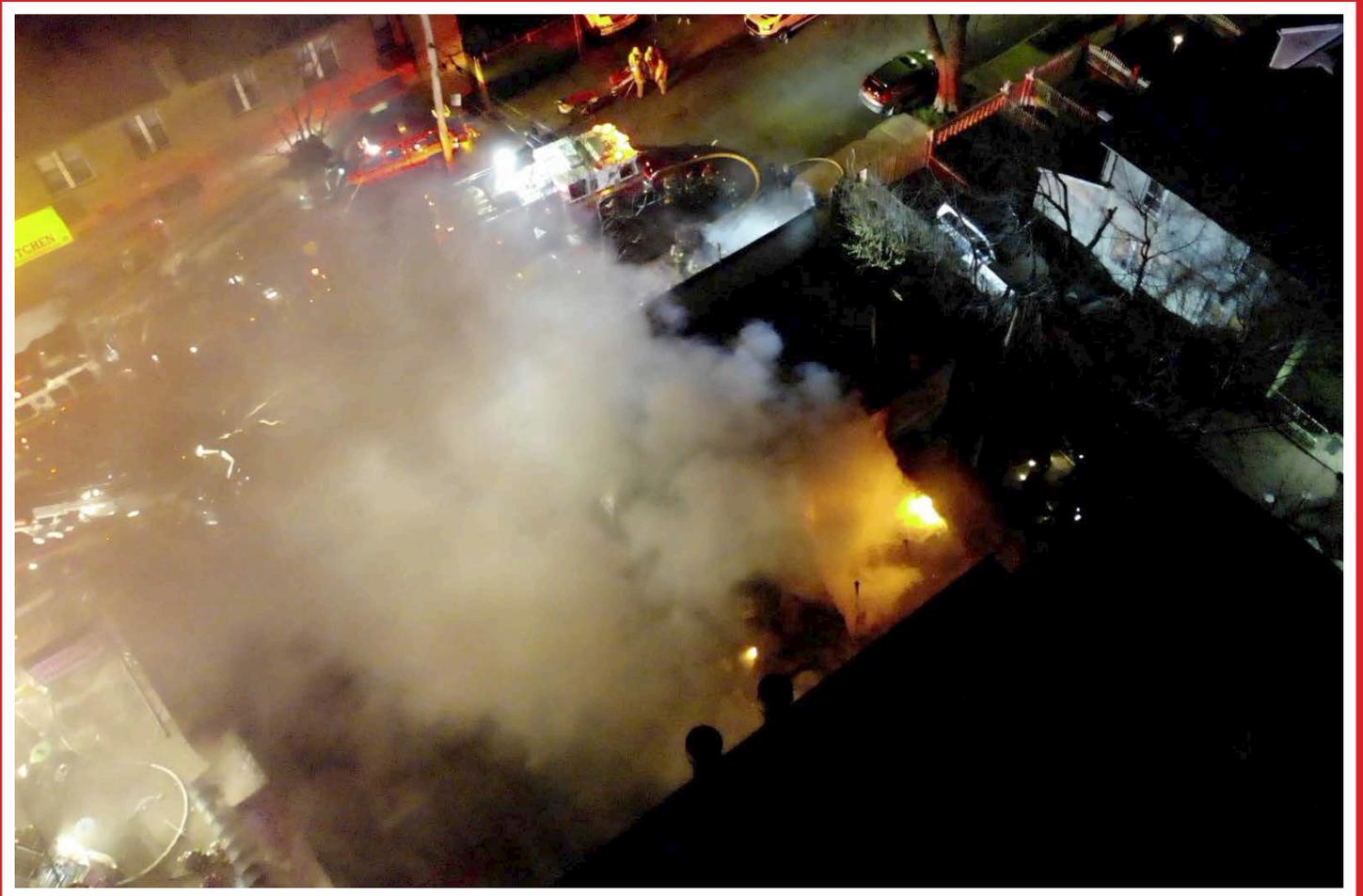




# FDNY MEDAL DAY 2022



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— June 1, 2022 —





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*Department drone footage captured FDNY units in Queens on April 3, 2021, as they operated at a commercial building fire and roof collapse that trapped an FDNY officer beneath. Firefighter Darren J. Harsch (Squad Company 270) received the Chief of Department Peter J. Ganci Jr. Medal/NYS Honorary Fire Chiefs Association Medal; Firefighter Daniel A. Hickey (Rescue 4) received the Hispanic Society/23rd Street Fire Memorial Medal of Valor; Firefighter Paul T. Jennings (Squad 270) received the Michael J. Delehanty Medal; and Rescue Company 4 and Squad 270 received the Firefighter Thomas R. Elsasser Memorial Medal for their determination, skill and ingenuity in rescuing the downed member. (Photo by the Command Tactical Unit)*

***Back cover***

*While tending to a simulated patient (EMT Gilbert Sepulveda), Paramedic Kyle LoGiudice and EMT Melissa Rivera demonstrate wearing HFRs, or reusable elastomeric half face respirators—a precaution taken during the initial response to the COVID-19 pandemic. (Photo by EMT Alex Arroyo)*



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June 1, 2022

Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome everyone to the New York City Fire Department (FDNY)'s annual Medal Day celebration.

Our city is strengthened by its many men and women who share a sense of responsibility to protect and defend their neighborhoods. We owe an enormous debt of gratitude to all who work to ensure that their fellow New Yorkers feel safe in their communities. Public safety is the prerequisite to prosperity, and since its establishment in July 1865, the FDNY has shown a steadfast commitment to guaranteeing the safety of all people throughout the five boroughs. The members of the FDNY exemplify the ideals of courage, selflessness, and service that define our great city. The annual FDNY Medal Day celebration offers us an excellent opportunity to recognize the invaluable contributions and acts of valor carried out by our firefighters, Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), and paramedics every day. As you gather to celebrate these brave men and women, I am proud to applaud the entire FDNY family for its unflinching dedication to protecting New Yorkers and working to forge a more peaceful, safer future for all.

On behalf of the City of New York, congratulations to all of this year's honorees. I extend my best wishes for a memorable ceremony and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric Adams".

Eric Adams  
Mayor

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**LAURA KAVANAGH**  
*Acting Fire Commissioner*

**B**ravery. Dedication. Service. The pillars on which FDNY first responders stand. They are the traits that have come to define the FDNY’s 157-year history. And they are the words that come to the forefront of our minds when we hear the stories of heroism on FDNY Medal Day.

Our highest award for a meritorious act for members of Fire Operations is the Chief of Department Peter J. Ganci Jr. Medal, awarded to Firefighter Darren Harsch of Squad 270 for his incredible rescue of a fire officer trapped inside a commercial building fire in Queens. When the roof collapsed during that difficult fire, trapping one of our own under burning debris, our members did not panic. They trusted their training, they relied on each other, they came together as one unbreakable team and they went to work to save their fellow firefighter. That operation is a testament to the training of this Department and the selfless dedication of our members to push forward under the most difficult of circumstances to save lives. In addition to Firefighter Harsch, several other members are being awarded for their bravery at this fire, including Firefighter Daniel Hickey of Rescue 4, who receives the Hispanic Society/23rd Street Fire Memorial Medal of Valor; Firefighter Paul Jennings of Squad 270, who receives the Michael J. Delehanty Medal; and all of the members of Rescue 4 and Squad 270 who receive the Firefighter Thomas Elsasser Memorial Medal. This operation was a success because of the bravery and determination these members demonstrated when faced with almost certain death.

Our highest award for a meritorious act for members of EMS Operations is the Christopher J. Prescott Medal, awarded this year to Paramedic Shewain George of Station 32, Paramedic Hugh Smith of Station 39 and Lieutenant Paul Ardizzone of Haz-Tac. The members of EMS so often perform miracles for a patient in the back of an ambulance, but this trio performed their heroic acts for two patients inside a collapsed building. To enter an unstable structure—placing your own life in harm’s way—and then provide advanced medical care to multiple patients takes fierce commitment, true compassion and unwavering bravery.

This year sees the inclusion of a new medal as well: the Yadira Arroyo Medal, named in honor of EMT Yadira Arroyo, who lost her life in the line of duty in 2017. The award represents the bravery of a woman who courageously made the supreme sacrifice in the service of others. Congratulations to EMT Tiffany Robledo of Station 40, and to EMT Christopher Juanilla and Lieutenant Dwight Scott of Station 17, for their well-deserved recognition, and thank you; your acts of valor and this award will keep the memory of EMT Yadira Arroyo alive.

Congratulations to all our members whose bravery leaps off the pages of this book. When called to act, they did not hesitate. When they heard cries for help, when people were trapped by flames and smoke, and when New Yorkers were in dire need of medical care, they pushed forward and saved lives. Our medal recipients represent the very best of the FDNY and demonstrate the strength of the pillars on which the FDNY stands: bravery, dedication and service.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura Kavanagh".



**JOHN J. HODGENS**  
*Acting Chief of Department*

On Medal Day, we often refer to the members of this great Fire Department as heroes. Rightfully, we single out these individuals for their acts of bravery. But if you ask any of our medal recipients, they will tell you that without support, teamwork and an unwavering dedication to training, they would have been unable to perform their duties at the high level that has become the standard at the FDNY. Nothing here is ever done alone. That was certainly the case back in January 2021, when members of Ladder Company 41 responded to a fire in a seven-story multiple dwelling in the Bronx. Arriving to heavy smoke pushing from multiple windows, Ladder 41 displayed outstanding teamwork and skill under challenging conditions, which contributed to the rescue of six civilians. For their efforts at this incident, Lieutenant Patrick T. Twomey is awarded the Hugh Bonner/Honor Legion Medal, Firefighter Robert N. Rivera is awarded the John H. Prentice Medal and Firefighter James A. Soutar III is awarded the Dr. Albert A. Cinelli Medal. In addition, we congratulate Ladder Company 41—which also includes Firefighters John Maguire, Peter J. Quinn and Kevin G. Hallinan—and award them the World Trade Center Medal.

We also commend the members of EMS Operations for their bravery and fortitude when Hurricane Ida made its way through New York City on September 1, 2021. Their quick thinking and resourcefulness enabled them to rescue six people from a vehicle submerged in water and move the vehicle to safety. The team from Station 58—Paramedic Ronald A. Wolfe Sr., Paramedic Margot P. Loth, EMT Dyllon T. O’Shea and EMT David E. Mumford—displayed calm under extreme pressure and is awarded the Tracy Allen-Lee Medal.

Working together to fight a challenging Staten Island home fire in March 2021, members of Engine 161 are the deserving recipients of the Lt. James Curran/New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation Medal. The members arrived to fire venting from all windows and doors of the first and second floors of the three-story home, eventually spreading to the third floor. It took great coordination and determination to overcome hydrant issues, heavy clutter and a burst hoseline in order to extinguish three floors of fire, combating fire that was both in front of and behind them. We congratulate members Lieutenant Richard M. Lepardo Jr., Firefighter Michael S. Brusca, Firefighter Salvatore V. Gandolfo Jr., Firefighter Daniel L. Quinn (Ladder 9) and Firefighter Paul A. Campbell (Ladder 81) today.

To each of our members who we honor here today and to the teams that had their backs, thank you for your service to the Fire Department and the City of New York.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John J. Hodgens".

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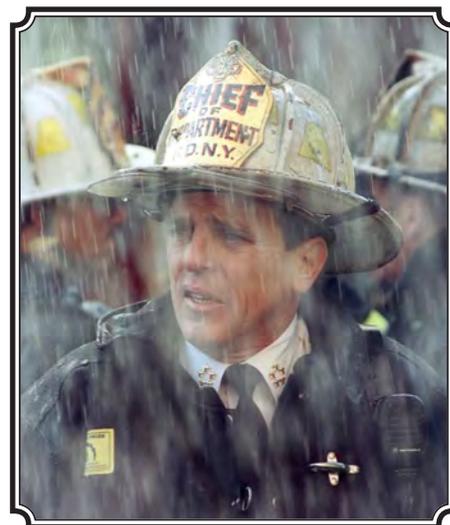


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# TOP FIRE OPERATIONS MEDAL RECIPIENTS

Since 1869, the FDNY has awarded annually a medal for the highest act of bravery by a firefighter or fire officer. In 2020, the James Gordon Bennett Medal was renamed in honor of Chief of Department Peter J. Ganci, Jr., the highest ranking uniformed member of the Department killed on September 11, 2001. Chief Ganci made the supreme sacrifice while leading the rescue efforts in response to the terrorists attacks at the World Trade Center.

