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**Bronx Box 44-3217, April 14, 2012,**

the incident for which

FF Kevin M. McCabe, Engine 48, is awarded the Emily Trevor/Mary B. Warren Medal,

FF Robert F. Andersen, Rescue 3, is awarded the Thomas E. Crimmins Medal and

FF Patrick J. Hickey, Rescue 3, is awarded the Walter Scott Medal.

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#### *Opposite*

**During Hurricane Sandy, Firefighters waded through water on their way to a fire on Brown Street, Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, October 29, 2012.**

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#### *Back Cover*

**Construction site/unsecured trench, Manhattan, March 2, 2012,**

the incident for which

EMS Lieutenant John Tims, Haz Tac Battalion, is awarded the Chief James Scullion Medal.

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**Michael R. Bloomberg**  
*Mayor*

**I**t is a great pleasure to welcome everyone to the New York City Fire Department's Medal Day 2013. Each day, our Fire Department demonstrates its unwavering commitment to protecting others and it is this dedication that is key to why New York remains the safest big City in the nation.

Last year, we were reminded of just how fortunate we are to be home to the world's greatest Fire Department as we braced for Hurricane Sandy. During the height of the storm and in the weeks thereafter, the FDNY went above and beyond the call of duty to provide assistance to our residents, fighting 94 fires, evacuating hospitals and aiding in recovery efforts.

And, thanks to the heroic work of our City's Firefighters and EMS crews, 2012 was our safest year on record--in spite of this devastating storm. New York's Bravest are constantly striving to improve their performance and we are proud to join with their families and friends in expressing our gratitude for their lifesaving work.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, I am honored to join you in applauding this year's medal recipients--Lieutenant Thomas G. Woods, EMT Marilyn L. Arroyo, EMT Jimmy M. Guailacela, Queens Engine Company 268, Queens Ladder Company 137 and Staten Island Ladder Company 82, among many others. Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful ceremony and continued success in your vital mission.

A handwritten signature of Michael R. Bloomberg in black ink.



**Salvatore J. Cassano**  
*Fire Commissioner*

**F**or only the third time since 1869 when the FDNY began awarding medals for bravery, the top honor — the James Gordon Bennett Medal — goes this year to a member for off-duty heroics. Lieutenant Thomas G. Woods of Ladder 154 rescued more than 25 friends and neighbors whose lives were threatened when they became trapped by fire and flood with hurricane-force winds during the worst storm to hit New York City in a generation. And, Lieutenant Woods performed these extraordinary deeds while watching as his own home in Belle Harbor, Queens, was destroyed by fire, along with almost two dozen other nearby structures.

His lifesaving efforts were among many incredible acts that occurred during coastal storm Hurricane Sandy, which killed more than 40 people in the City and caused tens of billions in damages in October 2012. Thousands of members of this Department--both on- and off-duty--acted heroically in the face of unprecedented dangers posed by the storm, and a dozen individual acts of valor are recognized on Medal Day this year. They include on-duty Paramedics William Bedoya and Justin Miro of Station 58, who rescued a brother and sister from a flooded basement in Coney Island; and Firefighter Joseph Adinolfi of Ladder 102, who saved nine people, four dogs, a cat and a parrot trapped by floodwaters in Breezy Point.

It's no surprise we have many medal winners who performed courageously during Hurricane Sandy. But the heroic work performed by FDNY members is a daily occurrence and today we also honor firefighters and EMS personnel for their lifesaving work at fires, a scaffold collapse, a trench cave-in and multiple *other* water rescues — unrelated to Sandy.

FDNY members perform exceptional work every day of the year, and Medal Day is all about celebrating those efforts and the spirit of commitment and dedication to others that is the hallmark of what you do — and what this Department is all about. I am honored to be your Commissioner, and proud of you all!





**Edward S. Kilduff**  
*Chief of Department*

**S**aving life and property from fire or catastrophic events and providing first-rate, pre-hospital medical care for New York City is the FDNY's primary mission. Our everyday commitment to service, honor and bravery drives each member to perform extraordinary deeds. Although every member is part of a larger team, each Firefighter, EMT and Paramedic featured in this journal embodies the selfless, dedicated spirit of the FDNY.

For the second year, we return to the 69th Regiment Armory, home of the Fighting 69th, for our Annual FDNY Medal Day celebration. With the country still engaged in military operations throughout the world, it is fitting that the FDNY reinforce the bonds of support we share with the men and women of the U.S. military.

Last year was quite a year for the FDNY as we fought our own "war" on the home front--Hurricane Sandy. In what mimicked a military campaign, the Department planned, deployed and carried out a mission of life safety that was as large as any challenge we have ever faced. Hundreds of Firefighters and EMS personnel were deployed to low-lying areas of the City to protect residents from record-setting flood conditions and resulting fires that consumed blocks of houses and businesses.

Front-line units from every firehouse, specially trained SOC members, dozens of EMS units and off-duty members all came together to rescue hundreds of people who were severely threatened by Sandy's rising and swirling waters. Today, we honor some of the Firefighters, EMTs and Paramedics who put their lives at risk to assist these New Yorkers from an extremely dynamic and uncharted environment. You will read the story of Lieutenant Thomas Woods, Ladder 154, off-duty at home in Queens, who knew he had to take immediate action to save more than 20 neighbors from a fire that was leaping from house to house in 80-mph winds and threatened to overwhelm the entire neighborhood. You will also read about two SOC members, FFs Edward Morrison, Rescue 2, and FF Thomas Fee, Squad 270, who needed every ounce of resourcefulness and intuition to effect the rescue of more than a dozen people from a row of homes that were burning on Rockaway Beach Boulevard. Engine 268 and Ladders 137 and 82, along with Paramedics from Station 58, also have been selected to receive unit awards for their outstanding efforts during the height of the storm. These are just a few examples that represent the character of our members and the Department's historic commitment to saving lives during and after Hurricane Sandy.

Congratulations to each of our 2013 medal winners and to your families for your great achievements. You reinforce that we are all part of a larger community who depends on each other in times of crisis and supports each other in times of need.

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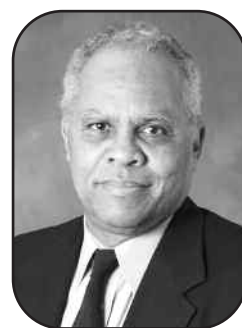
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*The James Gordon Bennett Medal was established in 1869 and, for years, it was the sole decoration awarded for valor in the Fire Department of the City of New York. As a result of its seniority among medals, it is awarded annually for the most outstanding act of heroism after the consideration and deliberate judgment of the members of the Medal Board of the NYC Fire Department.*

1869--Lieutenant Minthorne D. Tompkins (L-1) Captain Benjamin A. Gicquel (E-9)	1914--Firefighter John F. Mooney (1) (L-4)	1963--Firefighter Lawrence F. Duenas (E-59)
1870--Lieutenant Charles L. Kelly (E-9)	1915--Captain Thomas W. Smith (E-2)	1964--Firefighter David Crowley (L-14)
1871--Firefighter Ambrose L. Austin (E-15)	1916--Firefighter James T. Daniels (L-26)	1965--Firefighter James E. Bowler (R-2)
1872--Lieutenant Thomas Henry (L-6) Firefighter Thomas Hutchinson (L-1)	1917--Firefighter John Walsh (1) (L-1)	1966--Firefighter Robert E. Farrell (L-31)
1873--Battalion Chief William H. Nash (Bn-7) Firefighter Alfred Conner (L-10) Lieutenant Henry Schuck (E-34)	1918--Firefighter Patrick R. O'Connor (L-14)	1967--Firefighter Thomas D. Ferraiuolo (L-28)
1874--Captain William Mitchell (E-10)	1919--Lieutenant Francis Blessing (R-1)	1968--Firefighter Gene P. Dowling (L-25)
1875--Lieutenant James Horn (E-11)	1920--Firefighter Timothy F. O'Leary, Jr. (E-15)	1969--Firefighter James N. Temprow (E-217)
1876--Firefighter Joseph McGowan (E-6)	1921--Firefighter Frank J. Costello (L-12)	1970--Firefighter Charles Varner (L-55)
1877--Firefighter Thomas J. Dougherty (L-1)	1922--Firefighter Jacob F. Ferber (E-239)	1971--Lieutenant Richard R. Hamilton (R-2)
1878--Captain Daniel J. Meagher (L-3)	1923--Captain Edwin A.A. Quinn (E-14)	1972--Firefighter Steven C. DeRosa (L-102)
1879--Firefighter Paul Bauer (L-4)	1924--Hon. Medical Off. Harry M. Archer, MD	1973--Firefighter Raymond G. McCann (L-40)
1880--Firefighter John Levins (L-2)	1925--Captain Thomas J. O'Toole (E-27)	1974--Firefighter Gilbert J. Murtha (L-108)
1881--Firefighter Michael Connerford (E-12)	1926--Firefighter William G.R. Mitchell (E-18)	1975--Firefighter Thomas J. Neary (L-31)
1882--Firefighter John L. Rooney (L-10)	1927--Firefighter Michael McInerney (L-12)	1976--Firefighter Martin McGovern (L-114)
1883--Firefighter William B. Kirchner (E-11)	1928--Captain James A. Walsh (1) (E-234)	1977--Captain Frederick W. Gallagher (R-2)
1884--Firefighter John Binns (E-32)	1929--Firefighter George W. Reilly (L-19)	1978--Firefighter James H. Battillo (L-152)
1885--Captain Peter H. Short (L-1)	1930--Firefighter Edward V. Conroy (L-1)	1979--Firefighter John J. Pritchard (R-2)
1886--Firefighter Michael Brady (E-34)	1931--Captain Albert B. Carlson (E-66)	1980--Lieutenant Thomas J. Neary (L-28)
1887--Lieutenant Samuel Banta (L-10)	1932--Firefighter Vincent J. Hyde (R-3)	1981--Lieutenant Howard R. Kennedy (L-154)
1888--Lieutenant William Quirk (E-22)	1933--Captain Cornell M. Garety (R-1)	1982--Firefighter Joseph H. Dirks (L-103)
1889--Firefighter William Reilly (L-12)	1934--Firefighter Rudolph F. Musil (L-12)	1983--Firefighter Kenneth L. Connelly (L-111)
1890--Captain Thomas J. Ahern (E-5)	1935--Firefighter George J. Wolken (E-60)	1984--Firefighter Robert Merkel (L-42)
1891--Firefighter Patrick F. Lucas (E-30)	1936--Firefighter Joseph E. Smith (2) (E-211)	1985--Firefighter James A. Sollami (E-62)
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1896--Firefighter Martin M. Coleman (L-3)	1941--Firefighter Thomas F. Brennan (L-111)	1990--Lieutenant Gerard M. Murtha (R-3)
1898--Firefighter James Pearl (L-7)	1942--Captain John W. Heaney (Hdq.)	1991--Firefighter William E. Jutt (L-22)
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1905--Firefighter Michael J. Stevens (L-4)	1949--Firefighter James S. Norton (L-163)	1998--Firefighter Stan J. Sussina (R-1)
1906--Firefighter Cassimer C. Wodzicki (E-17)	1950--Firefighter Wilbur J. O'Donnell (L-111)	1999--Captain John J. Pritchard (E-255)
1907--Firefighter Michael Nicklaus (L-4)	1951--Firefighter Victor F. Rossi (L-120)	2000--Firefighter Stephen P. Fenley (L-78)
1908--Firefighter John T. Oakley (L-11)	1952--Lieutenant John F. McGlynn (L-10)	2001--Firefighter John F. South (L-44)
1909--Battalion Chief George L. Ross (Bn-7)	1953--Firefighter Angelo Michelini (E-97)	2003--Battalion Chief James Marketti (Bn-48)
1910--Firefighter John R. Harcke (L-12) Firefighter Frank C. Clarke (L-24)	1954--Deputy Chief John T. Oakley (2) (Hdq.)	2004--Firefighter James F. Mills (L-176)
1911--Firefighter Richard J. Condon (2) (E-12)	1955--Firefighter Bernard F. Curran (E-92)	2005--Firefighter Victor J. Rosa, Jr. (L-138)
1912--Firefighter Robert J. Boyle (L-10)	1956--Firefighter Michael J. O'Driscoll (L-28)	2006--Captain Christopher J. Joyce (E-318)
1913--Engineer of Steamer Seneca Larke (E-20)	1957--Firefighter William Von Diezelski (L-4)	2007--Firefighter James T. Byrne (L-121)
	1958--Firefighter Nicholas Sharko (L-11)	2008--Lieutenant James F. Congema (Bn-19)
	1959--Captain Arthur J. O'Connor (SQ-4)	2009--Firefighter Anthony M. Romano (L-142)
	1960--Firefighter William V. Russo (E-254)	2010--Firefighter Michael A. Czech, Jr. (L-142)
	1961--Firefighter Joseph G. Peragine (L-14)	2011--Firefighter Peter G. Demontreux (L-132)
	1962--Firefighter Joseph E. Almon (L-35)	2012--Firefighter Kevin J. Hogan (L-114)



# James Gordon Bennett Medal NYS Honorary Fire Chiefs Association Medal

## LIEUTENANT THOMAS G. WOODS

### LADDER COMPANY 154

October 29, 2012, 2100 hours, Box 55-8300, Belle Harbor, Queens

*Appointed to the FDNY on September 14, 1987. Cousins, FF Mike Moran, is assigned to Ladder 3; Lieutenant John Moran, is assigned to Engine 265; Captain Charles Moran, is retired from Ladder 9; and Battalion Chief John Moran, SOC, was killed during the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center on 9/11. Previously assigned to Engines 323 and 310 and Ladder 174. Member of the Emerald and Holy Name Societies. Recipient of a Service Rating A. Attended Empire State College, enrolled in a Labor Studies program. Resides in Belle Harbor, Queens, with his wife, Michele, and their sons, Brendan and Thomas.*



On Monday, October 29, 2012, portions of the Northeastern United States, including the greater New York City area, were struck with Hurricane Sandy. Its storm surge hit the Rockaway Peninsula with tremendous force, flooding streets, cutting power and trapping residents first by flood and later by fire. The family-oriented communities of Belle Harbor sustained high winds, heavy rain and a storm surge, resulting in the Atlantic Ocean meeting Jamaica Bay, with Rockaway enduring the equivalent of three five-alarm fires.

Lieutenant Thomas G. Woods, Ladder 154, was off-duty and at home with his family on Beach 130th Street, where conditions drove many to the upper floors of their houses. Lieutenant Woods could see the flames of building fires south and east of his home and the sustained, 80-mph-plus winds from the south drove the fire toward his street. As he smelled structures burning and the burning embers raining on his home, Lieutenant Woods took action.

By the time Lieutenant Woods made it to the first floor, the wind had driven the fire over his home, setting in flames the house directly behind his, on Beach 131st Street. He dressed in a wet suit and went outside to try to extinguish the flames in his neighbor's home with a garden hose. Once outside, he realized his own home was being engulfed by the burning embers from a catastrophic multi-building fire. While Lieutenant Woods was battling the wind and fire impacting his own home, a restaurant nearby began to burn.

Soon, Lieutenant Woods saw his many neighbors, who were unable to navigate the high waters and calling for help. Using a surfboard, he swam over and first assisted a woman and her dog into their kayak, which he then pushed and pulled away from the fire. While still guiding the kayak, he helped another family--two adults and three children--guiding the entire group to the safety of neighbors' homes and out of the fire's path.

As the catastrophic fire burnt through multiple homes on Beach 130th Street, with the houses igniting from the radiant heat and embers that fell like rain, Lieutenant Woods decided to move everyone, including his own family, to safety a few blocks west--choosing his brother's home on Beach 135th Street as refuge.

Lieutenant Woods organized a water-removal rescue of numerous neighbors to Beach 135th Street--a distance of nearly 1000 feet. Their route was obstructed by floating obstacles, surging ocean water,

driving rain, downed trees, downed utility poles and assorted debris that included, in some cases, floating cars and boats. And all the while, the group was exposed to the fires from the burning buildings around them. A journey of six blocks that normally would take minutes, took nearly an hour. Yet, together, this group of family, friends and neighbors finally arrived at Lieutenant Woods' brother's home on Beach 135th Street.

Lieutenant Woods, in keeping his group together, covering this distance, while being exposed to additional heat and smoke, required exceptional skill, courage and determination. After depositing this initial group safely, Lieutenant Woods and his eldest son returned to Beach 130th Street to locate another neighbor. As they paddled back in a two-man kayak, they encountered what would come to be described as a firestorm--16 homes on Beach 130th Street fully involved in fire, including Lieutenant Woods' own home, which was entirely consumed by the conflagration.

At the corner of Beach 130th and Cronston Avenue, Lieutenant Woods spotted a neighbor stranded on the porch of a house, as it began to ignite from the wind-driven fires. The water in the street was six feet deep and moving rapidly. He and his son paddled their kayak to the exposed home, where they found numerous people trying to remove their wheelchair-bound neighbor from the fire-exposed home. The two placed the handicapped neighbor into the kayak, as the home ignited, and began their second journey to Beach 135th Street, with the entire group.

En route, they encountered even more neighbors--an elderly couple stranded on the porch of a home at Beach 132nd Street. This couple lived directly across the street from Lieutenant Woods, but was forced to leave when their own home began to burn. Lieutenant Woods and his group assisted this amazing couple--both in their 80s--through the next three blocks to safety.

The courage, dedication, leadership and self-sacrifice Lieutenant Woods exhibited during the height of Hurricane Sandy's impact are remarkable, rescuing more than 25 neighbors from either a fire building or the fire's path, and removing them to safety. And they have Lieutenant Woods to thank for saving their lives. For all his extraordinary acts of valor, the FDNY presents Lieutenant Thomas G. Woods with the James Gordon Bennett Medal and New York State Honorary Fire Chiefs Association Medal.--RRM



Conditions endured by Lieutenant Thomas Woods as he put forth a herculean effort to save more than 25 people during Hurricane Sandy.



# Brooklyn Citizens Medal/ FF Louis Valentino Award

## FIREFIGHTER EDWARD A. MORRISON

### *RESCUE COMPANY 2 (ASSIGNED); SWIFT WATER TEAM 6 (DETAILED)*

**October 29, 2012, 2000 hours, Box 1377, Queens**

*Appointed to the FDNY on August 2, 1986. Previously assigned to Engine 82, Ladder 31 and Rescue 4. Uncle, Lieutenant Joseph Morrison, is retired from Ladder 150; father-in-law, FF James Ginty (a charter member on the New York City Fire Department Bag Pipe Band), is retired from Ladder 42; and brothers-in-law, Battalion Chief James Ginty, is the Battalion Commander of Battalion 12, and Battalion Chief Patrick Ginty, is covering in Division 13. Member of NYTF 1 FEMA Urban Search & Rescue and Special Operations Command Task Force for Urban Search & Rescue. Resides in Williston Park, Long Island, with his wife, Kathleen, and their children, Eddie, Brendan and Kevin.*

**H**urricane Sandy demanded that FDNY Firefighters work through a once-in-a-lifetime tour that resulted in countless saves of desperate and helpless people. On the night of October 29, 2012, the northeast was ravaged by this terrifying hurricane. FF Edward Morrison, Rescue 2, was detailed to Swift Water Team 6, a unit put in service with a 10-foot-long, outboard-powered Achilles boat lashed to the top of a spare pumper. The mission of the Team was to rescue civilians trapped by the tidal surge on the Rockaway Beach Peninsula.

While returning from an alarm, the Team encountered a structural fire at Rockaway Beach Boulevard and 114th Street. The fire could not be reached by apparatus because the water levels were approaching five feet due to the full moon and high tide adding to the storm surge. Lieutenant Robert La Rocco, Special Operations Command, ordered the boat into operation two blocks from the fire.

Arriving at the fire location, 13 panicked civilians were trapped on the roofs of several one-story taxpayers. Fire from four fully involved buildings was blowing over their heads from the force of Sandy's 80-mph winds. Terrified, two victims—one of whom was on fire--jumped into the rapidly moving water. They were pulled into the boat by FF Morrison and the rest of the Team.

Meanwhile, two civilians were removed from a roof to the boat by FF Thomas Fee, Squad 270. Their position became untenable due to the spread of the wind-impacted fire. FF Fee improvised and used a door from exposure #2 (a two-story, non-fireproof building) to span the alley, allowing the remaining civilians to reach safety.

With the surging water now approaching six feet, FF Morrison entered the water with a set of irons in order to

force entry into the building's front door, creating an evacuation path for the trapped civilians. He soon was joined by FFs Christopher Rooney, Engine 219, and Michael Wood, Squad 288, who assisted him in forcing the door. The three Firefighters had to protect each other from being swept away by the strong currents.

After the door was forced, FF Morrison ascended the stairs and made contact with FF Fee and the remaining nine fire victims. Smoke and fire were entering the apartment, so the two Firefighters moved the group across the alley again, using a second door into the front apartment, which gave access to the stairs. The fire had gained headway in the building, making evacuation to the boat imperative. Under heavy smoke and advancing fire conditions, the Firefighters created a human chain in the rapid currents and moved the distressed victims to the boat. When the last victim was secured in the boat and moved to safety, the fire had fully engulfed the building to the water line.

Throughout this ordeal, FF Morrison and the other members operated without fire gear (Mustang suits), SCBAs and the protection of a hose-line. These rescues were performed at the height of Hurricane Sandy's storm surge with 80-mph winds that threatened to knock down the arcing electric utility poles into the water where the members were operating.

In an extremely hostile environment, the quick, aggressive actions of FF Morrison meant a second chance at life for several victims. He made his own safety secondary to that of the lives of numerous trapped civilians. His heroism deserves this official recognition by the Department and his peers. FF Edward A. Morrison is presented with the Brooklyn Citizens Medal/FF Louis Valentino Award.--PB



**Fire at Beach 114th Street, Rockaway, Queens, the night of Hurricane Sandy, the area where FF Edward A. Morrison rescued several victims.**

*photo by FF Peter Brady, Ladder 174*



## Christopher J. Prescott Medal

August 15, 2012, 1339 hours,  
underpass at  
Cooper Avenue/Central Street, Queens



## EMT MARILYN L. ARROYO STATION 46

*Appointed to EMS as an Emergency Medical Technician on July 10, 2010. Recipient of the Unit of the Month and a Proclamation from City Hall, both in 2012. Resides in Northport, Long Island, with her five children--Gregory Guerrero, Linda Scifo, Anthony Scifo, Jordan Scifo and Victoria Scifo.*

The Christopher J. Prescott Medal is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon an EMT or Paramedic and is second only to the Supreme Sacrifice Medal, which is awarded posthumously. EMT Christopher J. Prescott made the Supreme Sacrifice in the line of duty in 1994 while caring for a patient. This year's recipients--EMTs Marilyn L. Arroyo and Jimmy M. Guailacela--exceeded all expectations when they rescued three victims from a rapidly submerging vehicle in a flash flood.

EMTs Arroyo and Guailacela hail from Station 46, where the motto is, *We Do It All*. On August 15, 2012, the pair was challenged to live up to those words. A severe rainstorm had developed and the crew members were dispatched to a vehicle submerging in water with victims trapped inside. EMTs Arroyo and Guailacela arrived at the Cooper Avenue underpass and witnessed an event unprecedented in their careers.

The underpass was flooding with a car trapped in the quickly rising water. The EMTs could hear screams for help as they saw a hand waving from the car's sunroof. Without any other resources or assistance on-scene, EMT Guailacela, an avid swimmer, led the way, with EMT Arroyo--a poor swimmer, at best--cautiously following. EMT Guailacela, in waist-deep water, made his way to the car, which was now three-quarters submerged in water, and discovered three elderly victims.

EMT Arroyo scaled a fence on a wall close to the vehicle and climbed over it to the top of the vehicle. EMT Guailacela removed one victim from the vehicle and to the shallow end of

## EMT JIMMY M. GUAILACELA STATION 46

*Appointed to EMS as an Emergency Medical Technician on January 7, 2008. Previously assigned to Station 4. Recipient of the Unit of the Month in 2011 and 2012 and a Proclamation from City Hall in 2012. Holds a BA degree in Business Administration from Berkeley College. Resides in Corona, Queens, with his son, Francis.*

the rising waters. EMT Arroyo pulled a second victim from the sunroof of the vehicle and then passed the person off to EMT Guailacela. With the flood waters still rapidly rising and the car now completely submerged, EMT Arroyo determined that she would have to remove the last victim herself.

While still on the car roof, EMT Arroyo asked the third victim if she could swim. The reply was only a "little." Although EMT Arroyo is a poor swimmer, she advised her patient that she would not let her swim alone; that she would swim out with her. But before EMT Arroyo attempted to swim with the woman, EMT Guailacela arrived and quickly grabbed the third victim and safely removed her.

With the last victim now safely removed, EMT Arroyo attempted to climb the fence to remove herself from the roof of the submerged vehicle. However, she felt something pulling her down into the flood waters. Struggling, she realized that her utility belt had gotten caught on something. Remaining calm, she unbuckled the utility belt, freed herself, scaled the fence and wall and joined the three victims in their now-safe location.

Despite the danger and challenging rescues, the EMTs continued their sworn duties, evaluating all three individuals who had no physical complaints, but an abundance of gratitude for the pair who had "saved our lives." For their bravery and dedication above and beyond the call of duty, the Department is proud to present the Christopher J. Prescott Medal to EMT Jimmy M. Guailacela and to the second woman in FDNY's history to receive the Christopher J. Prescott Medal--EMT Marilyn L. Arroyo.--JP



A happy reunion as EMTs Jimmy Guailacela and Marilyn Arroyo pose with the three victims they successfully removed from a nearly submerged automobile following a flash flood.  
photo by New York Daily News





# Hugh Bonner Medal Honor Legion Medal

## FIREFIGHTER THOMAS J. FEE

### *SQUAD COMPANY 270 (ASSIGNED)*

### *SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND (DETAILED)*

**October 29, 2012, 2000 hours, Box 1377, Queens**

*Appointed to the FDNY on November 22, 1998. Brothers, FF Francis Fee, Jr., is assigned to Rescue 1, and Lieutenant John T. Fee, II, is assigned to Ladder 158. Member of the Emerald Society and the FDNY Lacrosse Team. Resides in Freeport, Long Island.*

The night of Hurricane Sandy was one that we all remember, some because we were in it and some because we watched it on television. There are 13 New Yorkers—including a pregnant woman and several children—who will never forget it, nor will they forget FF Thomas Fee, Squad 270, who played a major role in their survival.

On that night, October 29, 2012, FF Fee was assigned to Swift Water Team 6, consisting of a spare pumper and a boat for water emergencies. The raging storm and rising flood waters put numerous people in jeopardy and, as a result, Swift Water Team 6 was having a busy night. There were 80-mph winds and the storm surge had risen to five feet in some areas. The flood waters raced like an angry river through the streets, carrying all sorts of debris floating on its surface, as well as hidden beneath the surface. The overhead power lines were in danger of falling into the waters below, adding yet another level of danger to rescuers' efforts.

By 2000 hours, FF Fee already had put in more than a day's work; he had helped to remove several trapped people from buildings and pulled others out of the raging, chest-high flood waters. At that time, the members of Swift Water Team 6 encountered several buildings engulfed in flames on Rockaway Beach Boulevard and 114th Street. The hurricane-force winds drove the fire toward 13 trapped people, who had taken refuge on the roof of a building next to those on fire. Forced to the roof by the rising water, engulfed in smoke and facing an advancing, wind-driven fire, they were understandably panicked. In desperation, two of them jumped into the water. One of the jumpers was on fire. Quick action by Swift Water Team 6 members pulled both into the boat before they were swept away by the angry waters.

Quick action was needed to rescue the remaining trapped people. The fire threatened to engulf the building that was their refuge. Dressed in a Mustang suit—a neoprene water survival suit—FF Fee climbed from the boat and onto a security gate. Then, using a knife to cut foot holes into an awning, he climbed up the awning and

onto the roof where the waiting group of frightened victims huddled.

Despite a language barrier, FF Fee calmed them and managed to lower two victims down to the waiting boat. The fire's progress was making the roof untenable and the rescuer knew he had to get the remaining people off the roof and out of the fire's path. There was no time to lower any more of them. Fire had spread to the surface of the roof they were on and the wind-driven smoke made breathing and seeing difficult.

Using his ingenuity, FF Fee obtained a door from the building and bridged the gap to an adjoining building, exposure #2, with the door. He then safely shepherded the victims across the alley, through a window and into the rear apartment of the adjoining building. Using the same door as a barrier, he tried to block the window, hoping to stop or at least delay the fire's extension through it and into their new refuge.

FF Edward Morrison, Rescue 2, forced entry into the building from the flooded street and ascended the stairs, joining FF Fee and the trapped civilians in the rear apartment. The rapidly extending fire now blocked their egress to the street below and their position in the apartment was becoming untenable.

With the help of FF Morrison, FF Fee acquired another door and used it to create a bridge back to the front apartment in the original building. The fire was spreading in the building, but FFs Fee and Morrison were able to evacuate the group down the stairs and out of the building into the waiting boat. The building then became engulfed in fire.

FF Fee, despite being equipped for water rescue as opposed to structural firefighting, saw the imminent peril that threatened 13 panicked civilians and took quick and decisive action to save lives. Surrounded by danger—a rapidly spreading, wind-driven fire, flooding and hurricane-force winds—FF Thomas Fee risked his life to save 13 people from the double threat of fire and water. For his initiative, determination and bravery, he is presented with the Hugh Bonner Medal and Honor Legion Medal.--FM



**The brothers Fee--Lieutenant John, Ladder 158, and FF Thomas, Squad 270.**



# Emily Trevor/ Mary B. Warren Medal FIREFIGHTER KEVIN M. McCABE ENGINE COMPANY 48

April 14, 2012, 1311 hours, Box 44-3217, Bronx

*Appointed to the FDNY on November 19, 2006. Member of the Emerald Society. Veteran of the Army. Resides in Slate Hill, New York, with his wife, Deb, and their daughter, Kayleigh.*



Many Firefighters can have a long, outstanding career without ever making a successful rescue. Timing and being in the right place are critical to many rescues. Such was the case for an April 14, 2012, fire in the Bronx. FF Kevin M. McCabe was in position to rescue a Brother Firefighter as he faced his toughest challenge.

At 1311 hours that April day, the Bronx Communications Office received a report of a building fire. Box 3217 was transmitted. The first unit to arrive at this location notified responding units of a serious fire and heavy smoke condition at this address. The fire building was a three-story, wood-frame, 25-by 95-foot, occupied multiple dwelling, with four apartments on the upper floors and a church on the first floor.

While en route and alerted to a serious fire, the members of Engine 48 were prepared for any assignment given to their unit. Through company drills and other training, they were taught to expect the unexpected. Shortly after initiating operations at this fire, the unexpected did occur.

The fire was spreading throughout the church, extending to the upper floors and already had threatened an adjoining building. With this amount of fire and extension to exposure #2, multiple alarms were transmitted by the Chief in Charge. Engine 48 was operating a hand-line on the first floor, approximately 20 to 25 feet from the front entrance. While moving this charged hose-line forward, extinguishing fire, the floor above collapsed on these members, knocking them down and causing injuries to all members in the vicinity. Engine 48 initially was disoriented from the weight of the debris and the heavy smoke condition.

Although it was chaotic in the area, two members of this unit retrieved and regained control of

the nozzle. They then continued fighting the fire from their position. At this time, two *maydays* were heard over the handie-talkie radio, indicating trapped Firefighters due to the second-floor collapse onto the first floor.

FF McCabe happened to be in the right place and noticed that a trapped Firefighter was nearby. He informed his Officer of this important information. FF McCabe sprang forward, toward the sound of a voice pleading for help. Although injured himself and with no regard to the danger posed by a large fire and high heat condition, FF McCabe climbed over the pile of rubble and collapsed flooring in an effort to free the member trapped by debris.

He worked tirelessly in an attempt to extricate the Firefighter from an unstable pile of rubble. Although exhausted and with visibility obscured due to the smoke in the area, he continued digging by hand without the use of extrication tools. Finally, FF McCabe reached the Firefighter's hand and reassured him that his rescue was imminent.

Efforts by FF McCabe atop the burning collapse pile were remarkable. He was knocked down and injured by the initial collapse, but re-grouped in order to rescue a Brother Firefighter. Conditions at the time of this rescue were difficult, not only due to poor visibility and a heated atmosphere, but because both rescuer and victim were subjected to a possible secondary collapse, which frequently occurs in this kind of situation.

FF McCabe used his courage, tenacity and dedication to overcome all obstacles to effect this rescue. For his heroic actions without regard for his own safety, the Fire Department is proud to honor FF Kevin M. McCabe with the Emily Trevor/Mary B. Warren Medal.--EB



Bronx Box 44-3217, April 14, 2012, the incident for which FF Kevin M. McCabe is being presented with the Emily Trevor/Mary B. Warren Medal.

*photo by Bronx Times*



# Thomas E. Crimmins Medal

## FIREFIGHTER ROBERT F. ANDERSEN

### RESCUE COMPANY 3

April 14, 2012, 1314 hours, Box 44-3217, Bronx

*Appointed to the FDNY on July 25, 1993. Previously assigned to Ladder 154. Father, FF Robert J. Andersen, is retired from Engine 291. Recipient of three Unit Citations. Resides in Cutchogue, Long Island, with his sons, Brenden and Connor.*

The FDNY Firefighter's business is that of saving lives and protecting property. The expertise of the Rescue Companies comes to the fore when it comes to saving the life of one of their own.

Rescue 3 was special-called to Box 3217 for a fire in a three-story, wood-frame, multiple dwelling on April 14, 2012, at 1314 hours. Members found fire and smoke issuing from the second and third floors when they arrived. The first floor was occupied by a church. Fire and heavy smoke were coming from the top floor of a two-story brownstone, exposure #2.

