



# **FDNY EMS WEEK**

*May 15-21, 2011*



## **National Emergency Medical Services (EMS)**

**Week is designed to bring public attention to the life-saving work that more than 750,000 men and women provide to millions of Americans each year.**

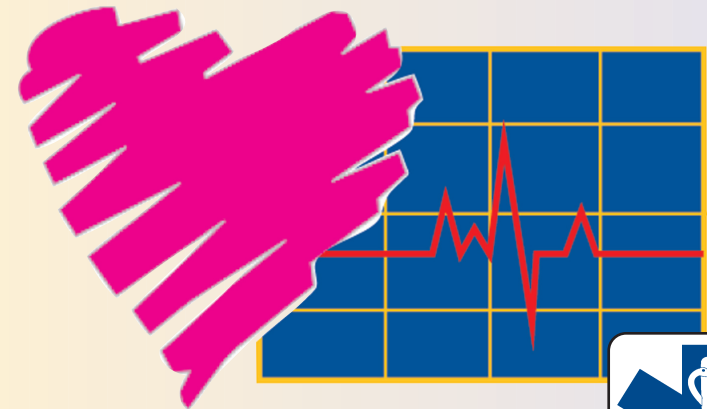
**During this week we honor those who work for the New York City Fire Department's EMS Command and salute them for their commitment and dedication.**

**EMS Week also features special events and forums that seek to educate the public.**



# **Fire Department City of New York**

## **17TH ANNUAL SECOND CHANCE BRUNCH**



**FDNY EMS**



**TUESDAY  
MAY 17, 2011  
10:00 A.M.**

**FDNY FIRE ACADEMY  
BUILDING 9  
RANDALLS ISLAND, NY**

HON. MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG  
*Mayor*

SALVATORE J. CASSANO  
*Fire Commissioner*

In 2006  
FDNY EMS responded  
when **Shamia Jones**  
was **choking**  
on candy.



In 2010  
she started kindergarten.

**FDNY EMS**  
Offering Second Chances

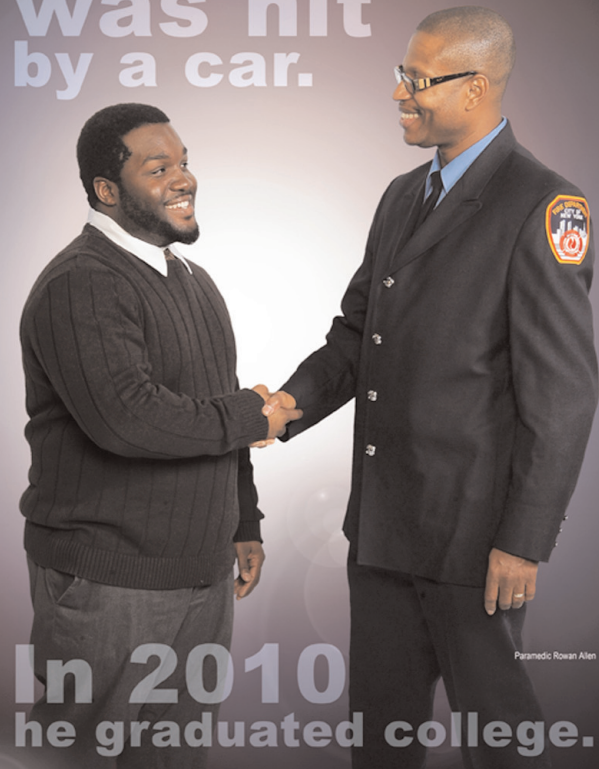


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SECOND CHANCE BRUNCH 2011

In 1991  
FDNY EMS responded  
when **Bryan Lindsay**  
was **hit**  
by a car.



In 2010  
he graduated college.

