

FIVE-PART LECTURE SERIES AND PANEL

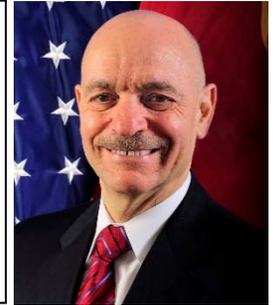
The New York City Fire Museum proudly presents a five-part lecture series beginning on Wednesday, March 11th. Lectures will take place on Wednesdays at 6pm. Tickets are \$10 for each lecture and can be purchased on our website or at the door.

March 11, 2015

The new New York Fire Department

Salvatore J. Cassano, Fire Commissioner, FDNY (retired)

The catastrophic events of September 11, 2001 catapulted the FDNY into a new era. Changes to operational procedures, training, equipment and overall consciousness of the threats faced by the City turned the FDNY into an “All Hazards Agency.” This new preparedness was put to valuable use when Superstorm Sandy hit in 2012. In this presentation, Commissioner Cassano will illustrate the long path the FDNY has taken and the incredible state of readiness it has achieved.



March 25, 2015

The History of Emergency Medical Services in New York City

James P. Martin, Division Chief, FDNY Emergency Medical Services Academy (retired)

On March 17, 1996 the New York City Emergency Medical Service became part of the FDNY. However, the history of emergency medical services in NYC begins long before that; in fact it dates back to 1869. Chief Martin, an Ambassador of the National EMS Museum and creator of the EMS historical display at the FDNY EMS Academy, will bring the history of this vital service to light.



April 8, 2015

They Didn't Start the Fire: Black Joke Engine 33 and the 1863 Draft Riots

Glenn P. Corbett, Associate Professor of Fire Science, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Made infamous by the film, “Gangs of New York” Black Joke Engine Company 33 of the New York Fire Department has long been accused of setting fires during the 1863 Draft Riots. But noted fire historian and Associate Professor of Fire Science, Glenn Corbett, along with his late colleague and co-author Donald Cannon, spent years studying this allegation. Professor Corbett will present their findings, and the results are likely to challenge what you have believed up to now.



April 22, 2015

Our Forgotten Brothers: The Firemen of Greenwood Cemetery

Gary R. Urbanowicz, Honorary Deputy Chief – FDNY

When two New York City firefighters were killed at a fire in 1848, New York State had already banned burials in Manhattan. To assist the grieving families and develop a long-term memorial to all FDNY members who made the Supreme Sacrifice, a plot was acquired for their burial in Greenwood Cemetery. Now on the list of National Historic Places, Greenwood’s park-like setting is the final resting place for many members of the FDNY from the volunteer period to the present. Gary Urbanowicz will present the incredible life stories of some of these members, particularly those from the pre-1865 volunteer era who have been forgotten.



April 29, 2015

The History of Rescue Operations in the FDNY

Paul Hashagen, FDNY Firefighter (retired).

They were a company of men, proven firefighters hand-picked from hundreds of volunteers. Organized in 1915, for the past century, the firefighters of Rescue Company 1 dangled from ropes, dove underwater to rescue those in peril or ventured where no one else could. Based on his book, *100 Years of Valor: The Story of Rescue Company 1, FDNY 1915 – 2015*, respected author and retired member of Rescue Company 1, Paul Hashagen will recount how these firefighters handled explosives, dangerous chemicals, and controlled toxic leaks in cellars, sub-cellars and in the holds of ships. Their stories are many, their impact impressive and their motto is “OUTSTANDING!”

