



FDNY EMS WEEK

May 20-26, 2012



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

18TH ANNUAL SECOND CHANCE BRUNCH



FDNY EMS



**TUESDAY
MAY 22, 2012
11:00 A.M.**

**FDNY FIRE ACADEMY
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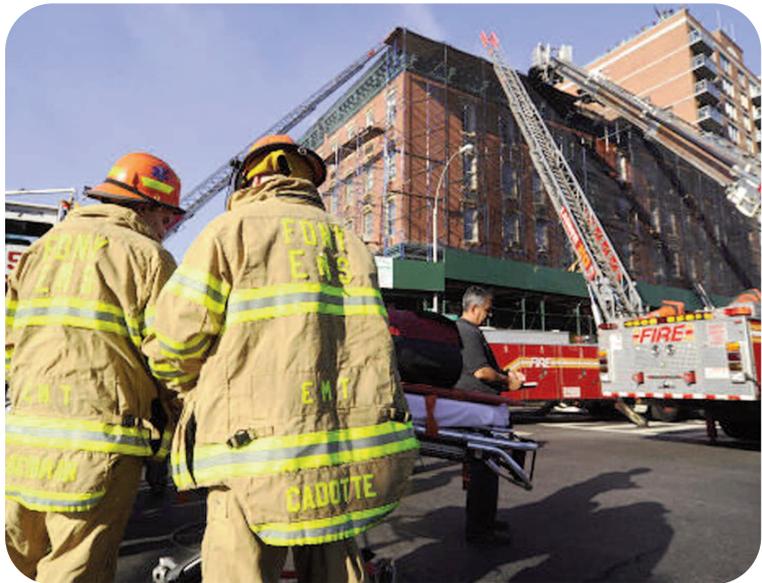
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PROGRAM

MASTER OF CEREMONIES:	Gary Miller <i>Lieutenant</i>
NATIONAL ANTHEM:	EMT Jeff Samerson
INVOCATION:	Msgr. John Delendick <i>FDNY Chaplain</i>
REMARKS:	Salvatore J. Cassano <i>Fire Commissioner</i>
	Edward S. Kilduff <i>Chief of Department</i>
	Abdo Nahmod <i>Chief of EMS</i>
INTRODUCTION OF SURVIVORS:	Dr. Bradley Kaufman <i>Division Medical Director</i> <i>Office of Medical Affairs</i>

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

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ALICE EDWARDS

Alice Edwards of Far Rockaway, Queens was at home sleeping on June 18, 2011 when she was woken by sharp, stabbing pains across her shoulder blades.

A 911 call brought Paramedics Murat Olgun and Giovanni Tumbaco from Station 47 in Rockaway. During their assessment, Ms. Edwards was placed on a cardiac monitor, which indicated that her heart beat had changed dramatically and she was slipping into cardiac arrest. They quickly delivered a shock which returned her pulse and Ms. Edwards was once again alert and able to speak.

At that time, EMTs Yeny Cruz and Bernard Gordon, as well as Lieutenant Lawrence Anderson, from Station 47 also responded and worked with the Paramedics on scene to transport Ms. Edwards to Jamaica Hospital.

Thanks to the life-saving work of all members from Station 47, Ms. Edwards now has a second chance at life.



EMS IN ACTION



TERESA SCAVO

Theresa Scavo was at her home in Brooklyn in the early hours of October 6, 2011 when she suddenly collapsed. One week earlier, Mrs. Scavo had been treated for a heart condition, and now her situation was dire as she was in cardiac arrest.

Her son called 911, bringing Lieutenant Andrew Mastroberti and Firefighters Thomas Kennedy, Steve Scarpitta, David Pickwick and Wilfredo Acevedo and their life-saving training to the scene. The Firefighters shocked Mrs. Scavo one time before Paramedics Stuart Weinstein and Evgeni Zenkovich from Station 43 in Gravesend arrived. The Paramedics administered two additional shocks with their cardiac monitor, restoring Mrs. Scavo's heartbeat and respirations.

Lieutenant Scott Rothschild and EMTs Julio Contreras and Jamelya Beauharnais from Station 43 arrived to assist those already on scene and transport Mrs. Scavo to Maimonides Medial Center.

Mrs. Scavo is the Chair of Community Board 15 in Brooklyn, and thanks to the life-saving work of several members who serve that community, she now has a second chance at life.