- 1869—Lieutenant Minthorne D. Tompkins (L-1)  
 Captain Benjamin A. Gicquel (E-9)
- 1870—Lieutenant Charles L. Kelly (E-9)
- 1871—Firefighter Ambrose L. Austin (E-15)
- 1872—Lieutenant Thomas Henry (L-6)  
 Firefighter Thomas Hutchinson (L-1)
- 1873—Battalion Chief William H. Nash (Bn-7)  
 Firefighter Alfred Conner (L-10)  
 Lieutenant Henry Schuck (E-34)
- 1874—Captain William Mitchell (E-10)
- 1875—Lieutenant James Horn (E-11)
- 1876—Firefighter Joseph McGowan (E-6)
- 1877—Firefighter Thomas J. Dougherty (L-1)
- 1878—Captain Daniel J. Meagher (L-3)
- 1879—Firefighter Paul Bauer (L-4)
- 1880—Firefighter John Levins (L-2)
- 1881—Firefighter Michael Connerford (E-12)
- 1882—Firefighter John L. Rooney (L-10)
- 1883—Firefighter William B. Kirchner (E-11)
- 1884—Firefighter John Binns (E-32)
- 1885—Captain Peter H. Short (L-1)
- 1886—Firefighter Michael Brady (E-34)
- 1887—Lieutenant Samuel Banta (L-10)
- 1888—Lieutenant William Quirk (E-22)
- 1889—Firefighter William Reilly (L-12)
- 1890—Captain Thomas J. Ahern (E-5)
- 1891—Firefighter Patrick F. Lucas (E-30)
- 1892—Firefighter Patrick H. Aspell (L-4)
- 1893—Firefighter John Walker (L-6)
- 1894—Firefighter Denis Ryer (L-15)
- 1895—Firefighter William H. Behler (E-35)
- 1896—Firefighter Martin M. Coleman (L-3)
- 1898—Firefighter James Pearl (L-7)
- 1899—Firefighter John Hughes (1) (L-14)
- 1900—Firefighter William Clark (L-14)
- 1901—Firefighter Thomas J. McArthur (E-29)
- 1902—Firefighter Richard Nitsch (E-35)
- 1903—Firefighter Charles F. Douth (L-3)
- 1904—Firefighter James R. McAvoy (L-4)
- 1905—Firefighter Michael J. Stevens (L-4)
- 1906—Firefighter Cassimer C. Wodzicki (E-17)
- 1907—Firefighter Michael Nicklaus (L-4)
- 1908—Firefighter John T. Oakley (L-11)
- 1909—Battalion Chief George L. Ross (Bn-7)
- 1910—Firefighter John R. Harcke (L-12)  
 Firefighter Frank C. Clarke (L-24)
- 1911—Firefighter Richard J. Condon (2) (E-12)
- 1912—Firefighter Robert J. Boyle (L-10)
- 1913—Engineer of Steamer Seneca Larke (E-20)
- 1914—Firefighter John F. Mooney (1) (L-4)
- 1915—Captain Thomas W. Smith (E-2)
- 1916—Firefighter James T. Daniels (L-26)
- 1917—Firefighter John Walsh (1) (L-1)
- 1918—Firefighter Patrick R. O'Connor (L-14)
- 1919—Lieutenant Francis Blessing (R-1)
- 1920—Firefighter Timothy F. O'Leary, Jr. (E-15)
- 1921—Firefighter Frank J. Costello (L-12)
- 1922—Firefighter Jacob F. Ferber (E-239)
- 1923—Captain Edwin A.A. Quinn (E-14)
- 1924—Hon. Medical Off. Harry M. Archer, MD
- 1925—Captain Thomas J. O'Toole (E-27)
- 1926—Firefighter William G.R. Mitchell (E-18)
- 1927—Firefighter Michael McInerney (L-12)
- 1928—Captain James A. Walsh (1) (E-234)
- 1929—Firefighter George W. Reilly (L-19)
- 1930—Firefighter Edward V. Conroy (L-1)
- 1931—Captain Albert B. Carlson (E-66)
- 1932—Firefighter Vincent J. Hyde (R-3)
- 1933—Captain Cornell M. Garety (R-1)
- 1934—Firefighter Rudolph F. Musil (L-12)
- 1935—Firefighter George J. Wolken (E-60)
- 1936—Firefighter Joseph E. Smith (2) (E-211)
- 1937—Firefighter James P. Nevin (E-201)
- 1938—Firefighter Charles G. Roscher (L-1)
- 1939—Firefighter Daniel J. Sullivan (L-3)
- 1940—Firefighter Charles A. Merz (L-168)
- 1941—Firefighter Thomas F. Brennan (L-111)
- 1942—Captain John W. Heaney (Hdq.)
- 1943—Firefighter John Colgan (L-2)
- 1944—Firefighter Harvey W. Crook (R-3)
- 1945—Captain George H. Winter (L-3)
- 1946—Firefighter Arthur L. Speyer (L-24)
- 1947—Firefighter Anthony J. Riccardi (L-26)
- 1948—Captain Patrick T. Green (R-1)
- 1949—Firefighter James S. Norton (L-163)
- 1950—Firefighter Wilbur J. O'Donnell (L-111)
- 1951—Firefighter Victor F. Rossi (L-120)
- 1952—Lieutenant John F. McGlynn (L-10)
- 1953—Firefighter Angelo Michelini (E-97)
- 1954—Deputy Chief John T. Oakley (2) (Hdq.)
- 1955—Firefighter Bernard F. Curran (E-92)
- 1956—Firefighter Michael J. O'Driscoll (L-28)
- 1957—Firefighter William Von Diezelski (L-4)
- 1958—Firefighter Nicholas Sharko (L-11)
- 1959—Captain Arthur J. O'Connor (SQ-4)
- 1960—Firefighter William V. Russo (E-254)
- 1961—Firefighter Joseph G. Peragine (L-14)
- 1962—Firefighter Joseph E. Almon (L-35)
- 1963—Firefighter Lawrence F. Duenas (E-59)
- 1964—Firefighter David Crowley (L-14)
- 1965—Firefighter James E. Bowler (R-2)
- 1966—Firefighter Robert E. Farrell (L-31)
- 1967—Firefighter Thomas D. Ferraiuolo (L-28)
- 1968—Firefighter Gene P. Dowling (L-25)
- 1969—Firefighter James N. Tempro (E-217)
- 1970—Firefighter Charles Varner (L-55)
- 1971—Lieutenant Richard R. Hamilton (R-2)
- 1972—Firefighter Steven C. DeRosa (L-102)
- 1973—Firefighter Raymond G. McCann (L-40)
- 1974—Firefighter Gilbert J. Murtha (L-108)
- 1975—Firefighter Thomas J. Neary (L-31)
- 1976—Firefighter Martin McGovern (L-114)
- 1977—Captain Frederick W. Gallagher (R-2)
- 1978—Firefighter James H. Battillo (L-152)
- 1979—Firefighter John J. Pritchard (R-2)
- 1980—Lieutenant Thomas J. Neary (L-28)
- 1981—Lieutenant Howard R. Kennedy (L-154)
- 1982—Firefighter Joseph H. Dirks (L-103)
- 1983—Firefighter Kenneth L. Connelly (L-111)
- 1984—Firefighter Robert Merkel (L-42)
- 1985—Firefighter James A. Sollami (E-62)
- 1986—Captain James F. McDonnell (L-42)
- 1987—Lieutenant William F. Maloney (L-34)
- 1988—Firefighter John J. McDonnell (L-28)
- 1989—Captain Richard Jacquin (L-59)
- 1990—Lieutenant Gerard M. Murtha (R-3)
- 1991—Firefighter William E. Jutt (L-22)
- 1992—Firefighter Michael M. Dugan (L-43)
- 1993—Firefighter Albert J. Gonzalez, Jr. (L-18)
- 1994—Lieutenant John M. Fox (SQ-1)
- 1995—Firefighter Gregory J. Smith, Jr. (L-108)
- 1996—Firefighter Gerard J. Triglia (L-132)
- 1997—Firefighter John K. Duddy (L-28)
- 1998—Firefighter Stan J. Sussina (R-1)
- 1999—Captain John J. Pritchard (E-255)
- 2000—Firefighter Stephen P. Fenley (L-78)
- 2001—Firefighter John F. South (L-44)
- 2003—Battalion Chief James Marketti (Bn-48)
- 2004—Firefighter James F. Mills (L-176)
- 2005—Firefighter Victor J. Rosa, Jr. (L-138)
- 2006—Captain Christopher J. Joyce (E-318)
- 2007—Firefighter James T. Byrne (L-121)
- 2008—Lieutenant James F. Congema (Bn-19)
- 2009—Firefighter Anthony M. Romano (L-142)
- 2010—Firefighter Michael A. Czech, Jr. (L-142)
- 2011—Firefighter Peter G. Demontreux (L-132)
- 2012—Firefighter Kevin J. Hogan (L-114)
- 2013—Lieutenant Thomas G. Woods (L-154)
- 2014—Lieutenant Robert E. Lee (L-47)
- 2015—Captain William J. Grant (E-168)
- 2016—Lieutenant Brian J. Colleluori (L-174)
- 2017—Firefighter James P. Lee, Jr. (R-1)
- 2018—Lieutenant Michael J. Conboy (R-3)
- 2019—Lieutenant Patrick T. Mataraza, III (L-56)
- 2020—Firefighter John H. McCoy (SQ-288)
- 2021—Firefighter Abraham G. Miller (L-23)



Chief of Department Peter J. Ganci, Jr., responded to Queens Box 44-6945, 153-01 Northern Boulevard at 153rd Street, Flushing, December 9, 2000. (Photo by Lt. John Leavy)

**Chief of Department**  
**Peter J. Ganci, Jr. Medal/**  
**NYS Honorary Fire Chiefs Association Medal**

**Firefighter Darren J. Harsch**  
**Squad Company 270**

**April 3, 2021, 0218 hours, Box 44-5480, Queens**

*Appointed to the FDNY on June 11, 2006. Previously assigned to Ladder Company 129. Holds a bachelor's degree in security systems from Farmingdale State College. Recipient of a Unit Citation. Resides in Hauppauge, New York, with wife Jillian.*



**O**n April 3, 2021, at 0218 hours, the Queens Communications Office received numerous calls reporting a commercial building fire in the Saint Albans section of Queens. Upon arrival, companies were confronted with a heavy smoke condition, with fire located in three stores of a taxpayer.

Firefighter Darren Harsch (Squad Company 270, irons) joined Engine Company 311 in the rear of the fire building as they stretched a 2 ½-inch line. Once the line was charged and operating, FF Harsch followed and assisted in search operations. He observed Engine 311 masking up and beginning to knock down the heavy fire condition. Without warning, a 20- by 15-foot section of roofing collapsed, flattening the area where Engine 311 was operating.

Firefighter Harsch and Firefighter Paul Jennings (Squad 270, hook), who were positioned near the rear doorway, were pushed back by a rush of smoke. As a mayday was transmitted for a collapse, followed by another mayday transmission from Engine 311's officer, Firefighters Harsch and Jennings sprang into action. Without hesitation, they entered the unstable structure to locate Engine 311. Engine 311's backup and nozzle firefighters were located and removed quickly. A brief conversation determined that Engine 311's officer was missing; firefighters Harsch and Jennings reentered the collapse area. Once inside, with zero visibility and burning roof debris in all directions, they searched by following Engine 311's partially covered handline. FF Harsch located the nozzle beneath burning debris and passed it to FF Jennings.

Still unaware of the missing officer's location, FF Jennings carefully knocked down fire. Hearing a faint pass alarm, FF Harsch was able to pinpoint the officer's exact location and transmitted a mayday for a confirmed trapped member, requesting additional equipment, personnel and resources. As additional members arrived from Squad 270, Rescue Company 4 and the FAST truck, Firefighter Richard Baudille, Squad 270 chauffeur, arrived with a saw.



Using Sawzalls with wood blades, FF Harsch made a series of careful and calculated cuts to first determine how the officer's body was oriented. Slowly, he removed a 2- by 2-foot area of roof debris to expose the buried officer's boot and legs, which the officer began to move. Knowing the officer was alive but unsure of his condition, the members worked feverishly.

Little by little, FF Harsch cut until there was enough room for a battery-operated extrication tool, operated by Rescue 4, to lift the remaining piece of roof off the officer's head and chest. Members removed the section of roof debris between the two openings they had made, and the trapped officer, still on air, was removed. He was quickly evaluated and placed on a stokes basket for transport to a local hospital for burns and other injuries.

The forward thinking, professionalism and dedication displayed by Firefighter Darren Harsch resulted in a member of the FDNY being saved. He exhibited remarkable courage, determination, skill and ingenuity under extreme pressure. For his actions, he is awarded the Chief of Department Peter J. Ganci, Jr. Medal/NYS Honorary Fire Chiefs Association Medal. - RLL



*Queens Box 44-5480, exposure 3, where the commercial building collapse occurred. (Photo by Lloyd Mitchell Photography)*



# Brooklyn Citizens Medal/ FF Louis Valentino Award

## Lieutenant Keith D. Larsen

### Ladder Company 149

May 14, 2021, 1258 hours, Box 75-2725, Brooklyn

*Appointed to the FDNY on June 11, 2006. Previously assigned to Engine Company 220 and Ladder Company 122. Holds an associate degree in liberal arts from Kingsborough Community College. Recipient of a Unit Citation. Resides on Staten Island, with his wife, Theresa, and their children, Emma, Shea and Jack.*

On May 14, 2021, Ladder Company 149 was near the quarters of Engine Company 242, exchanging SCBA cylinders, when a phone alarm transmitted for Brooklyn Box 2725. A fire was reported on the first floor of a large, six-story multiple dwelling nearby, and Ladder 149—"The Castle"—was assigned first due. Moments later, a 10-75 was transmitted by Ladder Company 122, who witnessed a large column of thick, black smoke rising from the reported address. Arriving at the fire simultaneously, Ladder 149 consulted with Ladder 122's officer, confirming that they would operate as first-due ladder and Ladder 122 would take on the responsibilities of the second-due ladder.

Indications of a severe fire and heavy, black smoke were present in the narrow side alley. Engine Company 242 stretched the initial line down the alley, facilitated by Ladder 122 cutting through a fence. Using this access point, Ladder 149's officer, Lieutenant Keith Larsen, and his inside team entered the main entrance through a large courtyard. A quick size-up revealed a large volume of fire lapping up the side of the multiple dwelling, threatening extension to multiple apartments on the first and second floors. Ladder 149 immediately gained access to the D-wing hallway on the first floor, giving them access to the most exposed apartments.

It was determined that two apartments on the first floor were directly exposed to the fire. Inside the public hall, Lieutenant Larsen ordered his firefighters, Firefighter Dominic DiBiase (forcible entry) and Firefighter Ricky DalCortivo (can), to force the door to one of the exposed

apartments. Lieutenant Larsen discovered that the adjoining apartment's door was left unlocked. Upon opening the door, he was immediately forced to the floor due to heat and thick, black smoke and heard someone coughing and gasping for air in the dense darkness. Without regard for his own safety or the protection of a hoseline, he began his search.

Lieutenant Larsen quickly found a woman crawling blindly and disoriented. He pulled her to the hallway and closed the door. He instructed FF DiBiase and FF DalCortivo to remove her to safety, while also asking her whether anyone else was left in the apartment. She replied, "Yes, there's another person, and she's large." Lieutenant Larsen informed command about the victim and the immediate need for a hoseline.

Indications were that fire was now burning out of control at the opposite end of the apartment. Undeterred, Lieutenant Larsen continued his right-hand search under harsh and deteriorating conditions.

Twenty feet inside the apartment, he came upon a lifeless body sprawled out on the floor. He transmitted a second 10-45, turned the victim and moved her approximately 8 feet as the fire encroached. FF DiBiase and DalCortivo then assisted him in removing the victim through the apartment door and to safety.

