responded to a sick call—a person with a nosebleed—at the Wyckoff and Myrtle Avenue subway station. On arrival, they noticed a large group of people running from the station and yelling that a man had a shotgun. The EMTs quickly notified the Brooklyn North Dispatcher to request the response of the Police Department.

When EMTs Skody and Rosado started to cross the street, heading for the subway station, they heard two men yelling for help. As they got closer, they saw the two trying to get free from a man wielding a shotgun. The three men soon became involved in a scuffle as each of them desperately tried to gain control of the weapon.

At that point, EMTs Skody and Rosado knew they had to take immediate action. After a quick assessment of the scene and fearing for the safety of innocent bystanders, the EMTs sprang into action. They wrestled the man with the shotgun to the ground. Once on the ground, EMT Skody placed his foot on the suspect’s back, while EMT Rosado pulled his hand behind his back to immobilize him. Then, EMT Skody pulled the shotgun away with his foot and held it down, making sure the barrel was not pointing into the crowd of people. The two victims identified themselves to the EMTs as U.S. Army Reservists and assisted them until police arrived on the scene.

EMT Skody is no stranger to helping out people in big trouble. Last summer, he raced to the rescue of a young woman who was being assaulted. Another time, he followed an individual who appeared lost and disoriented. The woman was suffering from Alzheimer’s and he took her to the hospital.

With their quick thinking and brave actions, EMTs Michael Skody and Jason Rosado stopped a robbery in progress and subdued the suspect until police arrived. For their exemplary performance, the Department is proud to present them with the Tracy Allen-Lee Medal.--ML
Lieutenant Robert J. White

EMS Lieutenant Robert J. White was appointed to EMS on June 15, 1987. Assigned to Station 16. Recipient of the EMS Medal of Accomplishment, two excellent duty distinctions, unit citations and six pre-hospital saves. Served with the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve. Member of the FDNY EMS Pipes and Drums and EMS Emerald Society. Attended John Jay College. Resides in Brooklyn with his daughter, Colleen.

There are moments in any EMS career that stand out. Sometimes, events transpire that place not only patients, but their caregivers, at personal risk. One such moment occurred on the evening of June 2, 2006, for 20-year veteran EMS Lieutenant Robert White.

While on patrol in Manhattan, he responded to a hostage situation on East 122nd Street. En route, he monitored the police frequency and heard reports of numerous shots fired and one female victim. Additionally, it was reported that a male--barricaded in a fourth-floor apartment--was holding children hostage. Lieutenant White contacted the Manhattan North Dispatcher to ensure that units responding were aware of the danger.

Arriving at the scene, Lieutenant White ensured that all members operating on the scene were not within the perpetrator’s line of sight. He established a staging area on the northwest side of Lexington Avenue and East 122nd Street, limiting EMS exposure. He found that both children were out of the apartment and on the fire escape.

It was reported that the male had taken a neighbor hostage and was armed with an AK-47 and a hand grenade. The police reported the location of the injured female and an NYPD patrol unit escorted Lieutenant White and EMTs Keyla Celaya and Juan Lebron toward the front of the building where the victim was sitting and bleeding.

Using the building and garden walls as cover, they made their way toward the patient. As they positioned themselves, the male perpetrator threw objects out the window. Any attempt to extricate her required that someone step out from cover. Despite the danger, Lieutenant White placed himself in harm’s way and pulled the patient to safety. Beneath the shelter of the building’s front awning, EMTs Celaya and Lebron began treating her for numerous stab wounds before she was transported to Harlem Hospital.

During this incident, the Lieutenant focused on two things: the safety of the members operating and the needs of the patient. In that hostile, uncontrolled environment, he acted quickly and decisively. For his actions, Lieutenant Robert White is presented with the Chief James Scullion Medal. --KF
Paramedic Brian Frayne was appointed to EMS on April 25, 1994. Assigned to Station 57. Recipient of 19 pre-hospital saves. Holds a bachelor’s degree from the State University of New York at Geneseo. Resides on Staten Island with his wife, Cherie, and adult children, Zebulan, Seth and Ian.

Paramedic Joel D. Pierce was appointed to EMS on February 20, 1996. Assigned to Station 57. Previous assignments include Stations 31 and 35. Recipient of a 9/11 Survivor Medal, two Meritorious Act--Excellent Duty Citations for 2005 and 2006 and 12 pre-hospital saves. Member of the FEMA USAR Team NY-TF1. Holds an associate’s degree from Nassau Community College. Resides in Great Neck, Long Island.

Collapse rescue and crush medicine are cutting-edge skills in the delivery of pre-hospital medical care. Rescue medics trained in these special operations save lives by beginning patient treatment before extrication. Fortunately, Paramedics Brian Frayne and Joel Pierce completed this specialized training and were on duty and able to respond to a construction accident on June 27, 2006, in Red Hook, Brooklyn.

At 1035 hours, a call came into the 911 system for an injury at a construction site at 145 11th Street. Two brothers were buried under 15 feet of concrete below grade during a reconstruction project.