Lieutenant Robert Maxwell, Rescue 3, was ordered to send his inside team to the top floor of exposure #2 and his outside team to the roof of the fire building. FF Robert Andersen, Rescue 3's chauffeur, was told to monitor the conditions in the original fire building. Using a thermal imaging camera (TIC), he discovered an extremely hot wall in the staircase. Opening a small hole in the wall, FF Andersen found fire extending upward from the first floor and notified the units operating on the second and third floors, along with the Incident Commander (IC).

FF Andersen dropped down to the first floor and attempted to gain entry to the rear of the church as reports were received of heavy fire and smoke coming from a one-story setback. He exited the hallway and forced open a set of heavy double doors leading to the church sanctuary from the front entrance. After being met by heavy smoke, the Firefighter donned his facepiece and called for a hose-line.

Using the TIC, he made his way to the rear wall where he picked up a very high heat condition. FF Andersen returned to the vestibule and met the members of Engine 48 with a hose-line and FF Patrick Hickey, Rescue 3's irons Firefighter.

FFs Andersen and Hickey and the members of Engine 48 began advancing toward the rear, simultaneously monitoring conditions over and behind them. These members moved about 10 feet deep into the sanctuary, passing through the vestibule of the church. Without warning, a three-by-four-foot piece of heavy, one-inch sheetrock crashed down, hitting the members of Engine 48. The one-inch sheetrock was used to soundproof the church from the apartments above and had created a plenum space that allowed fire to travel undetected in the ceiling of the church.

Ladder 41 transmitted that there were heavy

fire conditions on the second and third floors. FF Andersen notified the IC that conditions on the first floor were deteriorating and that members were retreating to the vestibule to regroup.

FF Andersen and the other members had advanced approximately 20 feet inside the first floor in heavy smoke and zero visibility when the second and third floors crashed. The force of the collapse knocked FF Andersen off his feet, back onto Engine 48. The power of the collapse ripped the TIC and flashlight off his bunker coat; they were lost in the debris pile.

Stunned and initially disoriented, FF Andersen regained his bearings and crawled over to FF Hickey, who was partially buried. He assisted him from the debris. The burning roof and top floor had pancaked down, driving the second floor into the first, leaving a lean-to-type collapse from the rear to the front.

FF Andersen could hear screams for help coming from the debris pile. A Firefighter was operating a hose-line on the second floor, protecting the escape route for the members on the second and third floors when he was caught in the collapse. He was pinned deep in the burning rubble and running out of air from his SCBA.

FF Andersen began to zero in on the Firefighter's screams and worked his way toward the downed member. With an unstable building above and burning debris around him, FF Andersen reached the Firefighter, who was partially trapped and unable to move. FF Andersen climbed above him and attempted to remove him. Placing himself in an extremely dangerous position, FF Anderson felt the full extent of the heat condition. He removed burning debris by hand, reaching the Firefighter. He was able to turn him far enough to free his tangled facepiece.

FF Hickey came from above and assisted FF Andersen in lifting the Firefighter from the burning pile. He then was handed off to rescuers waiting below, who brought him out to waiting EMS personnel.

Despite being caught in a collapse twice in a short period of time, FF Andersen--working without equipment--assisted one Firefighter in extricating himself from the collapse debris and then proceeded to help rescue another trapped Firefighter. For these reasons, FF Robert F. Andersen is presented with the Thomas E. Crimmins Medal.--AP



The incident for which FF Robert Andersen is awarded the Thomas E. Crimmins Medal, photo by David Handschuh, New York Daily News

# Thomas A. Kenny Memorial Medal

## FIREFIGHTER CHRISTOPHER M. LYNCH

### LADDER COMPANY 2

February 21, 2012, 1407 hours, Box 75-1044, Manhattan

*Appointed to the FDNY on May 31, 2005. Uncle, Battalion Chief Martin Coyne, is retired from Battalion 42 and cousin, Lieutenant Scott Coyne, is assigned to Engine 231. Recipient of one Unit Citation. Holds a BS in Political Science from SUNY at Oneonta. Resides in Merrick, Long Island, with his wife, Margaret, and their sons, Gavin and Mason.*



**H**ook & Ladder 2 was organized in the former quarters of Volunteer Liberty Hook & Ladder 16 at 126 East 50th Street, on September 11, 1865. They moved to their current quarters, with Engine 8 and the 8th Battalion, on September 6, 1961. This firehouse is unique because it is located on two lower floors of a high-rise office building, with the 17th Precinct located next door within the same building.

The first-alarm area of this very busy company consists of high-rise office buildings and apartment houses, as well as Grand Central Station, the United Nations and Rockefeller Center. The East Side Access Underground Construction Project, the largest of its kind in the world, has challenged members of Ladder 2 to adapt to and overcome many unique operational concerns.

On February 21, 2012, Ladder 2 was dispatched first-due to Manhattan Box 1044 for a phone alarm reporting a fire in apartment 2F on the second floor of a 20-story, fireproof, multiple dwelling. Normally, the company is the assigned FAST unit at this location. However, due to increased fire duty in the area, they were notified that they would be the first-due unit. With the first- and second-due ladder companies committed to another alarm, Manhattan Communications relayed information to Ladder 2 that people were reported trapped in the fire apartment, adding to the urgency of this response.

On arrival, Ladder 2 members found numerous civilians in the street and smoke issuing from two windows on the exposure #1 side of the building. Simultaneously, Lieutenant Carmine Calderaro, Engine 22, gave a report of smoke and heat contaminating the second-floor public hallway. Based on this report, Battalion Chief John Donnelly, Battalion 10, transmitted a 10-77 for this Box.

Ladder 2's inside team--Lieutenant Charles McCormack and FFs Kenneth Kresse with the irons and Christopher Lynch with the extinguisher--entered the building, using scissor stair "B" to access the second floor. As is frequently the case, the scissor stairs had been mislabeled. On the second floor, stair "B" now was labeled as stair "A." Lieutenant McCormack quickly relayed this vital information to Chief Donnelly so that all units would be made aware of the problem and

could operate accordingly.

On the fire floor, Lieutenant Calderaro maintained the integrity of the fire apartment door. As the lock was forced, Ladder 2's inside team immediately entered the fire apartment. Conditions inside the apartment featured high heat and dense smoke that resulted in zero visibility. As the inside team moved toward the exposure #1 side of the fire apartment, the heat increased dramatically. The fire had engulfed the living room, blocking access to the remaining two bedrooms of the apartment.

Blinded by dense smoke and feeling pain from the heat permeating through his bunker gear, FF Lynch arrived at the only doorway that provided access to both bedrooms of this irregularly shaped apartment. Passing the raging fire in the living room cut FF Lynch off from the rest of his company and the safety of the protective hose-line being stretched into position.

As FF Lynch pressed on into one of the rear bedrooms, he was forced to expel what remained in his 2½-gallon water extinguisher. While conducting a rapid search for life in this rear bedroom, under extremely dangerous conditions, FF Lynch found an unconscious and partially burned female fire victim.

After transmitting a 10-45 for the victim, FF Lynch discovered that his only way out was through the second-floor rear bedroom windows, which were blocked by heavy-gauge window bars. The Firefighter transmitted this information to his Officer and continued to shield the woman from the fire's heat as Engine 22 knocked down the free-burning living room fire.

Lieutenant McCormack arrived at FF Lynch's position and the two members removed the victim to the public hallway. In the hallway, she was turned over to a CFRD engine company, whose members brought her to Paramedics in the lobby of the building. This woman owes her life to the bravery of FF Lynch.

Ladder 2 has a proud history, recognized for 24 Unit Citations and home to 34 individual medal winners, including James Gordon Bennett Medal winners in 1880 and 1943. Today, Ladder 2 continues its medal tradition as FF Christopher M. Lynch, for his bravery and determination, is presented with the Thomas A. Kenny Memorial Medal.--PWB



FF Christopher Lynch operates at Manhattan crane collapse in 2008.





# Walter Scott Medal

## FIREFIGHTER PATRICK J. HICKEY

### RESCUE COMPANY 3

April 14, 2012, 1314 hours, Box 44-3217, Bronx

*Appointed to the FDNY on April 15, 1989. Previously assigned to Engine 276 and Squad 41. Resides in East Islip, Long Island. He has two children, Patrick and Kerry Lynn.*

The original FDNY Rescue Company was formed to rescue downed or trapped Firefighters. The unwritten rule is, "When the public needs help, they call the Fire Department. But when the Firefighter needs help, they call the Rescue."

On April 14, 2012, at 1314 hours, Rescue 3 was special-called to Box 3217, for a fire in a three-story, wood-frame, multiple dwelling; the first floor was occupied by a church. On arrival, Rescue 3 members found fire and smoke issuing from the second and third floors.

Additionally, fire and heavy smoke were issuing from the top floor of a two-story brownstone, exposure #2. Lieutenant Robert Maxwell, Rescue 3, reported in to Battalion Chief John Gleason, Battalion 18. He was ordered to split his team, sending the inside team to the top floor of exposure #2 and the outside team to the roof of the fire building.

FF Patrick Hickey, assigned the irons, was completing a search of the top-floor apartments in exposure #2 when Lieutenant Maxwell advised him that he observed smoke and fire coming from a one-story setback behind the fire building. FF Robert Andersen, Rescue 3's chauffeur, gave a radio transmission that heat and smoke were in the first-floor church sanctuary.

After being ordered to assist him, FF Hickey met FF Andersen and Engine 48 members in the vestibule and placed a small hole in the ceiling to ensure that no fire was extending overhead. Once Engine 48's hose-line was in position, FF Hickey continued to search for extending fire.

These members were about 10 feet into the sanctuary, passing through the vestibule of the church when, without warning, a three- by four-foot piece of heavy, one-inch sheetrock crashed down, hitting Engine 48 members. Simultaneously, Ladder 41 gave a radio transmission of heavy fire conditions on the second and third floors. FFs Hickey and Andersen and the members of Engine 48 started to retreat to the vestibule to regroup.

FF Hickey and the other members were approximately 20 feet inside the first floor in heavy smoke and zero visibility when a thunderous crash of the second and third floors occurred. FF Hickey was knocked to the floor by the burning debris. Able to partially free himself and regain his composure, he tried to reach for his radio and transmit a *mayday*, but realized it had been sheared off his body, along with his flashlight and tools.

With FF Andersen's assistance, FF Hickey was able to exit from the collapsed debris. The burning roof and top floor pancaked down, driving the second floor into the first floor, leaving a lean-to-type collapse from the rear to the front.

Other members were trapped in the burning debris. Now working without a radio, tools or a light, FF Hickey heard screams for help coming from the debris pile. A Firefighter had been operating a hose-line on the second floor, protecting the escape route for the members on the second and third floors, when he was caught in the collapse. He was pinned deep in the burning rubble and running out of air from his SCBA.

Hearing the Firefighter's calls for help, FF Hickey moved to the right of where FF Andersen was working and began removing burning debris by hand. He then crawled into the pile and directed Engine 48's hose-line onto the fire that was threatening the Firefighter and also making the pile more unstable.

FFs Hickey and Andersen climbed to the top of the debris pile. With his remaining strength, FF Hickey reached down to grab the Firefighter to lift him up and out of a void. He then was handed off to rescuers waiting below who brought him out to awaiting EMS personnel.

Despite barely escaping a collapse twice in a short period of time and without the assistance of tools and a radio, FF Hickey remained in a dangerous position to effect the rescue of a trapped Firefighter, using only his hands to remove the burning debris. For his exemplary bravery, FF Patrick J. Hickey is awarded the Walter Scott Medal.--AP



For his efforts in rescuing another Firefighter from a collapse within this structure, FF Patrick J. Hickey is awarded the Walter Scott Medal.

*photo by Daniel Handschuh, New York Daily News*



# John H. Prentice Medal

## FIREFIGHTER MICHAEL J. SHEPHERD

### *SQUAD COMPANY 41*

March 22, 2012, 0754 hours, Box 1527, Manhattan

*Appointed to the FDNY on February 16, 1999. Previously assigned to Ladders 120 and 122. Great grandfather, FF George Von Siebold (deceased), was in FDNY's first class and was retired from Ladder 122 (Ladder 72 when it was the Brooklyn Fire Department), and grandfather, FF Joseph McDonald (deceased), was a member of Engine 207. Recipient of a Unit Citation. Resides in Brooklyn, New York.*



One of the most interesting aspects of working in a Squad Company is that each call requires a different set of skills. A Squad Firefighter is trained and equipped to handle everything from a medical emergency, to a rapidly spreading fire, or from a terrorist attack, to a technical rescue. On an early March morning, FF Michael J. Shepherd, Squad 41, displayed his multiple skills at a building collapse to help effect the rescue of a trapped construction worker.

At 0752 hours, FDNY units were dispatched to Box 1527 for a reported building collapse with reports of people trapped. On Squad 41's arrival, Captain Michael Everett was informed by Battalion Chief Raymond Sessa, Battalion 16, that three workers were trapped. A 75- by 40-foot section of building undergoing demolition had suddenly collapsed. The building was an old warehouse constructed of brick walls and reinforced cement floors. Captain Everett was apprised that one worker was in the process of being removed, while a second was still trapped. The third worker was unaccounted for.

FF Shepherd was ordered to work on freeing the trapped worker. He entered a void that was created by the lean-to collapse and found a man buried by debris. Only the victim's mouth and nose were exposed, while the rest of his body was buried and pinned under collapsed, intact brick wall sections, concrete and metal. FF Shepherd determined that the man was viable and lucid.

the victim, FF Shepherd crawled into the void on his stomach, shoring the void as he moved in deeper. FF Shepherd initially used wood and other loose debris to quickly stabilize a one-ton piece of concrete that was hanging precariously above him. At any time, the concrete could have shifted, instantly crushing both rescuer and victim.

As wedges, 4 by 4s, struts and other kinds of shoring material were requested, FF Shepherd continued crawling, lifting and removing heavy pieces of brick until he finally reached the victim. FF Shepherd took the man's vital signs and assured him that he would be freed.

Assisted by FF Michael Rayeur, Squad 41, and members of Rescue 1, FF Shepherd worked to remove the heavy wall that lay on top of the victim. One wrong movement of this piece of wall could have sent it sliding down, crushing the victim's head. The Firefighters were able to secure the intact brick wall and then break it apart safely. Only after this long

and arduous task was completed was the man finally freed.

Endorsing FF Shepherd, Deputy Chief James Nichols, Division 6, stated, "that FF Shepherd placed himself at...personal risk to save the life of the victim. His position under the rubble was precarious at best and his bravery resulted in saving the life of the victim."

For these reasons, the FDNY is pleased to present FF Michael J. Shepherd with the John H. Prentice Medal.--AP



In order to reach The Manhattan building collapse scene from which FF Michael Shepherd removed a victim.

*photo by the New York Daily News*



# Henry D. Brookman Medal

## FIREFIGHTER ROBERT J. ROSCHBACH

### LADDER COMPANY 83

February 8, 2012, Box 75-0739, 1250 hours, Staten Island

*Appointed to the FDNY on February 2, 2003. Member of the FDNY Rifle and Revolver Association. Holds an AA degree in Liberal Arts from the College of Staten Island. Resides in Staten Island, New York.*

It was 1250 hours on a cold February 8, 2012, when the computer rang out in the quarters of Engine 163 and Ladder 83 on Staten Island with a report of a fire in a multiple dwelling. FF Robert J. Roschbach and the other members of both companies quickly responded to a fire at Box 0739.

Because of the circuitous route they had to take to reach the fire location, the members could see smoke and knew they had a working fire while they were still approaching the blaze. However, it was not until they arrived in front of the two-story multiple dwelling that they witnessed heavy, black smoke and flames shooting from the picture window on the second floor.

FF Roschbach, along with the other member of the forcible entry team, FF James Long, Ladder 83--led by Lieutenant Albert Kessner, Battalion 21, quickly forced entry to the front door and proceeded to the second floor. When they forced the door to the apartment on the second floor, they were enveloped by a heavy, black, acrid smoke and encountered visible fire three feet inside of the apartment, with flames rolling across the ceiling toward them.

With no hose-line yet in place, FF Long directed the fire extinguisher at the flames, holding them back to enable FF Roschbach to dash past the main body of fire toward the rear. Under high heat and near-zero visibility, FF Roschbach crawled beneath the searing wall of flame 20 feet to the rear.

Searching along the wall, he encountered the door to a rear bedroom and opened it. Entering the bedroom and using only his sense of touch, FF Roschbach began to search in still near-zero visibility. Methodically working his way around the room as thoroughly as possible, he realized that time was not on his side to find a viable victim.

Encountering the bed, he swept his arm across it and felt the unconscious and non-breathing victim, a 50-year-old woman. Transmitting a signal 10-45, he pulled the woman from the bed and began to drag her under the still-rolling flames, toward the apartment entrance.

The melted lamps on nightstands on both sides of the bed and melted wall light switch, noted in the fire report, are indicative of the high heat condition that existed during this daring rescue. FF Long had nearly expended what little water he had to challenge such an inferno.

FF Roschbach realized he had to swiftly remove his victim, who now was showing little sign of life. As he dragged her down past the members of Engine 163, who still were waiting for water to attack the blaze, he hoped that his efforts had been enough. After he had dragged her down to the first floor, he was relieved by members of Engine 157. They began to work feverishly on the victim to make sure that FF Roschbach's heroic efforts were not in vain.

After several minutes of CPR and rescue breathing, they were able to re-establish breathing and the woman was transported by EMS personnel to the hospital. Had FF Roschbach not risked his own life in order to remove this victim before a charged line was in place, she might not have had a second

chance at life. Regretfully, even FF Roschbach's heroic efforts and the best medical care were not enough to save the woman, who succumbed to her injuries several days later.

For the great courage and determination exhibited in this daring rescue, the Fire Department of the City of New York is proud to present the Henry D. Brookman Medal to FF Robert J. Roschbach.--JT



FF Robert J. Roschbach and Ladder 83 members--whose teamwork he acknowledges and appreciates--following the rescue of a woman from a multiple dwelling fire.

# Chief Ulyses Grant Leadership Medal

## EMS DEPUTY CHIEF MARTIN J. BRAUN

### *DIVISION 5*

October 29, 2012, 2015 hours, Brighton Beach, Brooklyn

*Appointed to EMS as an Emergency Medical Technician on December 16, 1991. Previously assigned to EMS Operations and Divisions 2 and 3. Holds a BS degree in Business Administration from St. John's University. Resides in Bellerose, New York.*



Professionally, sons frequently follow in the footsteps of their fathers. In this case, EMS Deputy Chief Martin J. Braun seems to have inherited his EMS genes from both parents, who served as volunteer EMTs (his mother still maintains her certification). These genetics served him well on October 29, 2012, when Hurricane Sandy unleashed its wrath on New York City, with sustained winds of more than 70 mph and storm surges the likes of which this City has never experienced before. The small waterfront community of Brighton Beach, Brooklyn, quickly fell prey to the storm's destruction as the Atlantic Ocean inundated the area.

At about 2015 hours, Chief Braun, designated as 5 South car, arrived at the Fire/EMS Command Post located at Banner Avenue, which fringes this small, beachfront community. He was investigating a report of three FDNY ambulances that had become disabled in the rising flood waters, forcing the crews to abandon their vehicles and seek the safety of higher ground. Torrents of rain, mixed with flying street signs and tree limbs, pelted the Command Post, as the flickering streetlights yielded their last glimmers of light. The entire area now was thrust into an eerie darkness.

*Help! Help! Help me, please! My mother is trapped in the house, in Brighton. She's in a wheelchair and not breathing well. Someone help!* Chief Braun now was faced with an entirely new situation that tested the limits of his resolve. Guided by his sworn conviction to help, he assembled a small volunteer task force, including himself, a National Guardsman and EMTs Christopher Russo and Thomas Kartelias.

Chief Braun, along with his crew, abandoned the relative safety of the Command Post to render aid to the sick woman. The Humvee labored through darkness and surging currents of the Atlantic toward the woman's address. Deeper and deeper, they forged into the previously evacuated area, deemed inaccessible to emergency personnel. Chief Braun positioned himself on the passenger-side roof of the vehicle, scanning the

addresses with a searchlight.

Anxiously, he watched as the water surged over the hood of the Humvee, dangerously close to the intake snorkel. After perching the vehicle on slightly higher ground, Chief Braun and the two EMTs took to the water. They waded into the storm surge, which often was four to five feet high and smelled of raw sewage and heating oil. Each step became more precarious as submersed debris and displaced manhole covers were felt atop the submerged pavement.

Arriving at the given address--a small bungalow--the team found the front stoop was completely submersed. The water surged around the building, similar to a lighthouse in the ocean. Making their way into the home, they found the patient. With no power available, they assessed the emotionally distraught woman. She was anxiety-ridden, due to the uncertainty of her situation, but found to be in stable condition physically.

The rescuers were forced to decide whether it would be safer for the marginally disabled woman to shelter in place or be carried into the darkness, where potential danger awaited. Chief Braun requested the status of a Swiftwater Rescue boat. Learning that none was available, he decided that she would be safer sheltering in place, rather than being carried out into the now-diminishing storm. After spending approximately one-half hour with the victim, reassuring her that EMS would respond immediately if the weather conditions worsened, she was left

with her home care attendant.

Weary and drenched, they started back through the dangerous waters, heading for the Command Post. Along the way, the rescuers facilitated additional evacuations.

After this, Chief Braun and the task force took refuge at the 61st Precinct, before completing the remainder of their tour. For exhibiting sound decision-making that was instrumental to rescuing numerous civilians from the ravages of Hurricane Sandy, EMS Deputy Chief Martin J. Braun is honored with the Chief Ulyses Grant Leadership Medal.--MT







# M.J. Delehanty Medal

## FIREFIGHTER CHRISTOPHER T. O'BRIEN

### LADDER COMPANY 56

June 9, 2012, 0316 hours, Box 22-3356, Bronx

*Appointed to the FDNY on August 11, 1991. Previously assigned to Engine 48. Member of the Emerald Society. Recipient of a Class B and two Unit Citations. Veteran of the Marine Corps. Resides in Hartsdale, New York, with his daughter, Makenzie.*

**F**ires occurring in occupied multiple dwellings--especially in the early-morning hours--generally are an indication that people are trapped and in need of assistance. Such was the case on June 9, 2012, at Box 3356 in the Bronx. The involved fire building is a six-story, non-fireproof, H-type multiple dwelling, measuring 150- by 175-feet, consisting of 12 apartments on each floor.

At 0316 hours, numerous phone calls were received at the Bronx Fire Communications Office for smoke in this building and a fire in apartment 6L, with children trapped. This information was transmitted to the local firehouses, including first-due Ladder 56. Combining a fast turnout, quick response and heroic actions are the necessary elements to lessen the severity of injuries, if, in fact, occupants are trapped. Because of their training and experience, the members of Ladder 56 were up to this task.

On arrival, members were confronted with a heavy fire issuing from the kitchen windows in the throat on the sixth floor, blocking the fire escape. Heavy, black smoke was coming from all other windows in this area. Brickwork was spalling from the intensity of the fire, causing shards to rain down into the entrance court.

Battalion Chief Thomas Riley, Battalion 19, and the Officer of Ladder 56, Lieutenant William Kearns, were informed by a female occupant that her husband and two small children were still in the fire apartment. The members of Ladder 56 sized up the situation and realized the arduous task ahead of them, knowing that it would be a challenge to rescue any trapped civilians in the fire apartment.

When FF Christopher O'Brien reached the sixth-floor hallway, he was met with extremely heavy, black smoke and a high heat condition because the fire apartment door had been left open. He donned his facepiece and crawled about 50 feet to the fire apartment from the

interior stairway. FF O'Brien noticed that fire was rolling out of the first room on the right, just inside the fire apartment. He dropped to the floor and began to crawl underneath the flames that were pushing out from the kitchen.

At this time, FF Ronald Littlejohn, Ladder 56, was using a water extinguisher to try to hold back the fire from endangering the rescuer. FF O'Brien placed himself in a hazardous position, but knew it was necessary if he was to make a search for trapped civilians. While making a thorough search beyond the fire, he came upon an unconscious male adult lying on the floor. He communicated this information to his Officer and then began to drag the severely burned man toward the safety of the interior hallway.

The rescue was extremely difficult because most of the victim's clothes were burned off, leaving FF O'Brien with nothing substantial to grip. While removing the unconscious adult in the narrow hallway back toward the entrance door, the Firefighter used his body to shield the victim from the flames and high heat in the kitchen area. Once outside the apartment, FF O'Brien turned the man over to other Firefighters for removal to the building lobby.

FF O'Brien is a true hero by any standard. Due to his courage and physical strength, a male victim was removed from this fire alive. This rescue operation was performed prior to a charged hose-line being in place to protect both rescuer and victim.

Assured that the rescue was completed, FF O'Brien re-entered the fire apartment to continue a search for additional trapped civilians.

FF O'Brien's courage and selfless actions in a dangerous situation without the protection of a charged hose-line resulted in the rescue of a severely burned person. For his initiative and bravery, without regard for his own safety, the Fire Department is proud to honor FF Christopher T. O'Brien with the M.J. Delehanty Medal.--  
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Ladder 56 operated at Bronx Box 22-3194 on January 26, 2007.

*photo by FDNY Photo Unit*



# William F. Conran Medal

## FIREFIGHTER BRANDON L. FROELICH

### *ENGINE COMPANY 265 (ASSIGNED)*

### *LADDER COMPANY 121 (DETAILED)*

October 29, 2012, 1839 hours, Box 1187, Queens

*Appointed to the FDNY on August 5, 2007. Attended Suffolk Community College. Resides in East Quogue, Long Island.*



**W**e all remember where we were when Hurricane Sandy hit. It was one of those events in our lives that will never leave us. Some of us were at our homes, protecting our families and properties, while others were “working the storm,” protecting the lives and properties of others.

The hurricane had hit, the tide had risen and the surge of the ocean was reaching record levels and washing over the Rockaway Peninsula. At 1849 hours, Hook & Ladder 121 responded to Box 1309 for a reported electrical fire.

While responding, Ladder 121 was met with rapidly rising flood waters at Beach Channel Drive and Beach 34th Street and, due to the high water level, was unable to proceed any further to the Box. At this time, an EMS Lieutenant approached Ladder 121 and frantically stated that an ambulance with two EMTs and a female victim were stuck at the corner of Beach Channel Drive and Beach 35th Street. They and their rig had been overcome with the rising flood waters.

Recognizing the seriousness of the situation, Lieutenant Jeffrey Miller and FFs Michael Casey, Brian Dessart and Michael Orosch, all Ladder 121, and FF Brandon L. Froelich--detailed to Ladder 121 for the tour--jumped out of the apparatus into the deep flowing water to rescue the victims by foot. They began the arduous task of walking and swimming through the rising water, now at seven feet. They started out by holding onto each other so as not to be swept away with the strong current produced by the rising tide and severe winds of the hurricane.

After walking with extreme caution in the neck-high water, they traveled about 200 feet, reached the flooded ambulance and saw that the flood waters had completely washed over the hood of the vehicle, filling the front

and rear cabs. While the EMTs were attempting to get to safety with the woman, the swift water swept the victim away.

Through the darkness of the storm and windswept rain of the hurricane, FF Froelich saw the victim in the water, approximately 50 yards away, down Beach 35th Street. She was desperately holding onto an electrical pole to prevent being swept away by the current of the flood waters. FF Froelich, disregarding his safety and without any kind of flotation device, made his way through the almost seven feet of water.

Fighting off the strong water current, the Firefighter reached the female victim. He instructed her to let go of the pole and wrap her arms around his neck and her legs around his waist to prevent her from being swept away so that he could find higher ground. Still fighting the current and flood waters, FF Froelich began to carry her three blocks to the safe area at Beach 32nd Street. There, he was able to deliver her to a waiting ambulance. The victim was handed off to the waiting EMS crew and taken to the quarters of Engine 264/Engine 328/Ladder 134 instead of the nearby hospital. Due to the flooding, the hospital was unreachable. At the firehouse, assistance was rendered to the victim.

If not for FF Froelich's actions--at risk to his own safety--the victim surely would have been overcome and swept away into the night by the cold, rapid flood waters. Battalion Chief Michael McGrath, Battalion 47, stated that, “FF Froelich displayed courage and initiative under severe conditions. If not for his quick actions, the woman would have perished.”

It is with great honor that the FDNY, the City of New York and its grateful citizens recognize FF Brandon L. Froelich with the William F. Conran Medal.--TW



Evident are the brutal Hurricane Sandy conditions encountered by FF Brandon L. Froelich during his rescue of a woman.



# Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia Medal

## LIEUTENANT GILBERT MONTALVO, II LADDER COMPANY 86

November 30, 2011, 1947 hours, Box 33-1956, Staten Island

*Appointed to the FDNY on February 17, 1987. Previously assigned to Engines 247 and 282 and Ladders 79 and 148. Brother, FF Roger Montalvo, is retired from Engine 201. Recipient of a Unit Citation. Veteran Sergeant with the 101st Cavalry 42nd Rainbow Division. Resides on Staten Island with his four children, Michael, Alec, Amanda and Danielle.*

At 1947 hours when the computer printed out a report of a fire at Box 1956, the evening tour of November 30, 2011, had just gotten underway for the members of Engine 166 and Ladder 86 on Staten Island. A quick turnout had the companies on their way to the fire by the time the dispatcher reported that there were reports of people trapped on the second floor.

As they approached the location, the large volume of smoke warned the Firefighters that there was a heavy fire condition and, if people were trapped, the rescuers had a tough job ahead of them. Lieutenant Gilbert Montalvo, II, Ladder 86, was commanding the company that night and transmitted a signal 10-75 while they were still approaching the fire.

When Ladder 86 pulled up in front of the three-story multiple dwelling, heavy, acrid, black smoke was pouring from every window on all three floors. The Lieutenant later learned that the fire had started in the rear of the first floor and spread. The heavy volume of smoke obscured the rescuers' view of a door in the garage area on the first floor, but they knew they had to find a way to reach the seat of the blaze. A front door--barely visible--up a set of steps seemed to be the only approach.

Lieutenant Montalvo led the forcible entry Firefighters--Robert Conigliaro, Ladder 86, and Brandon Trifeletti, Engine 166--as they raced to this position on the second floor. This fortuitous move led them closer to the victim, who was reported to be trapped. As they forced the front door, they were enveloped in a heavy, black smoke that rolled out as they entered to search. In zero visibility, Lieutenant Montalvo and FF Conigliaro worked their way up the small flight of stairs to the second level of the apartment. Using their sense of touch, they worked their way around the wall

and down the hall.

The heat was increasing rapidly as they continued their search. They were almost directly over the fire when the pair heard someone faintly calling out. The rescuers knew they had to continue because anyone in this apartment could not survive long in such rapidly deteriorating conditions.

The heavy smoke conditions made the rescuers' task even more difficult. Approximately 20 feet into the apartment, the Lieutenant and Firefighter came to a space in the wall that led to the kitchen and bathroom. On the floor, Lieutenant Montalvo and FF Conigliaro found the nearly unconscious form of a 40-year-old man. The Lieutenant transmitted a signal 10-45 to let other responders know that a victim had been located. The pair began to consider options for removing the victim to safety.

Fire from the rear bedroom now had begun to travel on the ceiling overhead and the Lieutenant and Firefighter were forced to drag the man back through the same route that they had used to enter. Purposefully, they dragged the victim toward the front door; there was no hose-line in place to contain the fire roaring at their backs.

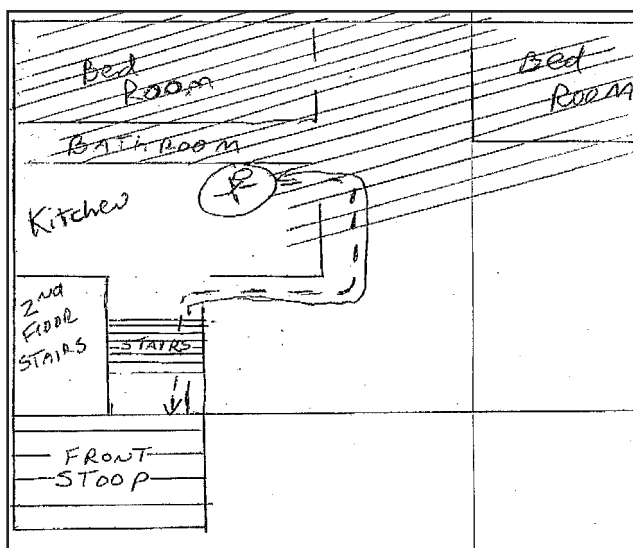


Diagram depicts the route taken by Lieutenant Gilbert Montalvo during his rescue of a male victim.

When Lieutenant Montalvo and FF Conigliaro brought the victim out to the front of the building, they were relieved from his care by EMS personnel.

Had it not been for the great leadership, bravery and persistence demonstrated by Lieutenant Montalvo in searching for, finding and removing this victim, without the protection of a hand-line, the male victim surely would have perished. For these reasons, FDNY is pleased to award the Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia Medal to Lieutenant Gilbert Montalvo, II.--JT

# Chief John J. McElligott Medal/ FFs Fitzpatrick and Frisby Award

## FIREFIGHTER TIMOTHY P. HARRIS

### LADDER COMPANY 30

May 28, 2012, 0157 hours, Box 75-1563, Manhattan

*Appointed to the FDNY on August 16, 1998. Previously assigned to Engines 72 and 59. Father, FF Patrick Harris, is retired from Battalion 26; uncle, Lieutenant Raymond Callinan, is retired from Ladder 17; and father-in-law, FF Maurice Lacey, is retired from Rescue 3. Member of the Emerald Society. Holds a BS degree in Computer Information Systems from Manhattan College. Resides in Blauvelt, New York, with his wife, Patricia, and their three daughters, twins Katie and Kelly, 10, and Tara, 12.*



**W**hat makes a Firefighter? Is it being part of a quick turnout? Is it the ability to quickly don one's SCBA? Is it maintaining the apparatus and tools? None of these makes someone a Firefighter. A characteristic that does make a good Firefighter, however, is that he or she does not hesitate. A Firefighter does what needs to be done to protect life and property. If a person needs help, a Firefighter doesn't think about it; he/she reacts and takes action.