Lieutenant Keith Larsen displayed courage and purpose in line with the highest traditions of the FDNY. His aggressiveness and determination saved the lives of two victims. He is awarded the Brooklyn Citizens Medal/FF Louis Valentino Award for his heroic actions. - MD



*Members of Ladder Co. 149 at Box 75-2725, from left to right: FF Guy Petersen, FF Thomas Kirrane, FF Dominic DiBiase, Lieutenant Keith Larsen, FF Ricky DalCortivo and FF Sean Lee*

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# Christopher J. Prescott Medal

July 30, 2021, 1312 hours, Brooklyn



**Lieutenant  
Paul A. Ardizzone**  
*Haz-Tac*

*Appointed to the FDNY on July 11, 2011. Previously assigned to EMS Stations 16 and 8 as a paramedic and EMS Stations 18 and 7 as a lieutenant. Recipient of the Tracey Allen-Lee Medal, two Excellent Duty Ribbons and multiple Pre-Hospital Saves. Member of FEMA NY Task Force 1. Served in the U.S. Coast Guard. Resides in Woodside, New York.*



**Paramedic  
Shewain Q. George**  
*Station 32*

*Appointed to the FDNY on August 16, 2016. Previously assigned to EMS Stations 38 and 58. Attended LaGuardia Community College. Recipient of a Pre-Hospital Save. Resides in Brooklyn, New York, with wife Sheniqua and their daughter, Isabella.*



**Paramedic  
Hugh Smith II**  
*Station 39*

*Appointed to the FDNY on September 13, 2010. Previously assigned to EMS Station 58. Holds a bachelor's degree in biology from Hofstra University. Recipient of two Units of the Month. Resides in Old Bethpage, New York, with his partner, Rosara, and their children, Orion and Audrey.*

**R**escue paramedics undergo thousands of hours of rigorous training to integrate emergency medicine into the operations of the FDNY Special Operations Command (SOC). Rescue medics are trained in the technical rescue disciplines as well as Hazmat medical technician and marine rescue operations. Rescue paramedics specialize in bringing world-class medicine to trapped victims in the austere, technical rescue environment.

On July 30, 2021, Paramedics Hugh Smith and Shewain George were presented with a challenge that would test their many years of training and experience. Both rescue medics arrived on scene to find FDNY SOC units operating to rescue two victims trapped in a lean-to type of collapse. They were the sole rescue medics on their respective units that day, so they paired up once on scene.

Despite the danger to the crew, Rescue Medics Smith and George did not hesitate to make entry and join the rescue effort. They were in contact with Lieutenant Paul Ardizzone while working alongside fire suppression and SOC companies to assess the two pinned workers. Integrating their skills and equipment with the other SOC units operating, the paramedics began simultaneous medical management of both victims. Throughout the arduous and dangerous operation, Paramedic Smith, Paramedic George and Lieutenant

Ardizzone remained at their patients' sides and administered life-saving, advanced life-support treatment.

Rescue Paramedic Smith, Rescue Paramedic George and Lieutenant Paul Ardizzone's swift, precise and selfless actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Emergency Medical Service and the New York City Fire Department. For their efforts, they are honored with the Christopher J. Prescott Medal. - *MV*



*From left to right: Lieutenant Paul Ardizzone, Paramedic Shewain George, Paramedic Hugh Smith, Deputy Chief Mark Bonilla*



## Hugh Bonner Medal/ Honor Legion Medal

### Lieutenant Patrick T. Twomey *Ladder Company 41*

January 12, 2021, 1052 hours, Box 77-2867, Bronx

*Appointed to the FDNY on July 15, 2001. Previously assigned to Ladder Company 13. Resides in Larchmont, New York, with his wife, Katie, and their children, Emerson and Grey.*

At 1051 hours on January 12, 2021, while taking up from a gas leak outside their first-due area, Lieutenant Patrick Twomey of Ladder Company 41 acknowledged a phone alarm for a fire in a seven-story, fireproof multiple dwelling a few blocks away. Though second due, the company arrived first on scene.

Upon arrival, Lieutenant Twomey observed heavy smoke pushing from multiple windows and a male civilian hanging out a fourth-floor window. He immediately transmitted the 10-75, and Ladder 41 went to work.

Recognizing that parked cars and scaffolding could impede tower ladder access, Lieutenant Twomey ordered Firefighter James Soutar (outside vent) to set up portable ladders. Lieutenant Twomey and his forcible entry team, Firefighter Peter Quinn (irons) and Firefighter Robert Rivera (can), immediately ascended the stairs to the fourth floor, encountering a heavy smoke condition in the public hallway due to the open fire apartment door.

After transmitting conditions to Battalion 18 and donning their SCBAS, Ladder 41's inside team crawled 25 feet down the public hall in search of the apartment door. Using the thermal imaging camera, they found it with a raging fire just inside. (Fire marshals later determined the fire was caused by an electric scooter's lithium-ion battery.) Lieutenant Twomey closed the door with his hand tool, transmitted that they had control of the door and requested a handline.

Lieutenant Twomey and FF Quinn began their search for occupants as FF Rivera controlled the door. As Battalion Chief Peter Robb (Battalion 18) requested that every engine company on scene assist in stretching the first hoseline, Lieutenant Twomey heard

screams coming from the rear of the apartment.

With heavy heat and fire rolling over their heads, Lieutenant Twomey ordered FF Rivera to attempt to cool the ceiling with his extinguisher while he and FF Quinn crawled past. They met FF Soutar in the first bedroom, attempting to remove a severely burned victim via the portable ladder he had used for access. Lieutenant Twomey instructed Firefighters Soutar and Quinn to close the bedroom door and stay with the injured victim, determining that he would not make it down the ladder. Shortly after, the victim was transferred to Ladder 41's bucket from the bedroom window to the street.

Hearing screams coming from the rear, Lieutenant Twomey and FF Rivera searched deeper into the apartment, where FF Rivera located an unresponsive child. After transmitting a 10-45 and ordering FF Rivera to remove the child, Lieutenant Twomey continued searching.

In another rear bedroom, he found an adult female at the window, along with an adult male, lying unresponsive on the floor. Lieutenant Twomey closed the bedroom door, notifying the Battalion of the two additional 10-45s and that he was sheltering them in place due to the extreme conditions in the apartment hallway.

As his Vibralert activated, Lieutenant Twomey heard the hoseline operating in the apartment hallway. A member of Ladder 47 entered the bedroom window via aerial ladder and assisted with the victims' removal.

Members put themselves at extraordinary risk to rescue multiple trapped victims from a raging fire. Lieutenant Patrick Twomey displayed courage and leadership at this incident and is awarded the Hugh Bonner Medal/Honor Legion Medal. - CB



*Ladder Company 41 operates at Bronx  
Box 77-2867.*

# Yadira Arroyo Medal

December 29, 2021, 1542 hours, Bronx



**Lieutenant  
Dwight Scott**  
*Station 17*

*Appointed to the FDNY on March 23, 1998. Previously assigned to EMS Station 15, EMS Station 14, Haz-Tac Station 3 and EMS Station 17 as a lieutenant. Holds a dental assistant's and phlebotomist's license. Recipient of a Pre-Hospital Save. Resides in Stormville, New York, with his wife, Terena, and their sons, Elijah and Isaiah.*



**EMT  
Christopher Juanilla**  
*Station 17*

*Appointed to the FDNY as an emergency medical technician on June 11, 2018. Previously assigned to Station 17. Holds an associate degree in criminal justice from Dutchess Community College. Resides in Wappingers Falls, New York.*

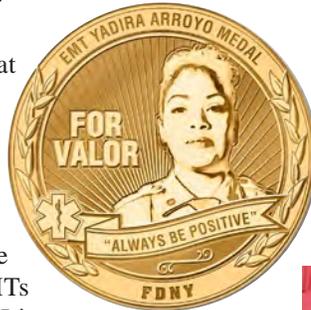


**EMT  
Tiffany Robledo**  
*Station 40*

*Appointed to the FDNY as an emergency medical technician on February 19, 2019. Previously assigned to EMS Station 17. Resides in Staten Island, New York.*

On December 29, 2021, at about 1550 hours, EMTs Christopher Juanilla and Tiffany Robledo were cleaning their ambulance after a call when they were approached by numerous civilians asking for help at the pharmacy across the street. EMTs Juanilla and Robledo, along with Lieutenant Dwight Scott, ran across the street, having been told that someone was stabbing customers and staff inside the store.

The EMTs and Lieutenant Scott looked inside and spotted a huge commotion and several injured people. They noticed that the assailant was barricading an employee in the back of the store and was about to stab her with industrial scissors and shock her with a taser as well. EMT Juanilla, EMT Robledo and Lieutenant Scott made entry into the store and approached the assailant. EMT Robledo and Lieutenant Scott isolated, disarmed and restrained the assailant, keeping the rest of the staff and customers safe. EMT Juanilla triaged the injured customers and requested additional EMS units until NYPD arrived.



These members risked their lives to protect multiple civilians from a vicious scissor and taser attack. They entered danger and were able to stop and disarm the assailant. For their heroic actions in preventing innocent civilians from critical injuries or worse, they are the first recipients of the Yadira Arroyo Medal. - MV



*From left to right, EMT Christopher Juanilla (Sta. 17), Lieutenant Dwight Scott (Sta. 17), EMT Tiffany Robledo (Sta. 40)*



**Emily Trevor/  
Mary B. Warren Medal**  
**Lieutenant Benjamin F. Segna**  
**Ladder Company 44**

**February 9, 2021, Box 22-2587, 2054 hours, Bronx**

*Appointed to the FDNY on January 27, 2002. Previously assigned to Ladder Company 11 as a firefighter. Uncle, Chief John O'Connell, is retired from Battalion 7. Holds an associate degree in media arts from the Art Institute of Philadelphia. Recipient of four Unit Citations. Resides in Greenlawn, New York, with his children, Jack and Grace.*

**A**s firefighters, we are desensitized to heroic stories because FDNY members regularly face life-threatening danger. But sometimes, members go above and beyond, taking extreme personal risks to save civilian lives. On February 9, 2021, Lieutenant Benjamin Segna risked his life to save a young child.

At 2054 hours, the Bronx Dispatcher transmitted a phone alarm for fire at Box 2587 in the Bronx. When Ladder Company 44 arrived, heavy, black smoke was billowing from the top-floor windows of a three-story, non-fireproof multiple dwelling. Engine Company 92, the first-due engine, had been operating at a previous incident at the opposite end of their response area, so when Lieutenant Segna entered the fire building, he knew Ladder 44 would be forced to operate alone, without the protection of a hoseline.

Lieutenant Segna quickly led Firefighters Colin McShane and Wesley Cookingham up the interior stairs. As they ascended, panicked occupants—including children of various ages—fled in the other direction. One of the female occupants screamed that her

child was still inside the fire apartment.

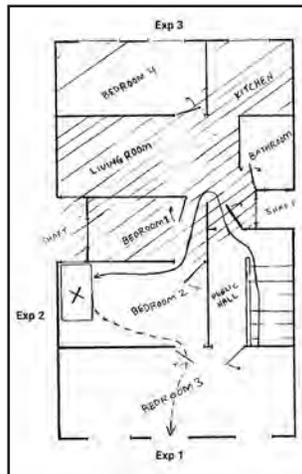
When Ladder 44's inside team reached the third floor, Lieutenant Segna entered the fire apartment with FF McShane, who was carrying the can, while FF Cookingham, who had the irons, maintained control of the door. But as soon as they entered, a wall of fire blocked their path. FF McShane tried in vain to knock down the fire with his extinguisher, but the fire was far too intense. They quickly backed out to the hallway to regroup.

In the hallway, Lieutenant Segna heard another radio transmission reporting a person trapped. With the clear imperative of a life hazard, he decided to make a second attempt to search the fire apartment. When he reopened the door, flames began lapping out into the public hallway; the room was completely involved in fire.

Crawling on his belly, Lieutenant Segna entered the apartment and made a sharp left-hand turn toward the front of the building, entering a bedroom in zero-visibility conditions. Sweeping his arm over the bed, he found the limp body of an unresponsive child. He transmitted a 10-45 and grabbed the child, moving toward the front of the building, where he hoped to locate a cleared window. He knew that going back the way he came was untenable.

In the front bedroom, Lieutenant Segna encountered Firefighter Mike McPartland, Ladder 44's OV, who had entered from a portable ladder and initiated a search. They worked together to bring the child to a window, handing him to Firefighter Joel Gurrieri in Ladder 44's bucket. Once the child was removed to the street, Engine 68 began treatment, and FDNY EMS transported him to the hospital.

At this operation, Lieutenant Benjamin Segna took an extreme personal risk, without regard for his own safety, to save a child. His act of valor sets the standard for heroism in the New York City Fire Department, and he is awarded the Emily Trevor/Mary B. Warren Medal. - JC



*Members of Ladder Co. 44 at a fire on Thanksgiving Day, 2020. Left to right: Lieuteant Segna (L-44), FF Moran (L-44), FF Halpin (L-44), FF Blatus (L-44), Lieutenant Watts (E-92), FF McShane (E-92) and FF Frawley (E-92)*

# Thomas E. Crimmins Medal

## Firefighter Ryan K. Hall

### Ladder Company 127

February 7, 2021, 0922 hours, Box 75-6572, Queens



*Appointed to the FDNY on March 25, 2007. Previously assigned to Engine Company 235. Uncle, Captain Michael Dugan, is retired from Ladder Company 123. Resides in East Northport, New York, with wife Angelica and their daughters, Madelyn, Abigail and Samantha.*

On a snowy February morning, the members of Ladder Company 127 started their usual routine of checking on tools and equipment. There were already 13 inches of snow on the ground, and more continued to fall as roll call was conducted. At 0922 hours, the Queens Communications Office transmitted Box 6572, reporting a fire in a multiple dwelling. Engine Company 298 and Ladder Company 127 were first due, with the dispatcher loading the box based on the volume of calls.

When units arrived, black smoke was pushing under pressure from the top-floor windows of a three-story brick house. Lieutenant John McEaney led the inside team into the building. Smoke billowed from the top-floor windows, and panicked occupants yelled that there was still a woman inside the fire apartment. The team moved with urgency up the stairs. Without a hoseline in operation, members began an aggressive search and were met with zero visibility and a non-typical apartment layout, including many locked doors and significant clutter.

Firefighter Hall attempted to open a bedroom door where the victim was believed to have been sleeping. With fire burning in the room to his right, then over his head, he knew he had little time to act. He split the door at its upper hinge and was able to gain access to the room by advancing over the remaining portion of the door. He was immediately forced to the floor by punishing heat. The room was excessively cluttered, so he used a swim move to squeeze past a refrigerator and pantry before finding the unconscious victim face down between the bed and dresser.

