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FAREWELL AND THANK YOU TO CHIEF EDWARD S. KILDUFF



After 37 years of exemplary service, Chief of Department Edward S. Kilduff will be retiring at the end of this month, bringing his extraordinary FDNY career to a close.

I want to thank him for staying on during the last five months and providing invaluable assistance to me during the transition process. His knowledge, experience and advice has been crucial to the continuity of our operations. We've met many times to discuss important decisions that impact our personnel, and with every moment of counsel he has offered, Chief Kilduff has always acted with the best interests and safety of our members in mind.

His career began in 1977 and has included assignments at Ladder Company 34 as a firefighter, Ladder 112 (Lieutenant), and Engine 92 (Captain). Promotions followed to Battalion Chief in 1993 (B-38), Deputy Chief in 2001 (D-3), Deputy Assistant Chief in 2002 and Assistant Chief and Brooklyn Borough Commander in 2004. In 2010, he was appointed the Department's 34th Chief of Department, and placed in charge of overseeing the bureaus of Operations, Emergency Medical Service, Training, Communications and Fire Prevention.

He has been cited for bravery on five separate occasions including June 5, 1998, when then-Battalion Chief Kilduff led life-saving rescue efforts for three firefighters trapped in a building collapse on Atlantic Avenue in Brooklyn. The devastating collapse took the lives of two members, Lt. James Blackmore and Capt. Scott LaPiedra.

In August of 2005, he was at the forefront of the Department's six-week deployment in Louisiana following Hurricane Katrina, leading more than 600 FDNY members in an unprecedented effort to assist the devastated city of New Orleans.

In the last 13 years, Chief Kilduff has been instrumental to the rebuilding of the FDNY. As Deputy Chief in 2001, he served as the night commander of the World Trade Center site, supervising the Department's rescue and recovery operations. And in the years that followed, he was part of the management teams that created the Department's first two Strategic Plans (2004, 2007), key roadmaps to recovery that have helped bring us to where we are today – a better trained, better equipped and better prepared emergency response agency.

The highest compliment, though, that I can give Chief Kilduff is that, in working closely with him, I am reminded of my good friend, legendary Chief of Department Pete Ganci. Chief Ganci was a decorated Firefighter who carried himself and presented himself as the Chief of Department should, and Pete always spoke from the heart, just like Chief Kilduff.

I speak from the heart - and on behalf of a grateful Department - when I say "thank you" to Ed Kilduff for his tremendous lifetime of service to the Fire Department of New York.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel A. Nigro".

Daniel A. Nigro
Fire Commissioner