So, in the wee hours on the morning of May 28, 2012, FF Timothy Harris demonstrated why he is called "a Firefighter." Ladder 30 turned out for a reported fire in a 14-story, 100-by-100-foot, project-type building. As the company arrived at the location, members observed a heavy volume of fire blasting out of two windows on the first floor. A panicked man advised the members that his grandmother was still in the fire apartment.

FF Harris was assigned the irons position for the tour, responsible for ensuring entrance to the fire area and conducting a search for any potential victims. As he entered the lobby door, he was met with extremely high heat and dense smoke. So untenable was the environment that FF Harris and the other members of the inside team--Lieutenant James Tierney and FF Robert Hodges, Ladder 30--were immediately forced to the floor. The conditions indicated that the apartment door had been left open and fire was advancing rapidly.

Making his way to the apartment itself, FF Harris and the others found a heavy volume of fire at the front of the flat. Knowing that someone was trapped and in peril, FF Harris immediately made an aggressive move past the fire which, by then, had consumed the front of the apartment.

FF Harris crawled deeper into the flat and entered a cluttered rear bedroom. Once there, he located an unconscious woman on the side of a bed. The size of the victim dictated that FF Harris remove the woman through the apartment's front door. He rolled the victim to the window to enable her to get a few breaths of fresh air. Knowing that the contents of the water extinguisher carried by FF Hodges was expended, but with a hose-line (which required a 13-length stretch) finally brought into the apartment, FF Harris--assisted by his Lieutenant--dragged the woman through the flames and the apartment clutter to the door. With an extraordinary display of courage and employing all of his strength, he successfully removed the woman from harm's way.

Although overcome by smoke and suffering severe burns, the woman is alive today, thanks to FF Harris. Without hesitation, he performed an extremely taxing rescue that surely saved the life of the apartment's occupant. He did so by relying on his training and experience, coupled with sheer tenacity. His actions are a credit to anyone who can be called "a Firefighter."

Today, the FDNY proudly honors and commends FF Timothy P. Harris for his courage. Therefore, he is presented with the Chief John J. McElligott Medal/FFs Fitzpatrick and Frisby Award.--BDG



FF Timothy Harris with members of Ladder 30 following rescue at Manhattan Box 75-1563. (Inset) FF Harris following a job.





# Thomas F. Dougherty Medal

## FIREFIGHTER JOSEPH V. ADINOLFI, III

### LADDER COMPANY 102

October 29, 2012, Breezy Point, Queens

*Appointed to the FDNY on February 8, 1998. Previously assigned to Engine 209. Brother, Lieutenant John Adinolfi, is assigned to Ladder 152. Member of the Columbia Association. Attended Kingsborough College. Resides in Breezy Point, Queens, with his wife, Jennifer, and their daughters, Jordyn, Julia and Jacqueline.*

When a Firefighter makes a save during a tour of duty, it is a great day. How to describe rescuing nine people? That is truly an extraordinary day and one that FF Joseph V. Adinolfi, III, Ladder 102, and the nine people he saved will remember forever. Hurricane Sandy was a Category 2 storm that ravaged the East Coast of the United States on Monday, October 29, 2012. The boroughs of Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island suffered devastating amounts of damage from the storm's surges and powerful winds, leaving thousands of New Yorkers stranded, seeking shelter and help.

FF Adinolfi was off-duty and at home as Hurricane Sandy was hitting the south shore of Queens with strong winds and a rapidly rising tide. After ensuring that his family was removed from the area and safely ensconced, FF Adinolfi remained in Breezy Point to safeguard his home and surrounding property.

As the storm worsened and intensified, a large fire engulfed several homes in the immediate vicinity of FF Adinolfi's house. Realizing that the fire could possibly spread in the direction of his home, he quickly grabbed a few personal effects, his cellular phone and a life vest.

While leaving his house, FF Adinolfi heard several frantic cries for help. He determined the cries were coming from a group of women who were hanging onto a submerged SUV in a large parking lot located directly behind his home. FF Adinolfi immediately donned his life vest, entered the rising flood waters--now above his head--and began swimming toward the women. He swam approximately 75 yards before reaching the three women, who were stranded with numerous pets. The Firefighter successfully rescued each of the women individually and also swam with the large pet carrier, containing four dogs, back to his house.

Once FF Adinolfi safely

secured all three women, they informed him that there were two additional victims stranded in the same parking lot with vehicles dangerously floating around them. He located the two victims--an adult male and his female aide--both of whom were clinging onto a chain-link fence so they would not be swept away by the rising water. FF Adinolfi entered the water a second time and swam more than 100 yards to reach these two victims. With great difficulty, he was able to remove both victims from the water and get them safely to his house.

After ensuring that the five victims were safe, FF Adinolfi entered the flood waters for a third time after locating additional people in need of assistance. He removed four more adults from their homes and guided them back to his home. Once back at his house, he provided each of the victims with clean clothes and shelter until he felt it was safe to relocate to higher ground later in the evening.

In total, FF Adinolfi rescued nine adults, four dogs, one cat and a 50-year-old parrot. He brought them back to his house and provided safety and shelter for all of them. One of the truly amazing acts performed by FF Adinolfi, as well as many FDNY members who worked throughout and following the storm, was the follow-up care and help provided to victims. Bringing these victims to his own residence truly epitomizes the selfless attitude and dedication of this Firefighter.

Due to FF Adinolfi's heroic actions during the height of Hurricane Sandy, nine individuals were saved. For his initiative, bravery and determination--as well as his exceptional devotion to the care and comfort of those he rescued--FF Joseph V. Adinolfi, III, is recognized by the Fire Department with the Thomas F. Dougherty Medal.--KC



FF Joseph V. Adinolfi, III, with members of Ladder 102.

# Albert S. Johnston Medal

## LIEUTENANT KEVIN T. SHERIDAN *ENGINE COMPANY 34*

September 15, 2012, 1949 hours, Box 75-0815, Manhattan

*Appointed to the FDNY on July 9, 1995. Previously assigned to Engine 81 and Ladder 46. Father, Captain Daniel Sheridan, is retired from Division 6. Recipient of two Unit Citations. Resides in Greenwood Lake, New York, with his children, Sierra, Kacey and Robert.*



In the early-evening hours of September 15, 2012, Engine 34 was dispatched first-due to Box 815, a single-room occupancy residence hotel. The normally assigned units to this Box were investigating several reports of smoke in the area two blocks away and the assigned truck to Box 815 reported to the Manhattan borough dispatcher that they would be delayed due to heavy traffic.

As Lieutenant Kevin Sheridan and Engine 34 traveled north on Eighth Avenue, the dispatchers reported that they were receiving numerous calls for a confirmed fire on the first floor with persons trapped. Turning the corner on West 45th Street, civilians were waving the rescuers in and Lieutenant Sheridan saw heavy smoke in the block.

On arrival, heavy fire was blowing out the first-floor rear windows. He transmitted the 10-75 signal, ordered his members to stretch a line and entered the building to assess the situation. In the lobby, while performing his size-up, the Lieutenant was met by the security officer who confirmed that a wheelchair-bound occupant was trapped in the rear of the building.

With the assigned truck delayed and additional units dispatched on the 10-75 still a few minutes away, Lieutenant Sheridan knew he could not delay. He had to begin a search for the trapped occupant. He ordered his Firefighters to stretch a hose-line.

Opening the smoke doors to the hallway that led to the fire apartment, Lieutenant Sheridan was confronted with high heat and smoke banked down to the floor. Most likely, this meant that the door to the fire room had been left open. He proceeded down the long hall, searching the individ-

ual rooms, reaching the room on fire. He observed the door was only partially closed, allowing the intense fire behind it to extend into the hall and impinge on the door to the room across the foyer. It was this room from which the Lieutenant had heard faint tapping on the door.

Lieutenant Sheridan attempted to enter and search when he realized the security chain was in place, indicating the trapped occupant may still be inside. Using his shoulder, he forced his way through the door and into the smoke-filled room, where he found not just one trapped occupant, but two: a 65-year-old woman in her wheelchair and a 57-year-old man on the floor near the door.

Realizing their room was becoming increasingly untenable, Lieutenant Sheridan determined the two occupants had to be evacuated immediately. Grabbing the man by the belt with one hand and pushing the woman in her wheelchair with the other, he shielded the pair from the lapping flames and exited the room, past the fire, heat and smoke, back down the hallway to safety. The two victims, suffering from smoke inhalation, were handed off to Firefighters, who brought them outside to waiting EMS personnel. Then, the Lieutenant rejoined Engine 34 to supervise the hose-line operations.

Both of these victims survived the incident due to the quick and decisive actions taken by Lieutenant Sheridan. He conducted this search with courage and tenacity without the protection of a charged hose-line in place and the benefit of thermal imaging camera technology, putting his own safety at risk.

For his heroic actions, Lieutenant Kevin T. Sheridan is awarded the Albert S. Johnston Medal.--CF



Lieutenant Kevin T. Sheridan's nozzle team of Engine 34 FFs Marc Morello and Franklin Ucita facilitated the Lieutenant's rescue of two victims at Manhattan Box 75-0815.



# Bella Stiefel Medal

## FIREFIGHTER PAUL E. PATRAS

*LADDER COMPANY 122 (ASSIGNED)*

*MARINE COMPANY 3 (DETAILED)*

**October 29, 2012, 2045 hours, Box 1216, Queens**

*Appointed to the FDNY on May 5, 2002. Previously assigned to Engine 220. Twin brother, FF Peter Patras, is assigned to Engine 247. Recipient of one Service Rating B and one Unit Citation. Attended SUNY at Oneonta. Resides in Brooklyn, New York, with his wife, Kimberly.*

Extraordinary events dictate extraordinary responses. Hurricane Sandy, which made landfall in the New York City area on Monday, October 29, 2012, was an extraordinary event that will remain in everyone's memory. FDNY members, such as FF Paul E. Patras, Ladder 122, who was detailed to Marine 3, provided the heroics necessary to help assuage this life-threatening incident for many people.

While deploying the 16-foot FDNY Skiff 3 at Beach Channel Drive and Beach 32nd Street, the detailed FFs Patras, Kievon Harper (Ladder 176) and Keith Calabrese (Engine 289) were informed that there were civilians trapped on Beach 44th Street with no means of escape. While launching the skiff, the trio dealt with hurricane-force winds and heavy rain that blew sideways. The skiff almost flipped over before it was launched. They decided to launch the skiff between buildings so they would be able to get it into the water.

Once Skiff 3 was in the water, FF Calabrese, the pilot, navigated the boat west on Beach Channel Drive and turned north on Beach 44th Street, looking for the trapped civilians. While investigating, the members of Skiff 3 noticed a faint flashlight coming from a one-story home on Beach 45th Street, which was unsafe because of exploding transformers.

The Firefighters determined that the safest route to the house on Beach 45th Street was through the vacant lot on Beach 44th Street that was behind the house in question. The vacant lot was surrounded by an eight-foot metal fence and 6½ feet of water, which made the skiff deck the same height as the top of the fence. FF Calabrese carefully maneuvered the skiff around fire hydrants and floating cars and positioned it parallel with the fence so the boat could be tied off to the fence.

FFs Patras and Harper then entered the water with two personal flotation devices (PFDs), not knowing how many civilians were trapped. They swam 50 yards and then tried to find a safe entrance point to remove the trapped occupants. The pair determined that the back of the house was the best way

to get in, but they had to remove debris and backyard furniture first. They then entered the house through the back door and found two women and one man standing on furniture to keep their heads above the rising water.

FFs Patras and Harper removed the three civilians from the house, but since there were only two PFDs, the man was left on a shed with FF Calabrese shining a spotlight on him to keep him in sight. FFs Patras and Harper made a raft out of a wood fence to transport the women to the skiff. The wood fence was converted to a ladder to climb the eight-foot metal fence to the skiff.

Once the women were on the skiff, FFs Patras and Harper swam 50 yards back to the shed to evacuate the man. FF Patras swam underwater to retrieve a six-foot metal ladder to replace the makeshift ladder. The metal ladder facilitated evacuation. The trapped man was lifted onto the improvised raft, transported across the lot and placed in Skiff 3.

As Skiff 3 was departing from the scene with the three civilians, the occupants of a home on Beach 44th Street informed the Firefighters that a pregnant woman at the location was having stomach pains. She was advised to stay on the second floor of the building and wait for the skiff to return and assist her. While transporting the civilians from Beach 45th Street, FF Calabrese had to maneuver the skiff around floating cars and telephone poles. FFs Patras and Harper transported the man and two women to Beach 32nd Street where their care was transferred to FDNY EMS units.

The members of Skiff 3 returned to Beach 44th Street where they evacuated two women, one of whom was pregnant, four children and three infants. They, too, were transported to FDNY EMS units for care.

For his instrumental role in rescuing 12 people during the unimaginable conditions of Hurricane Sandy, FF Paul E. Patras is officially being recognized by the FDNY with the Bella Stiefel Medal.--NG



The brothers Patras--Paul and Peter--when they were Probies.





## Tracy Allen-Lee Medal

October 29, 2012, 2113 hours, Hurricane  
Sandy flooding, Brooklyn



### PARAMEDIC WILLIAM BEDOYA STATION 58

*Appointed to EMS as an Emergency Medical Technician on October 16, 2006. Previously assigned to the Bureau of Training. Currently attending SUNY at Farmingdale, studying security systems. Resides in Westbury, Long Island, with his wife, Loraine, and their son, Willie, and daughter, Cosette.*

### PARAMEDIC JUSTIN MIRO STATION 58

*Appointed to EMS as an Emergency Medical Technician on May 11, 2009. Previously assigned to Stations 31 and 35. Holds an AAS degree (Paramedic program) from the Borough of Manhattan Community College. Resides in Brooklyn, New York.*

There is no question that Hurricane Sandy was an unprecedented event and challenged all New Yorkers. The storm also put an unprecedented strain on the men, women and resources of the New York City Fire Department. There is no question that during one of the most dangerous and challenging storms to hit New York City, many heroes emerged who disregarded their own safety to rescue and treat those trapped and/or affected by the storm. Paramedics William Bedoya and Justin Miro, Station 58, are among those in that category.

One of the greatest obstacles faced by a multitude of emergency responders the evening that Hurricane Sandy hit New York City was the ability to access the patient. Paramedics Bedoya and Miro were approached by a man on the corner of West 13th Street and Avenue X in Coney Island, Brooklyn. He told the pair that his sister was trapped in a basement.

The Paramedics entered the premises and discovered that the basement door was two-thirds submerged in water. The pressure from the rising water was preventing the door from staying open, complicating access to the victim. Paramedics Bedoya and Miro requested back-up. However, observing that the flood waters were still rising, they disregarded their own safety and re-doubled their efforts to access the woman. With the would-be rescuers and the victim in grave danger, the

Paramedics devised a plan. A piece of equipment could be the solution they needed to effect a timely rescue.

Paramedics Bedoya and Miro determined that a longboard--which is ordinarily used for immobilizing trauma patients--might facilitate access to the victim trapped behind the basement door. The longboard, which is hollow and can float, could be just the tool to rescue the trapped patient.

Operating in chest-high water, the Paramedics managed to pry the basement door and kept it wedged open by using the longboard. With the door now open, the victim's brother entered the apartment. The sister climbed onto her brother's back. Paramedics Bedoya and Miro accessed and successfully rescued both brother and sister, placing them on the longboard and removing them from the flooding basement.

Maintaining situational awareness, Paramedic Bedoya realized that a second victim was in an adjacent apartment and also needed assistance. While Paramedic Miro secured the siblings in the ambulance, Paramedic Bedoya accessed the second victim and brought him to safety.

For their heroic efforts and the successful rescue of two victims during Hurricane Sandy, the Department is honored to bestow the Tracy Allen-Lee Medal on Paramedic William Bedoya and Paramedic Justin Miro.--GK



# Vincent J. Kane Medal

## FIREFIGHTER KIEVON Y. HARPER

*LADDER COMPANY 176 (ASSIGNED)*

*MARINE COMPANY 3/SKIFF 3 (DETAILED)*

**October 29, 2012, 2045 hours, Box 1216, Queens**

*Appointed to the FDNY on August 5, 2007. Holds an AA degree in Human Services from Metropolitan College. Veteran of the Coast Guard and continues to serve with the Reserves. Resides on Staten Island, New York, with his wife, Mercedes, and their son, Kievon, Jr., and daughter, Kirsten.*

Any resident of the New York area knows the damage and devastation caused by Hurricane Sandy. Areas that for years were considered “safe” from the ravages of fire were now the epicenter of another horror: wind, rain and flooding. The videos we all watched on TV of the hurricanes that have slammed into southern states now were destroying our shores here in New York, bringing destruction that no one could have imagined.

Thankfully, our emergency preparedness plans were in effect and many units deployed to areas that were targeted for the brunt of this storm. One such unit--FDNY Skiff 3--was manned by the following detailed Firefighters: Paul Patras (Ladder 122), Keith Calabrese (Engine 289) and Kievon Harper (Ladder 176). Their actions that night highlight what pre-planning and good training can achieve.

Skiff 3 was deployed on Beach Channel Drive and Beach 32nd Street when they received a call that two EMS workers and possibly two ESU Officers were stranded on Beach 73rd Street and Beach Channel Drive due to water rising in that area. While en route, Skiff 3 was re-directed to Beach 44th Street where civilians were trapped with no means of escape.

This small craft was navigated west on Beach Channel Drive to Beach 44th Street, to locate the trapped civilians. The conditions were growing worse by the minute; wind and flood waters were growing faster than anyone anticipated. Through the rain, a faint light was spotted from a single-story home on Beach 44th Street. The crew decided to investigate.

Due to the height of the water, many of the transformers were exploding, making a direct route implausible. The boat crew maneuvered their craft to the rear of the building where there was a vacant lot.

Unfortunately, this vacant lot was surrounded by an eight-foot metal fence and the rising water at this time was approximately 6½ feet. This made the skiff deck level with the top of the fence. FF Calabrese carefully maneuvered the skiff around fire hydrants and floating cars, positioning the skiff parallel to the fence, allowing them to tie off.

FFs Patras and Harper, wearing and carrying personal flotation devices (PDFs), entered the water and swam about 50 yards to the

dwelling. Locating a safe entrance point seemed to be the issue. There were debris and backyard furniture floating and blocking their path. Together, the pair removed as much as they could and gained entrance to a back door, where they located three people (one male and two females) standing on furniture, trying to keep their heads above the rising water.

Since the Firefighters had only two PDFs, they took the male and placed him on a shed outside the building. FF Harper made a raft out of a wooden fence to transport the two women back to the skiff. FF Calabrese, who maintained a spotlight on the action, provided a beacon for the makeshift raft, allowing them to locate the skiff and safe haven.

Using the makeshift raft as a ladder to get over the eight-foot fence, the two women were placed into the skiff. FFs Patras and Harper, using their makeshift float, swam back to evacuate the gentleman. The male victim advised the Firefighters he had a six-foot ladder stored next to the shed on which he was standing. FF Patras dove under the water and retrieved the ladder, which was used to scale the fence the second time.

As Skiff 3 was departing the scene, occupants of Beach 44th Street informed the Firefighters that a pregnant woman was experiencing stomach pains at that location. The rescuers stopped to tell the occupants to stay on the second floor and they would return to assist them evacuate.

While transporting the three patients from the Beach 45th Street scene, FF Calabrese maneuvered the skiff around floating cars, telephone poles and debris. FFs Harper and Patras observed minor abrasions on the victims, as well as signs of hypothermia. Skiff 3 deposited the victims with awaiting EMS units on Beach 32nd Street.

Skiff 3 immediately returned to Beach 44th Street and evacuated two women (one pregnant), three infants and four children. Again, the Firefighters transported them to awaiting EMS units.

This specialized unit performed beyond anyone's vision. They worked under incredibly harsh conditions, performing their tasks without any supervision as a professional and heroic team. For his efforts, FF Kievon Y. Harper is presented with the Vincent J. Kane Medal.--JTV



FF Kievon Harper preps for the night of Hurricane Sandy.

# Pulaski Association Medal

## FIREFIGHTER PATRICK J. GRIFFIN

### LADDER COMPANY 32

January 26, 2012, 2126 hours, Box 75-3602, Bronx

*Appointed to the FDNY on September 14, 2003. Member of the Emerald Society. Recipient of a Service Rating A, one Unit Citation and the Daily News Hero of the Month in January 2012. Resides in Oceanside, Long Island, with his wife, Bridget, and their daughters, Makinley and Kylee, and son, Keegan.*



Rarely is a Firefighter afforded the opportunity to experience the ultimate satisfaction of his or her profession--that is, as an individual, effecting a rescue and saving a human life. On the evening of January 26, 2012, FF Patrick Griffin, Ladder 32, was twice blessed in this regard.

It was a typical winter evening in the Bronx: cold and gray with the ever-present potential for fire. And so it was that the alarm for Box 3602 rang out at 2126 hours with all the earmarks of a working fire. Ladder 32 responded in rapid fashion to the dispatched address. The turn of the apparatus into the block presented the company with the unmistakable smell of burning wood and dense clouds of smoke that had banked down to the street, initially making identification of the fire building impossible.

With the assistance of civilians who repeatedly screamed that people were trapped within the fire building, the Firefighters located the structure, a Class 3 multiple dwelling, measuring 25 by 80 feet. Recognizing the mandate for urgency, FF Griffin, carrying the irons, donned his facepiece and ascended through the smoke to the second floor of the two-story apartment building. The apartment door was open and smoke was pouring into the hallway.

The fire had fully involved the front left portion of the apartment and the hose-line was still being stretched. Nonetheless, under the command of Lieutenant Warren Ward, FFs Griffin and Thomas Brogan, the extinguisher Firefighter--all Ladder 32 members--crawled past the fire and into the rear bedroom area.

Under rapidly deteriorating conditions, FF Griffin performed a rapid search and came upon the body of a semi-conscious woman below the rear window. He enveloped the victim in his arms and, with great effort, dragged her to the front door of the apartment. During the extrication, the woman audibly breathed the words, "my baby, my baby."

In response, FF Griffin and Lieutenant Ward returned to the bedroom to search for the missing child. In an ironic twist of fate and due to the heavy smoke condition, FF Griffin was unaware that the toddler had been in her mother's arms as he had dragged both victims to safety. After the second (unsuccessful) search, FF Griffin exited the building to learn that he had, in fact, delivered both toddler and mother to safety.

The child had been unresponsive and was transferred to EMS personnel. Then, FF Griffin learned that a second child had been thrown by the woman from the window to a neighbor prior to her incapacitation beneath the window. As a result of the heroic efforts of FF Griffin, all three of the victims survived this horrific fire.

In making these truly remarkable rescues, FF Griffin exhibited skill, determination and persistence in the best traditions of the New York City Fire Department. It is undeniable that both mother and daughter are alive solely as a result of his bravery and dedication to duty. The City of New York, therefore, honors FF Patrick J. Griffin with the Pulaski Association Medal.--JF



A most happy reunion as mother and daughter thank FF Patrick J. Griffin--as well as the other members of Ladder 32 for the splendid team effort--in rescuing them from a January 2012 fire in the Bronx.





# Commissioner Edward Thompson Medal

## FIREFIGHTER JAMES R. FEIGENBUTZ

### LADDER COMPANY 44

August 7, 2012, 1629 hours, Box 75-2752, Bronx

*Appointed to the FDNY on June 11, 2006. Holds an Associate degree in Aviation from Mercer County College. Serves in the Air Force/Air National Guard. Resides in the Bronx with his wife, Rachael.*

**F**irefighter James R. "JR" Feigenbutz, Ladder 44, had a lot on his mind this beautiful summer afternoon of August 7, 2012: the day tour was drawing to a close and he was eagerly looking forward to his upcoming bachelor party, scheduled for the weekend. His excitement, however, was put on hold when Ladder 44 was assigned to respond to a reported building fire in the Morrisania section of the Bronx.

As the apparatus made its way toward the address, a six-story multiple dwelling on the Grand Concourse, the Bronx dispatcher reported that numerous calls were being received for the fire. As the company approached the scene, Ladder 49--responding from the opposite direction--reported that smoke was pushing from the windows on the sixth floor. As Ladder 44 arrived, panicked residents were fleeing the building. While exiting the structure, many residents stated that there was a fire on the top floor.

FF Feigenbutz was assigned the "irons" position and, as such, was responsible for forcible entry to the fire apartment and conducting searches. As he made his way into the building, he was met by a civilian who pointed over his head and said, "up there." The Firefighter rapidly ascended to the top floor via the rear staircase. When he arrived at the fire apartment, FF Feigenbutz found the apartment door locked, paint blistering and smoke pushing around the door frame. The latter two characteristics indicated that the fire had made significant headway.

Absorbing these facts and acting with measured swiftness, FF Feigenbutz, along with

FF Brian White--detailed to Ladder 44 from Engine 46--forced open the door. Informed by Lieutenant Michael Morrissey, Ladder 44, where the fire was located and aware that FF White was maintaining control of the door by using his water extinguisher, FF Feigenbutz immediately dropped to his belly and started crawling through the intense heat and blinding smoke. He passed the fire, searching for any possible victims.

As he reached the kitchen area--which was at the rear of the apartment--FF Feigenbutz found the still form of an 84-year-old man, who had been overcome by the dense smoke and fallen out of his wheelchair. FF Feigenbutz started dragging the unconscious man toward the exit. As he approached the door, FF White joined him and, together, they carried the man down six flights of stairs and out into the street.

The elderly man was placed in the care of EMS personnel. FF Feigenbutz then returned to the fire apartment to complete his assignment.

There is no question that FF Feigenbutz' decisive action,

by placing himself in harm's way, effectuated the rescue of a citizen he was sworn to protect. Clearly, he saved the life of another human being and upheld the finest traditions of the FDNY and the entire fire service. For his heroic actions, the FDNY is pleased to present the Commissioner Edward Thompson Medal to FF James R. Feigenbutz.--

BDG



Ladder 44 operates at Bronx Box 22-2723, May 28, 2012.

*photo by Olaf Huth*

# Columbia Association Medal

## FIREFIGHTER MICHAEL P. RICHARDSON

### LADDER COMPANY 120

October 7, 2012, 0113 hours, Box 75-1636, Brooklyn

*Appointed to the FDNY on March 7, 2004. Previously assigned to Engines 39 and 231. Father, Battalion Chief Eugene F. Richardson (now deceased), was retired from Research & Development, and uncle, Lieutenant William Baaden, is retired from Engine 97. Member of the Emerald Society. Resides in Lindenhurst, Long Island, with his wife, Marni, and their daughter, Emily.*



**T**o all who have served in the fire service, going above the fire is never a routine operation. Not only is it dangerous, but more often than not, not very rewarding. The members who make this move must be trained, dedicated and courageous.

Early-morning fires in residential buildings generally are an indication of a potential life hazard. First-due Ladder 174/Engine 310 gave the 10-75 signal and began their duties as the first-arriving units: getting a line in position and making sure all assignments were covered.

In fewer than five minutes, Ladder 120, the second-due truck, was on the scene. Battalion Chief Daniel DiMartino, Battalion 39, but detailed to Battalion 44 on this tour, ordered Ladder 120 to cover the second floor of this two-story, 25- by 50-foot, Class 3 multiple dwelling.

Captain John Calamari and his forcible entry team--FFs Michael Richardson and Steven Hay--made their way up the interior stair to the second-floor landing. The smoke and heat conditions were so severe that Captain Calamari elected to back his team down until he could ascertain if water was, indeed, getting to the fire.

Once assured the line was moving into the fire, the team again ascended the stairs and began their primary search. Realizing that there were two apartments on the second floor (front and rear) and following a report from the outside vent Firefighter that bars covered the rear windows of the second floor, the team made a search of the front apartment under exceedingly worsening conditions.

After completing the search of the front apartment and not finding any victims, the team moved to the rear apartment. Captain Calamari realized that time was not in their favor, so he split his team. The Captain and the water extin-

guisher Firefighter, FF Hay, went to the rear of the apartment and FF Richardson took the front bedroom.

FF Richardson entered the front bedroom and followed the wall, trying to locate any victims. The visibility was non-existent. For the Firefighter, directly over the fire, the conditions were extreme. FF Richardson found the bed, but the heat condition was so severe, he was unable to get above a kneeling position to search the bed. His search paid off. In the middle of the bed was the motionless body of a 55-year-old man. Transmitting the 10-45 signal to his Captain, FF Richardson began the difficult removal process of the unconscious victim.

Pulling the man down to the floor, FF Richardson began dragging him to the public hall. Since the area was small and maneuverability at a premium, FF Richardson had to work alone. Captain Calamari gave a 10-45 report to Deputy Chief David Jakubowski, Division 15. This report prompted the chauffeur of Ladder 120, FF Brian Cross, to move up to the top of the stairs to assist in the removal of the victim down to the street.

FF Richardson exhibited unparalleled bravery and tenacity, operating at risk to his own life. The second floor of this occupancy had no secondary means of egress and the victim was unconscious and in full cardiac arrest when found. The training and skills of the Engine 257 Firefighters restored breathing to this man. Their pre-hospital save was such that it was recognized by the Department. Unfortunately, the victim succumbed to his injuries the next day, a fact that in no way diminishes the herculean efforts of both FF Richardson and Engine 257.

Today, the FDNY honors FF Michael P. Richardson, Ladder 120, with the Columbia Association Medal for his exemplary courage and in keeping with the finest traditions of the fire service.--

JTV



FF Michael P. Richardson operates in the outside vent position at a second-alarm fire in 2010.



# Susan Wagner Medal

## FIREFIGHTER MICHAEL J. GARDELLA, III LADDER COMPANY 51 (ASSIGNED) LADDER COMPANY 39 (DETAILED)

January 29, 2012, 0515 hours, Box 75-3692, Bronx

*Appointed to the FDNY on June 11, 2006. Recipient of the Fire Chiefs Association Memorial Medal in 2012. Studied Fire Science at the University of New Haven. Resides in the Bronx.*

January 29, 2012, was a typical winter day in New York City. In the middle of a cold snap, the City was experiencing temperatures in the low 30s, as squalls blanketed the ground with one to two inches of snow. At 0515 hours, units of Battalion 15 were dispatched to a reported fire in a three-story, peaked-roof multiple dwelling in the Bronx.

Arriving in just four minutes, the first FDNY units found an advanced fire in the basement of the reported address, with heavy smoke throughout the structure. Units transmitted the 10-75.

FF Michael J. Gardella, III, Ladder 51, was detailed to Ladder 39 for the night tour. He was assigned the outside vent position. Arriving on the second-due ladder, FF Gardella conducted a size-up and immediately went to work. He placed a 16-foot ground ladder alongside the second-floor patio balcony and assisted in evacuating two panicked civilians.

Hearing reports of an unaccounted for occupant, FF Gardella secured a 24-foot extension ladder to access the rear of the fire building, no easy task. Since the fire building was located mid-block with similar-type buildings on either side, the Firefighter's laddering objective required him to go through an adjoining building, place the ladder out of a rear window and then maneuver the ladder to the fire building. When FF Gardella reached that destination, he placed, raised and extended the ladder to allow the first-due outside vent Firefighter, FF Keith Moran, Ladder 51, to start removing additional occupants from the floor above the fire.

FF Gardella then descended the stairs to the basement apartment where the seat of the fire was located. He was confronted with a heavily secured steel door with smoke pushing--under pressure--from around its seams. He employed conventional forcible entry techniques until being joined and assisted by FF Moran. While this team was forcing the door, they were required to operate in an increasingly toxic smoke environment and stopped only to

don their self-contained breathing apparatus before continuing the operation.

After forcing entry, the Firefighters were met with high heat, heavy smoke and zero visibility. Entering this hostile fire environment and opposite the members of Ladder 51's inside team, FF Gardella immediately began his blind search. Crawling down an extremely narrow 10-foot hallway, without the protection of a hose-line, he found himself in a larger open area, which was the living room of the basement fire apartment.

Using only his sense of touch, FF Gardella located an unconscious, 25-year-old female, lying prone on the floor. He transmitted a 10-45 and began dragging the victim back toward the rear entrance he had entered just moments earlier. In quickly and continually deteriorating conditions, FF Gardella reached the narrow hallway. Now, he was in the dangerous position of working directly opposite the advancing hose-line in the front of the basement.

With the heat driven toward him, FF Gardella pressed on. Crawling and dragging the victim down the hallway without assistance, he arrived at the rear door, where he was met by FF Moran, who helped remove the victim up the steps to the rear yard. However, FF Gardella's rescue efforts were not finished.

After calling for a stokes basket, he began chest compressions on the motionless woman he had rescued. FF Gardella helped diamond-lash his patient into the stokes and led in her removal through the first floor of the fire building to a waiting EMS ambulance. Unfortunately, a male victim found in the front

of the same fire apartment, succumbed to his exposure to the same toxic by-products of the smoke, heat and flames that almost took the life of the victim FF Gardella rescued.

For his tenacious and persevering search, his speedy removal and proper application of CFR resuscitation efforts, FF Michael J. Gardella, III, Ladder 51, is presented with the Susan Wagner Medal of valor for exemplifying the truest honor and traditions of the FDNY.--SM



FF Michael Gardella (left), awarded the Susan Wagner Medal, with FF Keith Moran. Their company, Ladder 51, received a Unit Citation for the same job--Bronx Box 75-3692.



# Steuben Association Medal

## LIEUTENANT JASON M. RONAYNE

**BATTALION 53 (ASSIGNED)**

**ENGINE COMPANY 324 (DETAILED)**

**December 11, 2011, 0545 hours, Box 75-9246, Queens**



*Appointed to the FDNY on July 15, 2001. Previously assigned to Engines 279 and 332 and Ladder 131. Member of the Emerald Society. Resides in Oakdale, Long Island, with his wife, Jennifer, and their sons, Jason and Sean.*

**S**tanding at the ready with ever-present vigilance are the Officers and members of this Department. We're as close as the dial on a telephone, the button on our Emergency Reporting System or the pull handle on the red fire alarm box. We're never out to lunch. You're never told that we're in conference. Around the clock, our vigil takes us in all kinds of weather. On holidays, we never close shop. Willing to risk life and limb, our mission is protecting you and serving you--you, the citizen of this great City.--then-Mayor Edward Koch.