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# EMS IN ACTION



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## PROGRAM

|                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| MASTER OF CEREMONIES:         | <b>Mark Guerra</b><br><i>Captain</i>   |
| NATIONAL ANTHEM:              | <b>EMT Jeff Samerson</b>   |
| INVOCATION:                   | <b>Rev. Stephen Harding</b><br><i>FDNY Chaplain</i>  |
| REMARKS:                      | <b>Salvatore J. Cassano</b><br><i>Fire Commissioner</i>  |
|                               | <b>Edward S. Kilduff</b><br><i>Chief of Department</i>   |
|                               | <b>Abdo Nahmod</b><br><i>Chief of EMS</i>  |
| INTRODUCTION<br>OF SURVIVORS: | <b>Dr. Bradley Kaufman</b><br><i>Division Medical Director</i><br><i>Office of Medical Affairs</i> |

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*The Fire Department would like to thank  
the Pintchik Family for their generous support  
in making this annual event possible.*

SECOND CHANCE BRUNCH 2011

## SARAH ADAMS EL

Sarah Adams El was leaving her family's Bronx apartment on June 8 to take her final exams at DeWitt Clinton High School when she began calling out to her mother for help. Knowing her daughter had been at the hospital the previous week for shortness of breath and chest pains and had a doctor's appointment scheduled for the next day, her mother rushed for the phone, but it had no dial tone. She ran outside and borrowed a neighbor's cell phone to call 911.

The neighbor returned with her to help until Paramedics Serafin Flores and Richard Bonet of Station 17 arrived. The medics found Sarah unresponsive and began treatment. Moments later she went into cardiac arrest. The Paramedics inserted a breathing tube and provided her with intravenous medications, assisted by Lieutenant Bonnie Regan of Station 17 and EMTs Luz DeJesus and Dagmar Luciano of Bronx Lebanon Medical Center.

After eight minutes in cardiac arrest, her heartbeat and breathing were restored.

Ms. Adams El was transported to Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center and later transferred to Columbia Presbyterian and NYU Medical Center, spending several months hospitalized.

Thanks to the life-saving work of the EMTs and Paramedics, Ms. Adams El, 18, is recovering and now has a second chance at life.



## KIM WILLIAMS

Kim Williams was watching television at home in Brooklyn on September 13 when her daughter noticed her slump in her chair and stop moving. A family member called 911 and members of Engine 235 arrived moments later to find her in cardiac arrest.

The firefighters immediately used a defibrillator to deliver two shocks and restore her heartbeat, also performing CPR. Paramedics Lenel Caze and Latonia Goodman of Brooklyn Hospital Center arrived soon after to insert a breathing tube and deliver another shock.

Thanks to a new program in New York City, the Paramedics also administered chilled intravenous fluids to Mrs. Williams, in an effort to halt muscle and tissue damage and preserve brain function.

With assistance from EMS Lieutenant Robin Printy of Station 57 and EMTs Terrence Lee and William Roberts of Methodist Hospital, she was transported to Long Island College Hospital, where Mrs. Williams spent a week before she was released.

Thanks to the new program and the life-saving skills of the Paramedics, EMTs and members of Engine 235 - Lieutenant John LaBarbera and Firefighters Kevin Schuh, Kevin Anderson, Casey Farrell, Erick Dini and Raymond Hickey - Mrs. Williams, 48, now has a second chance at life.



## REGINALD VASSELL

Reginald Vassell was at home in Brooklyn, getting ready for work on September 6, when he collapsed on his way to the bathroom. His wife immediately called 911 and moments later members of Engine 257 arrived to begin CPR and apply their defibrillator, delivering one shock.

Paramedics Patrick O'Neil and Asher Winik of Station 44 arrived to insert a breathing tube, administer intravenous medications and continue use of the defibrillator, restoring his pulse and breathing.

Thanks to a new program in New York City, the Paramedics also administered chilled intravenous fluids to Mr. Vassell, in an effort to halt muscle and tissue damage and preserve brain function.

With assistance from EMS Lieutenant Timothy Roberts of Station 39 and EMTs Vashala Madho and Daniel Mitchell of Station 58, Mr. Vassell was transported to Brookdale Medical Center and later to NYU Medical Center, where he spent approximately six weeks before he was released.

