

Buildings, NYCEM, DCAS Dedicate Electric Command Center to Joseph Esposito

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On June 23, at Cooper Union, Commissioner Ahmed Tigani of the Department of Buildings (DOB) and Commissioner Christina Farrell of New York City Emergency Management (NYCEM) were joined by representatives from NYPD, FEMA, DCAS, and others to dedicate a new electric command center to former NYPD Chief of Department, NYCEM Commissioner, and Deputy Commissioner for Enforcement for Buildings [Joseph Esposito](#) who passed away in January 2024. The dedication took place at a swearing in ceremony for a new class of 78 building inspectors. See the announcement [here](#).

Joseph Esposito was an extraordinary public servant who served with distinction at three agencies. In 1968, at 18 years old, he was an NYPD police trainee. After 32 years serving in multiple roles for NYPD, Joseph would be promoted in 2000 to the NYPD chief of department, the highest-ranking uniformed position. He would go on to be the longest serving chief in that role.



In 2014, Joseph Esposito was named the commissioner of NYCEM. He would later join the Department of Buildings as deputy commissioner for emergency management. In a career with so many critical contributions and achievements, Joseph Esposito played a lead and defining role in the response of the NYPD to the attacks against New York City and the United States on September 11, 2001.

The electric command center, Espo1, is an all-electric Ford Transit van that has been extensively upfitted to serve as a high-technology command center with modern communications and video equipment and a conference area for on-site inter-agency emergency meetings. The command center will respond to building emergencies, explosions, and other building threats. DCAS procured the electric van for Buildings and also coordinated the technology outfitting for the unit which was handled by the DCAS Client Services team.



Chief and Commissioner Esposito was perennially on the scene, addressing threats and emergencies and protecting New Yorkers. The new command center will bring his name and memory to emergency response incidents moving forward, as a new generation of building inspectors, emergency responders, and public servants follow in Espo's footsteps. The command center will combine old school grit and determination with the latest in clean and smart technology.

Thanks to DOB Commissioner Ahmed Tigani, Deputy Commissioner Mark Sanabria, Assistant Commissioner for Emergency Management Frank McCarton, Deputy Director of Fleet & Equipment Services Anthony Bonilla, Fleet Supervisor Krystian Kopec, DCAS Executive Director of Operations Harris Kaplan, Deputy Director Fouad Salem, and Inspector Scott Rose who managed the preparation of the electric command center.

Special thanks and recognition to Joseph Esposito's family and friends for their role in supporting Chief Espo as he served all of us.



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