On a frigid December morning, Lieutenant Jason M. Ronayne proved the validity of Mayor Koch's comments. At 0545 hours on December 11, 2011, the Queens Communications Office received a frantic phone call, reporting a fire in the Corona section of Queens. The dispatcher sent the alarm to the appropriate fire companies. Members responded to a fire in a seven-story, Class 3, non-fireproof multiple dwelling, measuring 200 by 50 feet.

Engine 324 was alerted and turned out for the run. Lieutenant Ronayne was the Officer covering for the night tour that evening. Arriving as the first-due engine company, Lieutenant Ronayne was met by an hysterical woman in the street, stating that her elderly uncle was trapped inside his burning apartment.

Arriving at the second-floor hallway, Lieutenant Ronayne encountered a smoke condition. He ordered his chauffeur to transmit a 10-75, the signal for a structure fire, and instructed his crew to stretch a hose-line to the fire apartment.

Via the interior stairs, the Officer

returned to the second floor. In a tremendous stroke of luck, in the public hallway, he ran into another relative of the man, who provided the Officer with a key to the victim's apartment, thus eliminating the need for forcible entry and saving valuable time. He told this relative to leave the fire floor.

Opening the apartment door, Lieutenant Ronayne was met with a blast of heat and heavy smoke. Recognizing the seriousness of the situation, the Lieutenant knew he had to act quickly. He began a search of the fire apartment without the protection of a charged hose-line.

Undaunted by the heat and smoke, the Officer crawled through the apartment, finally discovering the elderly man, unconscious in the living room, which was becoming engulfed in fire. With the fire gaining headway, Lieutenant Ronayne used his own body as a shield against the searing heat and dragged the victim out of the inferno. The rescuer transmitted a 10-45 and passed the victim off to the first-arriving ladder company. These members removed the victim--who was not breathing and had suffered second- and third-degree burns--down to the street. Lieutenant Ronayne then caught up with his

nozzle team and advanced with them to the fire until it was extinguished.

Due to the resourcefulness and bravery of Lieutenant Ronayne, this victim survived certain doom. For putting a stranger's life before his own and exercising true professionalism, Lieutenant Jason M. Ronayne is awarded the Steuben Association Medal on behalf of a grateful City.--SI



Lieutenant Jason M. Ronayne (right) with his crew members from Engine 324.



# Dr. J.W. Goldenkranz Medal

## FIREFIGHTER CARLO V. LONGOBARDO LADDER COMPANY 32

December 18, 2011, 0130 hours, Box 75-3640, Bronx

*Appointed to the FDNY on March 7, 2004. Cousin, Captain Steve Luisi, is assigned to Ladder 44. Member of the Columbia Association. Resides in Thompson Ridge, New York, with his son, Joey, and daughter, Natalie.*

Firefighting is a profession that is based upon discipline and a strict adherence to established and time-proved principles. Recognition of the value of “the basics” by FF Carlo Longobardo, Ladder 32, resulted in a response that epitomizes the very purpose of the FDNY and serves as a model for future firefighting efforts.

The phone alarm for a structural fire was received in the quarters of Engine 62/Ladder 32 at 0130 hours on December 18, 2011. The responding members of Ladder 32 were aware that the potential for a “worker” was heightened at this early-morning hour. Notification of additional calls while en route further prepared FF Longobardo and the other members for fire duty as the first-arriving truck company.

Arriving at the address, FF Longobardo observed flames and smoke pushing from windows at the front of the first-floor level. He identified the two-story building as a non-fireproof multiple dwelling. Civilians on the sidewalk excitedly communicated the presence of a trapped civilian in the first-floor apartment as Engine 62 members began to stretch a line toward the building.

With these facts in mind, FF Longobardo initiated an aggressive attack, teaming with extinguisher Firefighter, FF Brian Creeden, Ladder 32, and forced entrance to the apartment. The entry team was immediately confronted with high heat and zero visibility conditions due to a fire at the front right side of the apartment.

Undaunted and in conformance with their training, FF Creeden shielded FF Longobardo with the extinguisher, permitting him to slip below the fire and into the foyer. At

this time, FF Longobardo recognized that two distinct fire areas existed within the apartment—one in the kitchen and a second in the front bedroom.

A difficult, yet thorough, search through a large accumulation of debris proved fruitless until FF Longobardo reached the rear bedroom. Finally, sweeping the bed, he encountered a body. Recognizing the need for an immediate exit, he requested that Lieutenant Michael Quinn, Battalion 19, transmit a 10-45 signal and proceeded to drag the unconscious male, who was not breathing, past the fire and to the front of the apartment.

Reaching the street, FF Longobardo performed CPR on the victim until relieved by EMS personnel. Thanks to the efforts of FF Longobardo and EMS personnel, the man was revived. The Firefighter then returned to the fire apartment to continue with ventilation and search operations.

FF Longobardo exhibited the greatest traditions of the FDNY as he conducted search and removal operations at this incident. He completed a challenging rescue by passing not one, but two, separate fires without the protection of a charged hose-line. He then extricated the victim, performed CPR and returned to the fire area in the event that a second victim was present.

Despite the heroic efforts of FF Longobardo, the victim ultimately expired due to his injuries several days after the fire. Nonetheless, the Firefighter’s efforts are in no way diminished and FF Carlo V. Longobardo is to be commended and recognized for his bravery, persistence and adherence to fundamental firefighting principles. For these reasons, he is presented with the Dr. J.W. Goldenkranz Medal.--JF



FF Carlo V. Longobardo and Ladder 32 are shown in action at a Bronx incident that occurred in late 2012.



# Chief James Scullion Medal

## EMS LIEUTENANT JOHN TIMS

### *HAZ TAC BATTALION*

**March 2, 2012, 1100 hours, construction site/unsecured trench, Manhattan**

*Appointed to EMS as an Emergency Medical Technician on October 17, 1988. Previously assigned to Stations 46 and 34 and the EMS Academy. Resides in Selden, Long Island, with his wife, Erin, and their three sons-- Sean, Connor and Braden.*



New York is a City that features never-ending renovations and new construction projects. Thus, for EMS Lieutenant John Tims, Haz Tac Battalion, receiving an assignment to a confined space incident is not an unusual occurrence. Haz Tac personnel receive special training to respond to such incidents. In addition to this training, Lieutenant Tims is also trained as a Rescue Paramedic, certified in the pre-hospital management of crush syndrome, a condition often presented by confined space victims.

On a cool March 2, 2012, morning, Lieutenant Tims received an assignment for a confined space incident. On arrival, Lieutenant Tims encountered a victim trapped in a trench. The victim had been working in the trench when the walls caved in and buried him up to his shoulders. Other construction workers and good Samaritans had raced over to remove a large rock and as much of the dirt as they could, but the walls continued to collapse.

Lieutenant Tims evaluated the present danger and the imminent risk of crush syndrome, with a trapped victim and no treatment in place. Therefore, he requested a Rescue Paramedic unit. Lieutenant Tims was advised by dispatch that a Rescue Paramedic unit was responding from Brooklyn. Although working alone, Lieutenant Tims was the first Rescue

Paramedic on-scene and proceeded to initiate patient care.

Lieutenant Tims grabbed his Paramedic equipment and began to enter the trench, which was still unsecured. Working at a 45-degree angle, in a trench that was about eight feet deep and three feet wide, Lieutenant Tims was able to access the victim and initiate Advance Life Support medical treatment. He then had to quickly exit the trench to allow for the extrication process.

Firefighters now were on-scene and removing as much dirt as they could, with the help of a Con Ed vacuum truck, facilitating the extrication process. The walls of the trench were shored up with wooden boards to prevent another cave-in.

When dealing with a victim who is faced with crush syndrome, time is crucial for treatment. The arriving Rescue Paramedics were able to quickly administer additional care. Although the victim was trapped for more than an hour, the man was rescued and transported in stable condition.

While operating alone without regard for his own safety, Lieutenant Tims entered an unsecured trench to access a trapped victim to begin assessment and lifesaving treatment throughout the difficult extrication. In recognition of his bravery and outstanding dedication to the worker's care, the Department is proud to present the Chief James Scullion Medal to Lieutenant John Tims.--GK



EMS Lieutenant John Tims accepted the Chief James Scullion Medal in recognition of his successful efforts to rescue a worker from a Manhattan trench cave-in.  
*photo by FDNY Photo Unit*





# Uniformed Fire Officers Association Medal

## LIEUTENANT JOHN A. CRIMI

### ENGINE COMPANY 273

November 12, 2011, 1746 hours, Box 75-4473, Queens

*Appointed to the FDNY on July 13, 1987. Previously assigned to Engine 14. Recipient of two Unit Citations and one pre-hospital save. Resides in Miller Place, Long Island, with his wife, Gina, and their children, Melissa, Matthew and Brian.*

At a working fire, the responsibilities of the engines and trucks are well-defined. The engine company stretches the hose-lines and extinguishes the fire, while the truck company forces entry--if necessary--searches for and removes trapped occupants and ventilates. Sometimes, the truck may be delayed to the job and the engine company has to stretch a line, perform a search and remove trapped occupants. Lieutenant John A. Crimi and the members of Engine 273 faced just such a situation on November 12, 2011, in the Flushing section of Queens.

At 1746 hours, the tones sounded in the Union Street fire-house of Engine 273/Ladder 129 for a reported fire in apartment 4C at a multiple dwelling, a few blocks away. When the ticket came in, the members of Engine 273 noticed that the first-due truck, Ladder 129, and the second-due engine were not on the ticket. Ladder 129 was at the other end of its response district. Due to the short distance to the building, Engine 273 members knew they would be the only unit on-scene for a few minutes.

Arriving at the building, Lieutenant Crimi and FFs Andrew B. Mark, the nozzle Firefighter, and Eric Hanson, the back-up Firefighter, were met by a civilian who told them there was a fire in her apartment and that her parents were still inside. Lieutenant Crimi made his way into the building. Reaching the fourth-floor public hallway, he encountered a medium smoke condition.

He ordered the company to begin stretching a line to the fourth floor. While the nozzle team began to stretch the hose-line, FF Larry Migliore, the chauffeur, and FF Tim Duggan, the control Firefighter, teamed up to secure a water source.

Lieutenant Crimi made his way to apartment 4C and saw smoke pushing from around the door. He relayed this information to the rest of the company. The Lieutenant tried the door; it was unlocked and he entered the fire apartment, which was fully charged with smoke. The fire was located in a bedroom down the hallway and on the left. Without hesitation or the protection of an operat-

ing hose-line, in zero visibility and a high heat condition, Lieutenant Crimi began his search for the two trapped occupants.

He passed the fire room and moved toward the sound of what he thought was someone choking. Lieutenant Crimi made his way into the dining area and then into the living room where he located an elderly, semi-conscious, disoriented and choking man near the balcony. The rescuer physically assisted the victim back through the apartment, past the fire room and out of the apartment and into the safety of the stairwell. He then returned to the fire apartment to search for the second victim believed to be inside.

As the conditions continued to deteriorate, Lieutenant Crimi entered the fire apartment for the second time and moved in the direction of the burning bedroom. He entered the bedroom and about 10 feet inside, he found an elderly woman trapped. He shielded the woman by placing his body between her and the fire and removed her to the stairwell.

When Battalion Chief Stephen Sullivan, Battalion 52 (covering), arrived at the Box, Lieutenant Crimi informed him of his actions. Once Engine 273's Firefighters had the hose-line on the fourth floor, the Lieutenant called for water and supervised extinguishment of the fire. On arrival of the other units on the ticket, the victims were assisted to the lobby where they were treated by EMS personnel.

In the Report of Meritorious Act for Lieutenant Crimi, Chief Sullivan wrote, "Lieutenant Crimi, knowing that Engine 273 would be the only unit on the scene for a substantial period of time, showed the initiative, leadership and bravery to aggressively perform the duties normally assigned to others, as well as those of his own, which resulted in the rescue of two civilians. If Lieutenant Crimi had not taken the actions that he did, the condition of the two victims would have certainly been far worse." The Board of Merit agreed with Chief Sullivan and Lieutenant John A. Crimi is officially honored and recognized with the Uniformed Fire Officers Association Medal.--NG



Scene from the incident for which Lieutenant John A. Crimi, Engine 273, is awarded the Uniformed Fire Officers Association Medal.

*photo by FF Kirk Candan, Ladder 129*

# Edith B. Goldman Medal

## LIEUTENANT WILLIAM R. KEARNS LADDER COMPANY 56

June 9, 2012, 0316 hours, Box 22-3356, Bronx

*Appointed to the FDNY on August 7, 1982. Previously assigned to Ladder 42. Was a Tactical Training Instructor and taught at Probationary Fire School. Member of the Company Officers Association. Recipient of a Service Rating A and four Unit Citations. Resides in Nelsonville, New York, with his wife, Eileen, and their children, Leanne, John and Laura.*



H-type buildings, named for their overhead configuration, are problematic for FDNY Firefighters due to long public hallways, apartment clusters separated by “wings” and long hose-line stretches from the street. Ladder 56, under the command of 31-year FDNY veteran Lieutenant William Kearns, arrived at a six-story, H-type apartment building in the Bronx, just after 0300 hours for reports of a fire with people trapped inside. While responding, Lieutenant Kearns confirmed an advanced fire on the top floor and transmitted the appropriate information to the Bronx dispatcher.

The volume of fire out of the window, the sound of bricks exploding off the exterior wall from high heat, the report of trapped occupants and the time (when most people are asleep) were indicators that the Lieutenant and his team would have to move quickly. They headed into the lobby without delay.

Lieutenant Kearns and his inside team--FFs Christopher O'Brien with the irons and Ronald Littlejohn with the water extinguisher--made their way up the stairs to the second-floor public hallway. They were met by a frantic woman, who, while holding an infant, said the rest of her family--husband and two girls, ages one and three--were still trapped in the burning apartment.

As the rescuers ascended the stairs between the fifth and sixth floors, they were met by blinding, choking smoke--an indication that the fire apartment door was left open, threatening the public hallway. Lieutenant Kearns and his team donned their facepieces on the stairs, climbed up to the top-floor public hallway and then crawled 50 feet, feeling their way along the wall and doors, until they reached the fire apartment.

As the Officer and his two Firefighters entered the apartment and moved down the hallway, they were met by intense heat originating from the kitchen to their right. FF Littlejohn suppressed as much of the fire as he could with the extinguisher before Engine 48 arrived with a hose-line.

Simultaneously, FF O'Brien passed the kitchen fire and crawled deeper into the apartment, finding the husband, who was semi-conscious and badly burned. As he dragged the man to safety, FF Littlejohn expended the extinguisher. The fire quickly returned to its original intensity, but due to an extremely long,

complicated stretch from the pumper, the engine company members had not yet positioned the hose-line.

Showing incredible ingenuity under punishing conditions, Lieutenant Kearns, who knew the second-to-arrive ladder company would also be on the fire floor, made his way back into the public hallway to get their extinguisher. Then, he went back into the fire apartment to the kitchen doorway. The stream from the second extinguisher held the fire back long enough for FF O'Brien to remove the man from the apartment.

Just as the second extinguisher expired, Engine 48's nozzle team arrived and began extinguishing the fire, which had extended beyond the kitchen. Fed by cooking oil, the fire was so persistent that another hose-line was called to back up the first line in the fire apartment.

Lieutenant Kearns' search continued for the missing children as he moved past the kitchen and turned right into a bedroom. He crawled to the far side of the room where he felt a crib. Then, sweeping the mattress with his right hand, he found the unconscious body of the one-year-old girl. He transmitted his finding over the handie-talkie and planned his next move. Given the intense heat and heavy smoke condition, the delay in getting a second hose-line into the apartment and the fact that the toddler was unresponsive, Lieutenant Kearns decided to retrace his movements back past the main body of fire in the kitchen to get the toddler to safety as quickly as possible.

When the Officer reached the fifth-floor landing with the victim, he quickly assessed that the child, who had soot covering her mouth and nose, was unconscious, but breathing. He rushed her down six flights to the street and delivered her to the EMS crew in front of the building. (The other missing girl was found in the back bedroom by another company.) Lieutenant Kearns then returned to the fire apartment to supervise overhaul operations.

For his remarkable leadership and firefighting skills at this dangerous fire, Lieutenant William R. Kearns is awarded the Edith B. Goldman Medal.--SN



Lieutenant William Kearns (center) with his crew at Ladder 56 and reunited with the little girl he saved at Bronx Box 22-3356 (inset).

large photo by Michael Dick



# American Legion Fire Dept. Post 930/ Mark M. Wohlfeld Memorial Medal

## FIREFIGHTER KEVIN H. MCGOOKIN

### LADDER COMPANY 27

June 23, 2012, 2321 hours, Box 75-2953, Bronx

*Appointed to the FDNY on July 1, 2003. Member of the Emerald Society and Marine Corps Association. Marine Corps veteran. Resides in Middletown, New York, with his wife, Maureen, and their daughter, Nora.*

During the course of a tour, a Firefighter will respond to numerous runs. Most are of the ordinary-type emergencies, such as gas leaks, food on the stove and medical emergencies. When responding to runs such as these, the Firefighter can sense the degree of urgency by the communications from the dispatcher, most of which include a single description of the response and who's responding.

Then, there are the other responses, when the dispatcher relays over the radio, "numerous calls." Nothing gets Firefighters' hearts beating faster than those two words because they know they're going to work.

On June 23, 2012, just before midnight, FF Kevin McGookin responded first-due with Ladder 27 to a fire in a multiple dwelling in the Bronx. En route, the dispatcher notified all responding units that they were receiving multiple calls for a fire.

On arrival, Ladder 27 found heavy fire blowing out of the front windows on the first floor of a five-story multiple dwelling. Engine 46 transmitted the 10-75 and Captain Timothy Gimpel, Division 6, and the members of Ladder 27 went to work. While proceeding to the entrance door, FF McGookin was told by an occupant that there was someone in the fire apartment.

Immediately upon entering the lobby, Ladder 27 members encountered heavy smoke conditions as smoke was pushing out from around the door frame of apartment A.

Captain Gimpel ordered his forcible entry team--FFs McGookin and Justin Phillips--to force the door. Gaining entry to the apartment, the Firefighters were met with high heat and almost zero visibility. FF McGookin and the rest of the forcible entry team pushed deeper into the apartment where the heat became unbearable.

Fire now was rolling out of the living room immediately in front of them. FF McGookin knew that time was critical. No one could survive much longer in these conditions, so he made one final push to search the fire room. Just as FF McGookin reached the living room, the heat forced him down to the floor. He made one final sweep of the living room entrance and found an elderly male. The Firefighter transmitted a 10-45 and immediately retraced his steps back to the front door.

As FF McGookin dragged the man out of the apartment, he regained consciousness and became combative. The victim was suffering from severe burns and panicked when he became aware of his surroundings. However, FF McGookin remained calm and took control of the situation. He removed the victim and handed him off to EMS personnel.

FF McGookin performed this rescue of a combative victim under dire conditions, without the benefit of a charged hose-line to protect him from the extending fire. It is for these reasons that he is honored today. The Department is pleased to present FF Kevin H. McGookin with the American Legion Fire Department Post 930/Mark M. Wohlfeld Memorial Medal.--CB



FF Kevin H. McGookin and members of Ladder 27 after a job in the summer of 2011.



# Arthur J. Laufer Memorial Medal

## FIREFIGHTER JOHN G. FRIEDRICH SQUAD COMPANY 288

November 19, 2012, 1350 hours, Box 7605, Queens

*Appointed to the FDNY on February 3, 2003. Previously assigned to Ladder 140. Member of the Steuben Association and Emerald Society. Holds AAS and BS degrees in Civil Engineering Technology from Nassau Community College and Fairleigh Dickinson University, respectively. Resides in Farmingdale, Long Island, with his wife, Malinda, and their daughters, Ella and Makayla.*



There's never an ordinary day in the FDNY! Sounds like a cliché, but the events that took place on November 19, 2012, proved it again. Members of the Special Operations Command (SOC) go through intense training that requires hours of commitment and redundancy. High-angle rope rescue is one of the core competencies, with 100 hours dedicated to this training alone. The countless hours of training did not go unnoticed by two residents of the City of New York.

At approximately 1350 hours in the Astoria section of Queens, Box 7605 was struck. Responding were Battalion 49, three engines, two trucks, Squad 288 and Rescue 4 to a report of two workers stuck on a scaffold. As the first units began to arrive on-scene, they confirmed that two workers were stuck on the side of a former ConEd power plant. The plant had 20-foot panels of corrugated steel that were damaged by the strong winds of Hurricane Sandy. The immense size of the building proved challenging for the units involved.

Squad 288 members took the stairs to the roof. Meanwhile, Tower Ladder 117 raised its 95-foot tower ladder to full extension, missing the target by 30 feet. The blind wall on which the scaffold had stalled had no windows. The scaffold was 80 feet from the roof and 120 feet from the ground. This information was relayed to Command, as well as the fact that the scaffold was on a blind side of the building. Thus, the only viable option was a high-angle operation to rescue the workers.

The dimensions of the building dictated that members think outside the box. The roof offered substantial objects that were farther back from the operation than preferred. Squad 288 FFs Steven Vilardi, Scott Burik, Dane Martin and Robert Salvesen quickly sized up the roof and began rigging. FF John Friedrich was assigned the extinguisher/entry position by Captain Thomas Evans at the beginning of the tour. The Captain held a quick conference and a final safety check. The Officer gave the command for FF Friedrich to begin his descent to the scaffold platform, approximately 80 feet from

the roof.

The lowering operation was complex because FF Friedrich had to navigate past jagged edges of torn sheet metal and mitigate the effects of 10-mph sustained winds. He was constantly in a precarious spot; one false move could have easily led to a catastrophic failure of both the main and safety ropes. As he began to approach the scaffold, instructions were given to each victim, but this proved problematic, due to a language barrier.

When he arrived on the platform, the wind was blowing it from side to side. FF Friedrich quickly put both workers into a webbing hasty harness, which backs up the victim's harness. He assessed each victim. One worker was calm and one was visibly shaken, so the Firefighter decided to remove the calmer victim first. While the worker was attached to the main line, the decision had to be made whether to lower or raise the workers. Raising the workers became the better option due to the wind and shorter distance. Rescue 4 members began hauling the first victim to the roof.

Now, the process of explaining the operation had to be relayed to victim number two. The second victim was told to close his eyes and try to refrain from moving. He was hauled up to the roof safely and quickly. After the two victims were safe, Squad 288 members hauled FF Friedrich to the safety of the roof.

Without regard for his own safety, FF Friedrich was lowered and operated while suspended 120 feet in the air. He never came off the rope and had to manage his own ropes, as well as those of both victims. The rescue was complicated by unstable scaffolding, strong winds, dangerous building conditions and communications issues. With temperatures in the low 40s and workers in danger of hypothermia, FF Friedrich's measured actions allowed two men to return home at the end of their workday. For his brave actions at Queens Box 7605, FF John G. Friedrich is awarded the Arthur J. Laufer Memorial Medal.--RL



FF John G. Friedrich rescued two workers from a disabled scaffold on this former ConEd building.



# Emerald Society Pipes and Drums Medal

## FIREFIGHTER ROBERT CONIGLIARO *LADDER COMPANY 86*

**November 30, 2011, 1947 hours, Box 33-1956, Staten Island**

*Appointed to the FDNY on September 14, 2003. Resides on Staten Island with his wife, Bianca, and their sons, Robert and Andrew.*

The evening tour was still young for the members of Staten Island Engine 166 and Ladder 86 on November 30, 2012. At 1947 hours, the computer generated a report of a fire at Box 1956. A quick turnout had the companies on their way by the time the dispatcher reported that there were reports of a person trapped on the second floor.

The large volume of smoke members viewed on their way to the incident alerted them that they had a heavy fire condition ahead of them. Lieutenant Gilbert Montalvo, Ladder 86, transmitted a signal 10-75 to alert other responding units of the blaze.

FF Robert Conigliaro, Ladder 86, was assigned the irons position in the forcible entry team that night. Ladder 86 pulled up in front of a three-story multiple dwelling. Heavy, acrid, black smoke was pouring from every window on all three floors from a fire that members later learned had started in the rear of the first floor and spread. The heavy volume of smoke obscured Firefighters' view of a door in the garage area on the first floor. A front door visible up a set of steps seemed to be the only approach to the fire.

FF Conigliaro followed Lieutenant Montalvo as they raced to this position on the second floor, a choice that led them closer to the victim believed to be trapped. As FFs Conigliaro and Brandon Trifeletti, Engine 166, forced the front door, they were enveloped in a heavy, black smoke that rolled out as they entered to search. In zero visibility, the pair worked their way up the small flight of stairs to the second level of the apartment. Using their sense of touch, they worked their way around a wall and down the hall.

The level of heat rapidly increased as the res-

cuers continued their search, because they were now almost directly over the fire. FF Conigliaro heard someone faintly calling out. The rescuers knew they had to continue because now it was verified that there was someone in this apartment. The person could not survive long in such rapidly deteriorating conditions.

The heavy smoke condition made it even more difficult for the rescuers and approximately 20 feet into the apartment, they came to a space in the wall that led to the kitchen and bathroom. On the floor, they found the nearly unconscious form of a 40-year-old male. Transmitting a signal 10-45 to let responders know they had located the victim, the Lieutenant and Firefighter began to consider their options for removing the man from the rapidly deteriorating conditions.

Fire from the rear bedroom had begun to lap across the ceiling overhead and the rescuers were forced to drag the man back through the same route they had used to enter. Methodically, they dragged the victim toward the front door, with no charged line to contain the fire roaring at their backs. When they brought the man out to the front of the building, they were relieved of his care by EMS personnel.

If not for the great courage and determination exhibited by

FF Conigliaro in searching for, finding and removing this victim, he surely would have perished. The Firefighter's actions are all the more noteworthy because he and the victim were not protected by a charged hose-line. It is with great pride that the Fire Department of the City of New York awards the Emerald Society Pipes and Drums Medal to FF Robert Conigliaro.--JT



Ladder 86 operated at Staten Island Box 22-0962 in August 2012. photo by Joseph Caleca

# Company Officers Association Medal

## LIEUTENANT EDWARD J. GONZALEZ

### LADDER COMPANY 161

February 24, 2012, 1211 hours, Box 75-3603, Brooklyn

*Appointed to the FDNY on July 5, 1988. Previously assigned to Engine 210 and Ladder 122. Son, FF Edward J. Gonzalez, Jr., is in Probie School. Recipient of the Thomas A. Kenny Memorial Medal and one Unit Citation. Holds an AAS degree in Applied Science from the College of Staten Island. Resides on Staten Island with his wife, Cindy, and their children, Edward, Jr., Brittany, Nicholas and Samantha.*



A working smoke detector could have alerted a 61-year-old woman and other occupants of the multiple dwelling to the fire growing in the front of her apartment before she was trapped and overcome by smoke. Fortunately, however, Lieutenant Edward J. Gonzalez reported for duty on February 24, 2012.

Tower Ladder 161 turned the corner and was confronted with heavy fire issuing from all three front windows of the first-floor apartment in a two-story building. Lieutenant Gonzalez promptly gave the 10-75 signal to the Brooklyn dispatcher, along with a brief description of the fire building. Even the most seasoned FDNY members on-scene initially were startled by the incredible volume of fire present in a building on a busy street, in the middle of the day.

A large amount of fire in such a small multiple dwelling magnifies the danger to Firefighters. Quick and decisive actions must be taken to save lives, tempered by the knowledge that conditions can change instantly with deadly results.

Lieutenant Gonzalez' knowledge of this kind of building and his experience placed him at the right place, at the right time. Engine 246's line was just getting into position, with only booster water available. The Lieutenant saw his opening and made his move. Flames were mixing with the dark smoke pushing into the public hall and fire took possession of the wooden stairs. Undaunted, Lieutenant Gonzalez slipped under the sear-

ing cloak and headed for the rear of the apartment.

There was no cry, no call for help, only a well-rehearsed, systematic search executed flawlessly that led Lieutenant Gonzalez through the intense heat and zero visibility. The front of the tiny apartment was still involved in fire when the rescuer discovered the woman unconscious on the bathroom floor.

He was able to drag her from the room and down the hallway, simultaneously shielding her as best he could from the deadly conditions. FFs John Kutza, with the extinguisher, and Joseph Longo, with the irons--both Ladder 161--met and assisted Lieutenant Gonzalez. Together, the trio completed the removal and transferred the victim to Engine 318 members, who worked feverishly to revive the fire victims. She was the only survivor. An 18-year-old occupant, discovered on the second-floor rear apartment, was unable to be resuscitated.

Battalion Chief Robert Glynn, Battalion 43, praised Lieutenant Gonzalez' professionalism and bravery. He stated, "If we could 'can' or 'jar' the qualities that he exhibited at this fire, we would all have a chest-full of medals."

The Lieutenant did what all FDNY Fire Officers aspire to do--keep his team safe and save a life that was sure to be lost. In recognition of his actions, the Fire Department of the City of New York is proud to present Lieutenant Edward J. Gonzalez with the Company Officers Association Medal.--MD

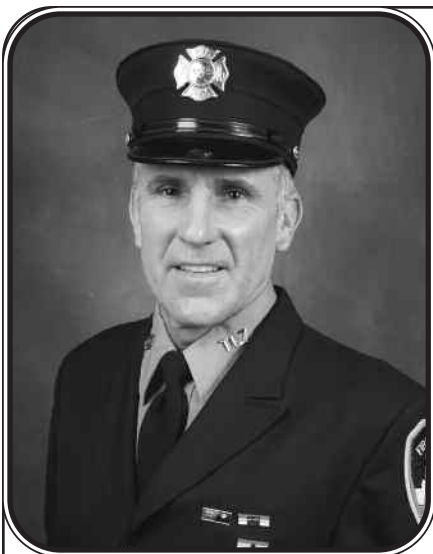


Brooklyn Box 75-3603, the incident for which Lieutenant Edward J. Gonzalez received the Company Officers Association Medal.

*large photo by Stephen "Butch" Moran*







# Chief Joseph B. Martin Medal

## FIREFIGHTER PETER A. FRANKINI LADDER COMPANY 7

December 29, 2011, 0245 hours, Box 75-0626, Manhattan

*Appointed to the FDNY on February 8, 1998. Previously assigned to Engines 211 and 43. Member of the Columbia Association. Attended Manhattan College. Resides in Scarsdale, New York, with his wife, Carole, and their children, Carolina, Peter and Gabriella.*

With the City still bustling amidst the hectic holiday season and the anticipated New Year, Tower Ladder 7, housed with Engine 16 in Manhattan's Turtle Bay neighborhood, were just as hectic, with numerous runs. On December 29, 2011, with temperatures barely reaching into the 30s, the night tour started out with 10 emergency runs since 1800 hours, the start of the tour.

At 0245 hours, Ladder 7 responded first-due to a report of a smoke condition in a six-story, non-fireproof multiple dwelling. While responding, the Manhattan dispatcher notified the company of multiple calls for a fire in apartment 3A on the third floor. Following a quick, three-minute response time, immediately on arrival, Ladder 7's inside team--Lieutenant Louis Mancuso and FFs Peter Frankini and Peter Utschig--ascended the stairs to the third floor.

There they found the steel door to apartment 3B hot to the touch and Lieutenant Mancuso ordered the Firefighters to force open the locked door. Expertly forcing the door open, the members were met with thick, heavy smoke, accompanied by high heat that filled the hallway. While donning their SCBAs, Lieutenant Mancuso transmitted a 10-75 and the team entered the apartment to conduct the primary search.

Locating the main body of fire in the living room area approximately 20 feet inside the apartment, FF Frankini judiciously applied water from his handheld extinguisher in an attempt to contain the fire. While performing this task, the Firefighter notified his Officer that he could hear heavy breathing and moaning just past the fire area. Due to the blinding conditions, it was difficult for FF Frankini to decipher from what direction the gasps were coming.

The inside team divided and fanned out to conduct a valiant search for life--in zero visibility and with the

fire intensifying--all without the protection of a charged hose-line. FF Utschig crawled to the right and Lieutenant Mancuso went straight ahead. FF Frankini felt his way to the left, in proximity to the main body of fire and in a direction that afforded him no access to a second means of escape.

Relying only on his senses of touch and hearing, FF Frankini located the barely breathing male victim, who was lying supine on the small bathroom floor. After notifying his Officer, FF Frankini struggled to remove the large victim and began to drag him back through the apartment. Lieutenant Mancuso transmitted the 10-45 signal to the Incident Commander, Battalion Chief Matthew Lonigan, Battalion 6, then found and assisted FF Frankini.

Although a charged hose-line still was not in place, they dragged the now-unconscious man back through the heavy smoke and high heat throughout the apartment, through the main fire area, out into the hallway and to the stairway landing, where they handed him off to Firefighters from Engine 14 and Ladder 3. However, their work as the first-due ladder company was not complete. FF Frankini, Lieutenant Mancuso and FF Utschig then returned to the fire apartment and directed Engine 16--with their now-charged hose-line--to the fire area and carried out the remainder of their search and overhaul duties.

The decisive actions and selflessness of FF Frankini undoubtedly saved the life of the victim. He knowingly exposed himself to risk by passing the fire not once, but twice, with no immediate secondary means of escape and without the protection of a charged hose-line to rescue a confirmed life. It is that ingenuity that is celebrated today by awarding FF Peter A. Frankini with the Chief Joseph B. Martin Medal of valor, upholding the bravest traditions of the FDNY.--SM



Ladder 7 operates at Manhattan Box 22-0686, June 10, 2012.