Getting the two workers out of the rubble was only half the battle. The true fight was against time and the effects of crush injury syndrome, which could prove deadly. Constriction of the chest cavity would hamper the victim’s ability to breathe. With specialty units from both FDNY and NYPD working to free the victims, the two Paramedics completed the triad of response.

Both medics knew the extrication was going to be extended and there were going to be complications from the injuries. Because of the nature of these injuries, circulation was being compromised and high levels of lactic acid were building up in the blood. Paramedics Frayne and Pierce entered the treacherous site, bringing their training and skills.

Working under hazardous and stressful conditions, they initiated intravenous therapy to the more serious of the victims. They used discretionary protocols under the direction of on-scene Medical Control to administer sodium bicarbonate, countering the metabolic effects of his injuries and allowing his body to maintain homeostasis during the extrication and transport process. The therapy had an almost immediate positive result and both medics noted improvement in the patient’s mental status and response.

More than 45 minutes after the initial therapy commenced, the victims were freed from the debris and transported to Lutheran Hospital. Shortly after the incident, both men were able to leave the hospital with no long-term complications expected.

FDNY acknowledges the dedication of Paramedics Brian Frayne and Joel Pierce to their profession and commitment to learning new innovative techniques. For disregarding their personal safety and applying specialized skills in a hazardous and unstable environment, they are presented with the Lieutenant Kirby McElhearn Medal. --RT
Paramedic Walter Hochbrueckner was at Station 39 at about 8:30 p.m., on December 21, 2006, speaking with his supervisor, when a man entered the station and hysterically screamed that there was a fire three doors down from the ambulance station. While Lieutenant Jeff Halpern called the Brooklyn Dispatcher to advise of the fire, Paramedic Hochbrueckner raced out the door, followed by Lieutenant Curven Williams.

Many older residences in Brooklyn look like solid stone from the outside, but, in fact, are wood frame, non-fireproof structures with masonry facades. The apartments are long and narrow, one to each floor. These homes are tinderboxes that can convert small fires to large blazes in just a few minutes. Paramedic Hochbrueckner, trained 20 years ago in the U.S. Navy as a firefighter, stopped briefly in front to assess the conditions. Heavy smoke billowed from the basement windows of the two-story building.

With no fire suppression units on-scene and without any protective gear, Paramedic Hochbrueckner bounded up the outside stairs and entered the first-floor hallway. He yelled and pounded on the apartment door, alerting the residents to the fire. Proceeding up another flight, he then evacuated the residents of a second-floor apartment. Lieutenant Williams assisted the residents as they left the dangerous situation for the street, where they were treated for smoke inhalation.

On the sidewalk, one resident alerted the medics to an older man who lived in a basement apartment where the fire was roaring. With no direct access to the basement from outside, Paramedic Hochbrueckner and Lieutenant Williams again entered the building. This time, they proceeded downstairs and forced the door to the basement apartment. Fighting intense heat and heavy, acrid smoke, Paramedic Hochbrueckner searched the apartment before they retreated back out to the street.

For risking their personal safety to twice enter a burning residence to assure the safety of their neighbors, Lieutenant Curven Williams and Paramedic Walter Hochbrueckner are awarded the Jack Pintchik Medal. -- JPM
EMT Myrna Mendez is being recognized for her instrumental role in helping the Bureau of Communications to manage several challenges—including the Department’s response following the World Trade Center attacks and the blackout of 2003—and for her everyday professionalism.

In the EMS Academy, she was known as the “class mom” for always organizing class activities and motivating her classmates. After graduating, EMT Mendez was assigned to Station 31, located at Cumberland Diagnostic Treatment Center, where she provided pre-hospital emergency care on an ambulance from 1992 through 1997. Then, she was reassigned to the Bureau of Communications—Emergency Medical Dispatch, where she has continued to excel in the performance of her assignments.

EMT Mendez was certified as a call-receiving operator, handling incoming 911 assignments for medical assistance. Because of her diligence, she was asked to assist with administrative functions and help Chief of Communications staff. She was involved with many activities, such as the coordination of reports to the Administration for Children’s Services for suspected child abuse and Adult Protective Services for reported elder mistreatment.

EMT Mendez has been an integral part of the educational component of the Division and assisted in the training of other dispatchers and specialty desk personnel. She answered many harrowing 911 calls on September 11, 2001, remaining calm and unwavering in her responsibilities. Two years later, after leaving work for home, she returned to EMD to help staff the telephones during that summer’s blackout. From the most mundane situation to the extraordinary, EMT Mendez always remains composed and professional.

For her demonstrated exemplary skill, judgment, commitment and compassion in the performance of duty, EMT Myrna Mendez is presented with the Emergency Medical Dispatch Commendation—AN
Aristotle once wrote, “Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work.” While observing Paramedic William Simon at work, people see someone whose enthusiasm has been the driving force behind his attentiveness and drive for perfection. Whether he is sharing his “tricks of the trade” or meticulously organizing his equipment, his partners know Paramedic Simon is passionate about his work.