FF Hall transmitted a 10-45 and tried to move the

victim out of the room. Clutter made it difficult, and using webbing was impossible because he couldn't get to his pocket. With no other options, he decided to wrap his gloved hand around the victim's nightgown to make a twist handle he could grab. He used his own body as a shield to get the victim to the door, calling out for help to get back, as the heat was becoming unbearable in his own mask. He used all his remaining strength to lift the victim over the clutter and the remaining piece of door and out into the hallway. With no hoseline in place, the room became completely enveloped in fire just seconds after they made it out. At the stairway, FF Hall handed the victim to a member of Engine Company 298, who brought her to awaiting EMS units for transfer to the hospital.

FF Ryan Hall responded without any regard for his own safety, in punishing conditions. For these reasons, he is deserving of the Thomas E. Crimmins Medal. – AF



*From left to right, members of Ladder 127: FF Jay Pullara, FF Robert Fredette, FF Ryan Hall, Lieutenant John McEaney, FF Matthew Jovic, FF Michael Manetta (L-126)*



## Thomas A. Kenny Memorial Medal

### Firefighter Nicholas P. Morisano

#### Ladder Company 45

October 29, 2021, 1253 hours, Box 75-1761, Manhattan

*Appointed to the FDNY on June 12, 2017. Previously assigned to EMS Station 8 as an EMT and to EMS Station 13 as a paramedic. Father, Firefighter Frank Morisano, retired from Ladder Company 11. Great-Grandfather, Firefighter Arthur Prevete, retired from Engine Company 221 and is now deceased. Grandfather, Firefighter Anthony Morisano, retired from Ladder Company 1. Uncle, Firefighter Mark Bellmier, retired from Engine Company 241. Cousin, Firefighter Michael Bellmier, is assigned to Ladder Company 168. Holds a bachelor's degree in education from Oneonta State University. Recipient of a Unit Citation. Resides in Astoria, New York, with his wife, Jamie, and a baby on the way.*

At 1253 hours, the tone alarm sounded for Ladder Company 45 in the Washington Heights section of Manhattan. It was for a first-due phone alarm, reporting a fire in an apartment on the top floor of a six-story, non-fireproof multiple dwelling. Upon arrival, with smoke showing from the top floor, the building superintendent ran up to them, yelling that there were two elderly males trapped in the apartment. The inside team—Lieutenant James Lee (Division 7, covering), Firefighter Nicholas Morisano (irons) and Firefighter Ian Holliday (can)—immediately made their way up six flights of stairs. As they got to the fifth-floor half-landing, they could see smoke banking down and fire lapping out of the open apartment door on the sixth floor.

The team removed residents from the public hall, closed the door to the apartment and donned their SCBAs. After a few blasts with the pressurized water can, the members attempted to enter the apartment but faced another obstacle: heavy hoarding conditions that blocked their path, their

ability to stay low and, potentially, their egress. FF Morisano was able to find a narrow pathway leading into the apartment. As he moved farther in, under severe heat and zero visibility with fire lapping overhead, he heard moans ahead. He pressed on despite the clutter collapsing around him, creating more obstacles in his path of escape.

FF Morisano located a victim on the floor in the hallway and began removing him, but he was concerned by moaning sounds still ahead. He removed the first victim back toward the apartment entrance, where he handed off the victim to other members of the inside team and informed them that he was going to locate the source of the other moans.

As FF Morisano duck-walked through the clutter and beneath the flames rolling overhead, he reached the large, sunken living room, which was engulfed in fire. There, he found the second victim. He entered this uncontrolled atmosphere knowing there was no time to spare. Using all his strength and determination, he began removing the

second victim. It was extremely difficult, as the victim was not wearing a shirt and was burned. In addition, FF Morisano had to lift the victim up the stairs of the sunken room and into the hallway. The remaining members of the inside team helped remove the victim back through the clutter and fire and out of the apartment, where they transferred him to EMS.

FF Morisano acted with the utmost bravery in locating and removing two victims without the protection of a hoseline under very adverse conditions. For his heroic actions, Firefighter Nicholas Morisano is bestowed the Thomas A. Kenny Memorial Medal. - MC



Members of Ladder 45, from left to right: FF Nick Morisano, FF Ian Holliday, FF Pasquale Prozzillo, FF Edward Perez, Lieutenant Jimmy Lee and FF Michael McGurick. (Photo courtesy of the New York Daily News)

# Walter Scott Medal

## Firefighter Joseph A. Montgomery Jr. Ladder Company 44

May 5, 2021, 0451 hours, Box 33-2383, Bronx

*Appointed to the FDNY on December 29, 2014. Grandfather, Captain Thomas Montgomery Sr., retired from Ladder Company 33 and is now deceased. Uncle, Lieutenant Thomas Montgomery Jr., retired from Ladder Company 104 and is now deceased. Uncle Firefighter Robert Montgomery retired from Ladder Company 295, and Uncle Captain Joseph Depperman is assigned to Ladder Company 152. Cousin, Firefighter Vincent Depperman, is assigned to Ladder Company 150. Holds a bachelor's degree in nutrition and exercise science from Queens College. Recipient of the Thomas F. Dougherty Medal and a Pre-Hospital Save. Resides in Smithtown, New York, with his wife, Laura, and son, Benjamin.*



On May 5, 2021, at 0451 hours, Ladder Company 44—designated the Firefighter Assist and Search Team (FAST)—responded to Box 2383, a confirmed fire on the third floor of a six-story, occupied multiple dwelling. Upon arrival, Lieutenant John Vanderstar proceeded to the command post while sizing up the exterior of the building. Two of the windows on the third floor had already vented and were pushing heavy, black smoke. Numerous occupants were fleeing down the fire escapes. Lieutenant Vanderstar spotted what appeared to be hands waving through heavy smoke behind the child window gates on the fifth floor, two floors above the fire apartment.

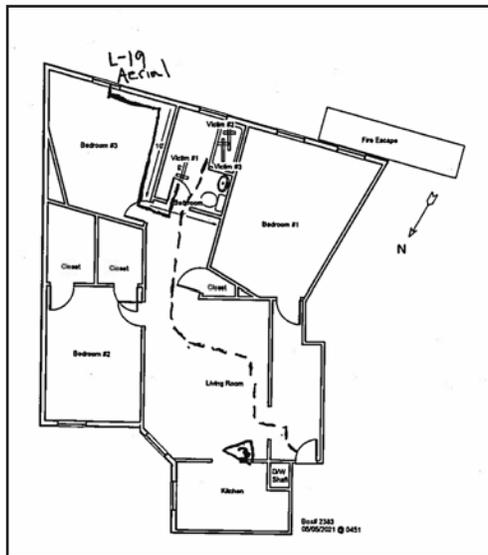
Ladder 44 quickly informed the command post and Firefighter Paul Samuelson (Ladder Company 19 chauffeur), whose aerial was at the roof, of the trapped occupant's location. Command quickly dispatched Rescue Company 3 and Ladder Company 17 through the interior, but they were delayed by heavy fire in the staircase. Firefighter Joseph Montgomery, Ladder 44's outside vent position, assisted Ladder 19's chauffeur with the victim he removed down the aerial ladder. Upon reaching the pedestal, the victim stated that there were other people still in the apartment. FF Montgomery relayed the information to the command post and proceeded back up the aerial with FF Samuelson.

Donning his facepiece, FF Montgomery entered the window, which was pushing heavy, dense smoke. With zero visibility, he felt his way through the bathroom, where he felt two motionless, unconscious victims at the doorway. He immediately transmitted that he had two 10-45s. FF Montgomery carried the first victim back to the window, where FF Samuelson tried to keep the victim's head clear of the smoke.

FF Montgomery crawled back to the second victim. While positioning himself to pick up the person, he felt the hand of a third unconscious victim. He transmitted the 10-45 to Command and requested assistance with removal. At this time, members of Ladder Company 17 and Rescue Company 3 entered the apartment. FF Montgomery heard them and—still operating in zero visibility—yelled to guide members to his location in the rear of the apartment. There, he handed the third victim to members of

Ladder 17 and the second victim to members of Rescue 3. Knowing the safest way to remove the first victim was through the interior stairs, he carried the victim to the stairs, where other members transferred the victim down to the street. At street level, several companies began performing lifesaving care on the three unconscious victims before they were removed by ambulance to the hospital.

Firefighter Joseph Montgomery showed initiative and bravery, successfully coordinating the rescue of three victims under great duress. Having acted in the highest traditions of the FDNY, and for his heroic actions, he is awarded the Walter Scott Medal. - KE



Members of Ladder Co. 44 and Engine Co. 92 operating at a fire April 15, 2022, from left to right: FF Adam Licardi (E-92), Lieutenant Scott Doody (Div-6), FF Eric Taddeo (L-44), FF Michael Hefner (L-44), FF Brian Smith (L-44), FF Joseph Montgomery (L-44), FF Carlos Azevedo (L-44), FF Gerard Cash (L-44), FF Sean Driscoll (L-44), FF Tom Frawley (E-92), Lieutenant Sean Gillen (Div-6) and FF Keith Richards (L-44)

# John H. Prentice Medal

## Firefighter Robert N. Rivera

### Ladder Company 41

January 12, 2021, 1052 hours, Box 77-2867, Bronx



*Appointed to the FDNY on January 14, 2013. Previously assigned to Engine Company 90, Ladder Company 24 and Engine Company 1. Recipient of two Unit Citations. Resides in Brewster, New York, with his wife, Hannah, and their children, Henry and Charlotte.*

At 1051 hours on January 12, 2021, Ladder Company 41 took up from a gas leak to arrive first at a nearby fire in a seven-story, fireproof multiple dwelling. Lieutenant Patrick Twomey observed heavy smoke pushing from multiple windows and a male civilian hanging out a window on the fourth floor. He immediately transmitted the 10-75, and the company went to work.

Ladder 41 knew they had to act quickly to rescue the occupants and would probably be operating alone for some time due to their rapid arrival. Firefighter James Soutar (outside vent) set up portable ladders to the fourth-floor window as Lieutenant Twomey and the forcible entry team—Firefighters Peter Quinn (irons) and Robert Rivera (can)—entered the building and ascended the stairs to the fourth floor.

The fire apartment door had been left open, so the unit encountered a very heavy smoke condition in the public hallway. After transmitting conditions to Battalion 18, Ladder 41 donned their

SCBAs and crawled 25 feet down the public hall in search of the apartment door. Aided by the thermal imaging camera, they found the apartment door with a raging fire just inside. (Fire marshals later determined the fire was caused by an electric scooter's lithium-ion battery.) Closing the door, Lieutenant Twomey transmitted conditions to Battalion 18 and requested a handline.

Lieutenant Twomey and FF Quinn attempted to search as FF Rivera controlled the apartment door, but they were forced to retreat and regroup due to heavy heat and fire rolling over their heads. Lieutenant Twomey heard Battalion 18's request that every engine company on the scene assist in the stretching of the first hoseline, while simultaneously hearing screams from the rear of the apartment. He ordered FF Rivera to attempt to cool the ceiling with his extinguisher as he and FF Quinn pushed past the fire toward the screams.

FF Rivera knew his ability to reduce the extension of the fire at the ceiling level was vital and would enable his team to search for victims, and he used his extinguisher expertly to give the forcible entry team time to search.

FF Quinn aided FF Soutar with a victim in the first bedroom as Lieutenant Twomey and FF Rivera heard screaming from a rear bedroom. At this point, FF Rivera had expended the 2 1/2 gallons of water in his extinguisher and was defenseless against the raging fire. Still without protection of a hoseline, he passed the roaring fire to join Lieutenant Twomey in the search of the rear, where he located an unresponsive child lying on the floor. Lieutenant Twomey transmitted a 10-45 and ordered FF Rivera to remove the child.

Grasping the child closely to his chest to shield him from the roaring fire, FF Rivera crawled past the fire and carried the child to the street, where he was transferred to medical care. For his heroic actions, Firefighter Robert Rivera is presented the John H. Prentice Medal. - CB



*The fire at Bronx Box 77-2867 was determined to have been caused by an electric scooter's lithium-ion battery. (Photo by FDNY Bureau of Fire Investigation)*

# Henry D. Brookman Medal

## Firefighter Richard Devine

### *Ladder Company 42*

April 30, 2021, 1825 hours, Box 22-2420, Bronx

*Appointed to the FDNY on March 25, 2007. Previously assigned to Engine Company 73. Brother, Lieutenant Timothy Devine, retired from Ladder Company 103. Holds an associate degree in liberal arts from Nassau Community College. Recipient of a Unit Citation. Member of the Holy Name Society. Resides in Massapequa, New York, with wife Nicole and children Emily, Kylie and MacKenzie.*



**F**or the firefighters of Ladder Company 42, the night tour was just beginning. They had just completed apparatus and equipment checks when the alarm sounded. Housewatch informed the companies that they had a second-due phone alarm for a fire in a private dwelling. As Ladder 42 responded, the Bronx Dispatcher notified them of reports of people trapped. Members recognized the distinct smell of a job as they approached the scene. On arrival, they encountered a two-story private dwelling with heavy smoke pushing from the front door as well as the windows on the first and second floors.

As the members prepared for entry, Battalion Chief Paul Luffman (Battalion 3) informed the company that they had a confirmed report of people trapped on the second floor. Ladder 42's inside team—made up of Captain Joseph McConnell, Firefighter Richard Devine (irons) and Firefighter Richard Senkiew (can)—now focused on the dangerous position of the floor above the fire. As they entered the structure and made their way up the stairs without the protection of a hoseline, they encountered high heat with zero visibility.

The inside team reached the apartment door to find it locked. FF Devine forced it with the Halligan tool and began a left-handed search, while Captain McConnell and FF Senkiew performed a right-handed one. As FF Devine crawled deeper into the apartment, he came across heavy clutter conditions but continued moving forward to search for victims. While crawling, he encountered a room of fire that was now entering the apartment's hallway. The captain notified FF Devine to use caution, while FF Senkiew attempted to use the pressurized water can to control the fire.

After crawling past the fire and down the long hallway, FF Devine reached the rear bedroom, where he located an un-

conscious, elderly woman lying on the floor. He knew he had to act quickly in the deteriorating conditions. He grabbed the woman by her upper torso and removed her toward the apartment's entrance, which proved to be an arduous task due to the clutter. Using his body to shield the victim from the heat and flames, he removed her over and through obstacles, carrying her out of the apartment and down the interior stairs. There, she was handed off to members of Engine Company 82, who started treatment. FF Devine then returned to the second floor to assist with the completion of the search.