*photo by Olaf Huht*



## Lieutenant Kirby McElhearn Medal

March 28, 2012, 1745 hours,  
motor vehicle accident,  
Manhattan



### EMT MATTHEW COOK STATION 4

*Appointed to EMS as an Emergency Medical Technician on September 29, 2008. Now is a probationary Firefighter. Uncle, Lieutenant Kevin Kilgannon, is retired from Ladder 76. Recipient of numerous Pre-Hospital Saves, Above and Beyond Hero Award for 2012 from the Staten Island Borough President and Outstanding Service to the Community Award for 2012 from the Richmond County American Legion Post. Resides on Staten Island.*

As Emergency Medical Technicians, Matthew Cook and Thomas Staubitser are trained to assess, diagnose and treat medical and traumatic emergencies. As EMTs, they are also trained to expect the unexpected, that their patients are not always in controlled environments and, initially, may not always present as a medical emergency. All of these factors played into an incident as the two EMTs began responding to a routine "sick" assignment.

On March 28, 2012, at 1745 hours, while EMTs Cook and Staubitser were responding to the "sick" assignment, they were flagged down by an NYPD Traffic Enforcement Agent. This agent had stopped a vehicle that was being operated in an erratic manner and requested that the crew members evaluate the driver. Not knowing what they would encounter, EMT Cook exited the ambulance to speak with the elderly driver, while EMT Staubitser positioned the ambulance to block the civilian vehicle from moving forward.

As EMT Cook approached the vehicle, the driver appeared to be disoriented. The EMT attempted to evaluate the driver's mental status by asking questions to determine whether the man could follow simple commands. It was during this questioning that the driver suddenly placed the vehicle in drive and moved forward, striking the ambulance, moving into the opposite lane and into oncoming traffic.

### EMT THOMAS STAUBITSER STATION 4

*Appointed to EMS as an Emergency Medical Technician on September 27, 2010. Now is a probationary Firefighter. Father, FF Thomas G. Staubitser, is retired from Engine 298. Studied Film Production at Hunter College. Resides in Montauk, Long Island.*

Realizing that the vehicle now was heading in the direction of a crosswalk and park that were filled with pedestrians, the pair of EMTs reacted quickly, running toward the moving vehicle. They reached the still-moving vehicle and attempted to open the doors. Discovering that the doors were locked, EMT Cook tried to reach into a partially opened window.

These actions proved fruitless; the vehicle was still in motion and approaching the pedestrian-filled park. At this time, EMT Staubitser remembered that he had a center punch. Striking the window on the second attempt, he was able to break it open. Now able to reach into the vehicle, he placed it in park, turned the engine off and successfully stopped the vehicle.

As challenging and dramatic as their actions were, the EMTs' job still was not done. They had to assess the driver. Completing their evaluation, the EMTs transferred care to Paramedics, who could provide advanced care.

Miraculously, both EMTs Cook and Staubitser sustained only minor cuts from the broken glass throughout the entire event. A job well-done. For their bravery and commitment to the safety and care of this man, FDNY presents EMTs Matthew Cook and Thomas Staubitser with the Lieutenant Kirby McElhearn Medal.--JP



# Police Honor Legion Medal

## FIREFIGHTER RICHARD C. MYERS

### RESCUE COMPANY 2

November 24, 2011, 1220 hours, Box 75-1254, Brooklyn

*Appointed to the FDNY on January 21, 1990. Previously assigned to Engines 324 and 214 and Squad 252. Uncles, Lieutenant George Brandenberger (now deceased), was retired from Engine 320 and Battalion Chief Richard Fleschner is retired from Battalion 49, and cousin, FF Daniel Brandenberger, is retired from Ladder 120. Resides in East Northport, Long Island, with his wife, Kathy, and their daughters, Lauren and Karen, and son, Christopher.*

A typical day in Rescue 2 is characterized by fortuity, deep-seated challenges and the opportunity to experience exceptional levels of spontaneous teamwork. A severe fire on the afternoon of Thanksgiving Day, 2011, required FF Richard C. Myers, Rescue 2, to draw upon his vast experience of "typical days" to effect the rescue of two trapped civilians and directly assist in the subsequent rescue of two others.

Rescue 2 was fatefully "on the air and available" while returning from a noontime alarm for an endangered child. Suddenly, a report of fire with multiple calls was transmitted by the Brooklyn dispatcher. The location was four short blocks away.

Rescue 2 arrived at Box 1254 shortly after Squad 1 and Tower Ladder 105. Heavy smoke was pushing from all of the top-floor windows of a three-story brownstone. More critically, several victims—including a woman who was in distress and shrouded in smoke--were visible from the street.

FF Myers removed the 24-foot ladder from the apparatus of Ladder 105 and positioned it at the window. Rapidly ascending the ladder, he recognized that high heat conditions existed and that the woman no longer was visible in the dense smoke. He conveyed this information to Lieutenant Daniel Murphy, Rescue 2, and the inside team. Radio transmissions revealed that interior access by the inside team was blocked by

fire and the first hose-line was not yet in position.

FF Myers cleared and subsequently entered the bedroom window and rapidly located the female victim, who communicated that a baby remained in the room. He assisted the woman through the window and onto the waiting portable ladder. He then returned to his search in the deteriorating environment, subsequently locating an unconscious male victim

on the floor at the front of the bedroom. The Firefighter managed to transmit a 10-45 and extricate this victim through the front window and into the basket of Ladder 105.

Once again, FF Myers returned to his search and learned via handie-talkie transmission that FF Dave Newbery, Rescue 2, had located the infant in the fire apartment. While proceeding to assist with this removal, FF Myers and members of Ladder 105 and Squad 1 discovered the existence of yet a fourth victim, a female, within the front bedroom. They removed the woman to the basket of Ladder 105. All victims were taken to street level by Firefighters from several companies and provided with lifesaving care.

In this chaotic and rapidly evolving fire environment, FF Myers exhibited an abundance of experience, persistence, fortitude and professionalism in both individual and collective rescue efforts. For these truly exceptional and heroic actions, the City of New York now honors FF Richard C. Myers with the Police Honor Legion Medal.--JF



FF Richard C. Myers is presented with the Police Honor Legion Medal for rescuing this woman via portable ladder.



# Firefighter David J. DeFranco Medal

## FIREFIGHTER BRIAN T. LEVINGS *ENGINE COMPANY 265*

**September 8, 2012, 1506 hours, Box 1187, Atlantic Ocean,  
off the Rockaway Peninsula, Queens**

*Appointed to the FDNY on November 19, 2006. Holds an AS degree in Arts and Sciences from Stony Brook University. Resides in West Islip, Long Island.*



**T**he *Best on the Beach* not only is the motto of Engine 265, but also an extremely accurate description of the actions of one of the company's members--FF Brian T. Levings--when he was called upon to save a drowning man.

The weather was unique on September 8, 2012. A tornado had touched down early that day in the Rockaway section of Queens and turned the Atlantic Ocean into a dangerous cauldron of whipping wind and churning water. The seas were running 8 to 13 feet high, waves were ferociously crashing into the shore and winds were gusting to 50 knots.

Just after 1500 hours, Engine 265 received an alarm for a person in the water; the location was a short distance from their firehouse. Knowing that there were strong winds and heavy surf, the members made an exceptionally fast turnout from quarters. Very shortly thereafter, Engine 265 arrived at Beach 36th Street and the boardwalk where they were met by a frantic woman, waving her arms and pointing toward a commotion on the beach.

FF Levings, a 12-year veteran lifeguard at Long Island's Robert Moses State Park, immediately and accurately sized up the situation. He grabbed a buoyant, lifesaving "torpedo" and flotation vest from the rig and ran 100 yards to the water's edge.

When he reached the shoreline, FF Levings saw what appeared to be the back of a man's body, bouncing up and down in the water and being pounded by the treacherous surf. The victim was approximately 150 yards out in the ocean and floating face-down. Knowing the plight of the victim and that no water rescue units

were on-scene, FF Levings unhesitatingly entered the rough surf.

The Firefighter is a strong swimmer. Coupled with both his firefighting and lifeguard experience, he is trained to deal with a drowning person in dangerous and life-threatening conditions. After an exhausting swim through "hurricane surf," FF Levings reached the body of the unconscious, 42-year-old man. Due to water in his lungs, the man was in dire straits. The rescuer grabbed the motionless, 220-pound man and pulled him toward shore.

Although physically spent, FF Levings maneuvered the victim through the waves until he reached other members of Engine 265, who were standing waist-deep in the unyielding undertow. The members provided the appropriate lifesaving care.

Interestingly, the victim started out as a rescuer and had tried to save someone else, when he became incapacitated. The members of Engine 265 were able to rescue this second victim, while FF Levings focused solely on the first victim. Care of the second victim was turned over to EMS personnel.

If not for FF Levings' quick and decisive actions, the results of the day's occurrence would surely have had a different outcome. By disregarding his own safety and plunging into the furious surf to save a man from imminent danger, a life was saved. For his heroic and selfless actions, the Firefighter David J. DeFranco Medal is presented to FF Brian T. Levings.--  
BDG



Engine 265 apparatus.

*photo by Joe Pinto*



# Lieutenant James E. Zahn/ Lieutenant Peter L. Troiano Memorial Medal

## FIREFIGHTER MICHAEL R. OBER LADDER COMPANY 124

January 17, 2012, 0820 hours, Box 44-0751, Brooklyn

*Appointed to the FDNY on March 8, 2005. Member of the Steuben Association. Holds a BS degree in Nursing from Molloy College. Resides in Massapequa Park, Long Island, with his wife, Merrie, and their son, Daniel.*

For the members of Ladder 124, this day started as many of them do in Bushwick--roll call, ready the gear, check the apparatus, schedule the drill, organize the meal and squeeze in a workout. The outside weather conditions were typical of January--cold and gloomy. Inside, the mood was charged with energy, as always. There was a lot of experience on-duty January 17, 2012: Lieutenant Christian Duryea was the Officer; FF John Finn was the chauffeur; FF Michael Ober was the outside vent; FF Robert Chapan was assigned the roof position; and the forcible entry team included FF Brian Gayron with the irons and FF John Schroeder, with the extinguisher. This combined wealth of knowledge and experience were put to the test at a four-alarm fire.

The firehouse was preparing for the change of tours when the Housewatch called out the incoming run at 0820 hours. The building--a three-story, fully occupied multiple dwelling, was known to the members of Ladder 124.

As the rig pulled out of quarters, members listened intently to the dispatch report of additional information: "fire on the first floor"; then moments later, "second source, fill out the alarm, we're getting numerous phone calls." The members anticipated a working fire and as they pulled onto the block, that was exactly what they got. Ladder 124 was confronted with fire on the exposure #4 side, with fire auto-exposing to the upper floors.

As FF Ober put the bucket into operation, he spotted one adult with a child at the third-floor left. Thick, black smoke boiled violently around them. FF Ober's building size-up indicated that there would be two apartments on the third floor: one to the left, 3L; one to the right, 3R. With his primary focus on the victims at the window, he positioned the bucket for their immediate removal.

A child safety gate blocked their way out, so FF Ober used the Halligan tool to clear the obstruction, then removed the victims into the bucket and radioed a report to Battalion Chief Christopher Joyce, Battalion 28. FF Ober then questioned the victims about other occupants who may have been trapped inside. Informed that the occupant of the adjoining apartment, 3R, was trapped, FF Ober immediately lowered the bucket to the street and discharged them to the care of other Firefighters.

Without missing a beat, he brought the bucket back to the windows of apartment 3R. From the bucket, FF Ober made radio contact with Lieutenant Duryea and then jumped through the window into the smoke-filled apartment to begin his primary search. Beginning at the front, he systematically worked his way toward the rear of the building. Conditions were deteriorating rapidly. There was a heavy smoke condition, fire was extending via horizontal and vertical voids, visibility was zero and there was a high heat condition. The Firefighter was operating without benefit of a protective hose-line under truly punishing conditions, but for Ladder 124, this was truck work at its best.

Toward the rear of the apartment, FF Ober located an adult male, brought him to the rear fire escape and worked to keep him calm. Recognizing the risk in bringing this victim back through the apartment to the bucket, FF Ober radioed FF Chapan for assistance in moving the victim up the gooseneck to the roof so that he could continue his search of the third-floor apartments.

With the safety of his victim assured, FF Ober re-entered apartment 3R, completed his primary search and then returned to the bucket. He then repositioned the bucket back at the window of apartment 3L, removed the windows and entered the apartment to complete a thorough primary search. Again, FF Ober worked systematically, front to rear, under extreme conditions. As he searched the rear room, Chief Joyce made a radio transmission to FF Ober, advising him that apartment 3R had just "lit up," causing fire to blow out the front windows. The Chief directed him to discontinue the search. FF Ober acknowl-

edged the transmission, then moved directly toward the window where he knew his bucket awaited. He dove through the cleared window into the strategically positioned bucket.

FF Ober's turnout gear was so damaged by fire and heat that it was removed from service by the Safety Command, indicative of the punishing conditions under which he operated. He demonstrated initiative, resourcefulness and courage in the performance of his duty in the rescue of the three building occupants trapped above the fire. For these reasons, FF Michael R. Ober is presented with the Lieutenant James E. Zahn/Lieutenant Peter L. Troiano Memorial Medal.--JDL



The incident for which FF Michael R. Ober received the Lieutenant James E. Zahn/Lieutenant Peter L. Troiano Memorial Medal.

**Deputy Commissioner  
Christine R. Godek Medal**  
*(awarded posthumously)*



**FIRE MARSHAL MARTIN J. McHALE**  
**“WOODY”**  
**CITYWIDE NORTH COMMAND**

**July 23, 2011, 0230 hours, Box 75-6059, Richmond Hill, Queens**

*Appointed to the FDNY on July 16, 1989. Prior assignments include Engine/Squad 252, Engine 316 and Manhattan Base. Brother, FF James McHale, is retired from Battalion 13. Member of the FDNY Football Team. Survived by his wife, Hope, and their twin boys, Matthew and Ryan.*

**O**n this hot summer night in an apartment on Liberty Avenue in the Richmond Hill section of Queens, all family members had gone to sleep long before midnight. At 0230 hours, they awoke in terror to discover that their door had been kicked in and fire was rapidly advancing into their apartment toward the bedroom where they huddled. Some of the occupants were senior citizens with health issues.

Firefighters from Engine 308, Ladder 126 and Battalion 51 responded quickly to the 911 calls reporting, “people trapped.” The units made an aggressive attack on the fire, located the victims and then removed them to the street where EMS units provided appropriate care.

The Bureau of Fire Investigation (BFI) dispatched Fire Marshals from the Citywide North Command to conduct an investigation. FM Martin “Woody” McHale was assigned as the lead investigator. On any Saturday night, Liberty Avenue has frenetic street activity. The commercial strip is well-known for its numerous night clubs, bars and an array of associated problems.

When FM McHale arrived at the fire scene, the firefighting operation was still underway. FM McHale, working with other members of the BFI, initiated a canvass of the scene to evaluate factors that might need prompt attention and identify potential investigative leads requiring further development. In the fire building, the forensic examination of the fire scene uncovered evidence leading Fire Marshals to determine the fire to be of “incendiary” origin--the result of arson.

With arson established, FM McHale launched a multi-layered investigation, with a focus toward the less conventional, more creative methods of developing leads and sources of information. His work uncovered the identity of two individuals involved in a street dispute a short time prior to the fire. FM McHale continued to work with members of the community to uncover witnesses and evidence that proved the two identified suspects did commit the arson and were wit-

nessed fleeing in a black BMW.

In the days that followed, FM McHale established a number of surveillance posts in the area of the residence of suspect #1, who eventually appeared and was taken into custody. The Marshal determined that suspect #2 had fled the country. Ever vigilant, however, he maintained the surveillance operation and was rewarded weeks later when he spotted suspect #2 in a vehicle operated by a known associate. FM McHale made the apprehension at that time.

During the next several months, FM McHale continued to work with prosecutors from the Office of the District Attorney on issues pertaining to case enhancement, evidence presentation and witness development. The result were Grand Jury indictments on an array of charges that included arson, attempted murder and reckless endangerment.

This is a highly significant investigation. The perpetrators showed a depraved indifference to human life. FM McHale distinguished himself by working diligently to develop investigative leads and formulate a strategy that resulted in the apprehension and indictment of two violent criminals. Throughout the course of this investigation, FM McHale--committed to excellence--demonstrated the resourcefulness and skill found only in the most knowledgeable investigators. The success of this investigation sends forth a powerful message, to both the public and

potential offenders: The FDNY will meet and confront all those who challenge the safety of the citizens of New York City and FDNY Firefighters.

FM McHale has been a highly valued member of the Bureau of Fire Investigation. His actions represent the highest traditions in the FDNY and the BFI. For his determination in bringing these criminals to justice, FM Martin J. “Woody” McHale posthumously is awarded the Deputy Commissioner Christine R. Godek Medal.--JDL



**FM Martin “Woody” McHale was a popular member of the FDNY Football Team.**





# William Friedberg Medal

## FIREFIGHTER PAUL M. PATSOS

### RESCUE COMPANY 3

June 9, 2012, 0318 hours, Box 22-3356, Bronx

*Appointed to the FDNY on July 9, 1995. Previously assigned to Ladder 172 and Squad 288. Brothers, FFs Thomas Patsos and Greg Patsos, are retired from Ladder 123 and Squad 252, respectively. Recipient of three Unit Citations. Resides in Oakdale, Long Island, with his wife, Christine, and their daughters, Cassandra, Julia and Alexandra.*

While escaping a burning building quickly is a natural instinct, there is nothing worse than learning (upon reaching safety) that the fate of loved ones--especially small children--is in doubt. Such was the case in the early-morning hours of June 9, 2012, when a fire erupted at Box 3356 in the Fordham Heights section of the Bronx.

At approximately 0318 hours, the tone alarm sounded in the quarters of Rescue 3 to alert the members of "Big Blue" of a fire in a six-story, 150- by 100-foot, non-fireproof multiple dwelling. Due to the many calls Bronx Dispatch received, Rescue 3 was special-called as part of the initial alarm. As the company responded, dispatch operations reported calls of children trapped in apartment 6L. This was confirmed when Battalion Chief Thomas Riley, Battalion 19, was informed by a woman that her two infants and husband were trapped inside. Seconds later, three urgent 10-75 transmissions were made in succession by members of Ladder 56, Engine 48 and Battalion 19.

When Rescue 3 arrived on-scene, Battalion 19 ordered the company split into two teams--one to the roof to assist in vent operations, because the fire already had spread to the cockloft, and the other to apartment 6L. Because heavy fire blocked the only viable fire escape, FF Paul M. Patsos, Lieutenant Kevin Williams and FF Robert Andersen, Rescue 3, knew time was critical and raced up the six flights of stairs.

Reaching the fire floor, the members donned their SCBA facepieces as members of Ladder 56 were removing a burned and unresponsive victim. As Engine 48 advanced a hose-line into the apartment, FF Patsos found a fire in the

kitchen, extending into the hallway. FF Patsos moved forward into the apartment as Engine 48 aggressively worked to knock down the fire.

When he reached the front windows of the apartment, FF Patsos turned to search the bedrooms. Enduring high heat and a heavy smoke condition, the Firefighter came to a closed bedroom door, which he opened and began his search. When he found an empty child's racing bed, he heard the muffled sounds of coughing. With a heightened sense of emergency, FF Patsos redoubled his efforts and found the motionless body of a three-year-old girl wedged between the bed and the wall.

He immediately transmitted a 10-45 over his handie-talkie and turned to remove the child from the apartment.

However, because the fire had not yet been put under control, the rescuer crawled down the hallway past the fire, while shielding the unconscious child from the fire with his body.

Exiting the apartment, FF Patsos raced down the stairs with the unresponsive little girl in his arms. Reaching the street, he looked for EMS. Since they had not arrived yet, FF Patsos began lifesaving care. The Firefighter remained with the child until EMS personnel arrived and then he turned her over to their care.

In his report of the incident, Deputy Chief James Mulrenan wrote, "Firefighter Patsos was aware of the severity of the conditions he would encounter when he entered this apartment to search for unaccounted victims. FF Patsos displayed all the qualities of bravery, determination, initiative and firefighting skills worthy of commendation." The Fire Department of the City of New York is proud to honor FF Paul M. Patsos today with the William Friedberg Medal.--DJH



Rescue 3 operates at Manhattan Box 44-1745, January 23, 2013.

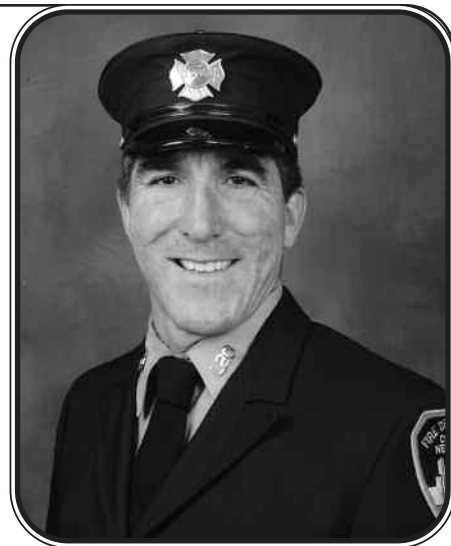
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# Shelly Rothman Memorial Medal

## FIREFIGHTER RANDOLPH REGAN *LADDER COMPANY 20*

**March 20, 2012, 0730 hours, Hudson River,  
vicinity of West 79th Street, Manhattan**

*Appointed to the FDNY on July 5, 1992. Brother, Battalion Chief Russell Regan, is assigned to Battalion 8. Attended John Jay College. Resides in Manhattan with his wife, Stephanie Connell, and their children--son, Rocky, 15, and daughter, Xenia, 13.*



Bicycle riding to and from work throughout the year is what FF Randolph “Randy” Regan, Ladder 20, does to keep in shape and maintain his cardiovascular fitness. The four-plus-mile trip along the West Side Highway typically is uneventful. However, on the cool morning of March 20, 2012, events turned out to be far from ordinary.

As FF Regan was riding a few blocks north of West 79th Street on his way to work, he saw a woman who was clinging to a log in the frigid waters of the Hudson River. Two civilians were watching the victim and FF Regan told them to call 911 for assistance. He then realized that with no other help available, he, alone, had to take immediate action. As a former lifeguard, he knew that the cold water temperature and swift river current could very quickly overwhelm the victim, making his job more treacherous.

Without hesitation, FF Regan ran to the edge of the bike path. Once there, he scaled a four-foot-high fence, proceeded downward over slippery, jagged rocks and entered the water. After swimming 40 feet to the woman, FF Regan grabbed the lethargic victim, secured and brought her to shore. He then retraced his previous steps, carried her up the slippery rocks, bringing her to level ground.

FF Regan then carried the shivering woman several blocks to the safety of a New York City Parks Department office at the 79th Street Boat Basin.

Once inside the building, in order to prevent hypothermia, FF Regan wrapped the woman in a blanket so her body heat could be preserved. As he was tending to the victim, members of EMS and the NYPD arrived to assist. FF Regan briefed them on the situation and, still in his wet clothing, hopped back on his bike. He resumed his trip to work at Ladder 20’s firehouse, the “Soho Trucking Company,” and arrived on time for his tour.

Although he was off-duty at the time, a Firefighter is always a Firefighter first. He saw someone in need of immediate assistance and did what Firefighters do—he took decisive

action to rescue someone in danger. Surely, had FF Regan not acted, the outcome would have been different.

FF Regan’s deed clearly upheld the traditions of the F D N Y . Therefore, for acting swiftly and courageously, with no thought of his personal well-being, the Shelly Rothman Memorial Medal is proudly presented to FF R a n d o l p h Regan.--BDG



Ladder 20 in operation recently at Manhattan Box 0315.



## Jack Pintchik Medal

May 26, 2012, 1900 hours, Queens



### PARAMEDIC KEITH R. AHRENS

#### STATION 47

*Appointed to EMS as an Emergency Medical Technician on October 22, 2001. Previously assigned to Stations 45 and 50. Uncle, Fire Marshal Joseph Tassa, is retired. Recipient of numerous pre-hospital saves. Studied Nursing at Malloy, Delhi and Nassau Community Colleges. Resides in Franklin Square, Long Island, with his wife, Joline.*

Paramedics Keith R. Ahrens and Jason E. Verspoor are assigned to EMS Battalion 47 in Queens. For several years, they became very familiar with Rockaway Beach as their primary response area, but recently, were re-assigned to Howard Beach. Both Paramedics admit they were unfamiliar with the area, especially the swamp land near the Addabbo Bridge around Jamaica Bay.

However, on the evening of May 26, 2012, they became very familiar with the area, very quickly. At approximately 1900 hours, the pair of Paramedics responded to a call for a child with his legs stuck in a hole. The 10-year-old boy said he was on his way home from a boxing class and had no idea where he was, making it difficult for emergency personnel to locate him.

Thanks to the implementation of the enhanced 911 system, dispatchers were able to trace the boy's cell phone and track his location. His location was pinpointed at 164th Avenue and 83rd Street, near Spring Creek Park.

Paramedics Ahrens and Verspoor entered the park through the thick brush and tall weeds. Once inside, they were unable to locate the youngster immediately. They speculated that perhaps it was a prank call. Then, the rescuers heard someone yelling for help.

The prank call speculation was discounted and the two Paramedics realized that, indeed, someone was in need of assistance. Paramedics Ahrens and Verspoor tried looking for footprints or a path through the brush. The mud was so thick that it

### PARAMEDIC JASON E. VERSPOOR

#### STATION 47

*Appointed to EMS as an Emergency Medical Technician on July 7, 2004. Previously assigned to Station 50. Recipient of the Rockaway Chamber of Commerce Bravest/Finest Award in 2009 and 2010. Resides in Oakdale, Long Island, with his son, Cooper.*

quickly covered whatever tracks had been made. With high tide rolling in, the fog getting thicker and darkness setting in, the Paramedics knew they had to locate the screaming boy quickly.

Police and Fire personnel--including an NYPD chopper--had joined Paramedics Ahrens and Verspoor. The rescuers spread out in different directions to search for the child. Each was trying desperately to follow the boy's call for help.

Paramedics Ahrens and Verspoor walked nearly a half-mile around the Spring Creek Park before they finally found the youngster. Trapped in waist-deep mud at the foot of the bay, the child was pale, cold and shivering. The boy stated he could not move out of the mud and had become scared. Again, the two Paramedics knew that certain factors were working against them: darkness was about to fall and the tide would be getting even higher. These same factors dictated that action be taken immediately.

With the help of other emergency personnel, Paramedic Ahrens pulled the boy out of the waist-deep mud. He then carried the 10-year-old back the roughly one-quarter mile to the ambulance. Paramedics Ahrens and Verspoor initiated treatment and immediately transported the boy to the hospital.

For their tireless efforts in searching for this young victim and then providing proper medical treatment, their dedication in aiding a frightened child was evident. For these reasons, Paramedics Keith R. Ahrens and Jason E. Verspoor are presented with the Jack Pintchik Medal.--MTL



Paramedics Keith Ahrens and Jason Verspoor, following their rescue of a youngster who was stuck in waist-deep mud. For their efforts, they received the Jack Pintchik Medal.

photo by The Wave



# Lieutenant James Curran/New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation Medal

## ENGINE COMPANY 268

October 29, 2012, 1900 hours, Box 75-1383, Queens

*LIEUTENANT KEVIN J. O'CONNOR*

*FF MICHAEL L. ARBUISO*

*FF GLENN BUBENHEIMER*

*FF MATTHEW T. KEMPTON*

*FF ALEX P. KHODAI*

*FF STEPHEN J. MASOM*

*FF ROBERT J. SCHIFF*

*FF WILLIAM C. SMITH*

This year, in recognition of actions taken when Hurricane Sandy made landfall in New York on October 29, 2012, FDNY will bestow several medals on deserving members and companies. The decisive actions of Firefighters and Fire Officers during that haunting night added yet another prime example of the Department's commitment to its traditions of duty, selflessness and courage. Engine 268 members epitomized this commitment when they successfully fought a fire in horrendous conditions after rescuing multiple victims who had not self-evacuated before the storm hit in Far Rockaway, Queens.

Working the 9 by 6 tour in the "Beach House" that day were Lieutenant Kevin J. O'Connor and FFs Michael L. Arbuiso, Glenn Bubenheimer, Matthew T. Kempton, Alex P. Khodai, Stephen J. Masom, Robert J. Schiff and William C. Smith. At approximately 1400 hours, as Hurricane Sandy approached the Rockaway Peninsula, the company began to respond to numerous alarms. During the course of a response, Ladder 137's apparatus broke down. Working in concert, the companies towed the out-of-service vehicle back to their quarters on Beach 116th Street.

As they neared the firehouse, members of Ladder 137 detected a strong odor of smoke in the area. After bringing the out-of-service vehicle to the firehouse, both companies climbed onto Engine 268's apparatus and continued south along 116th Street to investigate. However, this movement coincided with the start of the hurricane's storm surge.

At the corner of Rockaway Beach Boulevard and Beach 116th Street, the company was joined by the Department's Swift Team #6. This unit had been deployed to the peninsula and equipped with a Zodiac boat, but no firefighting equipment. Soon, members observed a medium fire condition on Rockaway Beach Boulevard at 110th Street and set out to respond to this unchecked emergency. However, as the hurricane grew in intensity, the storm surge raised water levels to the bottom of the apparatus' windshield and forced the members to withdraw to higher ground on Beach 116th Street and Rockaway Beach Boulevard.



Simultaneously, as the company gave condition reports over the radio, Engine 268 was informed that no other fire companies were able to respond. The Queens Borough Commander, Deputy Assistant Chief Robert R. Maynes, also radioed units, noting the first priority was life--both civilian and uniformed. Soon afterward, the company began to notice civilians--who did not self-evacuate in anticipation of the storm--appearing in windows above commercial occupancies in the area.

With lives in jeopardy, Engine 268 members made their way on foot, through the rising, cold, swift-moving water (which was awash in debris), eastward along Rockaway Beach Boulevard, carrying portable ladders and forcible entry tools. The company forced entry into residences to search and removed approximately 20 to 25 victims with the portable ladders. These victims were evacuated either on foot or via Swift Team #6.

After the tidal surge somewhat subsided, the company focused efforts on the Beach 110th Street fire. The chauffeur positioned Engine 268 on the south side of Rockaway Beach Boulevard and, using water from two hydrants, took up a defensive position as he planned to stop the fire at a three-story, brick, non-fireproof multiple dwelling. The company stretched a pair of 2½-inch lines and operated their pre-connected Akron New Yorker to protect this building through the night, while enduring horrific conditions, such as soaked and heavy bunker gear, early stages of hypothermia, massive amounts of floating debris--including cars and large pieces of the boardwalk--and downed power lines. Most importantly, they successfully stopped the equivalent of a multiple-alarm fire.

During this operation, Engine 268 operated in extremely adverse conditions, facing personal danger in many forms. Their actions are in keeping with the highest ideals of the Department and, as such, we are proud to honor the members of Engine 268--Lieutenant Kevin J. O'Connor and FFs Michael L. Arbuiso, Glenn Bubenheimer, Matthew T. Kempton, Alex P. Khodai, Stephen J. Masom, Robert J. Schiff and William C. Smith--today with the Lieutenant James Curran/New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation Medal.--DJH

# Firefighter Thomas R. Elsasser Memorial Medal

## LADDER COMPANY 137

October 29, 2012, 1945 hours, Box 1379, Queens



**LIEUTENANT ABIMAE L. ACOSTA**

**FF PAUL W. CALVO**

**FF EVAN J. DAVIS**

**FF KEVIN C. DOLAN (ENGINE COMPANY 266)**

**FF RICHARD D. FERRIN**

**FF CASEY E. SKUDIN**

While probationary Firefighters are taught a great deal about firefighting basics, it is not until they are assigned to a firehouse and actually work in the field that they get the opportunity to adapt, improvise and overcome obstacles to accomplish their mission. The members of Ladder 137 replicated all these actions in their response to the horrific events during the night of Hurricane Sandy.

During the early-evening hours of October 29, 2012, as the fury of this storm reached its apex, Ladder 137's apparatus (which had been in continuous operation throughout the day) broke down in the rising waters of the hurricane's storm surge at Beach 108th Street and Rockaway Beach Boulevard. With water quickly coming over the sea wall, the members of *The Beach House*--Lieutenant Abimael A. Acosta and FFs Paul W. Calvo, Evan J. Davis, Kevin C. Dolan (Engine 266), Richard D. Ferrin and Casey E. Skudin set up tow straps on Engine 268 and were able to move the out-of-service rear-mount back to their Beach 116th Street firehouse.

Reaching the relative safety of the firehouse, even as fast-moving flood waters continued to rise and all power in the area had been lost, members noticed an odor of smoke and went to investigate. Several minutes later, the members saw fire emanating from a structure on Rockaway Beach Boulevard.

By this time, flood waters had risen to nearly five feet. However, the members of Ladder 137 responded in through the cold, fast-moving water. Arriving at the building, they found victims gathered at windows, seeking rescue as the building's entrance was impassible due to the flooding. Putting Engine 268's 24-foot extension ladder into operation, the members of Ladder 137, with assistance from Engine 268, held the ladder in place while other members kept debris from impeding rescue efforts.

A total of 11 victims were removed from this building and two others. As the victims completed their ladder descent, they were passed to other members who waded through flood waters to the safety of higher ground on Beach 116th Street.

With all known civilians now safe and the storm surge beginning to recede, Engine 268 moved toward the unchecked fire (which had spread to other buildings and threatened still others). With Engine 268's radio notifying both companies they were "on their own," the decision was made to prevent the fire from advancing toward Beach 116th Street. Engine 268 set up at a hydrant at Beach 115th Street and put its deck gun into operation.

Meanwhile, Ladder 137, now acting as an engine company, stretched a 2½-inch line to the exposure #2 side roof of a structure on Rockaway Beach Boulevard. With another building becoming fully involved, Ladder 137 directed its hose stream onto the roofs, which prevented the fire from engulfing another building. Members also periodically monitored the lower floors for fire extension.