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CYNTHIA HERBERT

Cynthia Herbert was teaching at P.S. 327, The Doctor Rose B. English School in Brooklyn on September 15, 2011 when she suddenly collapsed in front of her sixth graders during her third period English class.

Ms. Herbert's students jumped into action, alerting the school emergency team, other teachers, and administrators. The assistant principal called 911 and a physical education teacher, Alina Salner-Washington, brought an automatic external defibrillator to the classroom. While units were responding, the school nurse and other teachers began bystander CPR in a desperate attempt to save Ms. Herbert's life.

Minutes later, EMTs Raul Perez and Ricardo Otero and Paramedics Andre Pierre-Louis and Howard Henry from Station 44 in Brownsville arrived at the school to find Ms. Herbert in cardiac arrest. The EMS members used the defibrillator to administer one shock and inserted a breathing tube, before beginning hypothermia treatment, which consists of administering intravenous cooling fluids to preserve brain function during a cardiac event.

These members were joined shortly thereafter by Lieutenant Joseph Daly from Station 44, as well Lieutenant Thomas Losquardo and Firefighters Gregory Frusci, Richard Poole, Paul Montanez and Ryan McNamara from Engine 231. The combined efforts of her students, the faculty of P.S. 327 and all of the responding FDNY members led to Ms. Herbert's restored pulse and respirations. FDNY EMS then safely transported her to Brookdale Hospital.

Thanks to the incredible efforts of all involved, Ms. Herbert survived this life-threatening medical emergency and was back teaching again just four months later, knowing that she was truly given a second chance at life.



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HYACINTH HUGHES

Hyacinth Hughes of East Elmhurst, Queens was working in her office on East 16th Street in Manhattan on January 17, 2012 when she began to feel ill and fainted multiple times. Her co-workers acted quickly and called 911 to bring the help needed to save her life.

Emergency Medical Technicians Nicholas Batista and Teresa Soler from Station 8 in Kips Bay arrived within minutes and began patient care. Ms. Hughes, who was now alert and feeling better, was placed on a stretcher to be transported to Beth Israel Hospital.

As she was placed into the ambulance, Ms. Hughes experienced a seizure and went into cardiac arrest. EMTs Batista and Soler began CPR and delivered one shock with a defibrillator. At this time, Paramedics Timothy Boyle and Anthony Paulino from Station 8 and Captain Noberto Torres arrived to assist. Paramedics Boyle and Paulino delivered a second shock with the defibrillator and began hypothermia treatment, which consists of administering intravenous cooling fluids to preserve brain function during a cardiac event.

Ms. Hughes' pulse and respirations were restored and she remained stable during her transport to Beth Israel Medical Center.

Thanks to the quick actions of her co-workers, the life-saving skills of the members of EMS Station 8, and the advanced level of care offered by FDNY EMS, Ms. Hughes has a second chance at life.



YVONNE SANTARELLA

Yvonne Santarella was attending an event at The Crystal Room, a catering hall on Staten Island, on January 8, 2011, when she began to have difficulty breathing. Those attending the event with her noticed she had become unresponsive.

A call to 911 brought a quick response from Lieutenant John Gibbons and Firefighters Salvatore Squatrito, Michael Suo, Mark Gonzalez and Anthony Salaris from Engine 161, who found Ms. Santarella sitting in a chair without respirations or a pulse. The Firefighters, along with an off-duty EMT from Lutheran Medical Center who was working at the hall, William Agnew, delivered one shock with their defibrillator to restore her heartbeat.

At this time, Paramedics Alexander Loutsky and Keisha Brockington, as well as Lieutenant Philip Soto, from Station 22 in Willowbrook and EMTs Mark Santo and Jack Chapman from Staten Island University Hospital arrived to provide further aid and transport Ms. Santarella safely to the hospital.

Thanks to the efforts of so many dedicated professionals, Ms. Santarella is doing well and enjoying her second chance at life.



JACQUELYN POLLARD

Jacquelyn Pollard of Brooklyn had just returned home from a meeting at work on October 28, 2011 when she collapsed in her kitchen. Her family was scared, and thought they had just witnessed their mother take her last breath.

Ms. Pollard's son Latroy was home at the time and began performing CPR on his mother while other family members called 911. EMT Joseph McGuire, who was working as an Alarm Receipt Dispatcher in Emergency Medical Dispatch, took their desperate 911 call and provided additional instructions to Ms. Pollard's family before additional help could arrive.