FF Devine acted without regard for his own personal safety in deteriorating conditions, in the highest tradition of this Department. Firefighter Richard Devine is bestowed the Henry D. Brookman Medal for his heroic actions. - MC



*Members of Ladder 42, from left to right: FF Rich Senkiew, FF Tim Kuhl, FF Rich Devine, FF Pablo Ayala, Captain Joe McConnell and FF Steve Rizzuto*

# Chief Ulyses Grant Leadership Medal

July 30, 2021, 1312 hours, Brooklyn



**Deputy Chief  
Mark Bonilla**

*Haz-Tac*

On July 30, 2021, Deputy Chief Mark Bonilla and Lieutenant Paul Ardizzone heard, over the radio, reports of a building collapse in Brooklyn, with workers possibly. They immediately responded to the assignment. While the unit was en route, fire suppression made entry into the building and confirmed that there were two workers pinned beneath a collapsed wall. Upon arrival, both officers assumed the role of the rescue group leader.

Deputy Chief Bonilla made entry into the partially collapsed structure, where he found members operating on the second floor of a two-story private dwelling that was under demolition. The exposure 2 wall had collapsed, causing a lean-to collapse of the

*Appointed to the FDNY on January 27, 1997. Previously assigned to EMS Stations 18, 19, 20, 26 and 13. Recipient of the Lieutenant Kirby McEihear Medal, a Unit Citation, a Unit of the Month, a Pre-Hospital Save and the World Trade Center Medal. Member of the Hispanic Society. Resides in Otisville, New York, with his wife, Daphney; their children, Skylar, Jayden, Joshua and Daena; and their grandchildren, Jace and Ava Melody.*



**Lieutenant  
Paul A. Ardizzone**

*Haz-Tac*

*Appointed to the FDNY on July 11, 2011. Previously assigned to EMS Stations 16 and 8 as a paramedic and to EMS Stations 18 and 7 as a lieutenant. Recipient of the Tracey Allen-Lee Medal, two Excellent Duty Ribbons and multiple Pre-Hospital Saves. Member of FEMA NY Task Force I. Served in the U.S. Coast Guard. Resides in Woodside, New York.*

roof and leaving two workers pinned under the collapsed wall. Shoring was being placed, and all members needed to traverse the open floor joists cautiously.

Patient 1, an adult male with both legs pinned just below the knee, was being treated by Rescue Medics Hugh Smith and Shewain George. Patient 2, also an adult male, had one leg pinned under the wall, just under the right knee, and was also being treated by rescue medics. The workers were pinned on the floor joists suspended above the first floor. Shoring was placed to prevent further collapse, and the rescue medics, Haz-Tac officer and deputy chief continued to assess and treat the patients.

Deputy Chief Bonilla and Lieutenant Ardizzone coordinated with the rescue battalion that the rescue medics would need to continue to treat the patients as the extraction process was ongoing. Lieutenant Ardizzone assisted in the treatment of both patients and ensured that rescue medics had the resources and medications needed to treat their patients' individual needs. Lieutenant Ardizzone was in direct communication with the medical branch director as well as the Office of Medical Affairs (OMA) response physicians, Dr. Pamela Lai and Dr. Glenn Asaeda, regarding the patients' status and interventions being performed. Lieutenant Ardizzone also requested an additional rescue medic ambulance to assist with the treatment and removal of the patients as needed.

The decision was made to cut the floor joists and lower the workers to the first floor. Lieutenant Ardizzone ensured that all rescue medics operated safely and treated their patients to the highest standards. After being pinned for an hour and a half, the patients were removed and transported to a trauma hospital.

For their outstanding display of professionalism and leadership, Deputy Chief Mark Bonilla and Lieutenant Paul A. Ardizzone are awarded the Chief Ulyses Grant Medal. - MV



*Haz-Tac officers Deputy Chief Mark Bonilla (left) and Lieutenant Paul Ardizzone (right)*

# Hispanic Society/23rd Street Fire Memorial Medal of Valor Firefighter Daniel A. Hickey Rescue Company 4

April 3, 2021, 0222 hours Box 44-5480, Queens

*Appointed to the FDNY on September 12, 2004. Previously assigned to Ladder Company 126. Father, Captain Brian Hickey, was assigned to Rescue 4 and was killed at the WTC on 9/11. Recipient of five Unit Citations. Served in the U.S. Marine Corps. Resides in Bethpage, New York, with children Brian and Danica.*



Just after 0200 hours on April 3, 2021, Rescue Company 4 turned out for a fire in three stores of a one-story taxpayer in Battalion 54. While in close proximity to the fire, the chief transmitted a second alarm for heavy fire in the cockloft. The fire would soon prove to be anything but routine.

As Rescue 4 arrived, they were put to work and proceeded to their assigned positions. Firefighter Daniel Hickey (Rescue 4 roof) went to the rear, where a 24-foot portable ladder was positioned to the roof. He observed heavy fire extending out of the rear doorway and Engine Company 311 moving in with a 2 ½-inch line. As FF Hickey ascended the ladder, a mayday was transmitted for a collapse with firefighters trapped. An emergency alert button (EAB) was activated, and a second, muffled mayday by Engine 311's officer stated that he was trapped. FF Hickey raced to the rear door to investigate.

Engine 311's nozzle and backup firefighters were quickly removed from the collapse area. A brief conversation determined that Engine 311's officer was still inside. Without knowing the missing officer's exact location, FF Hickey donned his facepiece and began searching the collapse area for the activated pass alarm. As he crawled, he encountered members of Squad Company 270 and determined that the entire roof, roofing material and joists had pancaked flat onto the first floor. While a mayday was transmitted for the confirmed trapped member, halfway into the room, FF Hickey heard the officer faintly calling for help below him. He attempted to lift the debris but was unsuccessful due to the size and weight of the collapsed section. He directed all members of Rescue 4 to proceed to the rear of the building while he used his Halligan to rip and remove small pieces of the roof.

Members arrived with Sawzalls and extrication tools. FF Hickey continued making tiny inspection holes to gain access and find the officer. While pockets of fire burned around him and multiple

pieces of roofing were removed, the trapped officer's feet and ankles became visible. Reaching under the material, FF Hickey grabbed the member's legs and felt that he was alive and trying to move. After communicating the estimated location of the officer's torso, FF Hickey continued cutting and removing pieces of the roof while members circulated new batteries and saw blades into the operation. A large piece of the roof was removed and exposed the member's SCBA. Little by little, FF Hickey continued to cut until a battery-operated extrication tool was used to lift the remaining piece of roof. The officer was still on air and secured in the stokes for removal.

The actions of Firefighter Daniel Hickey directly led to a member of our Department being saved. His dedication resulted in a well-disciplined and calculated operation. For his courage, determination and ingenuity displayed at Queens Box 4-4-5480, he is awarded the Hispanic Society/23rd Street Fire Memorial Medal of Valor. - PB



*Rescue operations of downed member; post-collapse.  
(Photo by FDNY Command Tactical Unit)*

## Michael J. Delehanty Medal

### Firefighter Paul T. Jennings

#### *Squad Company 270*

**April 3, 2021, 0218 hours, Box 44-5480, Queens**

*Appointed to the FDNY on September 25, 2005. Previously assigned to Engine Company 280, Ladder Company 132 and Ladder Company 134. Resides in Long Beach, New York, with children Logan and Ryann.*



**O**n April 3, 2021, at 0218 hours, Squad Company 270 responded to a commercial building fire in the Saint Albans section of Queens. On arrival, companies were confronted with a heavy smoke condition, with fire located in three stores of a taxpayer. Squad 270 was assigned to work with Engine Company 301 in a hair salon to assist in search operations at both the front and rear of the store.

Engine Company 311 was in the process of stretching a 2½-inch line to the rear. Firefighter Darren Harsch, Squad 270 irons, met up with them and had a brief conversation with Engine 311's officer about the attack plan. Once the line was charged and in operation, FF Harsch would follow and assist in search operations. Engine 311 called for water as FF Harsch went to the front of the fire building to notate any progress, returning to the rear with Firefighter Paul Jennings, Squad 270 hook. As Engine 311's charged handline began knocking down the heavy

fire condition, a large 20- by 15-foot section of roofing collapsed without warning, pancaking down on top of where Engine 311 was operating.

FF Jennings and FF Harsch were positioned near the rear doorway and noticed a rush of smoke. A mayday was transmitted for the collapse, followed by a mayday transmission from the officer of Engine 311, indicating he was trapped in the rear. Without hesitation, FF Jennings and FF Harsch entered the unstable structure to search for Engine 311's members. Both Engine 311's backup and nozzle were located and removed quickly. After a brief conversation, it was determined that the Engine 311 officer was unaccounted for and missing.

Firefighters Jennings and Harsch reentered the collapse area to search for the missing officer. Once inside, with zero visibility and burning roof debris in all directions, they followed the partially covered handline, hoping it would lead to the officer. FF Harsch located the nozzle under burning debris, passing it to FF Jennings, who knocked down fire carefully since they were unsure of the officer's location.

Hearing a faint pass alarm, Firefighters Jennings and Harsch were able to pinpoint the trapped officer's exact location. Once his location was determined, FF Jennings continued to operate Engine 311's hoseline to carefully extinguish pockets of fire during the intricate rescue operation. He knew he had to use the water sparingly, or else the downed member could drown under the collapsed roof. He held back fire until the officer was removed.

In maintaining safe conditions for the firefighter rescue, Firefighter Paul Jennings played a pivotal role in the overall success of the operation. For his actions at Queens Box 4-4-5480, he is awarded the Michael J. Delehanty Medal. - RLL



*Members operate after a downed member was rescued at Box 44-5480, a commercial building collapse in Queens. (Photo by FDNY Command Tactical Unit)*

# Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia Medal

## Firefighter Brian P. Gorman Ladder Company 114

October 1, 2021, 2319 hours, Box 75-1466, Brooklyn

*Appointed to the FDNY on January 27, 2014. Father, Captain Brian Gorman, is retired from Ladder Company 122. Cousin, Firefighter William Freisen, is assigned to Ladder Company 77. Brother-in-law, Lieutenant Daniel McKenna, is assigned to Ladder Company 159. Holds a bachelor's degree in marketing from St. Joseph's University. Recipient of a Unit Citation. Member of the FDNY Emerald Society. Resides in Brooklyn, New York, with his wife, Kaitlyn, and their son, Declan.*



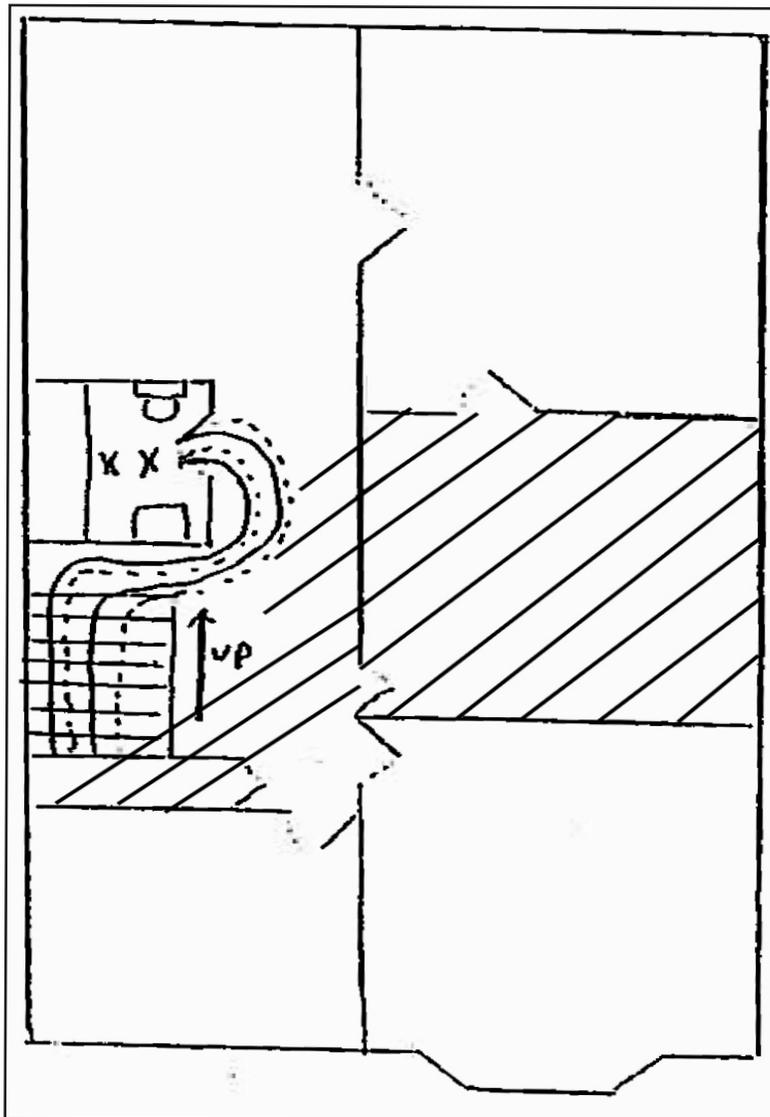
On October 1, 2021, at 2319 hours, Ladder Company 114 was dispatched for a report of a fire in a multiple dwelling. While responding, the dispatcher advised Ladder 114 that there were multiple reports of people trapped, including children. Upon their arrival, a structural fire was confirmed on the second floor of a three-story brownstone, with heavy, black smoke emanating from all the windows on the second and third floors.

As Ladder 114 members dismounted the apparatus, they observed two people leaning out of a top-floor window with dense, black smoke venting out around them. Due to limited maneuverability in the street, members knew that a tower-ladder rescue would be delayed and that the victims were quickly running out of time. With conditions deteriorating and the second-due ladder company not yet on scene, Firefighter Brian Gorman, assigned the can position, was instructed by his officer, Lieutenant Michael Cuccurullo, to address the life hazard on the third floor.

With fire and high heat venting into the hallway from the middle parlor room toward the stairs, and without a hoseline in place on the fire floor, FF Gorman quickly ascended the open interior stairs to the floor above the fire, where the victims were first seen. At the top of the stairs, through blinding smoke, he heard moans coming from an adjoining room and started a primary search in the direction of the voice. Using a left-handed search along the wall, under zero visibility and high heat, he was able to quickly locate both victims in the third-floor bathroom, where they had sought refuge after unsuccessfully trying to escape the building.

