



FIRE DEPARTMENT • CITY OF NEW YORK

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With regret, the Department announces the death of Firefighter *Joseph Graffagnino*, L-5 (appointed May 9, 1999) and Firefighter *Robert Beddia*, E-24 (appointed October 24, 1983) which occurred on Saturday, August 18, 2007, as result of injuries sustained while operating at Mahattan Box 7-7 0047, transmitted at 1536 hours on August 18, 2007. The heartfelt sympathy of the entire Department is extended to the family, relatives and friends of the deceased in the midst of the great loss that they and the Department have sustained.



FF Joseph Graffagnino



FF Robert Beddia

Funeral will take place from Andrew Torregrossa and Sons Funeral Home, 1305 79th Street, Brooklyn, NY on Thursday, August 23, 2007, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 1000 hours at St. Ephrem's Church, 929 Bay Ridge Parkway, Brooklyn, NY.

Viewing Hours:

Tuesday, August 21, 2007:
1400 to 1700 hours and 1900 to 2200 hours
Wednesday, August 22, 2007:
1400 to 1700 hours and 1900 to 2200 hours

Funeral will take place from Harmon Funeral Home, 571 Forest Avenue, Staten Island, NY on Friday, August 24, 2007, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 0945 hours at St. Patrick's Cathedral, 5th Avenue (Between 50th and 51st Streets), New York, NY.

Viewing Hours:

Wednesday, August 22, 2007:
1400 to 1700 hours and 1900 to 2100 hours
Thursday, August 23, 2007:
1400 to 1700 hours and 1900 to 2100 hours

The following Funeral Honors are ordered:

The funeral escort shall consist of: Fire Commissioner *Nicholas Scoppetta*, Deputy Fire Commissioners, Chief of Department *Salvatore J. Cassano*, Chief of Operations *Patrick M. McNally*, Assistant Chiefs of Department, Deputy Assistant Chiefs of Department and Department Chaplains.

Members of the Executive Boards of the Uniformed Fire Officers Association, the Uniformed Firefighters Association, and the Fire Alarm Dispatchers Union.

The Pallbearers shall be eight Firefighters selected from the member's unit.

COLOR GUARD

The Bureau of Training shall provide the details to serve as the Color Guard. These detailed members shall report to the Ceremonial Unit Officer in front of the Church.

Members of the Department who are off-duty are requested to attend the funeral in dress uniform as a mark of respect to the deceased.

By Order of: **Nicholas Scoppetta**, *Fire Commissioner*
Salvatore J. Cassano, *Chief of Department*