Paramedics Marcus Augustus and Khalid Islam and EMTs William Medina and Samantha Abelson from Long Island College Hospital arrived to find Ms. Pollard in cardiac arrest. They continued CPR, shocked her with a defibrillator and administered intravenous fluids to help restore her heartbeat. Ms. Pollard's pulse and respirations were restored as she was transported to Long Island College Hospital.

Thanks to the life-saving efforts of Ms. Pollard's son, the EMTs and Paramedics from Long Island College Hospital and the instructions from EMT McGuire over the phone, Ms. Pollard was given a second chance at life.



HOWARD LEVINE

Howard Levine of Manhattan was bartending at McManus Café in Chelsea on August 30, 2011 when he suddenly collapsed in the bathroom.

One of the patrons began CPR on Mr. Levine while others called 911. The Dispatcher instructed the patrons to continue CPR on Mr. Levine while FDNY members were responding.

Lieutenant Kenneth Martin and Firefighters Peter Abreu, Charles Downs, Tiernach Cassidy and Thomas Penny from Engine 3 responded in less than two minutes to take over CPR. The Firefighters shocked Mr. Levine once with the defibrillator, which restored his pulse.

Paramedics Steve Marino and Kenneth Barone, EMTs Shakir Stanley and Yanko Perez, and Lieutenant Jorge Blondett from Station 8 in Kips Bay, along with Captain Norberto Torres, joined Engine 3 on scene to begin advanced medical care. Mr. Levine was transported to Bellevue Hospital where he was taken to a catheterization laboratory to open his blocked arteries.

Thanks to the quick response and great teamwork of so many highly-trained FDNY members and the early CPR efforts by those in the bar, Mr. Levine is now enjoying a second chance at life.



VINETTE NUNES

Vinette Nunes of the Bronx had just arrived for her overnight shift at a home for developmentally disabled adults on Bailey Avenue in the Bronx on February 25, 2011 and was enjoying a sandwich in the kitchen. She began to choke, lost consciousness and fell to the floor. Her co-workers heard her desperate gasps for air, initiated CPR and called 911.

Captain Michael Quevedo and Firefighters Mario Marsich, Brian Bayne, Daniel Spatta and John Viragh from Engine 81 arrived on scene in minutes to render aid to Ms. Nunes. The members of Engine 81 took over CPR from her co-workers and administered one shock with a defibrillator.

EMTs Douglas Guzman and Salvatore Cassonetto from Station 19 in University Heights and Paramedics Michael Bradshaw and Andrew Enderes, along with Lieutenant Jason Waszmer from Station 15 in Williamsbridge arrived shortly after to continue patient care. Paramedics Bradshaw and Enderes delivered several additional shocks with the defibrillator and administered medication that brought Ms. Nunes's heart back to a normal rhythm for her transport to Montefiore Hospital.

Thanks to the extraordinary teamwork and professionalism of all involved, Vinette Nunes now has a second chance at life.



ANNE PERASA

Anne Perasa, a retired nurse from Brooklyn, was attending Easter Sunday mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church on April 24, 2011 when she collapsed in her pew. Ms. Perasa was originally planning to attend the 9 a.m. mass, but overslept and went to the 12 p.m. mass instead.

Felicia Lim, a nurse at Lutheran Medical Center, was in the pew behind Ms. Perasa, and told her husband to call 911 while she immediately began CPR. Ms. Lim was at this mass by chance as well, as she had originally planned to attend the 7 a.m. service.

There may have been divine intervention at work that morning, as Ms. Perasa and Ms. Lim were together in the right place at the right time.

EMTs Kristina Frangella and Adam Salhany from Station 40 in Sunset Park, along with Lieutenant Michael McCaffrey and Firefighters Frank Fracchiolla, Joseph Daretany, William Long and Jorge Cornejo from Engine 201 quickly responded to take over care from Ms. Lim. The members worked together to restore Ms. Perasa's heartbeat using two shocks from the defibrillator.

Minutes later, Paramedics Demitry Genin and Stephen Karejwa from Maimonides Medical Center and Lieutenant Anthony Cozzino from Station 40 arrived to find Ms. Perasa slowly regaining consciousness. The Paramedics administered intravenous medication and transported her to Maimonides Medical Center.

Thanks to the actions of a Good Samaritan, and the life-saving work of several EMTs, Paramedics and Firefighters, Anne Perasa celebrated Easter Sunday mass this past April, and is happily enjoying her second chance at life.

