



FIRE DEPARTMENT • CITY OF NEW YORK

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1.1 With regret, the Department announces the death of retired Lieutenant *Mario Desena* appointed June 5, 1965, retired January 2, 1988, formerly of E-60, residing in Suffolk County, NY, which occurred on January 4, 2021.

1.2 With regret, the Department announces the death of retired Firefighter *Herman H. Emigholz* appointed June 22, 1965, retired December 3, 1996, formerly of E-241, residing in Staten Island, NY, which occurred on January 4, 2021.

1.3 With regret, the Department announces the death of retired Firefighter *John V. Modafferi* appointed August 10, 1968, retired November 1, 1993, formerly of E-155, residing in Staten Island, NY, which occurred on January 6, 2021.

1.4 With regret, the Department announces the death of retired Firefighter *Walter P. Whitmore* appointed August 14, 1965, retired March 14, 1991, formerly of L-49, residing in Westchester, NY, which occurred on January 7, 2021.

2.1 DESIGNATION

Effective 0900 hours, Thursday, March 25, 2021, Assistant Chief of Operations *John J. Hodgens* is designated as Acting Chief of Operations.

2.2 DESIGNATION

Effective 0900 hours, Thursday, March 25, 2021, Assistant Chief *Richard J. Blatus*, Bureau of Operations, is designated as Acting Assistant Chief of Operations.

2.3 NYC VETERAN AND MILITARY COMMUNITY SURVEY

The NYC Department of Veteran's Services (DVS) recently launched the first-ever citywide survey of our Veteran population. The Veteran and Military Community Survey will provide robust insights into the needs of the 210,000 Veterans, Active Duty Service Members, Reservists, National Guard members, military family members, and Caregivers who call the five boroughs home. The data collected from this comprehensive survey will help provide better services and care to our Veteran community and build a more Veteran-friendly ecosystem throughout the City of New York. All responses will be anonymous. The results of this survey will provide DVS with a blueprint to help make New York City the most Veteran friendly city in the country. The survey can be accessed at <https://polco.us/n/res/vote/nyc-department-of-veterans-services/nyc-veteran-and-military>

2.4 MILITARY LEAVE WITH PAY

The following member(s) are granted military leave with pay at 0900 hours on the dates indicated:

Firefighter	Unit	Start Date	End Date
Michael Negron	L-84	01-09-21	04-11-21
Peter A. Zaccariello	E-22	08-26-20	03-19-21

2.5 MILITARY LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

The following member(s) are granted military leave without pay at 0900 hours on the dates indicated:

Firefighter	Unit	Activation Date
Peter A. Zaccariello	E-22	03-20-21

By Order of: **Daniel A. Nigro**, *Fire Commissioner*
Thomas J. Richardson, *Acting Chief of Department*