With both victims in a semi-conscious, incoherent state, Firefighter Gorman quickly transmitted their location to the Incident Commander. He brought the first victim down the stairs through the dense, black smoke and high heat, and transferred him to the care of incoming members. As he made his way back up to the third floor to retrieve the second victim, fire started traveling up the stairs. He was able to bring the victim down the stairs, shielding her from extreme heat, to members waiting outside.

Both victims were transported in critical condition to Lutheran Medical Center, where they were stabilized and treated. For Firefighter Brian Gorman's bravery and decisive actions, he is being awarded the Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia Medal. - MB



# William F. Conran Medal

## Lieutenant Daniel McWilliams Ladder Company 103

November 13, 2021, 1055 hours, Box 75-1701, Brooklyn

*Appointed to the FDNY on October 21, 1990. Previously assigned to Ladder Company 9, Ladder Company 157 and Ladder Company 3 as a firefighter. Father, Firefighter Patrick J. McWilliams, retired from Ladder Company 11 and is now deceased. Brother, EMS Lieutenant Joe McWilliams, is assigned to EMS Station 40. Resides in Massapequa Park, New York, with his wife, Debra, and their children, Erin, Kaitlin, Tara and Daniel.*



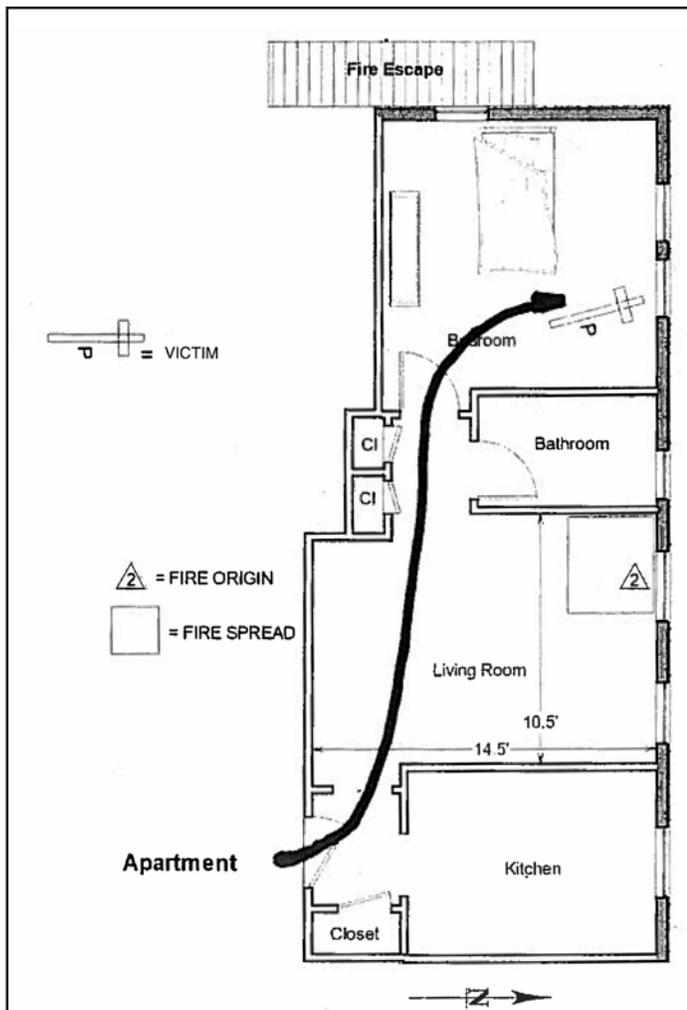
**B**rooklyn Box 1701 was transmitted at 1055 hours on November 13, 2021. Assigned first due, Ladder Company 103 quickly turned out to the phone alarm for fire. With Engine Company 290 out of service due to mechanical issues, Ladder 103 responded knowing that the first-due engine was coming from a distance. The address of the reported fire was a close five blocks away, and as Ladder 103 approached, nu-

merous civilians in the street waved them in, pointing toward the four-story, 50- by 100-foot, non-fireproof multiple dwelling. Lieutenant Daniel McWilliams noticed thick, black smoke pushing under pressure around multiple window frames on the second floor and immediately transmitted the 10-75.

As the company dismantled the truck, civilians and NYPD officers reported that someone was trapped in the fire apartment. Ladder 103 swiftly climbed the stairway to the second floor, where they were met with a heavy, dark smoke condition due to the apartment door left slightly ajar. As the inside team masked up, a faint call for help was heard from the depths of the fire apartment. The inside team moved into the apartment, where they encountered a heavy clutter condition. It was evident the fire had taken control of the living room, which stood between the inside team and the bedroom where the call for help had likely originated. As the can was used to hold back the growing fire, Lieutenant McWilliams moved toward the bedroom.

After requesting the status of the hoseline, Lieutenant McWilliams was advised that Engine Company 332, assigned second due, was in the process of stretching it. As Lieutenant McWilliams continued his push into the bedroom, he came across a semi-conscious male victim on the floor and immediately transmitted a 10-45 over his handie-talkie. By this point, Ladder 103's can firefighter had expended his extinguisher's water and moved into the bedroom to assist with the rescue. Knowing conditions were getting worse in the apartment, Lieutenant McWilliams attempted to close the bedroom door but was impeded by the heavy clutter. He told his can firefighter to clear a window while asking for a portable ladder to be raised to the bedroom window. As the ladder was raised, the hoseline began operating in the adjacent room, and conditions improved.

Lieutenant McWilliams and the can firefighter carried the badly burned victim to the street, where EMS took over patient care. Lieutenant McWilliams then returned to the fire apartment and completed his primary search. At great personal risk, Lieutenant Daniel McWilliams passed the main body of fire without the benefit of a hoseline to rescue a victim. His exceptional level of bravery and situational awareness is in accordance with the finest traditions of the FDNY, and for this reason, he is being awarded the William F. Conran Medal. - JT



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

## Lieutenant Ryan J. Johnston

*Engine Company 289 (assigned)*

*Ladder Company 138 (detailed)*

**August 22, 2021, 0745 hours, Box 75-7954, Queens**

*Appointed to the FDNY on March 25, 2007. Previously assigned to Engine Company 59. Father, Firefighter James Johnston, is retired from Engine Company 60. Recipient of a Unit Citation the Top Gun Award and multiple Pre-Hospital Saves. Resides in Wantagh, New York with his wife, Maria, and their sons, Ryan and Brayden.*



The nickname “New York’s Bravest” was not bestowed upon the men and women of the FDNY; it was earned. On the rainy morning of August 22, 2021, Lieutenant Ryan Johnston of Ladder Company 138 (detail) once again proved that the members of the FDNY truly are New York’s Bravest.

Ladder 138 was dispatched to a fire in the Elmhurst section of Queens. When Lieutenant Johnston arrived on the scene, he saw flames emanating from the first floor of a 2½-story home. Upon exiting the apparatus, he observed people trapped behind window bars on both the second and third floors. Lieutenant Johnston ordered his chauffeur and outside vent firefighter to tend to those victims while he and his inside team attempted a rescue from inside. When he entered the building, he was met by fleeing occupants with soot covering their faces. They informed him of the conditions inside the structure and the numerous people trapped above the rapidly growing fire.

The home had been the site of a wedding the previous evening. Tables, chairs and even a wedding arch were found on the first floor of the small residence. Lieutenant Johnston and his inside team circumnavigated the clutter to find the fire located in the first-floor kitchen. Lieutenant Johnston informed Engine 289’s members of the fire’s location and began ascending the stairs to the second floor. With smoke, heat and fire rising through the open staircase, he knew the occupants had limited time and that a rescue needed to be made.

On the second floor, Lieutenant Johnston ordered his members to search individual bedrooms while he went directly to the front bedroom. After entering the front bedroom and closing the door, he saw about a half dozen people being rescued from the front windows by Ladder 138’s outside team. He then received radio transmissions from his can firefighter, Andrew Gabor, and his irons firefighter, Edwin Rodriguez. They had each individually found victims and were in the removal process.

Lieutenant Johnston exited the front bedroom and entered a bedroom to his immediate left, the same room where FF Gabor had just removed a victim. He quickly searched the smoke-filled room and found a semi-conscious man just below the window. He notified the Incident Commander of the findings and informed him that he would remove the victim from the building using the interior stairs. Lieutenant Johnston wrapped his arms around the victim and removed him to the stairs. The victim began to struggle and became combative at the top of the stairs. With high heat still forcing its way up to the second floor, Lieutenant Johnston was able to carry the victim down the stairs to the front of the home, handing him off to awaiting units. Lieutenant Johnston reentered the building and continued to combat the fire.

In recognition for his courageous and remarkable rescue efforts, Lieutenant Ryan Johnston is being honored today with the Chief John J. McElligott Medal/FFs Fitzpatrick and Frisby Award. - SR



*Tower Ladder Co. 138 operates at Queens Box 75-7954.*

# Thomas F. Dougherty Medal

## Firefighter Justin L. Hespeler

### Ladder Company 174

November 20, 2021, 0931 hours, Box 22-2257, Brooklyn

*Appointed to the FDNY on September 25, 2005. Previously assigned to Engine Company 310. Cousin, Firefighter Gerard Cavanagh, is retired from Ladder Company 174. Great-grandfather, Firefighter Joseph Cavanagh, retired from Engine Company 318 and is now deceased. Attended Central Texas College. Served in the U.S. Marine Corps in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Recipient of a Unit Citation and a Pre-Hospital Save award. Member of the FDNY Emerald Society, the FDNY Marine Corps Association and the Ceremonial Unit. Resides in Islip, New York, with his wife, Alma, and their sons, Justin and Caleb.*



Just after roll call the morning of November 20, 2021, Ladder Company 174 responded second due to a fire in a private dwelling in the Canarsie section of Brooklyn. As they were responding, the dispatcher alerted all units that people were possibly trapped inside the fire building.

Upon arrival, Firefighter Justin Hespeler, Ladder 174's chauffeur, positioned the apparatus in front of the two-story, peaked-roof, private dwelling and began his size-up for the best possible access into the fire building. He observed heavy fire venting out all of the front windows on the first and second floors, out of both front doors and through the roof skylight. Ladder 170 reported that the stairs to the second floor were compromised, so FF Hespeler made his way to the rear. He encountered civilians who had just jumped from the second-floor windows, screaming that a baby was still in his crib in the second-floor bedroom. Heavy, black smoke was pushing under pressure from both of the second-floor windows.

Firefighter Eric Ortega (Ladder 170, OV) had placed a 16-foot straight ladder to the exposure 2/3 side corner window and entered it to search. FF Hespeler saw Ladder 174's outside team ascend a portable ladder and enter the adjoining bedroom to search for the child, so he ascended FF Ortega's ladder to assist him. At that point, it was communicated over the handie-talkie that the stairs to the second floor were heavily involved in fire and had partially collapsed, delaying access to the second-floor bedrooms for members inside.

FF Hespeler donned his facepiece and entered the punishing environment to search for the child. As he entered the window, he found himself on top of a bed. The extreme heat and zero visibility forced him to the floor. An urgent radio transmission was given, advising that the initial hoseline had a burst length, which prompted Battalion 58 to order all members to exit the second floor. Aware of the order to evacuate, FF Hespeler made the decision to continue his now desperate search for the trapped

infant. He located the crib and found the unconscious child. FF Hespeler transmitted a 10-45 and removed the child to the window where he had entered. Firefighter Anthony Orlandi (Ladder 174, irons) was waiting at the top of the portable ladder and safely transferred the child to FDNY EMS personnel for treatment.

With fire below, in adjacent rooms and throughout the second floor, FF Hespeler operated without the protection of a hoseline, in zero visibility and high heat, and without an interior stair due to its collapse. His efforts saved an infant child. Firefighter Hespeler's actions exemplify the highest traditions of the FDNY, and for that reason, he is awarded the Thomas F. Dougherty Medal. - AP



Ladder Company 174 at Brooklyn Box 22-2257. Second photo, from left to right: FF Thomas Moss (roof), FF Mike Gannone (can), FF Justin Hespeler (chauffeur), Lieutenant Paul Jamin, FF Anthony Orlandi (forcible entry), FF Timmy Meagher (OV). (Photo by Brooklyn Dispatcher Brian Grogan)

# Albert S. Johnston Medal

## Lieutenant Jason R. Hickey

### *Marine Operations*

September 13, 2021, 1312 hours, Box 1482, Manhattan



*Appointed to the FDNY on October 15, 1995. Previously assigned to Ladder Companies 39 and 22 and Engine Companies 76 and 325. Currently assigned to Engine Company 71, detailed to Marine Operations. Holds a bachelor's degree in biology from SUNY Cortland. Recipient of a Service Rating A, two Unit Citations and multiple Pre-Hospital Saves. Member of the Emerald Society and the Holy Name Society, and was part of the FDNY Soccer and Gaelic Football Teams. Resides in Pearl River, New York, with wife Deborah and their child, Aiden.*

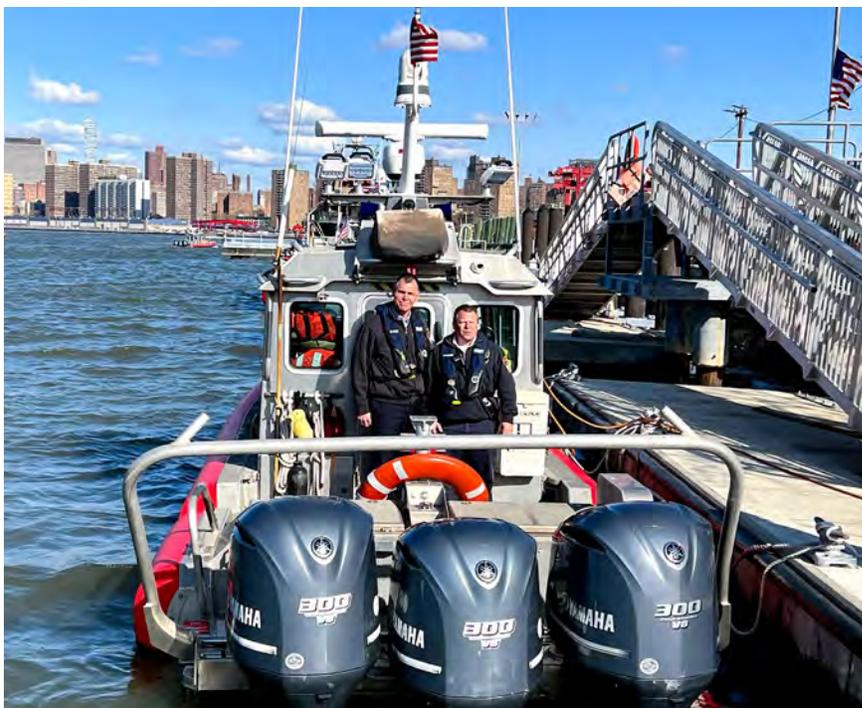
**A**t 1312 hours on September 13, 2021, the Marine Training Unit—staffed by Lieutenant Jason Hickey and Lieutenant Chris Tucker—was underway on the East River when an urgent call on the Marine VHF radio was overheard for a person in the water. Less than two minutes away, the unit confirmed the transmission and immediately headed to the Harlem River at the RFK Bridge. Upon approach, members spotted the victim on the Manhattan side, struggling to keep his head above water as he was swept south along Harlem River Drive. Lieutenant Hickey donned a swiftwater vest and tether as Lieutenant Tucker updated the dispatcher, maneuvering the vessel to conduct a direct pickup rescue.