Throughout the night, the members worked without respite to contain this terrible fire and by 0530 hours the next day, the fire had reduced much of the area to rubble. Ladder 137 members, though exhausted and soaking wet, had adapted to changing conditions, improvised to meet new challenges and overcame the loss of their apparatus and tools to prevent further fire extension. The Fire Department of New York is proud to honor the members of Ladder 137--Lieutenant Abimael A. Acosta and FFs Paul W. Calvo, Evan J. Davis, Kevin C. Dolan (Engine 266), Richard D. Ferrin and Casey E. Skudin--for their steadfast dedication to duty, professionalism and courage with the Firefighter Thomas R. Elsasser Memorial Medal.--DJH

# World Trade Center Memorial Medal

## LADDER COMPANY 82

October 29, 2012, 1820 hours, Box 2269,  
Staten Island

**LIEUTENANT MICHAEL D. BERNSTEIN**

**FF DENNIS J. DEMPSEY**

**FF CHRISTOPHER M. DOS SANTOS**

**FF VINCENT A. MAYOR**

**FF MICHAEL A. O'NEILL**

**FF FRANK S. PICCOLO**



On October 29, 2012, many New Yorkers believed that Hurricane Sandy would blow quickly through the City as did Hurricane Irene. Many households were busy preparing to celebrate Halloween, with parents buying candy and children increasingly excited about dressing up in their costumes. Unfortunately, Hurricane Sandy literally put a damper on those plans.

As Hurricane Sandy approached the New York City area, weather forecasters predicted an extremely severe storm. As always, the members of Ladder 82 stood ready to show why this Department is known as *The Bravest*. What these members accomplished that unforgettable night was truly extraordinary.

At 1820 hours, Ladder 82 received an alarm for a water leak at Box 2269, Staten Island. While responding, the company was met with strong, fast-moving flood water (approximately one-and-a-half-feet deep) about two blocks from the location. Unable to proceed further, Lieutenant Michael Bernstein ordered the apparatus stopped and reversed to avoid becoming swamped in the rising water.

Moving the apparatus about 200 feet back, members found a hole in a fence line that allowed access to Millbank Road and Neutral Avenue. Moving into this area, the company encountered a Department of Transportation employee who said that those at the dispatched address had been evacuated, but other people in the area were trapped. FF Frank Piccolo, the chauffeur, stayed with the apparatus, while the rest of the company split into two groups to search for civilians trapped in their homes.

Lieutenant Bernstein, with FFs Christopher Dos Santos and Dennis Dempsey, proceeded down Neutral Avenue as water levels quickly rose from their knees to their necks. While moving down this street, they evacuated several civilians. At this time, Lieutenant Bernstein radioed FF Piccolo to call Staten Island Dispatch Operations and request that multiple

units respond with rescue boats. Meanwhile, another civilian notified FF Dos Santos of an elderly man trapped in his house. The Firefighter rescued the man by carrying him on his back through the flood waters to safety.

Simultaneously, FFs Michael O'Neill and Vincent Mayor rescued a nine-year-old boy (carried above FF O'Neill's head) and a young adult male through the dangerous waters. As flood waters continued to rise, FF Mayor remained with an elderly, handicapped male and a 60-year-old female to wait for water rescue. However, realizing that rescue boats could be delayed, FF Mayor improvised. He found and inflated a twin-sized air mattress by mouth and attached a dolly he found floating in the water. Using his webbing and some rope, he made the mattress into a raft. The Firefighter placed both victims on the "raft" and pulled them through the fast-moving flood waters to safety.

Just some of the numerous rescues made are highlighted here. The members of Ladder 82 operated for more than six hours; first, on their own, successfully rescuing and evacuating dozens of people before other fire companies arrived on-scene. They operated over and over again past the point of exhaustion and without the benefit of water rescue gear. They performed numerous rescues in deplorable conditions--through freezing waters (contaminated by sewage), with transformers and power lines exploding over their heads and the danger of falling into open manholes and being struck by large amounts of floating debris.

For their superlative efforts, which are in keeping with the highest traditions of the New York City Fire Department, we are proud to honor the members of Ladder 82--Lieutenant Michael D. Bernstein and FFs Dennis J. Dempsey, Christopher M. Dos Santos, Vincent A. Mayor, Michael A. O'Neill and Frank S. Piccolo--today with the World Trade Center Memorial Medal.--JB



## **Service Rating A**

FF Joseph V. Adinolfi, III, L-102  
FF John W. Carl, E-154  
FF Steven W. Carl, L-81  
FF Robert Conigliaro, L-86  
FF Ronald M. Corsale, L-16  
Lt. John A. Crimi, E-273  
FF James R. Feigenbutz, L-44  
FF John A. Flanagan, L-17  
FF Peter A. Frankini, L-7  
FF John G. Friedrich, SQ-288  
FF Michael J. Gardella, III, L-51  
Lt. Edward J. Gonzalez, L-161  
FF Patrick J. Griffin, L-32  
FF Kievon Y. Harper, L-176  
FF Timothy P. Harris, L-30  
FF Patrick C. Higgins, L-11  
Lt. William R. Kearns, L-56  
FF Brian T. Levings, E-265

FF Carlo V. Longobardo, L-32  
FF Kevin H. McGookin, L-27  
Capt. Jeffrey P. Meister, D-14  
Lt. Gilbert Montalvo, II, L-86  
FF Russell G. Morgan, L-35  
FF David R. Muccigrosso, L-122  
FF Richard C. Myers, R-2  
FF Michael R. Ober, L-124  
FF Timothy P. O'Toole, SQ-41  
FF Paul E. Patras, L-122  
FF Paul M. Patsos, R-3  
FF Randolph Regan, L-20  
FF Michael P. Richardson, L-120  
Lt. Jason M. Ronayne, Bn-53  
FF William T. Schaefer, L-133  
Lt. Kevin T. Sheridan, E-34  
FF Jason D. Vitulli, SQ-288  
FF Roy R. Wagner, L-121

## **Service Rating B**

*Number in parentheses indicates multiple awards.*

FF William Benitez, L-1  
FF Ismael Bruno, L-51  
FF Brian D. Burik, R-1  
FF Keith Calabrese, E-289  
FF Frank G. Campagna, L-11  
FF James Coyle, L-134  
FF Daniel J. Crowley, E-38  
FF Salvatore J. D'Agostino, L-6  
FF John G. Dean, L-106  
FF Brian N. Dinobile, L-51  
Lt. John E. Dirienzo, E-274  
FF Scott M. Doody, L-56  
Lt. John M. Flaherty, E-63  
FF Timothy J. Flanagan, E-75  
FF Reuben A. Gonzalez, L-166  
Lt. Dennis Gordon, R-4  
FF Matthew J. Guida, L-9  
FF Jeremy J. Hanophy, L-169  
Capt. Gregg A. Hansson, E-276  
FF Michael A. Hernandez, L-118  
FF Robert W. Hogan, M-1

FF David J. Holdampf, L-51  
FF James Kanganis, L-14  
FF Michael A. Kelly, E-63  
FF Michael J. Krochak, M-6  
FF Richard M. Maynard, L-5  
Lt. William T. McGee, L-51  
FF Brian T. McGowan, L-33  
Lt. Edward R. Mullen, L-142  
FF David P. Newbery, R-2 (2)  
Lt. James J. O'Connell, L-26  
FF Michael F. Regan, L-15  
FF William Rivera, L-12  
FF John P. Rodriguez, L-56  
FF Frank A. Sansonetti, L-10  
FF Nicholas T. Schneider, L-50  
FF Javan L. Settles, L-134  
FF Gerard Sica, E-23  
FF John Sommerville, L-155  
Lt. Daniel J. Sullivan, Bn-18  
Lt. Timothy E. Sullivan, Bn-19  
FF Brian R. Wheeler, L-123

# Bureau of Fire Investigation--BFI

## Service Rating A

March 15, 2012, FM Raymond Ott, CWS  
June 6, 2012, FM Brian T. Kane, SIU  
August 18, 2012, FM David Wong, HQ/CIU  
August 20, 2012, FM Martin G. Joyce, CWN  
September 12, 2012, FM Daniel E. Flynn, SIU  
October 24, 2012, FM J. Brooks Roberts, AFS

## Service Rating B

September 20, 2012, FM Joseph B. Sullivan, AFS  
December 3, 2012, FM Joseph A. Cultrera, AFS

## Unit Citations

### **Citywide North**

February 26, 2012, Box 9805

### **Citywide South**

March 15, 2012, Box 271

### **Citywide North**

March 26, 2012, Box 8970

### **Citywide South**

May 15, 2012, Box 881

### **Special Investigations Unit**

June 6, 2012, Box 3942

### **Citywide South**

July 3, 2012, Box 2686

### **Citywide South**

July 16, 2012, Box 2617

### **Special Investigations Unit**

August 14, 2012, Box 1911

### **Special Investigations Unit**

August 20, 2012, Box 4454

### **Special Investigations Unit**

September 28, 2012, Box 4903

### **Auto Fraud Squad**

October 24, 2012, Box 1144

### **Auto Fraud Squad**

December 3, 2012, Box 2197

# Unit Citations

**Engine Company 63**  
February 11, 2011 Box 75-4841

**Ladder Company 39**  
February 11, 2011 Box 75-4841

**Ladder Company 86**  
August 14, 2011 Box 1942

**Ladder Company 24**  
August 24, 2011 Box 688

**Ladder Company 143**  
October 30, 2011 Box 75-9610

**Engine Company 97**  
November 27, 2011 Box 75-3454

**Ladder Company 104**  
December 3, 2011 Box 129

**Engine Company 158**  
December 6, 2011 Box 998

**Engine Company 46**  
December 9, 2011 Box 22-3190

**Ladder Company 122**  
December 21, 2011 Box 75-1258

**Engine Company 253**  
December 28, 2011 Box 75-3456

**Ladder Company 142**  
January 4, 2012 Box 75-8590

**Engine Company 44**  
January 7, 2012 Box 1077

**Ladder Company 80**  
January 13, 2012 Box 719

**Engine Company 289**  
January 16, 2012 Box 75-7732

**Engine Company 271**  
January 17, 2012 Box 44-751

**Ladder Company 124**  
January 17, 2012 Box 44-751

**Ladder Company 51**  
January 29, 2012 Box 3692

**Squad Company 61**  
February 18, 2012 Box 4625

**Ladder Company 54**  
February 18, 2012 Box 4625

**Ladder Company 155**  
February 23, 2012 Box 75-2504

**Engine Company 318**  
February 24, 2012 Box 75-3603

**Ladder Company 35**  
March 1, 2012 Box 933

**Squad Company 41**  
March 2, 2012 Box 75-1465

**Ladder Company 121**  
March 17, 2012 Box 22-1296

**Rescue Company 1**  
March 22, 2012 Box 1527

**Rescue Company 3**  
March 22, 2012 Box 1527

**Squad Company 41**  
March 22, 2012 Box 1527

**Ladder Company 79**  
March 23, 2012 Box 75-145

**Rescue Company 5**  
March 23, 2012 Box 75-145

**Engine Company 15**  
March 28, 2012 Box 33-292

**Engine Company 33**  
March 28, 2012 Box 33-292

**Ladder Company 11**  
March 28, 2012 Box 33-292

**Ladder Company 18**  
March 28, 2012 Box 33-292

**Engine Company 9**  
March 28, 2012 Box 33-132

**Ladder Company 49**  
March 29, 2012 Box 2351

**Ladder Company 134**  
April 2, 2012 Box 1039

**Ladder Company 107**  
April 6, 2012 Box 75-1774

**Haz-Mat Company 1**  
April 7, 2012 Box 22-8829

**Engine Company 96**  
April 7, 2012 Box 22-8829

**Engine Company 38**  
April 12, 2012 Box 75-3822

**Engine Company 48**  
April 14, 2012 Box 44-3217

**Rescue Company 3**  
April 14, 2012 Box 44-3217

**Ladder Company 41**  
April 14, 2012 Box 44-3217

**Ladder Company 33**  
May 12, 2012 Box 22-4794

**Ladder Company 30**  
May 28, 2012 Box 75-1563

**Engine Company 79**  
June 1, 2012 Box 22-3444

**Ladder Company 56**  
June 9, 2012 Box 22-3356

**Engine Company 48**  
June 9, 2012 Box 22-3356

**Engine Company 21**  
June 10, 2012 Box 22-686

**Rescue Company 1**  
June 10, 2012 Box 22-686

**Ladder Company 7**  
June 10, 2012 Box 22-686

**Rescue Company 5**  
June 16, 2012 Box 75-1192

**Ladder Company 15**  
June 30, 2012 Box 13

**Engine Company 325**  
July 2, 2012 Box 7319

**Engine Company 329**  
July 4, 2012 Box 1462

**Engine Company 231**  
July 6, 2012 Box 75-1820

**Engine Company 91**  
July 12, 2012 Box 33-1383

**Rescue Company 1**  
July 17, 2012 Box 1063

**Ladder Company 56**  
July 21, 2012 Box 3535

**Ladder Company 127**  
July 22, 2012 Box 8494

**Ladder Company 126**  
July 22, 2012 Box 8494

**Engine Company 303**  
July 22, 2012 Box 8494

**Ladder Company 23**  
July 31, 2012 Box 22-1556

**Ladder Company 6**  
August 3, 2012 Box 7234

**Engine Company 81**  
August 16, 2012 Box 75-3384

**Engine Company 234**  
September 3, 2012 Box 44-1033

**Engine Company 202**  
September 3, 2012 Box 44-1033

**Engine Company 227**  
September 3, 2012 Box 44-1033

**Ladder Company 123**  
September 3, 2012 Box 44-1033

**Ladder Company 113**  
September 3, 2012 Box 44-1033

**Rescue Company 2**  
September 3, 2012 Box 44-1033

**Ladder Company 127**  
September 5, 2012 Box 75-4807

**Ladder Company 110**  
September 10, 2012 Box 617

**Ladder Company 46**  
September 12, 2012 Box 4903

**Engine Company 324**  
September 16, 2012 Box 9171

**Ladder Company 76**  
September 28, 2012 Box 4523

**Engine Company 151**  
September 28, 2012 Box 4523

**Engine Company 75**  
October 15, 2012 Box 44-3318

**Engine Company 43**  
October 15, 2012 Box 44-3318

**Marine Company 3**  
October 17, 2012 Box 8300

**Ladder Company 30**  
November 10, 2012 Box 75-1549

**Ladder Company 59**  
December 24, 2012 Box 75-4723



# Unit Citations for Hurricane Sandy

## October 29, 2012

*Box 55-8300*

Engine Company 10  
Engine Company 23  
Engine Company 205  
Engine Company 227  
Engine Company 231  
Engine Company 276  
Engine Company 302  
Engine Company 329  
Ladder Company 124  
Ladder Company 155  
Ladder Company 159  
Ladder Company 702  
Squad Company 288

*Box 44-916*

Rescue Company 1

*Box 22-1321*

Engine Company 226  
Engine Company 279

*Box 75-4853*

Engine Company 151

*Box 351*

Ladder Company 5

*Box 687*

Engine Company 160

*Box 1067*

Ladder Company 134

*Box 1137*

Engine Company 264

*Box 1187*

Ladder Company 121

*Box 1377*

Swift Water 6

*Box 1379*

Ladder Company 137  
Battalion 47

*Box 1383*

Engine Company 268

*Box 1401*

Brush Fire Unit 7

*Box 1407*

Engine Company 33  
Engine Company 328  
Ladder Company 12  
Battalion 74

*Box 1487*

Squad Company 800

*Box 1698*

Ladder Company 173

*Box 2028*

Engine Company 157

*Box 2045*

Ladder Company 136  
Swift Water 2

*Box 2050*

Battalion 51

*Box 2055*

Ladder Company 148

*Box 2056*

Brush Fire Unit 4

*Box 2164*

Ladder Company 174

*Box 2174*

Engine Company 290

*Box 2269*

Engine Company 162  
Engine Company 165  
Ladder Company 82  
Mark 154/Tac 2  
Mark 164

*Box 2271*

Ladder Company 77

*Box 2562*

Engine Company 247

*Box 3024*

Ladder Company 79  
Ladder Company 87

*Box 3219*

Engine Company 281

*Box 3245*

Rescue Company 6

*Box 3284*

Squad Company 1

*Box 3303*

Engine Company 246

*Box 3552*

Engine Company 243

*Box 3570*

Ladder Company 168

*Box 3616*

Swift Water 3

*Box 3822*

Ladder Company 83  
Ladder Company 85

*Box 4114*

Engine Company 257

*Box 4117*

Ladder Company 170

*Box 4118*

Reserve 517

*Box 4151*

Engine Company 309

*Box 4261*

Engine Company 167

*Box 5876*

Engine Company 311

*Box 8607*

Swift Water 1

*Box 8951*

Squad Company 270

*Box 9111*

Brush Fire Unit 1

*Box 9954*

Rescue Company 5

*Box 9996*

Engine Company 331

## October 30, 2012

*55-8300*

Engine Company 14  
Engine Company 96  
Engine Company 225  
Engine Company 240  
Engine Company 243  
Engine Company 284  
Engine Company 295  
Engine Company 323  
Engine Company 332  
Ladder Company 48  
Ladder Company 115  
Ladder Company 142

*Box 44-916*

Rescue Company 1

*Box 22-1321*

Ladder Company 131

*Box 75-4853*

Engine Company 168

*Box 1377*

Ladder Company 143

*Box 1403*

Ladder Company 158

*Box 1406*

Engine Company 265

*Box 1408*

Engine Company 266  
Engine Company 522

*Box 1418*

Engine Company 255  
Engine Company 310

*Box 2269*

Swift Water 5

*Box 8168*

Engine Company 8  
Engine Company 16  
Ladder Company 108

*Box 9995*

Engine Company 285

## November 3, 2012

*Box 8095*

SOC/Dewatering Unit

# EMS Pre-Hospital Saves for Hurricane Sandy

Lieutenant Ileana D. Adrat  
Paramedic Danny Alvarado  
EMT Jacqueline J. Benel  
Paramedic Joseph L. Bevilacqua  
Lieutenant Jose M. Borrero  
EMT Randolph Brewster  
Paramedic Dylan J. Curtis  
Lieutenant Joseph T. Daly  
Paramedic Mary E. D'Angelo  
Lieutenant Patrick J. Dillon  
Paramedic Edward Gerber  
Lieutenant Andrew S. Haber

Paramedic William P. Heegan  
Lieutenant Kevin N. Hooghuis  
Paramedic Matthew I. Keene  
EMT Marie C. Legall  
EMT Jeffrey H. Levine  
Paramedic Edwin Martinez  
EMT Ebony C. McBride  
EMT Joseph D. McCarthy  
Paramedic Thomas J. McCarthy  
Paramedic Samantha A. Neversson  
Lieutenant Robin M. Printy  
Paramedic Ryan K. Ramjas

EMT Oshiamara Rodriguez  
EMT Alejandra E. Serrano  
EMT Lakeesha R. Simmons  
Paramedic Jose O. Solis  
Lieutenant Jose Soto  
Paramedic Calvin R. Turner  
Paramedic Brehene M. Vice  
EMT Liana E. White  
Paramedic Justice Williams  
Paramedic Patrick Worms

# CFR Pre-Hospital Save Commendations

*January-December 2012*

## January 2012

Engine Company 9, January 7  
Engine Company 39, January 29  
Engine Company 42, January 28  
Engine Company 72, January 19  
Engine Company 79, January 2  
Engine Company 221, January 11 and 22  
Engine Company 247, January 15  
Squad Company 270, January 18  
Engine Company 274, January 5  
Engine Company 275, January 4  
Engine Company 276, January 9, 10 and 21  
Engine Company 289, January 1  
Engine Company 290, January 4  
Engine Company 292, January 6  
Engine Company 306, January 6  
Engine Company 311, January 9  
Engine Company 317, January 9  
Engine Company 324, January 30  
Engine Company 330, January 11  
Engine Company 332, January 13

Engine Company 58, March 8  
Engine Company 74, March 8  
Engine Company 84, March 1  
Engine Company 90, March 30  
Engine Company 92, March 8  
Engine Company 97, March 17  
Engine Company 237, March 17  
Engine Company 243, March 31  
Engine Company 246, March 11  
Engine Company 247, March 3  
Engine Company 265, March 21  
Engine Company 271, March 9 and 21  
Engine Company 284, March 10  
Squad Company 288, March 8  
Engine Company 292, March 3  
Engine Company 318, March 7  
Engine Company 320, March 12  
Engine Company 323, March 10  
Engine Company 330, March 12  
Engine Company 332, March 22

Engine Company 80, May 7  
Engine Company 92, May 7  
Engine Company 155, May 27  
Engine Company 216, May 30  
Engine Company 221, May 24  
Engine Company 225, May 5  
Engine Company 227, May 16 and 22  
Engine Company 230, May 27  
Engine Company 246, May 15 and 19  
Engine Company 248, May 27  
Engine Company 262, May 6  
Engine Company 268, May 28  
Engine Company 285, May 17  
Engine Company 286, May 19  
Engine Company 287, May 15  
Engine Company 292, May 19  
Engine Company 297, May 12  
Engine Company 307, May 2  
Engine Company 309, May 9  
Engine Company 316, May 14  
Engine Company 324, May 21

## February 2012

Engine Company 5, February 29  
Engine Company 22, February 19  
Engine Company 43, February 10  
Engine Company 47, February 23  
Engine Company 50, February 2  
Engine Company 52, February 12 and 13  
Engine Company 58, February 7  
Engine Company 60, February 5  
Engine Company 65, February 23  
Engine Company 88, February 20  
Engine Company 96, February 2 and 26  
Engine Company 97, February 14  
Engine Company 159, February 8  
Engine Company 206, February 20  
Engine Company 225, February 15  
Engine Company 235, February 10  
Engine Company 241, February 15  
Engine Company 243, February 6  
Engine Company 246, February 23  
Engine Company 263, February 12 and 19  
Engine Company 273, February 5  
Engine Company 277, February 11  
Engine Company 287, February 9  
Engine Company 289, February 27  
Engine Company 312, February 11  
Engine Company 323, February 29

## March 2012

Engine Company 16, March 29  
Engine Company 22, March 31  
Engine Company 38, March 13  
Engine Company 40, March 22  
Squad Company 41, March 19  
Engine Company 54, March 11

## April 2012

Engine Company 3, April 11  
Engine Company 33, April 8  
Engine Company 34, April 19  
Engine Company 37, April 26  
Engine Company 54, April 11  
Engine Company 55, April 13  
Engine Company 60, April 26  
Engine Company 63, April 26  
Engine Company 69, April 18 and 30  
Engine Company 81, April 2  
Engine Company 89, April 9  
Engine Company 97, April 23  
Engine Company 168, April 4  
Engine Company 227, April 14  
Engine Company 234, April 10  
Engine Company 249, April 2  
Engine Company 257, April 21  
Engine Company 271, April 20  
Engine Company 292, April 6 and 11  
Engine Company 298, April 25  
Engine Company 301, April 19  
Engine Company 307, April 4  
Engine Company 311, April 21  
Engine Company 330, April 15

## May 2012

Engine Company 1, May 17  
Engine Company 6, May 4  
Engine Company 15, May 29  
Engine Company 38, May 19  
Squad Company 41, May 30  
Engine Company 52, May 28  
Engine Company 63, May 4  
Engine Company 64, May 15  
Engine Company 66, May 24  
Engine Company 69, two incidents on May 27

## June 2012

Engine Company 1, June 8  
Engine Company 7, June 4, 8 and 23  
Engine Company 22, June 14  
Engine Company 26, June 18  
Engine Company 63, June 2  
Engine Company 68, June 16 and 28  
Engine Company 81, June 28  
Engine Company 91, June 13  
Engine Company 92, June 16  
Engine Company 96, June 1 and 16  
Engine Company 97, June 11  
Engine Company 154, June 18  
Engine Company 155, June 15  
Engine Company 164, June 3  
Engine Company 226, June 6  
Engine Company 227, June 8  
Engine Company 236, June 26  
Engine Company 242, June 28  
Engine Company 245, June 30  
Engine Company 251, June 20  
Engine Company 259, June 5  
Engine Company 266, June 10  
Engine Company 273, June 20  
Engine Company 283, June 28  
Engine Company 284, June 25  
Engine Company 285, June 1  
Engine Company 287, June 23  
Engine Company 289, June 24  
Engine Company 291, June 1  
Engine Company 294, June 14  
Engine Company 305, June 13 and 15  
Engine Company 315, June 7  
Engine Company 316, June 16  
Engine Company 330, June 12

### July 2012

Engine Company 1, July 24  
Engine Company 8, July 23  
Engine Company 21, July 17  
Engine Company 24, July 24  
Engine Company 28, July 19  
Engine Company 33, July 5  
Engine Company 40, July 23  
Engine Company 42, July 27  
Engine Company 63, July 11  
Engine Company 80, July 9  
Engine Company 93, July 15  
Engine Company 151, July 12  
Engine Company 168, July 2  
Engine Company 229, July 9  
Engine Company 243, July 31  
Engine Company 253, July 4  
Engine Company 268, July 4  
Engine Company 275, July 16 and 25  
Engine Company 280, July 18  
Engine Company 284, July 16  
Engine Company 285, July 26  
Engine Company 287, July 14 and 15  
Engine Company 289, July 6  
Engine Company 292, July 6  
Engine Company 297, July 17  
Engine Company 307, July 7  
Engine Company 308, July 26  
Engine Company 317, July 25  
Engine Company 326, July 21

### August 2012

Engine Company 8, August 24 and 31  
Engine Company 15, August 13  
Engine Company 16, August 30  
Engine Company 22, August 3  
Engine Company 40, August 10  
Engine Company 50, August 20  
Engine Company 58, August 18  
Engine Company 92, August 4  
Engine Company 94, August 10  
Engine Company 95, August 11  
Engine Company 96, August 24  
Engine Company 157, August 25  
Engine Company 214, August 17  
Engine Company 221, August 10  
Engine Company 231, August 5  
Engine Company 234, August 25  
Engine Company 236, August 4 and 24  
Engine Company 246, August 5  
Engine Company 248, August 25  
Engine Company 264, August 20  
Engine Company 282, August 3  
Engine Company 289, August 8 and 19  
Engine Company 301, August 30  
Engine Company 304, August 3  
Engine Company 305, August 20  
Engine Company 311, August 30  
Engine Company 315, August 1  
Engine Company 319, August 14  
Engine Company 324, August 25  
Engine Company 330, August 16

### September 2012

Engine Company 3, September 30  
Engine Company 4, September 22  
Engine Company 7, September 27  
Engine Company 8, September 4  
Engine Company 23, September 19  
Engine Company 42, September 10  
Engine Company 46, September 28  
Engine Company 62, September 18  
Engine Company 69, September 14  
Engine Company 71, September 7 and 23  
Engine Company 82, September 30  
Engine Company 83, September 4  
Engine Company 156, September 25  
Engine Company 157, September 6  
Engine Company 216, September 23  
Engine Company 234, September 12  
Engine Company 236, September 26  
Engine Company 242, September 17  
Engine Company 248, September 8 and 17  
Engine Company 262, September 25  
Engine Company 264, September 5  
Engine Company 265, September 27  
Engine Company 273, September 2 and 8  
Engine Company 274, September 11  
Engine Company 281, September 13  
Engine Company 283, September 9  
Engine Company 287, September 19  
Engine Company 293, September 10  
Engine Company 302, September 2  
Engine Company 305, September 27  
Engine Company 317, September 11  
Engine Company 325, September 6  
Engine Company 331, September 28

### October 2012

Engine Company 3, October 16  
Engine Company 7, October 15  
Engine Company 8, October 9  
Engine Company 22, October 23  
Engine Company 35, October 12 and 16  
Engine Company 38, October 10  
Engine Company 59, October 8  
Engine Company 63, October 21 and 30  
Engine Company 71, October 31  
Engine Company 76, October 20  
Engine Company 79, October 11  
Engine Company 81, October 6  
Engine Company 94, October 6  
Engine Company 155, October 19  
Engine Company 159, October 3  
Engine Company 161, October 1  
Engine Company 162, October 29  
Engine Company 214, October 18  
Engine Company 218, October 14  
Engine Company 233, October 24  
Engine Company 234, October 22 and 23  
Engine Company 236, October 27  
Engine Company 249, October 25  
Engine Company 253, October 14  
Engine Company 257, October 7, 8, 12 and 21  
Engine Company 259, October 26  
Engine Company 271, October 7

Engine Company 276, October 5  
Engine Company 280, October 22  
Engine Company 283, October 12  
Engine Company 287, October 8  
Engine Company 295, October 5  
Engine Company 298, October 14  
Engine Company 317, October 30  
Engine Company 324, October 11

### November 2012

Engine Company 4, November 15  
Engine Company 9, November 22  
Engine Company 62, November 26  
Engine Company 63, November 18 and 28  
Engine Company 71, November 28  
Engine Company 82, November 27  
Engine Company 89, November 11  
Engine Company 92, November 1  
Engine Company 94, November 30  
Engine Company 151, November 29  
Engine Company 219, November 2  
Engine Company 220, November 30  
Engine Company 236, November 3  
Engine Company 243, November 25  
Engine Company 253, November 12  
Engine Company 271, November 30  
Engine Company 298, November 29  
Engine Company 308, November 13  
Engine Company 323, November 19  
Engine Company 331, November 13

### December 2012

Engine Company 23, December 11  
Engine Company 28, December 3  
Engine Company 39, December 14  
Engine Company 43, December 2  
Engine Company 45, December 9  
Engine Company 52, December 21  
Engine Company 53, December 24  
Engine Company 59, December 13  
Engine Company 62, December 28  
Engine Company 93, December 12  
Engine Company 94, December 3  
Engine Company 96, December 29  
Engine Company 164, December 7  
Engine Company 166, December 10  
Engine Company 210, December 8  
Engine Company 233, December 1  
Engine Company 243, December 12  
Engine Company 247, December 18  
Engine Company 248, December 16  
Engine Company 257, December 5  
Engine Company 273, December 13  
Engine Company 274, December 11  
Engine Company 298, December 13  
Engine Company 305, December 8 and 21  
Engine Company 308, December 9  
Engine Company 309, December 23  
Engine Company 315, December 6  
Engine Company 324, December 25  
Engine Company 325, December 24



