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DOI ARRESTS EMS LIEUTENANT ON CHARGES OF FIRING A BB GUN IN A BROOKLYN STATION HOUSE
--This is the second arrest of a City employee for bringing a weapon into a FDNY facility in the past seven months--

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the Department of Investigation ("DOI"), announced the arrest of LEONARD TIBERI, an Emergency Medical Services Lieutenant employed by the New York City Fire Department ("FDNY"), on charges of firing a BB gun at his subordinates while on duty in February 2009. The office of Kings County District Attorney Charles J. Hynes is prosecuting the case.

TIBERI, 38, of Island Park, N.Y., was arrested and released on a desk appearance ticket today. When he appears in Brooklyn Criminal Court on April 1, 2009, he faces charges of Prohibited Use of Weapons, Criminal Mischief in the Fourth Degree and Reckless Endangerment in the Second Degree, class A misdemeanors. Upon conviction, a class A misdemeanor is punishable by up to a year's incarceration. He will also be charged with Selling or Possessing Air Pistols and Air Rifles, an Administrative Code violation. Upon conviction, this violation is punishable by either a fine of up to \$50 or up to thirty days incarceration or both.

TIBERI has been employed within the EMS division of the FDNY since March 1996, currently receives an annual salary of approximately \$55,930 and is assigned to Station 58 at East 83rd Street in Brooklyn.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "Deliberately firing a weapon in the workplace is not only a dangerous and foolish act but, as this arrest shows, it is also criminal. Any City employee who engages in this type of illegal conduct and compromises safety can expect to be arrested and prosecuted."

DOI's investigation began after it received a complaint from the FDNY on February 9, 2009 that TIBERI was shooting a BB gun at his subordinates inside the Brooklyn EMS Station where he worked at 420 E. 83rd Street.

DOI's investigation found that on February 9, 2009, TIBERI allegedly aimed and shot at several individuals at the Brooklyn EMS Station on East 83rd Street and also hit several boxes and a wall in the station, making holes in the walls. DOI recovered several BB gun pellets from the EMS station house. There were no reported injuries.

In July 2008, DOI arrested a civilian employee of the FDNY on charges of bringing a loaded, 9 mm pistol into his work location at the FDNY headquarters in Brooklyn. DOI's investigation found the employee was not licensed to carry a firearm. He was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a class C felony, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree, a class A misdemeanor, and his case is pending in Kings County Supreme Court. DOI's press release on the matter can be found at the following link: http://www.nyc.gov/html/doi/pdf/pr72best_72608.pdf.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked FDNY Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta and Kings County District Attorney Charles J. Hynes and their staffs for their assistance in the TIBERI investigation. The investigation was conducted by DOI's Office of the Inspector General for FDNY.

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