In the 1970s, as did many of the early pioneers of EMS, Paramedic Simon enjoyed the challenges and excitement of applying his newly acquired skills in an environment that tested one’s stamina daily. At Bellevue Hospital in Manhattan, where he began his career as a motor vehicle operator, he drove the former “bread trucks” as they were known at the time.

Soon after, he trained as an EMT. In May 1978, he graduated from the third class of the City’s first Paramedic training program, sponsored by the Albert Einstein College of Medicine at Bronx Municipal (Jacobi) Hospital.

Many of his tours of duty featured front-page headlines: building collapses, bombings, train derailments and air disasters, including the commuter helicopter crash on top of the Pan Am (now Met Life) building. While Manhattan had its celebrity, Brooklyn was where Paramedic Simon really was challenged—physically, mentally and emotionally—by the growing demand for emergency medical service in the wake of the crack epidemic. He worked at Kings County Hospital. By 1980, under the watchful eye of his medical director, Dr. Araceli Aguila, his assessment and diagnostic skills were tested, sharpened and perfected.

While Paramedic Simon has thrived in unpredictable environments, the quality most valued by his colleagues is his consistency. With a clear sense of his priorities, he refuses to compromise his standards for convenience. Rather, the Paramedic spends the extra time to perform a thorough assessment, assures that his patients understand their conditions and the ED staff receives a comprehensive briefing.

He is equally generous with his time in mentoring the scores of EMS newcomers. Freely sharing his experience, he gratefully acknowledges the “best and the brightest” and passes on the lessons that were imparted to him. After more than three decades, Paramedic Simon still demonstrates a humble appreciation for the opportunities and experiences that have made his career so rewarding.

His service to EMS epitomizes the enthusiasm, motivation and dedication of a true professional. These outstanding characteristics demonstrate why Paramedic William R. Simon today is presented with the Dr. John E. Sheridan Commendation. — JH
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EMT Casey Reilly
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EMT Jessica Reyes
EMT Daniel Rhode
EMT Daniel Riccobono (2)
Lieutenant William Rich
Paramedic Jeffrey Ringel (3)
Paramedic Cesar Rios (2)
EMT Juan Rios (2)
EMT Chad Ritorto (4)
EMT Billy Rivera
EMT Jose Rivera
EMT Nelson Rivera
Paramedic Michelle Robbins (2)
EMT Earl Roberts
EMT Sammy Robinson
Paramedic John Roddy (3)
EMT Carlos Rodriguez
EMT Diane Rodriguez
EMT Emmanuel Rodriguez
EMT VidalRodriquez
Paramedic Marcial Rodriguez-Arenal
EMT Stephan Rogers (2)
Paramedic Lynwood Rollins
Paramedic Lionel Roman
EMT Edgar Romero (3)
Paramedic Michael Romps (2)
Paramedic Zarina Ronay
EMT Thomas Rosa (2)
Paramedic Jerri Rosati
Paramedic Jonathan Rosen
EMT Anthony Ross
EMT James Ross
Paramedic Michael Rothfeld
EMT John Rugen (5)
EMT Jason Ruiz
Paramedic Joseph Ruiz (2)
EMT William Rush (2)
EMT Michael Russell
EMT Christopher Russo
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Paramedic Alison Russo-Elling
Paramedic Elizabeth Salazar
Paramedic Anne Sale
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EMT Roseanna Santana
EMT Jason Santiago
EMT Darryl Savoca
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EMT Malcolm Scott
EMT Joseph Searles
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Paramedic Gregory Serena
EMT Jonathan Sessa
EMT Thomas Siciliano
EMT Luis Sierra
EMT Edmund Signer
Paramedic Kenneth Silas (3)
Paramedic Arnold Silva (2)
Paramedic Steve Simon
Paramedic William Simon (2)
EMT Sharon Singh
EMT David Smentkowski (2)
Paramedic Gary Smiley
Paramedic H. Carlton Smith (2)
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Paramedic Ervin Sobiev
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EMT Kiesha Spady
EMT Matthew Speir
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EMT Douglas Starace
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EMT Jaqueline Summerford
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EMT Kevin Tenorio (2)
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Paramedic Thomas Torres
Paramedic Daniel Townsend
Lieutenant George Trager
Captain Barry Travis
Paramedic Evan Tsurumi (3)
Paramedic Giovanni Tumbaco
Paramedic Silvana Uzcategui
Paramedic Andre Valdez (2)
EMT Michael Vale
EMT Mike Valentine
Paramedic Lee Vargas
Paramedic David Vega (2)
EMT Wilkins Vega
EMT Matthew Veitch
EMT Valerie Vera-Tudela (3)
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Paramedic Phillip Villafane
EMT Vincent Visceglia (3)
EMT Chuen Wang (2)
Paramedic Kevin Ward (2)
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EMT Dionetta White
EMT Kim White
EMT Heather Willets
EMT Delano Williams
Paramedic Horace Williams (2)
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EMT Leonard Wright
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**EMS Members Called Up for Operation Enduring Freedom & Operation Iraqi Freedom**

We salute these EMS members of the FDNY, who have served or are serving our country with valor in the Armed Forces.

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