# EMS 2012 Pre-Hospital Save Awards

*Number in parentheses indicates multiple saves.*

EMT Stacey N. Aarons (2)	Lieutenant Nicholas D. Barker (8)	Paramedic Frederick Brandt	EMT Kai W. Chan
EMT Byron P. Abad	Paramedic Kenneth N. Barone	Paramedic Kevin W. Bratholt (3)	Paramedic Marvin K. Chan
Lieutenant Paul Abate (5)	Paramedic Dale T. Barret	Paramedic Victor I. Brathwaite	Paramedic Stephen Chang
EMT Isa-Isha	EMT Nathaniel Bartley	EMT Christopher P. Breidenbach	Paramedic Charles R. Chapman
Abdulkarim-Middleton (2)	Lieutenant Anthony M. Bartolomey	EMT Andre O. Bristol	Paramedic Pierre C. Charboneau (3)
EMT Annabell Abreu	Paramedic Raymond M. Bartolomey	EMT Lauren A. Broccoli	Paramedic Brent A. Charles
Paramedic Roberto D. Abril (2)	Lieutenant Kevin Barwick	Lieutenant Telina A. Brock (3)	EMT Stephanie N. Charles
Paramedic Justine P. Abruzzo (2)	EMT Victor M. Basabe	Paramedic Keisha M. Brockington	EMT Jerry Chatelain
Paramedic Alex E. Acevedo	Lieutenant Brendan M. Bass (3)	EMT Stephen F. Brothers	Captain Richard J. Chatterton (2)
Paramedic Joel Acevedo	Captain Luis E. Basso (2)	EMT Jennifer M. Brower	EMT Thomas Checco
Paramedic Elizabeth Acosta-Rayos	Lieutenant Mario Bastidas	Paramedic Madelyn V. Brown	Paramedic Kenny Cheng (4)
EMT Pedro Acosta	Lieutenant Moses O. Bastien (5)	EMT Sharon A. Bryant	Paramedic Rondell D. Chester (2)
Paramedic Wilbert Acosta (2)	EMT Mark A. Batista (2)	Paramedic Joshua Bucklan	Paramedic Jason Cheung
EMT Francesco Adamo	EMT Nicholas R. Batista	EMT Alfonso E. Buoninfante	Paramedic Timothy J. Chiarel (2)
Paramedic Brandon K. Adams	Lieutenant James Bayreuther (3)	EMT Matthew S. Burbano (2)	Paramedic Christopher Chin (2)
Lieutenant Ileana D. Adrat (3)	Lieutenant James Becker (5)	EMT Kathleen Burgess	EMT Serguei Chronov (2)
EMT Jairo D. Aguiar	EMT Netta K. Bedassie (2)	Lieutenant David Burke (4)	Paramedic Martha C.
Paramedic Juan Aguirre	Paramedic Leonardo A. Bedoya	Paramedic Jeffery J. Burke	Cienfuegos-Ortiz
EMT Rafael Aguirre	Paramedic Jared Beitel	EMT Kerry M. Burnett	Paramedic Michael J. Cilento
Paramedic Jeanne A. Aikins (2)	Paramedic Eduardo A. Belgrave	Paramedic Biagio Burriesci	EMT Todd A. Cinetti
Paramedic Rene F. Alaby (2)	EMT Sadek Belkacem	Paramedic Eva Busa Farkas	Paramedic David Cira (4)
EMT Richard E. Alavarces	EMT Gina M. Bellido	Paramedic Peter L. Bushey	EMT Glenn W. Clapp
Paramedic Joseph M. Albo	EMT Someko K. Bellille	EMT Sandra A. Butler	Paramedic Melvin H. Clarke (3)
Paramedic Ashley Alejo (2)	Paramedic Joseph M. Bellino (2)	EMT Allen W. Butterbaugh	Paramedic Johana Clerge (2)
EMT Zeeshan Ali	EMT John Beltram	EMT Katrina J. Buyund (2)	Paramedic John F. Coleman (3)
EMT Alexis Alicea	Paramedic Jose O. Benitez	Paramedic Giovanni Caballero (2)	EMT Michael Coleman (2)
Paramedic Richard Alicea	Paramedic Joshua I.	EMT Anthony Caban	Paramedic Dwayne A. Coley
EMT Robert Alicea	Benjamin Bernstein (2)	Lieutenant Ralph Cabello	EMT Andres F. Coll Martinez
Lieutenant Jerard Allas (4)	Lieutenant Sean Benjamin	EMT Victor J. Cadicamo (2)	EMT Ian Colquhoun (2)
Lieutenant Richard Allas (3)	EMT Melissa Y. Bennett	Lieutenant Steven M. Caggiano (6)	Paramedic Nikola S. Combs
EMT Cathy Ann Alleyne	Paramedic Kimberly N. Benson	Paramedic William G. Cahill (2)	EMT John J. Comerford (2)
Paramedic Danny Alvarado (2)	EMT Janet Bentkowski (3)	EMT Gregory K. Caine	EMT Weber Compere (2)
EMT Johnny M. Alvarado	EMT John O. Bernard	Lieutenant Margaret M. Calamusa (4)	EMT Steven T. Conboy (4)
EMT Jimmy Alvarez	Paramedic Victor S. Berrios	Paramedic Betsy Camacho	Paramedic Arthur J. Concepcion (3)
Paramedic Luis E. Alvarez	EMT Raheem F. Bertrand (2)	EMT Robert C. Camaj	Paramedic Thomas Conforti
Paramedic Antonio Amor	Paramedic Peter J. Bilardello (2)	EMT David J. Camasca	EMT Michael W. Conklin (2)
Lieutenant Lawrence Anderson	Paramedic Jonathan R. Billian (2)	Paramedic Zaith Camejo (2)	Paramedic Andria I. Connell
Paramedic Michele E. Anderson	Lieutenant Christopher J. Bilz (6)	Lieutenant Steven F. Cameron (2)	EMT Felix M. Contreras
EMT Raymond Andino	EMT Randall S. Bingham (3)	EMT Yaniri E. Canales	EMT Joshua C. Contreras (2)
Paramedic Timothy J. Anson (3)	Paramedic Timothy J. Bittar (3)	EMT Jason E. Cancel	Paramedic David J. Cook
Paramedic Cristina L. Aponte (4)	Paramedic Daniel J. Bivona (2)	EMT Teri Ann Cancetty (2)	Lieutenant Robert D. Cook (2)
EMT Rowland Aquino (2)	EMT Ryan C. Blackwell	Lieutenant Gene Canel (2)	Paramedic Henry Cordero
EMT Christopher M. Ara	Paramedic Tnai R. Blades	Paramedic Jerry Cange	Paramedic Nicholas C. Cordova (3)
EMT Jean Carlos Arache (3)	Paramedic Conor B. Bliss (2)	Paramedic Joy H. Canter (2)	EMT Derick D. Corlette
Paramedic Paul A. Ardizzone (2)	Lieutenant Jorge Blondett (4)	Captain Mark R. Caplan	EMT Daniel A. Coronel
Paramedic Jose R. Arias (2)	Paramedic Thomas J. Blumbers (2)	Paramedic Richard M. Cappock (2)	Lieutenant Luis Corrales (2)
Lieutenant Carlos Ariza (3)	Paramedic James A. Bolger (2)	EMT Alberto Caraballo	Paramedic Antonio Corso
EMT Leon Aronov (2)	EMT Adolfo E. Bonafoux	EMT Mary Ellen Carbone	Paramedic Gary Cortes (2)
EMT Alexander V. Arroyo	Paramedic Richard T. Bonet (3)	EMT Jorge Carbonell	Paramedic Juan Cortes
Paramedic Juliette Arroyo	EMT Matthew J. Boney	EMT Alfred Carcani (2)	EMT Leila Cosme (2)
EMT Marilyn L. Arroyo	Paramedic Ferdinand D. Bonifacio	EMT Thomas H. Cardona (3)	Paramedic Gustavo R. Costantino (2)
EMT Yadira Arroyo (2)	Captain Mark A. Bonilla (8)	Lieutenant Linda Carlson	EMT Gabriel Coto (2)
Lieutenant Lloyd C. Arscott	Paramedic Frantz Bonneau (2)	Paramedic Stephen W. Carpenter	EMT Daniel Cotter
EMT Pietro Arsenault	Lieutenant Jose M. Borrero	Paramedic Gerald J. Carr (2)	EMT Carlos Courtade
EMT Jesan Michael A. Avila Hyde	Paramedic Yan S. Borukhov	EMT Damian W. Carrera (2)	EMT Barkim U. Covington
Paramedic Freddy E. Aviles	EMT John A. Bottone (2)	Paramedic Mark C. Carroll (3)	EMT Jillian E. Cox (3)
Lieutenant Gilberto Aviles (5)	Lieutenant Kelly Boulter	EMT Theresa M. Carroll (2)	EMT Zache L. Cox (2)
EMT Arzu Aydogdu	EMT Isaac I. Bouskila	Lieutenant Elizabeth Cascio	Lieutenant Anthony S. Cozzino (4)
Lieutenant Chantel Bacot (4)	Paramedic Schyler C. Boyd	EMT Salvatore F. Cassonetto	EMT Patrick M. Creeden
EMT Benjamin Badillo (2)	Captain Tonya M. Boyd-Jones	EMT Eileen V. Catalano (2)	Paramedic Juan C. Criado-Garcia
EMT Raul I. Baez	Paramedic Timothy M. Boyle (2)	Lieutenant Salvatore Catania (2)	Paramedic James V. Crispino
EMT Johnsy J. Baptiste	Paramedic Michael J. Bradshaw (3)	Lieutenant Andre Catapano	Paramedic Marissa M. Crocco (2)
EMT Kyle R. Barbaria	Paramedic Gregg T. Brady (4)	Lieutenant Cemal Cengiz	Paramedic Conrad C. Cross
Paramedic Matthew A. Barbella (2)	EMT Marcus W. Brandon	EMT Jose Cerda Matos	EMT Christopher F. Crutchfield
EMT Elvin Barinas	EMT Joseph J. Brandstetter	EMT David Chambers	EMT Gina S. Cruz

Paramedic Jessica Cruz  
 Paramedic Yeny F. Cruz  
 Lieutenant Albert Cruzado  
 EMT Mary B. Cucinelli  
 EMT Joseph H. Cuello  
 EMT Adrian F. Culcay  
 EMT Nevin E. Cummings, Jr.  
 Lieutenant Sean P. Cunniffe  
 EMT Desmond C. Cunningham, Jr. (2)  
 EMT Owen P. Cunningham  
 Lieutenant Anthony Curatola  
 Lieutenant Frank Curatola (2)  
 Paramedic Stephen C. Curiale  
 EMT David A. Curling  
 EMT Daniel V. Curtin (2)  
 Paramedic Dylan J. Curtis  
 Lieutenant Timothy B. Cusack (3)  
 Lieutenant Michael C. Daddona (4)  
 Lieutenant Joseph T. Daly (4)  
 Lieutenant Jonathan R. Damato (2)  
 EMT Nicholas F. Damato  
 Paramedic John W. D'Andrea  
 EMT Rheihold R. Dangleade  
 EMT Brian M. Daur  
 Lieutenant Christopher C. D'Auria (4)  
 EMT Daniel K. Davis (2)  
 Paramedic Sorffly Davius  
 Lieutenant Brendan P. Dean  
 EMT Christine Decarlo  
 EMT Anthony Decesare (3)  
 Lieutenant James A. Dedonato  
 Captain Carolyn L. Deevy  
 EMT Terrance L. Degannes  
 Paramedic Santino V. Degregorio  
 Lieutenant Jesus V. Deinnocentiis (2)  
 Lieutenant Gilbert DeJesus (3)  
 EMT Gonzalo De Jesus  
 Paramedic Leslie Delahoz (2)  
 Lieutenant William J. Delaney (2)  
 Lieutenant Edwin Delapaz (3)  
 Paramedic David A. DeLeon  
 Lieutenant Jose L. Delgado  
 EMT Bryan J. Deliz  
 EMT Michael W. Delsorbo (2)  
 Lieutenant Michael W. Demarco  
 Paramedic Christopher Demott  
 EMT Joseph M. Denapoli  
 EMT Joseph S. Depalma, Jr.  
 Paramedic Mario C. Depalma (3)  
 Paramedic Brian DeSantis (4)  
 Captain John DeSantis  
 EMT William R. DeSantis  
 Lieutenant Frederic C. DeSarno, Jr.  
 Paramedic Anthony Desir  
 EMT Carlos I. Diaz Clanillo  
 Lieutenant Joseph J. Dibona  
 Lieutenant Patrick J. Dillon (2)  
 EMT Christopher Dimao  
 Lieutenant John P. Dimen (2)  
 Paramedic Trinh K. Dinh  
 EMT Joseph S. Dipaterio  
 EMT William F. Dipietra  
 Paramedic Edward Dixon  
 Lieutenant Timothy E. Dluhos  
 EMT Choeurlyne Doirin  
 EMT Ellis C. Dones  
 EMT Frederick C. Dorner  
 Lieutenant George H. Dorsey (5)  
 Paramedic Diane Dos Santos (2)  
 EMT Yanique K. Doyley (2)  
 Lieutenant Angela Dragotto  
 EMT Yanina Drebskaya  
 EMT Douglas Drumgo, II  
 EMT Ian J. Dsouza (2)  
 Lieutenant Steven S. Dubin  
 EMT Jim Z. Duff (2)  
 Paramedic Jessica Duffy  
 Lieutenant Richard H. Dun  
 EMT Christopher J. Dunlavey (2)  
 Lieutenant Andrew W. Dunn  
 EMT Rayshaun A. Dunn  
 EMT Tristen E. Echols  
 EMT Shamel P. Edge  
 Lieutenant Wa-Il K. Eldahry (7)  
 Paramedic Alicia B. Elkadi  
 EMT Sarah B. El-Kadi  
 Paramedic Doraun L. Ellis  
 EMT Nicholas V. Emanuele  
 Lieutenant Christopher R. Emhardt (3)  
 Paramedic John A. Emington (2)  
 EMT George J. Encarnacion  
 EMT Watson Entwisle  
 EMT Nolan B. Epshteyn (2)  
 Lieutenant Richard L. Erdey (6)  
 EMT Jimmy R. Espinosa  
 EMT Martin E. Evans (2)  
 Lieutenant John B. Eyzaguirre  
 Paramedic Donald Faeth  
 EMT Corinne T. Fairlie  
 EMT Ivan A. Fajardo  
 Paramedic Kevin M. Fanning (3)  
 Paramedic Joseph E. Farrell  
 Paramedic Joseph Fazzino  
 EMT Matthew C. Featherstone (2)  
 Lieutenant David A. Fein (2)  
 EMT Lisa D. Feldman  
 EMT Christopher Fernandez  
 EMT Daniel Fernandez  
 Paramedic Samuel L. Fernandez  
 EMT Michael M. Ferrara  
 EMT Salvatore Ferrara  
 EMT Yasel E. Ferrer  
 Lieutenant Brett H. Fields (3)  
 Paramedic Jerry A. Figueroa  
 EMT Joseph R. Figueroa  
 Paramedic John Filsaime (2)  
 EMT Ross P. Finkelstein  
 Lieutenant Thomas Finn (4)  
 EMT James S. Finnell  
 Paramedic Andrew P. Fiorillo  
 Paramedic Stanislav Flaksman (4)  
 EMT Brian J. Flanagan  
 Paramedic Lee J. Fleming (2)  
 EMT Kevin Flood  
 Paramedic Vince Flood  
 Paramedic Julien R. Florant  
 Lieutenant Ernst Floreal  
 Paramedic Miguel A. Flores  
 Paramedic Serfarin Flores (2)  
 Paramedic Richard J. Flower  
 Lieutenant Ronald Floyd  
 Lieutenant Patrick J. Flynn (4)  
 EMT Monique O. Follins  
 EMT Bruce Fonseca  
 EMT Christopher J. Forcenito  
 EMT Paul M. Forte  
 Paramedic Joseph Fortis  
 Paramedic Elvira L. Francis  
 Paramedic Oral L. Francis (2)  
 Paramedic Helen M. Franco (3)  
 EMT Alaisha N. Francois (2)  
 Paramedic Ian A. Franklin  
 EMT Jewel A. Fraser  
 Paramedic Brian E. Frayne  
 EMT James R. Freedley  
 Lieutenant Dorlan J. Freeman  
 Paramedic Michael P. Fregonese  
 EMT Stephanie M. French  
 Lieutenant Mitchell Friedland  
 Paramedic Jousha L. Frumer  
 Lieutenant James P. Furlong  
 Paramedic Kenshin Furuta  
 EMT John P. Gagliano  
 EMT Vincent E. Gagliardo  
 EMT Andy Galagarza (3)  
 Paramedic Carl A. Gandolfo (2)  
 EMT Alfredo Garcia  
 Paramedic Christian A. Garcia  
 EMT Javier Garcia  
 EMT Jessy B. Garcia  
 Paramedic Leonore Garcia  
 Lieutenant Maria Garcia (3)  
 EMT Robert Garcia  
 Captain Joseph R. Gasparini (2)  
 Paramedic Alfredo C. Gaw  
 EMT Bruce C. Geiser  
 Paramedic Franer J. Genois (3)  
 EMT Ian C. George  
 EMT Christopher S. Geraghty  
 Paramedic Edward Gerber (2)  
 Paramedic James Gerinimo  
 Paramedic Lothaire Germain (2)  
 Paramedic James J. Geronimo (2)  
 EMT Brian R. Gerrato  
 EMT Samson Getachew (2)  
 Paramedic William Gettens (2)  
 Paramedic Ronald J. Gibberman  
 EMT John R. Gilbert  
 Paramedic Christopher D. Gilkes (3)  
 Lieutenant Dave A. Gill (5)  
 Lieutenant Joseph A. Gioielli (4)  
 EMT Linette A. Gipson (2)  
 Paramedic Anne Marie Girgenti  
 EMT Roy Givens, Jr. (2)  
 Paramedic Erlis Gjyzezi  
 Lieutenant Abraham Glatzer (7)  
 Lieutenant Michael J. Glenn  
 Paramedic Alan N. Glick (2)  
 EMT Don L. Goepfert (2)  
 EMT Leon A. Goldson  
 Paramedic Erica A. Golino  
 EMT Yan Golod  
 Paramedic Alexander Gomez (2)  
 EMT Henry W. Gomez (2)  
 Paramedic Jamie Gonzales (2)  
 EMT Luis Gonzales  
 Paramedic Emilio Gonzalez (2)  
 EMT Jose Gonzalez, Jr.  
 EMT Joseph J. Gonzalez  
 Lieutenant Sergio H. Gonzalez  
 Lieutenant Susan Gonzalez  
 EMT David B. Goodman  
 Paramedic Sean E. Goodwin (2)  
 EMT Anthony S. Gordon  
 Paramedic Bernard N. Gordon  
 EMT Rafael A. Goris  
 Paramedic Marcio A. Grano DeOro  
 Lieutenant Feliks Granovskiy (3)  
 EMT Keisha Grant  
 EMT Kyle J. Grassia (2)  
 EMT Blauri M. Graterol  
 Lieutenant Steven Graulau  
 EMT Christopher F. Gray  
 Paramedic Nicholas P. Graziano  
 EMT William J. Graziano, Jr.  
 Paramedic Michael A. Greco (3)  
 EMT Darryle A. Green  
 Lieutenant Alan M. Greenberg  
 Paramedic David Greenidge  
 EMT John J. Greenwald  
 EMT Charles A. Greenwood (2)  
 EMT Eric J. Gregg  
 Lieutenant Kendra C. Gregory (2)  
 Lieutenant Staci L. Grguric (3)  
 EMT Jeremy Griffel  
 Paramedic Glenroy Griffith  
 Paramedic Eric M. Gruarin  
 Lieutenant Charles M. Gschlecht  
 EMT Carlos A. Guadron  
 EMT Daniel P. Gunther  
 EMT Patrick J. Gustama (2)  
 Paramedic Matthew Guth  
 Paramedic Bryant Gutierrez (2)  
 Lieutenant Luis F. Gutierrez (4)  
 Paramedic Brian G. Gutkin  
 EMT Shaya Gutleizer  
 Paramedic Lydia M. Gutnick (2)  
 Paramedic Matthew Guttila  
 EMT Douglas Guzman  
 Paramedic Richard Guzman (2)  
 Lieutenant Bruce Haas  
 Paramedic Jonathan Haber  
 Captain Howard Hahn (2)  
 EMT Francis C. Haley  
 Paramedic Claude V. Hall  
 Paramedic Peter Hamilton  
 EMT Michael Hannan  
 Lieutenant Thomas Hannan (4)  
 Paramedic Jennifer J. Hannigan (2)  
 EMT Lorena C. Hanton (2)  
 EMT Dindeyal T. Harricharan  
 Lieutenant Charles Harris  
 EMT Keesha N. Harris (2)  
 Paramedic Nicholas V. Harrison (2)  
 EMT Noel E. Harrison (3)  
 EMT Jessica R. Hart  
 EMT Lauren D. Hartnett  
 EMT Raheem A. Hassan  
 EMT Joseph T. Hauser  
 Paramedic Richard Hawkins  
 EMT Brian Hayden  
 Paramedic Kornelia E. Haynes (2)  
 EMT Michael J. Healey  
 EMT Kevin E. Healy  
 EMT Shawn P. Healy  
 EMT Lori A. Hecker (2)  
 Paramedic John A. Heer  
 Paramedic Christian T. Hehn (2)  
 Lieutenant Robert W. Heins (5)  
 EMT Charles B. Hellhake  
 EMT Mark Henderson  
 Paramedic Juan L. Henriquez (3)  
 EMT Christopher M. Henry (2)  
 Paramedic Walter G. Henry  
 EMT Betty V. Hepburn  
 EMT Brendon Hernandez  
 EMT Samuel J. Hernandez  
 Paramedic Lacy G. Higgins (2)  
 Paramedic Walter Hochbrueckner (2)  
 EMT Robert F. Hockenjos  
 Paramedic Stephen M. Hoder  
 Paramedic Raquel Hogan  
 EMT Ceasar D. Holloway (2)  
 Paramedic Simon A. Holyland (2)  
 Lieutenant Kevin N. Hooghuis (2)

EMT Michael V. Hospedales (2)  
 EMT Eric J. Howard (2)  
 Paramedic Jasmin D. Howard  
 EMT Dorothy E. Huertas  
 EMT Robert D. Humphries (2)  
 Paramedic Robert F. Hunt (3)  
 Paramedic Alix Hyacinthe  
 Paramedic Bruce N. Hydock, Jr. (2)  
 EMT Rudy C. Hyppolite  
 EMT Justin Imburgia  
 Paramedic Eric W. Ingram (2)  
 Paramedic James Ingram  
 EMT Melissa Irizarry  
 Paramedic Derron Israel (3)  
 Paramedic Christian Jackson (2)  
 Lieutenant Peter F. Jakubowski (4)  
 EMT Andre A. James  
 Paramedic Dennis Jamieson  
 EMT Richard J. Jankowicz  
 Paramedic Dukens R. Jean Baptiste (2)  
 EMT Sade V. Jeannot-Monchik  
 Paramedic Edy P. Jean-Philippe (2)  
 Lieutenant Joseph Jefferson (3)  
 Lieutenant Walter Jehle (5)  
 Paramedic Kevin K. Jennings  
 EMT Matthew S. Jezycki  
 Paramedic Daril W. Jimenez  
 EMT Joseph Jiminez  
 Paramedic Ramon Jimenez (3)  
 Paramedic Samuel Jimenez  
 Lieutenant Marietta L. Johnson (2)  
 EMT Nyasha L. Johnson  
 EMT Peter A. Johnson  
 EMT Ronald Johnson (2)  
 EMT Sean H. Johnson  
 Lieutenant Stephen T. Johnson (2)  
 Paramedic Vincent J. Johnson  
 Lieutenant Andrew Johnston (2)  
 Lieutenant Angela Jones (2)  
 Lieutenant Wayne Jones (2)  
 Paramedic Willie K. Jones  
 Paramedic Alexis Joseph  
 EMT Elis Joseph  
 Paramedic Paula A. Josten (3)  
 Paramedic Sean A. Josten (3)  
 EMT Jeffrey Jovin  
 Paramedic Winsley J. Julien (2)  
 EMT Daniel A. Jurcsak (2)  
 Lieutenant Michael Kaiser (8)  
 Paramedic Aleksandr Kaplan (3)  
 Lieutenant David S. Karic (3)  
 Lieutenant Edward J. Keenan  
 Paramedic Matthew I. Keene (2)  
 Lieutenant Kevin Kelleher (6)  
 EMT Nathan C. Kellner (2)  
 Paramedic Chante M. Kelly  
 Paramedic Robert J. Kelly (2)  
 Paramedic Sikina V. Kemp (2)  
 EMT Ofir A. Keren  
 Paramedic Adil O. Khalid (2)  
 Paramedic David Kher  
 EMT Jannell King  
 Paramedic Michael A. King  
 EMT Andrey Kirichenko  
 Paramedic Tracy B. Klempner  
 Paramedic Albert G. Knowles  
 EMT David Kocaj (2)  
 Paramedic Christian L. Komondorea  
 Paramedic Brendan Konrad (2)  
 EMT Brian D. Kopchynski  
 Paramedic Erica Krasilovsky  
 Paramedic Rostantin W. Kruczowy  
 Lieutenant Irene Kruiten  
 EMT Kevin R. Kuck  
 Paramedic Jason S. Kum (2)  
 Paramedic Franklin Kupferberg  
 EMT Josephine T. Kwok  
 EMT Monique F. Lacroze  
 Lieutenant Sean S. Lahey  
 Lieutenant Karen E. Lamanna  
 Paramedic Yahki L. Langford  
 Lieutenant John Langley  
 Lieutenant Joseph Lanzi (2)  
 EMT James Laracuenta  
 Paramedic Yvonne S. Larock-Trail  
 EMT Paul J. Larow  
 Paramedic Kevin L. Laroy  
 Paramedic Arina N. Lasserre  
 Paramedic Jose A. Laurencio, Jr.  
 EMT Frank L. Laurino  
 EMT Michael M. Lauro  
 EMT Jacques J. Lavaud  
 Lieutenant Giuseppe Lavore (3)  
 Lieutenant Nicole Lawrence  
 Lieutenant Gaetano Lazzara (5)  
 Paramedic Kenneth G. Lebow  
 EMT Michael J. Lebowitz (2)  
 Paramedic Juan R. Lebron  
 Paramedic David K. Lee (3)  
 Paramedic Gilbert H. Lee (2)  
 Paramedic Hyo Gap Lee  
 Paramedic Warren G. Lees  
 EMT Marie C. Legall  
 Paramedic Katty R. Lejarde (6)  
 EMT Thomas J. Leonard (2)  
 Paramedic Vito Leone  
 EMT Thomas A. Leto  
 EMT Avia Levi  
 Paramedic Gary L. Lewis (2)  
 EMT Maurice W. Lewis  
 EMT William R. Lewis  
 EMT Xue-Hua Li  
 EMT Justin M. Licari (2)  
 Paramedic Justin M. Lim  
 EMT Zhanikai Lin  
 Lieutenant Timothy J. Lindblom (2)  
 Lieutenant Matthew B. Lindner (3)  
 Paramedic Christopher J. Lipkin (3)  
 Paramedic Maureen K. Little  
 Paramedic Rostislav Livinsky  
 EMT Krystle A. Liz (2)  
 EMT Giovanni LoBello  
 Paramedic Aaron J. Long  
 Lieutenant Carlos E. Lopez  
 Paramedic Hoover Lopez (4)  
 Paramedic Johnny J. Lopez  
 Paramedic Lisa Lopez  
 Paramedic Lisset M. Lopez Acosta  
 Paramedic Luis E. Lopez (2)  
 EMT Robert J. Lopez  
 EMT Steven J. Lopilato  
 Paramedic Michael S. Loscalzo  
 EMT David Louis (2)  
 EMT Mwalimu G. Lovelace  
 EMT Brendan G. Lovett  
 EMT Melvin E. Lozano  
 EMT Josue Luciano (3)  
 Paramedic Jordan Lucks  
 Paramedic Sara R. Lupin (5)  
 EMT Gary T. Luten (2)  
 EMT Brian J. Lynch  
 EMT Ruthie E. Mack  
 Lieutenant Elizabeth J. Mackiewicz  
 EMT Vashala R. Madho  
 Paramedic Nicholas A. Magro  
 Paramedic Kevin J. Maher (5)  
 EMT James W. Mahoney  
 Paramedic Allen W. Maikels  
 EMT George L. Maisonave  
 EMT Ralph E. Maisonneuve  
 Paramedic Valeri Makarets (3)  
 Paramedic David Malayev  
 EMT Jessica Maldonado (2)  
 Paramedic Mario O. Maldonado  
 Paramedic Andrew J. Malone  
 EMT Vincent A. Maneri (2)  
 Paramedic Ralph V. Mangrella  
 Paramedic John Paul M. Mansour  
 EMT Daniel C. Marciano  
 EMT William F. Marchese  
 EMT Carmine J. Marchisello (2)  
 EMT Louis M. Marin  
 Paramedic Raymond Marin  
 Paramedic Steven N. Marino  
 Paramedic Michael C. Markowski  
 Paramedic Sarah L. Marsango (2)  
 Lieutenant Thomas S. Marsden  
 EMT Robert J. Martell (2)  
 EMT Keith G. Martin  
 EMT Brenda L. Martinez-Flores (2)  
 Paramedic Edwin Martinez  
 EMT Emilio Martinez (2)  
 EMT Jillian S. Martinez (2)  
 EMT Luis Martinez-Gutierrez  
 Lieutenant Orlando Martinez  
 EMT Renzo A. Martinez (2)  
 EMT Steven Martinez (2)  
 Paramedic Sylvia M. Martinez  
 Lieutenant Anthony Marullo, Jr. (4)  
 Lieutenant Renae T. Mascol  
 Paramedic Daniel P. Mathieu  
 Paramedic Eric A. Matonis  
 EMT Daniel P. Mattina (3)  
 Lieutenant Kurt R. Maurer (2)  
 EMT Frank D. Maynard  
 EMT Mark R. Mazur  
 Lieutenant Kevin M. Mazuzan  
 EMT Vincent A. Mazzarella (2)  
 Lieutenant Lori Mazzeo (3)  
 EMT Christopher J. Mazziotti (2)  
 Paramedic Daniel Mboh  
 EMT Ebony C. McBride (2)  
 Lieutenant Sargent B. McBride (2)  
 Lieutenant Lawrence McCalla (3)  
 Lieutenant Michael McCarthy (2)  
 Paramedic Thomas J. McCarthy  
 EMT Michael P. McCormack  
 Paramedic Shaun G. McCormack  
 EMT Martina D. McCoy  
 Paramedic James H. McDale (3)  
 EMT David C. McDonald  
 Paramedic Sean M. McGrath (2)  
 Lieutenant Keith E. McGregor (3)  
 EMT James J. McGuire (2)  
 EMT James C. McHugh  
 EMT Jason E. McIntosh  
 EMT Barbara McKenzie  
 Paramedic Charles J. McKeon  
 Lieutenant Charles T. McLaughlin  
 EMT Godfrey C. McLean  
 EMT Matthew J. McNally  
 Paramedic Stephen B. McNamara  
 Paramedic Christopher McNeely  
 Paramedic Charles T. McNeil (2)  
 EMT Christopher B. McPherson (2)  
 EMT Karen M. McTier  
 Captain Alberto V. Meade (2)  
 EMT Edward Medina (2)  
 Paramedic Francisco A. Medina  
 EMT Freddy Medina  
 EMT Michelle Medina  
 Paramedic Michael B. Melas (2)  
 Paramedic Theodore Melnick  
 Paramedic Byron Melo (2)  
 Paramedic Jason G. Mendelsohn (2)  
 Paramedic Redwin Y. Mendez  
 EMT Moira D. Mercado  
 EMT Raul F. Mercado  
 Lieutenant Mary Merced (8)  
 Paramedic William T. Meringolo  
 Paramedic Kerry D. Merkel  
 Lieutenant Edward Meyer  
 EMT Anthony W. Mezzacappa (2)  
 Lieutenant Terrance Middleton (2)  
 EMT Christopher Mifsud (2)  
 Paramedic Alexandru Mihailescu (2)  
 Paramedic Zachary R. Mihalrad  
 EMT Charles Milatta  
 Paramedic Jennifer C. Millado-Marin  
 EMT Priscilla I. Millan (2)  
 EMT Johnny Miller  
 Paramedic Latisha R. Miller  
 Lieutenant Matthew Miller (4)  
 EMT Michael R. Miller (2)  
 Paramedic William T. Miller (2)  
 Lieutenant Jesse Minalgo  
 EMT Dariell Minyety-Berroa  
 EMT Rita Mione (2)  
 Lieutenant Anthony J. Miranda  
 EMT Frank Miranda  
 Paramedic Justin Miro  
 EMT Meaghan E. Mischke  
 EMT Shawna N. Mitchell  
 EMT Fritz Moise  
 Paramedic Juan D. Moncada  
 EMT Adam W. Montalvo (2)  
 Lieutenant Regla Montalvo (2)  
 Lieutenant Kevin F. Montgomery  
 Paramedic Mario A. Montoya  
 EMT Keith D. Moon  
 Lieutenant William Moore (5)  
 Paramedic Daryl I. Morales (4)  
 Paramedic Jose N. Morales (3)  
 EMT Michael A. Morales  
 EMT Michael A. Morales  
 EMT Ivan Moreau  
 Paramedic Julie Moreland  
 EMT Edgar Moreta  
 Paramedic Michael D. Motley (3)  
 Paramedic Carlos S. Muller (3)  
 Lieutenant Susan A. Muller  
 Paramedic Brendan P. Mulroy  
 EMT John A. Muniz (3)  
 Lieutenant Donald Muriel  
 Lieutenant Martha Muriel  
 Lieutenant Brian C. Murphy (3)  
 EMT Ryan P. Murphy  
 Paramedic Said A. Mustafa (2)  
 Lieutenant Ralph J. Mustillo  
 EMT Don Muthukudaarachc (3)  
 EMT Matthew D. Myers  
 EMT Alexander W. Nagoda (3)