As the exhausted victim was rapidly swept along the seawall toward a dangerous debris field, he pulled himself into an approximately 4- by 4-foot stormwater discharge tunnel. Realizing this could be their only opportunity for rescue, Lieutenant Hickey entered the swift current and swam toward the discharge tunnel. Knowing the inherent risks of being in an enclosed space with overhead obstructions and violently surging water, Lieutenant Hickey realized he must time his entry into the tunnel to avoid being pinned against the jagged concrete. Without regard for his own safety, he entered the tunnel without an alternate source of air and made his way 25 feet into the darkness toward the combative victim.

Utilizing the ring buoy as a positive flotation, Lieutenant Hickey secured the victim and moved him out toward the safety of the boat. As they reentered the 4-knot current of the Harlem River, the victim broke free and immediately became submerged. Lieutenant Hickey quickly reached underwater and grabbed the victim. He secured him by wrapping his arm around the victim's chest, keeping his head above water as he swam through the strong current. As they approached the vessel, the victim again broke free from Lieutenant Hickey's hold and submerged approximately 5 feet beneath an NYPD vessel that had just arrived. While continuing to battle the strong currents, Lieutenant Hickey reached

down and grabbed the submerged victim's wrist with one hand and pulled him to the surface. Lieutenant Hickey thrust the victim up toward rescuers on the boat as Lieutenant Tucker and members of NYPD Harbor George assisted. Members of Marine Company 4 arrived and provided patient care to the victim on Randall's Island before transferring the patient to EMS.

During this dangerous rescue, Lieutenant Jason Hickey was faced with a combative victim, strong currents, near zero visibility, a confined space with overhead obstructions and limited equipment. The victim was positioned in an extremely precarious location, in immediate danger of being trapped due to surging water and incoming tide. Lieutenant Hickey's bravery, fortitude, quick decision-making and resolve to place the victim's well-being above his own are in keeping with the highest traditions of the New York City Fire Department. He is being awarded the Albert S. Johnston Medal. - KE



Lieutenant Jason Hickey (left) and Lieutenant Chris Tucker, Marine Operations

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## **Naer Tormid Society/ Franklin Delano Roosevelt Medal Firefighter James R. McGee**

***Ladder Company 13 (assigned)  
Ladder Company 43 (detailed)***

**January 30, 2021, 1530 hours, Box 75-1328, Manhattan**

*Appointed to the FDNY on November 12, 2019. Father, Captain John McGee, is assigned to Ladder Company 4. Attended CUNY Queens College. Member of the FDNY Baseball Team. Resides in Bayside, New York.*

**I**t is a fortunate few firefighters who get the opportunity to directly save a life in their career, much less during their probationary year. Firefighter James McGee of Ladder Company 13, who was detailed to Ladder Company 43 and assigned the can position on January 30, 2021, accomplished that mission.

At 1530 hours, while taking up from a previous alarm, Ladder Company 43 was notified to respond first due to a reported fire in a NYCHA high-rise apartment building in Manhattan. Upon their arrival, thick, black smoke was visible from a window on the 16th floor. Evacuating occupants reported smoke coming from an apartment on the same floor. They also reported to Ladder 43's officer, Lieutenant Thomas Slane, that there were two occupants trapped in the apartment. Lieutenant Slane notified the Incident Commander (Battalion 12) of the credible report of victims and transmitted a 10-77.

As the members of Engine Company 91 flaked out the first hoseline from the standpipe, Ladder 43's inside team—Lieutenant Slane, FF McGee (can), and FF Michael Arlistico (irons)—forced open the fire apartment door and entered to a high-heat, zero-visibility condition.

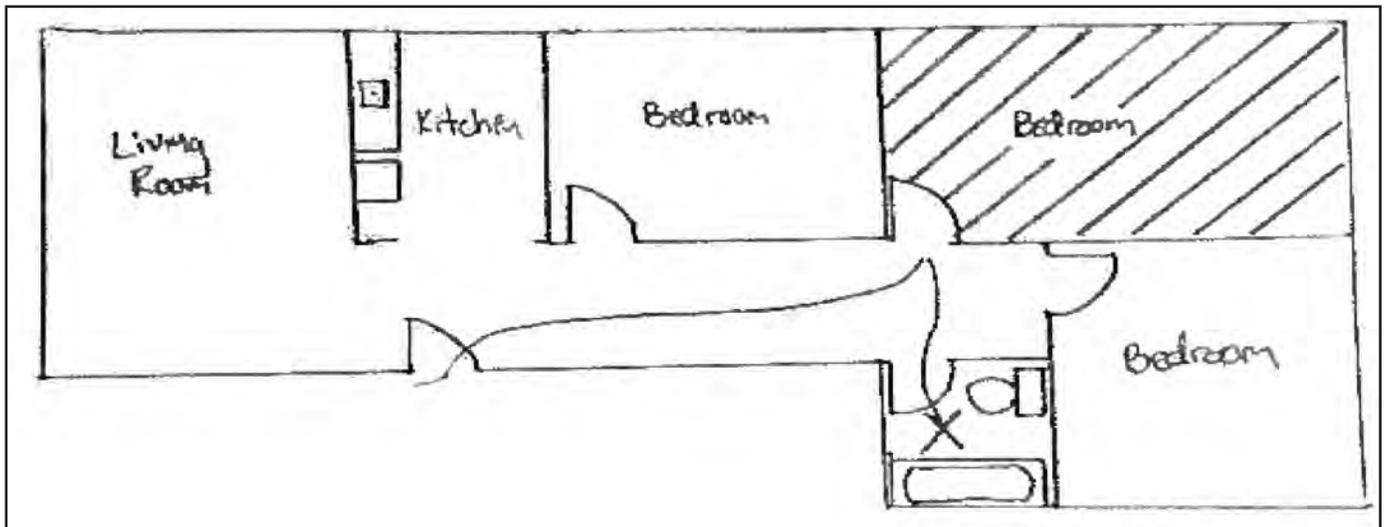
As Lieutenant Slane and FF McGee conducted a blind, right-handed primary search down the long apartment hallway, the rapidly increasing heat forced them to low-crawl on the floor. Firefighter McGee found a rear bedroom fully involved in fire,

with flames advancing into the hall beyond the burned-through door, and expended the contents of his water extinguisher to hold back the flames. It was then that he heard the faint groans of a possible victim.

Searching in the direction of the moans, FF McGee found himself in a bathroom adjacent to the engulfed bedroom, where he located an unconscious woman. He transmitted a 10-45 and shielded the victim from the flames as he began removing her back down the long hallway. He continued moving the victim out of the apartment door and to the floor below, where he handed her off to Ladder 43's outside vent, Firefighter Amir Francis, in a firefighter service elevator.

Firefighter McGee's taxing removal of the victim, under extreme heat and without the protection of a hoseline, showed great tenacity and strength. He applied rapid, aggressive and decisive action while demonstrating a keen understanding of risk versus reward. His sound firefighting tactics and instincts in locating, protecting and removing the victim showed bravery, initiative and capability and demonstrated a phenomenal start to a promising career.

Probationary Firefighter James McGee's actions, at great personal risk, directly resulted in saving a victim. It is for this reason that he is awarded the Naer Tormid Society/Franklin Delano Roosevelt Medal. - SM



## Bella Stiefel Medal

# Lieutenant Michael A. Cuccurullo

## Ladder Company 114

October 1, 2021, 2319 hours, Box 75-1466, Brooklyn

*Appointed to the FDNY on May 31, 2005. Previously assigned to Ladder Company 112. Father, Captain Michael Cuccurullo, retired from Ladder Company 132. Uncle, Battalion Chief Steven Cuccurullo, retired from Battalion 53. Uncle, Deputy Chief Mark Cuccurullo, is assigned to Division 14. Brother-in-law, Firefighter Nicholas Schiavo, is assigned to Ladder Company 153. Resides in Brooklyn.*



On October 1, 2021, at 2319 hours, Ladder Company 114 was dispatched to Brooklyn Box 1466 for a report of a fire in a multiple dwelling. While responding, Ladder 114 was advised by the dispatcher that there were reports of people trapped, including children. Upon arrival, members observed thick, black smoke issuing from all windows on the second and third floors of a three-story brownstone.

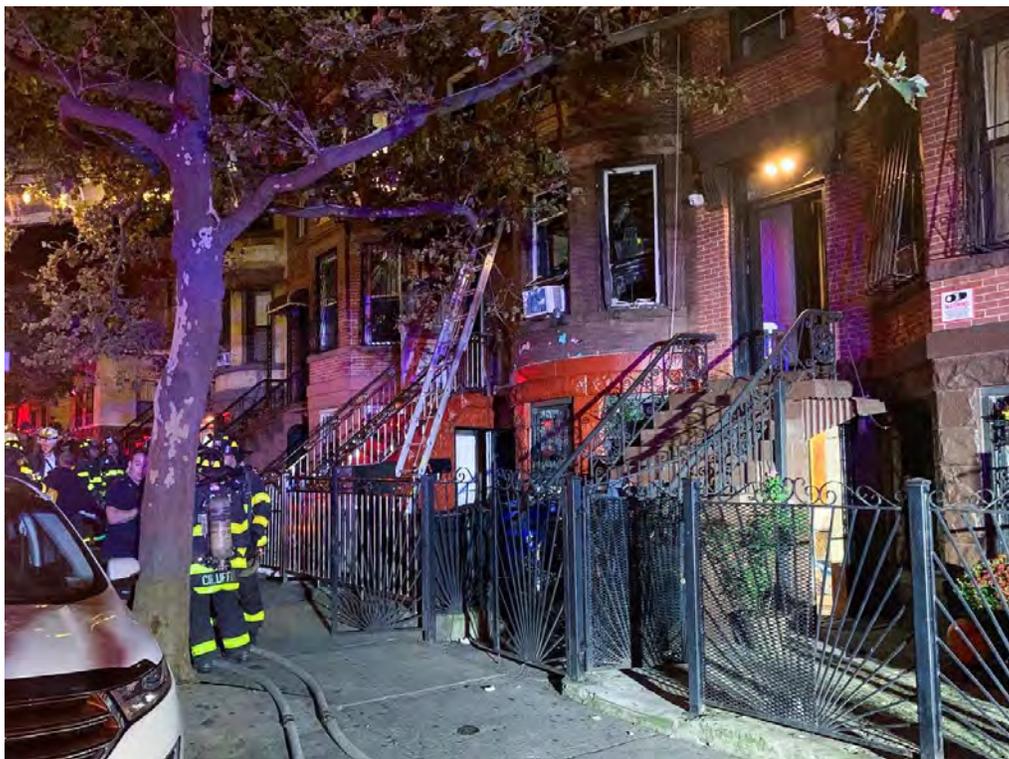
Upon dismounting the apparatus, Lieutenant Cuccurullo noticed two adults hanging out of a third-floor window with heavy, black smoke engulfing them. A frantic woman told him that her little brother was trapped on the second floor. Lieutenant Cuccurullo led Ladder 114's inside team up the stairway to the fire floor. As they entered the second-floor vestibule, they were immediately confronted with a heavy smoke condition and fire blowing out into the hallway from the middle parlor room. As the hoseline was stretched, Lieutenant Cuccurullo instructed Firefighter Brian Gorman (can) to attempt rescue of the two adults on the third floor as he and Firefighter Leonard Ragaglia (forcible entry) entered the fire area.

Lieutenant Cuccurullo instructed FF Ragaglia to search down the hallway toward the rear, then made his way toward the front parlor room. Under heavy fire venting out of the door to the middle parlor room, he pushed against the doorway to the front parlor room, moving an object that was blocking the entrance to create a small gap. Lieutenant Cuccurullo used an SCBA swim-type maneuver to get through the tight gap and discovered a heavy clutter condition. Quickly scanning the room with the thermal imaging camera, he observed what appeared to be a child's leg next to a set of bunk beds. He immediately crawled to-

ward the unconscious child, notified the Incident Commander and pulled the child into his body, protecting him from the expanding fire.

Under heavy smoke and high heat, Lieutenant Cuccurullo was able to pull the child toward the front entrance and hand him off to arriving members for medical care. As the hoseline began moving into the fire area, he reentered the second floor to continue the primary search.

The young child was transported to the hospital in critical condition. It was later discovered that the doorway was partially blocked by shelving and a set of bunk beds, leaving only enough room for a small child to enter and exit. Lieutenant Michael Cuccurullo's bravery and decisive actions exemplify the finest traditions of the FDNY. For his efforts, he is awarded the Bella Stiefel Medal. - MB



Ladder Co. 114 operates at Brooklyn Box 75-1466.