Thanks to the life-saving work of the members of Engine 257 - Lieutenant Michael Marshall and Firefighters Altan Aydin, Marcin Kalski, Yves Telemaque, William Zask Jr. and Jason Serra - along with the Paramedics and EMTs, Mr. Vassell, 43, now has a second chance at life.



## ANGELA BIAGINI

Angela Biagini was at home in Brooklyn watching television on August 26 when she began having an unusual cough and her concerned husband called 911. Mrs. Biagini went limp and her husband, a former police officer, began CPR until help arrived.

Firefighters from Engine 253 arrived and continued CPR, applying a defibrillator to deliver two shocks and restore her heartbeat. Paramedics Andrey Yaubov and Pierre Charboneau and EMTs Jason Greibesland and Daniel Almandoz of Station 43, along with their Lieutenant, Stephen Johnson, arrived moments later to insert a breathing tube and apply another shock with the defibrillator.

Thanks to a new program in New York City, the Paramedics also administered chilled intravenous fluids to Mrs. Biagini, in an effort to halt muscle and tissue damage and preserve brain function.

The crew transported her to Maimonides Medical Center, where she recovered. She was released 10 days later. A day after her release, two of the crew members visited her home to bring Mrs. Biagini flowers and see how she was feeling.

Thanks to the new program and the life-saving skills of the EMTs, Paramedics and members Engine 253 - Captain Michael Bernstein and Firefighters Thomas Girardi, Carmine Occhino, Michael Engel and Donald Vigna Jr. - Mrs. Biagini, 54, now has a second chance at life.



## SERENE BROWN

**S**erene Brown was having dinner with her boyfriend at a restaurant not far from her home in Williamsburg on March 7 when she suddenly collapsed and went into cardiac arrest.

As her boyfriend tried to revive her, a waiter ran over to begin CPR while someone else called 911. Members of Engine 206 arrived to take over CPR. Paramedics Joseph Ruiz and Earl Roberts of Station 35 were on scene moments later to apply a defibrillator to restore her heartbeat. They also inserted a breathing tube and provided intravenous medications.

Thanks to a new program in New York City, the Paramedics also administered chilled intravenous fluids to Ms. Brown, in an effort to halt muscle and tissue damage and preserve brain function.

With assistance from EMS Lieutenant Renae Mascol and Paramedics Diego Morel and Brian Plunkett of Station 57 and EMTs Terrance Chanderdatt and Andre James of Station 35, she was transported to Woodhull Hospital and later transferred to Bellevue, spending over a week hospitalized.

Thanks to the new program and the life-saving work of the EMTs, Paramedics and members of Engine 206 - Lieutenant Cary Walsh and Firefighters Michael Bataze, Robert Dawson, Ethan Incremona and Kyle McCormick - Ms. Brown, 30, now has a second chance at life.



## WILLIAM LOGERFO

**W**illiam Logerfo was exercising on an elliptical machine at a New York Sports Club on Staten Island on December 2 when he suddenly collapsed in cardiac arrest. Two off-duty FDNY members - Firefighter Ken Labarbera of Engine 168 and EMT James Manti of Station 16 - and retired Lieutenant Fred Cappetta were working out nearby and ran over to help.

The group hooked up a nearby defibrillator to deliver a shock and restore his heartbeat, also performing CPR until members of Engine 154 arrived and took over.

EMS Lieutenant Michael Glenn and EMTs Stephanie French and Raul Mercado of Station 22 along with Captain Lizette Claro of EMS Division 5 and Paramedics Michael Rodriguez and Michael Ullrich of Richmond University Medical Center also arrived on scene to assist.

As they continued work, Mr. Logerfo showed improvement. By the time he was transported to St. Vincent's Hospital on Staten Island, his pulse had been restored, his breathing improved and he began to regain consciousness. He was later transported to Northshore University Hospital, where he spent a week before his release.

Thanks to the life-saving work of the off-duty or retired members in the gym as well as the members of Engine 154 - Lieutenant Timothy Ryan and Firefighters Christopher Teleki, Frank Cseko, Richard Nagy and John Carl - and the EMTs and Paramedics, Mr. Logerfo, 53, now has a second chance at life.