EMT Salvatore Namio  
 Lieutenant Daniel Napoletano (3)  
 EMT Francis M. Nappi  
 EMT Adam N. Narkier  
 Paramedic Kevin J. Nash  
 EMT John J. Naughton, Jr. (2)  
 Paramedic Kyra V. Neeley  
 Paramedic Alessandro G. Negri  
 Lieutenant Jonathan D. Negron  
 EMT Rebecca Negron  
 Paramedic Moses N. Nelson  
 Deputy Chief John V. Nevins  
 Paramedic Kenneth Newman (2)  
 Paramedic Matthew A. Newman  
 EMT Jeffrey A. Nichols  
 EMT Jessica J. Nieves (2)  
 EMT Nariman Niyazov (2)  
 EMT Mario B. Noble  
 EMT Stephen J. Northmore (2)  
 EMT Eric Nunez (3)  
 Paramedic Vanessa Ocasio  
 Lieutenant Jason C. Ochoa (2)  
 Paramedic Liane Ochoa  
 Paramedic Joseph O'Farrell  
 EMT Justin P. O'Grady (2)  
 EMT Patrick Oh (2)  
 EMT Charles Okai  
 Paramedic Murat Olgun (2)  
 Paramedic Makesi L. Oliver  
 Lieutenant Bryan A. O'Malley (5)  
 EMT Kevin O'Malley  
 EMT Eve N. Omansky  
 Lieutenant William M. O'Neill  
 EMT Christopher V. Orlik  
 EMT Kimberly A. O'Rorke  
 EMT Bruny Ortega-Garcia  
 Lieutenant Eric J. Orth (4)  
 EMT Carlos A. Ortiz (2)  
 EMT John J. Ortiz  
 Lieutenant Norman Ortiz  
 EMT Richard Ortiz, Jr.  
 EMT Robert M. Ortiz  
 Paramedic Ferry Oscar (2)  
 EMT Brendan C. O'Sullivan  
 Lieutenant Jeannette Otero (2)  
 Lieutenant Melissa E. Ovalle  
 EMT Frank A. Oyague  
 EMT Sharay D. Paige  
 EMT Janice A. Palencia (2)  
 EMT Odelmo M. Paltooram  
 EMT Delphena G. Pantan (2)  
 EMT Nestor D. Paredes  
 EMT Elizabeth Parks  
 Paramedic Greg W. Partch, Jr.  
 Lieutenant Anthony T. Pascarella  
 EMT Patrick Pascullo  
 EMT Obrian Pastrana  
 Paramedic Angela M. Patanio  
 Paramedic Anal A. Patel (2)  
 Lieutenant Raymond J. Patterson  
 Paramedic Anthony T. Paulino  
 Paramedic Fernando Payamps  
 Lieutenant Abel J. Payero  
 EMT Daniel M. Payne  
 Paramedic Maximo A. Pena (2)  
 EMT Alejandro Perez  
 Paramedic Edward Perez-Mendez  
 EMT Elizabeth Perez  
 Paramedic Jose A. Perez  
 Paramedic Jose A. Perez (2)  
 EMT Miguel Perez, Jr.  
 EMT Yanko V. Perez  
 Paramedic Chaz E. Perry  
 EMT Anthony R. Persad  
 EMT Arnel Petit Mat  
 Lieutenant Stephan Petras (2)  
 Lieutenant Ron Pfeffer (2)  
 EMT Megan M. Pfeiffer  
 Lieutenant Jon P. Phelan (2)  
 EMT Joeni A. Pichardo  
 Paramedic John G. Pike (2)  
 EMT Jose Pimentel  
 EMT Christina Pirrone (2)  
 EMT Adam C. Piscitello  
 Paramedic Ivan J. Placido  
 Paramedic Brian H. Plunkett (2)  
 Lieutenant Bernard Pogrebinsky  
 EMT Karen E. Polanco (3)  
 Lieutenant Natalia Polunin (2)  
 EMT Alejandro Ponce (2)  
 Lieutenant Lawrence Pontrelli (3)  
 EMT Paul Porcello  
 Paramedic James E. Porras  
 Paramedic Grzegorz Portka  
 Lieutenant Michael J. Potasso (3)  
 Paramedic Victor A. Potito  
 EMT Anthony L. Pought (2)  
 EMT Lauren Prescott  
 EMT Spencer Presume  
 EMT Clifton Price  
 EMT Kalis A. Primo  
 Lieutenant Robin M. Printy (2)  
 EMT Janet Puente (2)  
 EMT Kevin T. Purdy  
 Paramedic Sophia N. Quadri (3)  
 EMT Annwon D. Quick  
 Lieutenant Jeffrey Quigley  
 Lieutenant Antonio G. Quinones (3)  
 EMT Omar Quinones  
 EMT Stephen A. Ragaglia  
 EMT Kristopher Ragler (2)  
 Paramedic Usman M. Rahyab  
 Lieutenant Kevin Ramdayal (2)  
 Paramedic Cesar N. Ramirez  
 EMT Edgar F. Ramirez  
 EMT Milagros E. Ramirez  
 Paramedic Ryan K. Ramjas (2)  
 EMT Bhanmattie Ramlochan  
 EMT Christopher R. Ramos  
 EMT David R. Ramos  
 Lieutenant Manuel A. Ramos  
 Paramedic Orlando Ramos  
 Paramedic Pierre L. Ramos (3)  
 EMT Shaeumos P. Rand (2)  
 Paramedic Charles A. Raynor, II  
 Paramedic William F. Razenson (2)  
 EMT Alexander Razumov  
 EMT Clement E. Reese (4)  
 Paramedic David Reeve  
 Lieutenant Bonnie L. Regan (2)  
 EMT Dennis R. Rehberger  
 EMT Peter C. Reilly  
 EMT Jeffrey M. Reisenauer (4)  
 EMT Christopher R. Relyea  
 EMT Scott I. Rest (2)  
 EMT Pauline Restrepo (2)  
 Paramedic Nemesio H. Reyes  
 Paramedic Daniel P. Riccobono (2)  
 EMT Shawn R. Rice  
 Lieutenant William L. Rich  
 Paramedic Sanjay A. Richards  
 Lieutenant Wilbert Riera (2)  
 Paramedic Andrew E. Rios  
 EMT Vanessa Rios  
 Paramedic Dan B. Rivas  
 EMT Alexis Rivera (2)  
 EMT Cynthia M. Rivera  
 EMT Jason F. Rivera  
 EMT Josia Rivera  
 Paramedic Marco Rivera  
 EMT Melissa A. Rivera  
 Paramedic Michael Rivera  
 EMT Nelson Rivera  
 Paramedic Rosa B. Rivera  
 EMT Giannella Robalino  
 Paramedic Earl H. Roberts  
 EMT Gary A. Roberts  
 Paramedic Peter H. Roberts  
 Lieutenant Timothy Roberts (2)  
 Paramedic Marc Robertson  
 Paramedic Taisha N. Robinson  
 EMT Mario Rocha  
 EMT Daniel F. Rochford (3)  
 Paramedic John P. Roddy (4)  
 Paramedic Brandon A. Rodriguez  
 EMT Christopher A. Rodriguez  
 Paramedic Dennis E. Rodriguez  
 EMT Franklin Rodriguez (2)  
 EMT Jasmin J. Rodriguez  
 EMT Jeanine M. Rodriguez  
 Paramedic Juan D. Rodriguez (2)  
 Lieutenant Luis D. Rodriguez  
 EMT Rema G. Rodriguez  
 EMT Vanessa Rodriguez  
 Paramedic Craig C. Roeder (2)  
 Paramedic Stephen P. Rogers  
 EMT Dominic Rogovich (2)  
 Paramedic Lynwood G. Rollins (4)  
 EMT Kraig R. Roloson  
 Paramedic Braulio Roman  
 EMT Christopher A. Roman  
 EMT Marcelino A. Roman  
 EMT Christopher Romani  
 EMT Ruben Romano  
 EMT Edgar Romero  
 Lieutenant Douglas A. Rondon (2)  
 Lieutenant Thomas M. Rosa (4)  
 EMT Carin N. Rosado  
 EMT Jhonny W. Rosado-Garcia  
 Paramedic John J. Rosati  
 EMT Lyonel J. Rosemond  
 EMT Vanessa Ross  
 Paramedic Michael S. Rothfeld (2)  
 Lieutenant Scott E. Rothschild  
 Lieutenant David Rudnitzky (2)  
 Lieutenant Richard J. Ruhl (4)  
 EMT Adam J. Ruiz  
 Paramedic Joseph Ruiz (2)  
 EMT William J. Rush  
 EMT Nicketo Russell  
 Paramedic Alison Russo-Elling (2)  
 Paramedic Michael Russo  
 EMT Avain N. Rutherford  
 Paramedic Brendan F. Ryan (2)  
 EMT Matthew R. Rynne  
 EMT Nicolas A. Sacco, Jr.  
 Lieutenant Jason L. Saffon  
 EMT Kevin E. Saint-Dic  
 EMT Stuart M. Saladin  
 Paramedic Elizabeth Salazar  
 Paramedic Favian Salazar  
 EMT Hugh J. Samerson  
 Lieutenant Marc Samuels  
 EMT Charles A. Sanchez  
 Paramedic Charles Santangelo (4)  
 Paramedic Bobby Santiago  
 EMT Jennifer Santiago  
 EMT Peter J. Santiago  
 Paramedic Nicolas L. Santini  
 Lieutenant Vincent A. Santoiemma  
 Paramedic Kathleen M. Santora (2)  
 Paramedic Tenille A. Saunders (3)  
 EMT Christopher S. Savino  
 EMT Matthew J. Scalise  
 EMT John E. Scanlon  
 Paramedic Steven Scarinzi  
 Paramedic Jonathan E. Schecter (2)  
 EMT Eugene Schettini (2)  
 EMT Emile J. Schettino  
 EMT Michael Schiaffo  
 EMT Eric J. Schill  
 EMT Michael Schultz (2)  
 EMT Louis K. Schumann  
 EMT Douglas Schuster  
 EMT Charles Schwager (2)  
 Lieutenant James E. Scordus  
 Lieutenant Jasmine Scott (3)  
 Paramedic Linda Scott (2)  
 EMT Robert T. Scragg  
 Paramedic Oneilia N. Seaton  
 EMT Rodolfo Seddio, Jr. (2)  
 EMT Michael Seebrat  
 EMT Joseph J. Segot  
 Paramedic Andre Segovia, Jr.  
 EMT Richard R. Senkiew  
 Paramedic Rafael Sequeira (2)  
 EMT Alejandra E. Serrano (2)  
 Paramedic Betzaida Serrano  
 EMT Eric Serrano (2)  
 Paramedic Erika Serrano  
 EMT Morgan M. Setorie  
 Lieutenant Barry K. Shapiro (2)  
 Paramedic Olexiy Sharak (2)  
 EMT Kevin G. Sharkey (2)  
 Paramedic Ajay K. Sharma (2)  
 Lieutenant Michael J. Sheridan  
 EMT Brendan M. Shipley  
 Paramedic Jamie J. Shiwgobin  
 Paramedic Francisco E. Sierra  
 Paramedic Edmond J. Signer (2)  
 Paramedic Kenneth Silas (2)  
 Paramedic Roberto J. Silveira (2)  
 Lieutenant Michael A. Silver  
 Paramedic Charles J. Silverstein  
 Paramedic Michael Silvestri  
 EMT Jennifer Sime  
 EMT Merisa A. Simons (2)  
 Lieutenant Derrick C. Simpkins (3)  
 EMT Rajbir Singh (2)  
 EMT Sharon Singh Santos  
 EMT Suchingh Singh  
 EMT Sherry F. Singleton  
 Paramedic Michael W. Skody (3)  
 EMT Margaret F. Slick  
 EMT Andre Smith (2)  
 Paramedic H. Carlton Smith  
 Paramedic Hugh Smith, II  
 Paramedic Kelvin G. Smith  
 EMT Michael T. Smith  
 Paramedic Richard D. Smith (2)  
 EMT Stephen A. Smith (2)  
 Lieutenant Theresa  
 Smith-Hawkins (4)  
 Paramedic Ervin Sobiev (2)

Paramedic Arnaldo Soler (2)  
 EMT Teresa Soler  
 Paramedic Jose O. Solis  
 Paramedic Andrew C. Somaiah (2)  
 Lieutenant Hugo P. Sosa  
 EMT Nicole M. Sosa  
 Lieutenant Phillip A. Soto (5)  
 EMT Robert Soto, Jr.  
 Paramedic Robert L. Sottile  
 EMT James A. Soutar, III (3)  
 Paramedic Jason K. Spandorf  
 EMT Robert J. Spencer  
 Paramedic Joseph R. Spinelli  
 Paramedic David C. Spooner (2)  
 EMT Thomas G. Spreckels (2)  
 Paramedic Eon Z. Springer (2)  
 EMT Gregory St. Clair  
 Paramedic Cody J. Stamberger  
 EMT Nicholas E. Stein (2)  
 EMT Kevin J. Steinle  
 EMT Adam D. Stern (2)  
 Lieutenant Robert Stock  
 Paramedic Ashley E. Strevey  
 McDonald (2)  
 EMT Kevin M. Stringfield  
 Lieutenant Evan S. Suchecki (5)  
 Deputy Chief John Q. Sullivan  
 Paramedic Michael P. Sullivan  
 EMT William J. Sullivan  
 EMT Marso Sully (2)  
 Lieutenant Milton Sylman (4)  
 EMT Nicholas S. Tacopino  
 Paramedic Seon A. Taitt  
 EMT Alvin G. Taylor, Jr.  
 Paramedic Christopher M. Taylor  
 Paramedic Glen G. Taylor  
 EMT Keith A. Taylor  
 EMT Troy R. Telleria  
 Paramedic Lorna L. Tennant (2)  
 Paramedic Winston Tennant  
 EMT Alex Tepliy (2)  
 Paramedic Elwood L. Thomas (3)  
 Paramedic Mario A. Thompkins (3)  
 Paramedic Corey J. Tiller

Paramedic Matthew Tizol  
 EMT Jennifer E. Tobin  
 EMT Lissette Toledo  
 Paramedic Michael P. Toomey (2)  
 EMT Yehuda L. Topper  
 EMT Alexandra E. Torres  
 EMT Jose A. Torres (2)  
 Paramedic Laura T. Torres  
 EMT Neil Torres  
 Captain Norberto J. Torres  
 EMT Yelitza Torres  
 EMT Anthony C. Tortorici (2)  
 Paramedic Stephen J. Tortoriello (2)  
 Lieutenant Debra Towers  
 Lieutenant George V. Trager, Jr.  
 Paramedic George Trail (6)  
 Paramedic Timothy M. Troeber  
 EMT Adam R. Trugman  
 Paramedic William M. Truocolo (3)  
 Paramedic Giovanni E. Tumbaco  
 EMT Salvatore Turturici (2)  
 Lieutenant Leonid Tverskoy (2)  
 Paramedic Michael W. Ullman  
 Paramedic Gerardo A. Urena  
 EMT Victor M. Urena (2)  
 Paramedic Vitaly Usherenko (3)  
 EMT Amanda R. Uster  
 Paramedic Silvana Uzcategui (2)  
 Paramedic Peter J. Vaccaro  
 Lieutenant Andre J. Valdez (3)  
 EMT Michael A. Vale  
 EMT Juan G. Valencia (2)  
 Paramedic Chez C. Valenta-Kannar  
 Paramedic Robert Valenzi  
 Paramedic Charles J. Valicenti  
 EMT Lori Valitutto (2)  
 EMT Adriana Valverde (2)  
 Lieutenant Sara Valverde (3)  
 Paramedic Lee Vargas  
 EMT Tommy Vargas  
 EMT John J. Varmon, Jr. (3)  
 EMT Francisco M. Vasquez  
 EMT Melido Vasquez, Jr.  
 EMT Ryan J. Vasselman

Paramedic John W. Vaval  
 EMT Pablo Vazquez (2)  
 Lieutenant Richard Vazquez (2)  
 Lieutenant Margaret Vega  
 EMT Frank S. Vela (2)  
 EMT Andrew Vele (4)  
 EMT Paula A. Velez  
 Paramedic Robert J. Vender  
 EMT Lizbeth K. Vera  
 Paramedic Jason E. Verspoor (2)  
 Paramedic Brehene M. Vice  
 Lieutenant Rachel P. Victor (5)  
 EMT Dylan C. Vidoli  
 Paramedic Ricky Vien  
 Paramedic Philip Villafane (2)  
 EMT Michael J. Vindigni (2)  
 Lieutenant Charles M. Vitale (2)  
 EMT James A. Von Der Linn (2)  
 EMT Amy Vongwattanakit (2)  
 Paramedic Starsky T. Von Prime  
 Lieutenant Antonios Voxakis (2)  
 EMT Eric Wachter  
 EMT Mark Walker  
 Paramedic Paul Wallace (3)  
 Lieutenant Kathleen Walsh  
 Lieutenant Robert Walsh (2)  
 Lieutenant Chuen Wang (3)  
 EMT Shawn Wani  
 EMT Alexis Ward  
 Paramedic Kevin Ward (2)  
 Paramedic Andre Ware  
 EMT Kirsten Warmhold (2)  
 Lieutenant Scott Waryold  
 Lieutenant Charles Washington (2)  
 Paramedic Andrew Wasniewski  
 Paramedic Raymond Wasyl (2)  
 Paramedic Lori A. Waters (3)  
 EMT Pedro Watson (2)  
 EMT Aberg Wayne  
 Paramedic Todd R. Weber (3)  
 EMT Lauren Weeks  
 EMT Nicholas Welch  
 Lieutenant David Weston (2)  
 Paramedic Alwain White

EMT Andre White  
 EMT Liana E. White  
 Lieutenant Robert J. White (6)  
 Lieutenant Kyle Wigglesworth (3)  
 Paramedic Heath Willets  
 EMT Delano Williams  
 Lieutenant Horace Williams (4)  
 Paramedic Marvin Williams  
 Paramedic Tawana Williams  
 EMT Trevon Wiltshire  
 Lieutenant Craig Wing (5)  
 Paramedic Asher Winik (5)  
 EMT Jason Withers (2)  
 EMT Tariq Witherspoon  
 Lieutenant Stewart Wolf (2)  
 Lieutenant William Wolf  
 Paramedic Amand Wong  
 EMT Dennis Wong  
 EMT Johnathon Wood  
 Paramedic Patrick Worms  
 EMT Sean Wright  
 Paramedic Mingze Wu  
 EMT Markus Wyant  
 Paramedic Jaron L. Wyche  
 EMT Weikai Xiang  
 Paramedic Gedion Yagudayev  
 Paramedic Oleg Yagudayev (3)  
 EMT John Y. Yang (2)  
 EMT Eric K. Yau  
 EMT Andrew Yen  
 EMT Yugun Yoon  
 Paramedic Aaron Young (2)  
 Paramedic Wayne J. Young, Jr.  
 Paramedic Zheng Young  
 Paramedic Anlo Yu  
 Paramedic Kenny Yu  
 Paramedic Andrey Yuabov (3)  
 Lieutenant Paul J. Yunek (3)  
 Paramedic Roman Yusupov (3)  
 EMT Mohammedis Zanzpawala  
 Lieutenant Joel E. Zepeda (3)  
 Paramedic Georgios Zervos  
 Paramedic Marvin E. Zuniga (5)  
 EMT Roy G. Zuniga, Jr.

## EMS Unit of the Month--2012

Month	Unit	Members
January	48B2	EMTs William Graziano, Hugh Samerson, Anthony Tortorici
February	47B2	EMTs Randolph Brewster, Domingo Feliciano, Jeffrey Levine
March	37D3	EMTs Marcus Jerome, Kimoi Sealy-Brown, Tariq Witherspoon
April	43G2	EMTs Jillian Cox, John Cuccio, Michael McCormack
May	50D1	EMTs Iller Abramov, Jawed Khan, Joseph Sicilano
June	49X2	Paramedics Francisco Checo, Christopher Feliciano, Warren Lees
July	58Z1	Paramedics Charles Santangelo, Charles Silverstein, Hugh Smith
August	46C2	EMTs Marilyn Arroyo, Jimmy Guailacela, Shawn Wani
September	47E1	EMTs Mark Forland, Elliot Jacobs, Christopher Respol
October	49A3	EMTs Amela Cirikovic, Ralph Maissoneuve, Jason Rivera
November	58Z1	Paramedics Charles Santangelo, Charles Silverstein, Hugh Smith
December	06X2	Paramedics Adil Khalid, Michael Loscalzo, Matthew Newman

# MEDAL AND AWARD DONORS

## James Gordon Bennett Medal

Established in 1869 and, for years, it was the sole decoration awarded for valor in the Fire Department of the City of New York. As a result of its seniority among medals, it is awarded annually for the most outstanding act of heroism after the consideration and deliberate judgment of the member by the Medal Board of the New York City Fire Department. (Page 11)

## Brooklyn Citizens Medal/ FF Louis Valentino Award

In 1896, a committee of Brooklynites endowed this medal "to be given to the most deserving Firefighter in the Brooklyn Fire Department, as he/she shall be selected by the Fire Department of the City of New York." The recipient also is awarded the Firefighter Louis Valentino Award, a medal endowed since 1998 by Diane Valentino and the Valentino family. (Page 12)

## Christopher J. Prescott Medal

Named in honor of EMT Christopher Prescott, the first EMS member to make the Supreme Sacrifice in the line of duty in 1994, the Prescott Medal is the highest honor bestowed upon a member of the Bureau of EMS. Endowed by the Uniformed EMTs and Paramedics and Fire Inspectors Union. (Page 13)

## Hugh Bonner Medal

Named in honor of Chief Hugh Bonner, "a stalwart Chief of Department who preferred to rule by example." The medal first was awarded in 1897. (Page 14)

## Honor Legion Medal

The Honor Legion is open only to "the bravest of the Bravest," both active and retired. Prerequisites for membership are confined to Firefighters of all ranks who have received Department recognition and been granted a Class I, II or III award for deeds of valor performed at imminent risk to their lives. First awarded in 1884 and endowed by the Honor Legion. (Page 14)

## Emily Trevor/Mary B. Warren Medal

These sisters, in their deed of gift, wrote "...for the purpose of encouraging the members of the force in the exercise...of heroic endeavor under circumstances of special danger." Awarded for the first time in 1899. (Page 15)

## Thomas E. Crimmins Medal

First awarded in 1912. In memory of her father, Thomas E. Crimmins, contractor, builder, loyal New Yorker and son of a volunteer Fireman, Mrs. May M. Burke provided for the endowment of the Crimmins Memorial Medal. (Page 16)

## Thomas A. Kenny Memorial Medal

Honorary Deputy Chief William F. Kenny endowed this medal in memory of his father, a Battalion Chief who served in the Department, faithfully and conspicuously, from 1876 until 1903. It is given as a "perpetual token of zeal and enduring interest." First awarded in 1918. (Page 17)

## Walter Scott Medal

Colonel Walter Scott, a successful New York merchant, was intensely interested in the City's protective forces. In 1920, he endowed a medal for valor bearing his name, to be awarded annually to a member of the FDNY. (Page 18)

## John H. Prentice Medal

This medal is endowed by Mrs. Marion Prentice Brookman in memory of her father. The medal is for "an act of intelligent bravery." First awarded in 1921. (Page 19)

## Henry D. Brookman Medal

Mrs. Marion Prentice Brookman, in endowing this award, wrote, "...to help the authorities in installing into the Department the fact that the service rendered by the Firefighters is of a character held in high esteem by the people and to perpetuate the old fealty and admiration held by the late Henry D. Brookman for the FDNY." First awarded in 1921. (Page 20)

## Chief Ulyses Grant Leadership Medal

Named in honor of Chief Ulyses Grant, a 30-year veteran of the Emergency Medical Service, who exemplified respect, leadership, integrity, imagination, compassion and dedication. The recipient of this medal is an EMS Officer who has the ability to influence others to accomplish the mission. The medal is awarded to an EMS Officer who, in leading members under his/her command, has performed an outstanding act of heroism and bravery in the line of duty. The award is endowed by Chief of EMS Operations Robert A. McCracken (retired) and EMS Division Chief Robert P. Browne (retired), who believe a man's experience and wisdom need not die with him, but become his legacy. (Page 21)

## M.J. Delehanty Medal

The founder and dean of civil service schools bearing his name endowed this medal in 1937, "to be awarded annually to a member of the Department whose distinguished service in the line of duty receives recognition by the Board of Merit of the Fire Department." (Page 22)

## William F. Conran Medal

Honorary Chief Conran endowed this medal in 1937. His profession of fire protection engineer enabled him to improve the efficiency of firefighting appliances. (Page 23)

## Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia Medal

The Honorable Fiorello H. LaGuardia, while the Mayor, frequently "turned out" at large fires. He had a keen interest in the problems of fire prevention and extinguishment. First awarded in 1937. (Page 24)

## Chief John J. McElligott Medal/ FFs Fitzpatrick and Frisby Award

Named in honor of the late Chief and Fire Commissioner, Chief McElligott. He joined the Department in 1905 and retired in 1941 after a long and fruitful career. This medal was endowed by William F. Conran and first was awarded in 1937. Recipient also is awarded the Fitzpatrick and Frisby Award, a medallion endowed by the Fitzpatrick and Frisby Foundation, in memory of these two Firefighters who made the Supreme Sacrifice. The UFA funds this award. (Page 25)

## Thomas F. Dougherty Medal

Chief Dougherty served with the Department from 1888 to 1933 with distinction and honor. In addition to inventing the nozzle that bears his name, he was a colorful member of the Fire College faculty, where he specialized in teaching the technique and efficacy of ventilation. First awarded in 1937. (Page 26)

## Albert S. Johnston Medal

Albert S. Johnston was a Captain in the New York Fire Patrol with a record of 50 years of faithful service. Ten years after his retirement in 1927, this medal was endowed by William F. Conran. (Page 27)

## Bella Stiefel Medal

In Mrs. Stiefel's 90 years, she came to admire the bravery displayed by Firefighters. Medal was first awarded in 1947. Endowed by Mrs. Stiefel and the Uniformed Firefighters Association. (Page 28)

## Tracy Allen-Lee Medal

EMT Allen-Lee is nationally recognized as the first EMS professional in the country to be awarded the Public Safety Officer's Benefit by the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, after dying from a communicable disease sustained in the line of duty. Endowed by the Uniformed EMTs and Paramedics and Fire Inspectors Union. (Page 29)

## Vincent J. Kane Medal

This medal is named in honor of the late Vincent J. Kane, labor leader and longtime President of the Uniformed Firefighters Association. Endowed by the UFA. (Page 30)

## Pulaski Association Medal

First awarded in 1962 and endowed by the Fire Department Pulaski Association in memory of Casimir Pulaski. General Pulaski organized American cavalry forces during the Revolutionary War. He died as a result of wounds received leading the charge at the Battle of Savannah. Presented to the recipient in recognition for upholding the Fire Department's tradition of valor and service to the citizens of the City of New York. (Page 31)

## Commissioner Edward Thompson Medal

This medal, in honor of Commissioner Edward Thompson, was endowed in 1964 by the late Bertram Brummer and his wife, Susie. It is to be awarded to a member exhibiting outstanding courage and fidelity. By endowing this, a second medal, they illustrate their high regard and affection for the Department. (Page 32)

## Columbia Association Medal

Endowed by the Columbia Association since 1966. Medal is awarded in memory of retired Fire Marshal Thomas J. Russo, Senior. (Page 33)

## Susan Wagner Medal

Endowed by the UFA to honor the memory of Mrs. Susan Wagner, wife of the former Mayor of the City of New York, and to perpetuate the high esteem in which she held the Firefighters of the City of New York. This medal is awarded to a member of the Department who has performed an outstanding act of valor. First awarded in 1966. The UFA also endows this medal in memory of the late assemblywoman Eileen Dugan, a prime sponsor of the Cancer Bill. (Page 34)

## Steuben Association Medal

Endowed by the Steuben Association in honor of General Frederick Wilhelm Von Steuben. First awarded in 1967. Endowed by the Fire Department Steuben Association Charities, Inc. (Page 35)



#### **Dr. J.W. Goldenkranz Medal**

Endowed in 1975 by the late Dr. J.W. Goldenkranz, Honorary Assistant Chief, to honor "the heroic efforts of the Officers and Firemen, all of whom perform their duties at extreme personal risk." Dr. Goldenkranz was affiliated with the FDNY since 1913 and was president of the New York Firemen's Cycle Club. (Page 36)

#### **Chief James Scullion Medal**

Recognized as a pioneer in his field, Chief James Scullion was instrumental in bringing both basic and advanced life support services into the modern-day emergency medical system in the City of New York in the early 1970s. His dedication and commitment to excellence are memorialized through this award. (Page 37)

#### **Uniformed Fire Officers Association Medal**

Endowed in 1977 by the Uniformed Fire Officers Association "for an act of heroism and bravery performed by a Fire Officer at a fire." (Page 38)

#### **Edith B. Goldman Medal**

Endowed by the many friends of the late Honorary Deputy Chief Barney Goldman to honor the memory of both his wife, Edith, and him and to illustrate the high regard and affection he held for FDNY members. First awarded in 1978. (Page 39)

#### **American Legion Fire Department Post 930/ Mark M. Wohlfeld Memorial Medal**

Endowed by American Legion Post 930, this medal is in memory of Mark M. Wohlfeld, a lifelong member of the Fire Department Post, a colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves and a retired FDNY Firefighter. The history of this intrepid warrior's exploits is related graphically in the second and third issues of *WNYF* (1945). After his retirement from the FDNY, he continued to serve his country and his fellow man by working for the Veterans Administration. He died on May 24, 1978, and is interred in Arlington National Cemetery. First awarded in 1979. (Page 40)

#### **Arthur J. Laufer Memorial Medal**

The Laufer Medal, presented for the first time in 1980, is named in honor and memory of the late Deputy Chief Arthur J. "Artie" Laufer, who continually showed his love for Firefighters and his fellow man through his actions. Endowed by the UFA and the family of retired Deputy Director of Dispatch Operations, Joseph E. Higgins, Jr. (Page 41)

#### **Emerald Society Pipes and Drums Medal**

This medal, endowed by the members of the Pipes and Drums of the FDNY Emerald Society Bagpipe Band, is awarded to a member of the Department who performs an outstanding act of heroism in keeping with the FDNY's highest traditions. First awarded in 1981. (Page 42)

#### **Company Officers Association Medal**

Endowed by the Company Officers Association in memory of Company Officers in the FDNY who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty. Medal awarded for the first time in 1982. It is donated in memory of retired Captain Sy Berkowitz. (Page 43)

#### **Chief Joseph B. Martin Medal**

The Martin Medal is endowed in honor of the legendary Assistant Chief Joseph B. "Smokey Joe" Martin, who served the FDNY with "fidelity and devotion" for 47 years. Awarded for the first time in 1984. Medal is presented in the memory of Firefighter Anthony D. Buccieri, Engine 75; in memory of Firefighter Mike Donnelly of Ladder 33, who died in 1983 after an heroic battle with cancer; by the Martin family in memory of Frances B. Martin (1905-1996), daughter of "Smokey Joe" Martin; in memory of Battalion Chief William C. Rinsdale, 19th Battalion, who died in the line of duty in 1971. (Page 44)

#### **Lieutenant Kirby McElhearn Medal**

A dedicated professional with a passion for communications, Lieutenant McElhearn is remembered for his instrumental involvement in the research and development of the first modern-day Field Communications Unit (FieldComm) for EMS. (Page 45)

#### **Police Honor Legion Medal**

The Police Honor Legion Medal is endowed by the New York City Police Department Honor Legion. It was first awarded in 1984. (Page 46)

#### **New York State Honorary Fire Chiefs Association Medal**

The New York State Honorary Fire Chiefs Association, Inc. founded in 1950, is an independent, non-profit and tax-exempt organization, dedicated to promoting the interests of the Firefighters of the State of New York. The active Association is affiliated with the New York State Professional Fire Fighters Association and is celebrating 50 years of volunteer service to the Firefighters of New York and their families. The medal, endowed by the Association and first awarded in 1984, is presented every year to a Firefighter who has performed with valor. This medal is dedicated to honoring all Firefighters who have performed with valor. (Page 47)

#### **Firefighter David J. DeFranco Medal**

In honor of the memory of FF David J. DeFranco for his dedicated efforts on behalf of the FDNY. This medal, awarded for a water-related rescue, is in memory of David's father, FF Dan DeFranco. FF Dan DeFranco was assigned to Engine Co. 17 and Ladder Co. 18 on the lower east side for more than 33 years during a period of extremely heavy fire duty. FF Dan DeFranco also served on the executive board of the UFA for eight years at the post of sergeant at arms with honor, dedication and devotion to his Brother Firefighters. (Page 47)

#### **Lieutenant James E. Zahn/**

#### **Lieutenant Peter L. Troiano Memorial Medal**

The Lieutenant James E. Zahn/Lieutenant Peter L. Troiano Memorial Medal has been established in honor of these two beloved "Brothers," who laid down their lives for the people of the City of New York. This medal is awarded to a member of the Department who has performed an act of bravery in the protection of life and/or property, either while on- or off-duty. Endowed by the members of Engine 277 and Ladder 112. (Page 48)

#### **Deputy Commissioner**

#### **Christine R. Godek Medal**

Established and endowed by Honorary Fire Commissioner Dorothy W. Marks and (now-deceased) Honorary First Deputy Commissioner Shelly Rothman in honor of Christine R. Godek, the first female Deputy Fire Commissioner of the FDNY. Presented annually to an outstanding New York City Fire Marshal for unusual display of initiative, improving techniques, resourcefulness and capability in the investigation of arson. (Page 49)

#### **William Friedberg Medal**

The William Friedberg Medal, presented for the first time in 1996, is named in honor and memory of the late William Friedberg. Bill was a respected and beloved elementary school principal, who spent 33 years working with the children of New York City and six years as a member of the New York State Industrial Board of Appeals. He believed that early education and instruction were key to fire prevention. Endowed by Mr. Friedberg's widow and family. (Page 50)

#### **Shelly Rothman Memorial Medal**

This medal is dedicated to honoring all Firefighters who have performed with valor. Awarded for the first time in 2005. Endowed by the members of the New York State Honorary Fire Chiefs Association, Inc., and the Fire Bell Club of New York, in memory of Shelly Rothman, a long-time member and Chairman of the Board of Directors. (Page 51)

#### **Jack Pintchik Medal**

Following successful resuscitation from cardiac arrest by EMS Paramedics, Jack Pintchik, founder of the Pintchik Home Improvement Stores, honored members of EMS by establishing the first formalized EMS Awards & Recognition ceremony. In his memory, the Pintchik family continues to show their respect and support of EMS professionals through the Jack Pintchik Medal. (Page 52)

#### **Lieutenant James Curran/New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation Medal**

The New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation is an organization committed to the goals of quality burn care and fund-raising endeavors. Similarly, the FDNY is engaged in safeguarding and improving the quality of life for City residents. It is this semblance of purpose and collaborative spirit that is deserving of recognition. With this in mind, the New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation awards a medal to the most worthy of units in appreciation of "a concentrated, super effort based on teamwork." Endowed by the New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation and Dr. Marc Kramer, Honorary Assistant Chief and Consultant to the Medical Division. (Page 53)

#### **Firefighter Thomas R. Elsasser Memorial Medal**

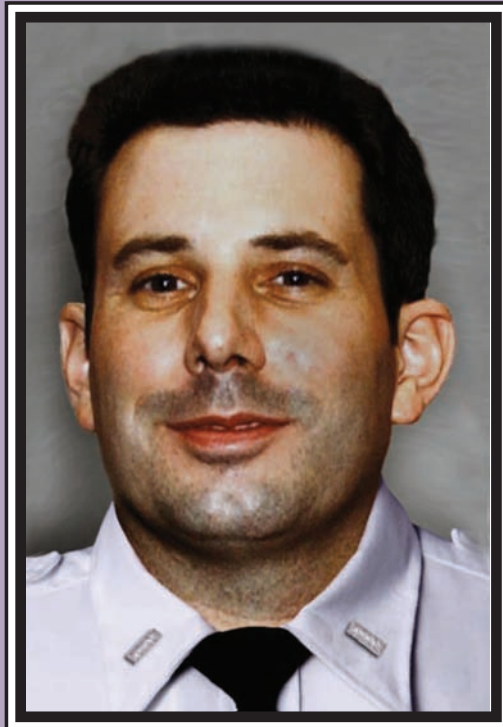
Endowed by the Uniformed Firefighters Association, this medal is named in honor of Firefighter Thomas R. Elsasser, a 20-year veteran of the FDNY, whose firefighting career was cut short in 1990 by his untimely death. Firefighter Elsasser was a major contributor to UFA charity sporting events. (Page 54)

#### **World Trade Center Memorial Medal**

Established to honor the bravery and courage of the 343 FDNY members who made the Supreme Sacrifice on September 11, 2001, at the World Trade Center. This Company of the Year Award is endowed by the 9/11 parents and families. (Page 55)

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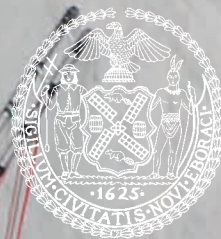
**Lieutenant Joseph P. DiBernardo**  
**Rescue Company 3**

Who made the Supreme Sacrifice as a result of injuries  
sustained at Bronx Box 33-2997, January 23, 2005,  
protecting life and property in the City of New York.

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