



Commissioner Joseph F. Bruno

Commissioner Bruno's distinguished career in public service began in 1971, when he joined the City Law Department as a trial attorney.

He served in various Law Department posts, and in 1987 he became Commissioner of the New York City Fire Department. Under his leadership, the Fire Department developed a major fire safety education campaign for New Yorkers, with particular emphasis on children and senior citizens.

Commissioner Bruno was elected in 1991 to the Civil Court of the City of New York and assigned to the Criminal Court. In 1996, he was elevated to Acting Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Kings County, and in 2002 he was elected Justice of the Supreme Court.

On March 4, 2004, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg appointed him Commissioner of the New York City Office of Emergency Management. He is the fourth head of the agency since it was established in 1996.

Since his appointment, Commissioner Bruno has led a number of notable projects. In 2004, he oversaw the City's response to the floods in Haiti and the Dominican Republic and the South Asian tsunami.

In the spring of 2005, he successfully oversaw the City's final adoption and implementation of the Citywide Incident Management System. In December of that year, Commissioner Bruno headed the City's plan to maintain order during the transit strike, three days that left New Yorkers with no subway service and minimal bus transportation.

In 2006, Commissioner Bruno oversaw the comprehensive revision of the City's Coastal Storm Plan. The updated plan ensures the City is prepared for a worst-case scenario hurricane and can shelter more than 600,000 residents. The commissioner also led the City's response to the Queens blackout in July 2006, which left more than 100,000 residents without power for several days.

Commissioner Bruno graduated from City College with a B.S. in Economics and went on to earn a J.D. from St. John's Law School. In 1988, he was also awarded an honorary Doctor of Law degree from St. John's Law School. Commissioner Bruno is a lifelong City resident.