## KAREN L. KRAMER

**K**aren L. Kramer was walking on 7th Avenue, near her home in Park Slope, on March 17 when she suddenly collapsed on the sidewalk in cardiac arrest.

An off-duty nurse performed CPR while a young Marine Corps reservist called 911. Moments later, members of Squad 1 arrived to take over CPR and apply a defibrillator to deliver two shocks and restore her heartbeat. Although her pulse was restored, Ms. Kramer was still not breathing and Squad 1 members continued their efforts.

Paramedics Christopher Doyle and Erik Marktan of Long Island College Hospital arrived and, thanks to a new program in New York City, they administered chilled intravenous fluids to Ms. Kramer, in an effort to halt muscle and tissue damage and preserve brain function.

With assistance from Lieutenant Ricardo Munoz of Station 32 and EMTs Nicole Laskowski and Michelle Benerzy of Methodist Hospital, she was transported to Methodist.

Thanks to the new program and the life-saving work of the Paramedics, EMTs and members of Squad 1 - Lieutenant Michael Galgano and Firefighters Enrico Boletti, Juan Medina, Charles Mapes and William Spiess - Ms. Kramer, 62, now has a second chance at life.



## SAM CADE JR.

**S**am Cade Jr. was working as a vault teller for Brinks Truck Company in Brooklyn on June 17 when he suddenly collapsed.

Someone called 911 and members of Engine 211 quickly arrived to begin CPR and apply a defibrillator, delivering two shocks to restore his heartbeat.

Paramedics Edgar Rosales and Andrew Haley of Station 31 arrived moments later and delivered two more shocks with the defibrillator, restoring Mr. Cade's pulse and breathing.

With assistance from EMS Lieutenant Mitchell Friedland of Station 35 and EMTs Andrew Savage and James McHugh of Station 57, Mr. Cade was transported to Brooklyn Hospital and later released.

Thanks to the life-saving work of the members of Engine 211 - Lieutenant Joseph Walsh and Firefighters Michael Walsh, Anthony DiCerbo, Anthony Primus and Daniel Cangialosi - as well as the Paramedics and EMTs, Mr. Cade, 54, now has a second chance at life.



## JUAN CHOPURIAN

Juan Chopurian was rooting for his home country of Uruguay in a World Cup match against South Africa on a television at his auto body shop in Queens on June 16. With his team winning at half time, he called his brother to share the news. Suddenly he began having a severe pain in his chest.

He complained to a friend, who called 911. Moments later, Paramedics Leonardo Bedoya and Charles A. Raynor II of Station 45 arrived to begin assessing his symptoms and applied a heart monitor. Minutes later, Mr. Chopurian developed a lethal heart rhythm, prompting the crew to use their defibrillator to deliver several shocks and administer medications to return his heart to a normal rhythm.

With assistance from Lieutenant Michael Earley and EMTs Joseph Denapoli and Henry Cuba, also of Station 45, Mr. Chopurian was transported to Elmhurst Hospital, where doctors opened a blockage in the major artery in his heart.

Thanks to the life-saving work of the Paramedics and EMTs, Mr. Chopurian, 55, now has a second chance at life.



## JOHN CUMMINS

John Cummins was at an Irish dance in Queens Village, dancing late in the evening on October 16, when he suddenly collapsed and someone called 911.

Members of Engine 304 arrived to begin CPR and apply a defibrillator to deliver a shock and restore his heartbeat. Mr. Cummins, who had gone into cardiac arrest, became alert and was transported to North Shore/Long Island Jewish Medial Center with help from Lieutenant Christopher Emhardt and Paramedics Kevin Nash and McCray Parchment of Station 50 as well as EMTs Ron Miller and Gilberto Martinez of North Shore/LIJ.

Thanks to the life-saving work of the members of Engine 304 - Lieutenant Sean McCoyd and Firefighters Giacomo Napolitano, Timothy Kuveikis, John Rogan and Francis Meyer (who is assigned to Ladder 164) - as well as the Paramedics and EMTs, Mr. Cummins, 76, now has a second chance at life.

