



**FIRE DEPARTMENT • CITY OF NEW YORK**

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With regret, the Department announces the death of Firefighter *Jesse B. Gerhard*, L-134 (appointed December 11, 2017) which occurred on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, as result of injuries sustained while operating at Queens Box 2-2 1158 transmitted at 1605 hours on February 15, 2022.



**FF Jesse B. Gerhard**

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.

Funeral will take place from Fredrick J. Chapey & Sons Funeral Home, 200 East Main St., East Islip, NY, on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, followed by a Mass at 1200 hours at St. Patrick's RC Church, 9 Clinton Ave., Bay Shore, NY.

*Viewing Hours:*

Tuesday, February 22, 2022  
1400 Hours to 1600 Hours  
and  
1900 Hours to 2100 Hours

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.

**The following Funeral Honors are ordered:**

The funeral escort shall consist of:

Acting Fire Commissioner  
*Laura Kavanagh*

Deputy Fire Commissioners

Acting Chief of Department  
*John J. Hodgens*

Acting Chief of Operations  
*Richard J. Blatus*

Assistant Chiefs of Department

Deputy Assistant Chiefs of Department

Chaplains

Members of the Executive Boards of the Uniformed Fire Officers Association, the Uniformed Firefighters Association, and the Fire Alarm Dispatchers Union. Members of the Executive Boards of the Uniformed EMS Officers, Uniformed EMT's, Paramedics and Fire Inspectors Union.

The Pallbearers shall be eight members of the Department, 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.

By Order of: **Laura Kavanagh**, Acting *Fire Commissioner*  
**John J. Hodgens**, Acting *Chief of Department*