# Tracy Allen-Lee Medal

September 1, 2021, 2320 hours, Brooklyn



**Paramedic**  
**Margot P. Loth**  
**Station 58**

Appointed to the FDNY on February 14, 2011. Previously assigned to EMS Stations 16, 4, 49 and 47, and Haz-Tac Battalion. Uncles Lieutenant James Cashin, Firefighter Sean McNamee and Battalion Chief Terrence Cashin, as well as Great Uncle Battalion Chief John Chief, are retired from Ladder Companies 121 and 42, and Battalions 51 and 40, respectively. Uncle, Deputy Assistant Chief Tommy Cashin, is a retired assistant chief of operations. Cousins, Firefighter Jack McNamee and Firefighter Christopher McPherson, are assigned to Rescue Company 1 and Squad 41, respectively. Cousin, Firefighter Jason McNamee, was assigned to Ladder Company 134 and is now deceased. Recipient of three Pre-Hospital Saves, the Sandy Pin and a Unit Citation. Member of FDNY Multi-Sport Triathlon. Resides in Long Beach, New York.



**Paramedic**  
**Ronald A. Wolfe Sr.**  
**Station 58**

Appointed to the FDNY on June 17, 2013. Previously assigned to EMS Station 8 and EMS Station 59. Recipient of 14 Pre-Hospital Saves and a Meritorious Award. Member of the FDNY Rescue Task Force. Resides in Brooklyn with his wife, Uyniqua, and their children, Samara, Lashay, Ronniya, Ronald, Michael, Jasmine and Adam.



**EMT**  
**Dyllon T. O'Shea**  
**Station 58**

Appointed to the FDNY as an emergency medical technician on October 26, 2020. Previously assigned to Station 58. Holds a bachelor's degree in public health from SUNY Old Westbury. Resides in Babylon, New York.



**EMT**  
**David E. Mumford**  
**Station 58**

Appointed to the FDNY as an emergency medical technician on October 26, 2020. Uncle, Firefighter Edmund Hilger, retired from Engine Company 237. Holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Brooklyn College. Resides in Astoria, New York.

While en route back to the station following assignments in flooded environments, the ALS Unit and BLS unit from Station 58 came across a vehicle that was submerged in water, with six occupants inside. EMT Dyllon O'Shea, EMT David Mumford, Paramedic Margot Loth and Paramedic Ronald Wolfe utilized the rear step of the ambulance to help access the vehicle that was partially submerged in five feet of water. The members removed six people through the driver's and rear passenger windows of the vehicle to the rear of their vehicles. Then the members removed

the occupants to a dry area, sheltering them in the DSNY sanitation garage adjacent to the flooding location.

As they finished removing the six individuals from the original vehicle, Paramedic Wolfe assisted in pushing a vehicle from flood waters that were three feet deep when its occupant would not leave the vehicle. Paramedic Wolfe got the vehicle and occupant to higher ground, out of immediate danger. In total, seven people were removed from floodwater where an immediate life-safety hazard was present. For saving civilian lives while putting their own at risk, these members are awarded the Tracy Allen-Lee Medal. - MV



# Vincent J. Kane Medal

## Lieutenant Salvatore Belmonte

### Ladder Company 102

November 20, 2021, 0915 hours, Box 75-0780, Brooklyn

*Appointed to the FDNY on November 22, 1998. Previously assigned to Ladder Company 170 as a firefighter. Holds a bachelor's degree in marketing from the SUNY Old Westbury. Member of the Columbia Association. Resides in Merrick, New York, with his wife, Joanie; their children, James, Jasmine and Alannah; and their grandchildren, Gaelyn and Aaron.*



Fire operations in fireproof multiple dwellings, while often providing a compartmented environment to contain fire spread, also have the disadvantage of high-heat conditions—described by firefighters as “oven-like”—in which to search and conduct fire suppression operations. These are the conditions that faced Lieutenant Salvatore Belmonte and the members of Ladder Company 102 on November 20, 2021. At 0915 hours, Ladder 102 responded to a report of fire on the fourth floor of a seven-story, Class 1 fireproof apartment building a few blocks away. Upon arrival, Lieutenant Belmonte took notice that the front entrance was set back approximately 100 feet. This situational awareness, coupled with the realization that it would be a long hoseline stretch for Engine 217 (under the command of Lieutenant Joseph Guarrisi), would factor into Lieutenant Belmonte’s tactical decision-making.

Lieutenant Belmonte quickly led his forcible entry team, made up of Firefighter Frank Vitulli and Firefighter Joseph Papillo, to the fourth floor, where they began forcible entry operations. As they forced the door, the team encountered thick, superheated smoke from the interior of the apartment. Considering the distance that Engine 217 had to traverse to place a hoseline, Lieutenant Belmonte took the initiative and began the search for life without the protection of a hoseline.

Sensing the heat coming from the right side of the apartment, Lieutenant Belmonte began his search in that direction while FF Vitulli searched to the left side and into the kitchen. Lieutenant Belmonte could see the glow of the fire as the heat intensified. He continued to move alone toward the rear of the apartment, where he encountered an unconscious, elderly female just feet away from the worsening fire. He transmitted over the radio that he had found a victim just as FF Vitulli yelled to him that he also located a victim, an elderly male.

Knowing that time was critical in the expanding fire and heat situation, Lieutenant Belmonte and FF Vitulli retraced the arduous pathway back through the fire apartment to the entrance, guided by directions and call-outs from FF Papillo, who was maintaining door control—this being crucial during fire operations in fireproof multiple dwellings. At this juncture, with two fire

victims and a challenging fire, heat and smoke condition, a command decision had to be made. FF Vitulli continued removing the male victim down the hallway to the stairs. Lieutenant Belmonte, coordinating with Lieutenant Thomas Nuccio from Ladder 111, moved the female victim to shelter in the uninvolved apartment next door, where she remained out of immediate danger until she could be safely removed from the building.

Lieutenant Salvatore Belmonte’s situational awareness, decisiveness, knowledge and leadership all factored into his courageous actions at Brooklyn Box 0780. For upholding the high standard of lifesaving that is at the core of the FDNY, he is awarded the Vincent J. Kane Medal. - TJC



Ladder Company 102, from left to right: FF Yuri Pevzner, FF Frank Vitulli, FF Joe Papillo, Lieutenant Salvatore Belmonte, FF Kevin Emmanuel and FF Salvatore D'Iorio

## Brummer Medal

### Firefighter Corey S. Wilcox Ladder Company 170

November 25, 2021, 2308 hours, Box 75-2181, Brooklyn

*Appointed to the FDNY on July 29, 2013. Previously assigned to Engine Company 257. Holds an associate degree in criminal justice from Suffolk County Community College. Resides in Bay Shore, New York, with his son, Liam.*



On November 25, 2021, at 2308 hours—Thanksgiving night—Ladder Company 170 received a telephone alarm reporting a fire at Box 2181. As they responded, Brooklyn Dispatch provided vital information that there were people trapped in the second-floor rear bedroom. Upon arrival, Engine Company 257 gave the 10-75 for a fire on the second floor of the two-story Canarsie Tenement.

Lieutenant Thomas Jozefiak and his inside team—Firefighter Brian Wertheimer (can) and Firefighter Corey Wilcox (forcible entry)—were met with heavy smoke conditions at the second-floor entrance door, and they masked up. As Ladder 170's inside team entered the apartment, they were met with heavy fire that extended from the rear left bedroom down the hallway and into the kitchen, preventing access to the rear bedrooms.

Ladder 170's outside vent, Firefighter Matthew Mc-

Nair, reported that fire was showing out the windows in the left rear bedroom. Engine 257 rapidly stretched a hose-line to the second floor and began to knock down the fire in the hallway. As soon as the brief knockdown was accomplished—but while both the kitchen and left rear bedroom were still ablaze—Ladder 170's inside team, aware of the urgent need to reach the rear, pushed ahead of the nozzle team and past the fire to gain access to the right rear bedroom.

As they reached the end of the hallway, Lieutenant Jozefiak directed FF Wertheimer to use the can to protect them from the fire still extending out the left bedroom. Firefighter Wilcox, under punishing conditions and at unusual personal risk, pushed into the right rear bedroom and began his right-hand search. There was zero visibility, with high heat and rapidly deteriorating conditions. Firefighter Wilcox discovered an unconscious adult female lying on

the floor near the bed and gave the notification of the 10-45 and his intention to remove the victim through the interior to Battalion 58. Engine 257 held the fire in the kitchen and the rear left bedroom, which allowed FF Wilcox and Lieutenant Jozefiak to move the victim toward the hallway via the interior and onto the porch. Firefighter Wilcox circumvented a moderate-clutter condition with continued zero visibility and high heat. From there, he carried the 10-45 to the street and provided her emergency care with the assistance of Engine 283. He then reentered the fire apartment to continue his search and conduct overhaul operations.

Firefighter Corey Wilcox's quick actions under extreme conditions were directly responsible for the survival of this victim. For his courageous efforts, he is awarded the Brummer Medal. - KE



*Tower Ladder Company 170 on Thanksgiving 2021, the night of the rescue. From left to right: FF Matthew McNair, FF Matthew Goll, FF Corey Wilcox, Lieutenant Thomas Jozefiak, FF Brian Wertheimer and FF Patrick Donlon*

# Frank W. Kridel Medal

## Firefighter Anmolprit Singh Ladder Company 116

July 1, 2021, 0222 hours, Box 75-7386, Queens

*Appointed to the FDNY on June 29, 2015. Previously assigned to Engine Company 259. Brother, Firefighter Manprit Singh, is assigned to Ladder Company 129. Holds a bachelor's degree in criminology from the University at Buffalo. Resides in Valley Stream, New York, with wife Nimisha and their children, Jasleen and Gianna.*



On July 1, 2021, at 0222 hours, Ladder Company 116 received a phone alarm for a fire in a multiple dwelling at Queens Box 7386. As the unit pulled up to the location, members observed numerous panicked residents assembled outside, some stating that there was a fire on the second floor.

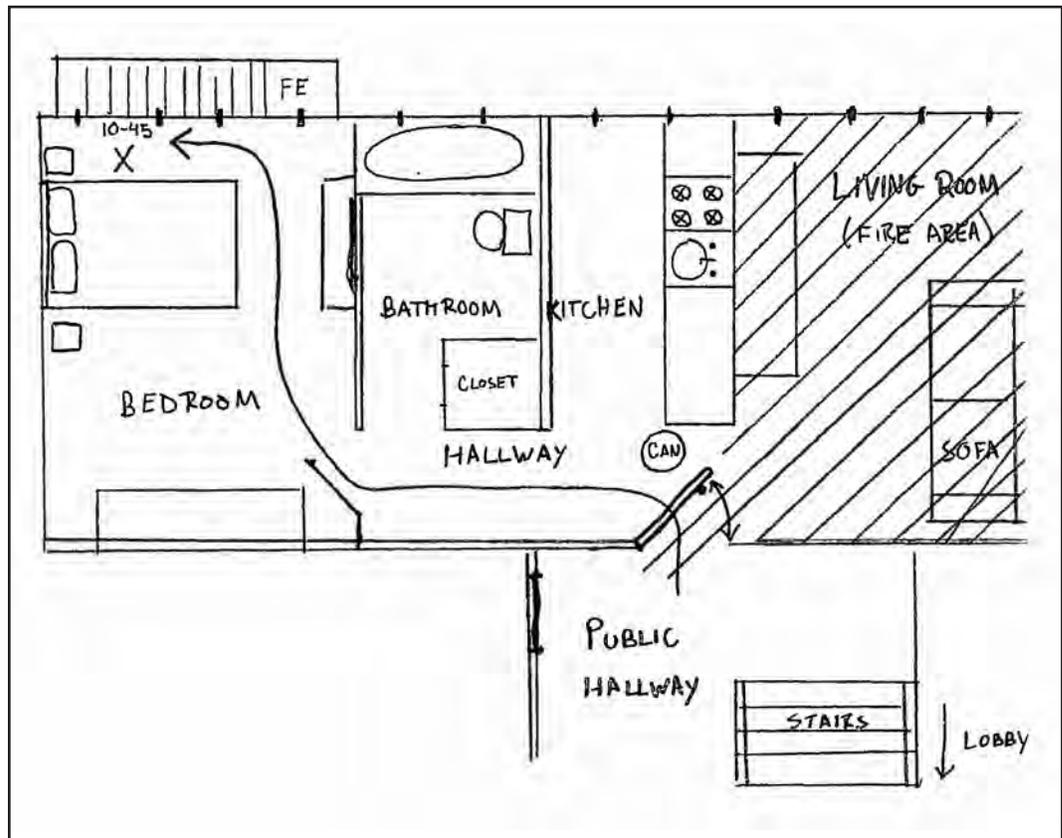
As the inside team of Ladder 116 entered the lobby and ascended the stairway to the second floor, they noticed an open door at the top of the stairs emanating fire and heavy, black smoke into the public hallway. At the top of the stairs, members were met by a resident of the fire apartment who stated that his roommate was still inside. Members directed the resident down the stairs to awaiting EMS units as Lieutenant Michael Manza and the forcible entry team quickly donned their personal protective equipment and masks.

At this time, a cry for help was heard from a distance inside the pitch-black apartment, raising the intensity level of the situation. Without hesitation, forcible entry Firefighter Anmolprit Singh made an aggressive move, passing fire at the apartment door, to begin a left-handed search toward the back bedroom. Meanwhile, FF Garrett Rohloff (can; assigned Engine 37, detailed to Ladder 116) used the extinguisher at the apartment door to keep the fire at bay. Firefighter Singh crawled down the hallway in zero visibility toward the back bedroom, where he conducted a quick, thorough search. Lieutenant Manza instructed FF Rohloff to knock down fire in the hall-

way and remain at the apartment door as he followed FF Singh toward the bedroom.

Within moments, FF Singh found an unconscious victim next to the bed on the far side of the room. He moved the victim out of the bedroom and into the hallway, where Lieutenant Manza assisted in transporting the victim out of the apartment and down to the lobby, where care was transferred to awaiting EMS personnel.

Due to Firefighter Anmolprit Singh's persistence in searching for the victim under extreme conditions, and without the protection of a handline, the victim survived the ordeal. For his actions, he is awarded the Frank W. Kridel Medal. - MB



## Emerald Society Medal

# Lieutenant Patrick T. Mataraza

## Ladder Company 56

September 12, 2021, 1349 hours, Box 75-3509, Bronx



*Appointed to the FDNY on May 4, 2003. Previously assigned to Ladder Company 33. Holds an associate degree in heavy equipment operations and truck repair from Alfred State College. Recipient of the Peter J. Ganci, Jr. Medal (previously named the James Gordon Bennett Medal), the New York State Honorary Fire Chiefs Association Medal and four Unit Citations. Member of the Emerald Society. Resides in Pine Bush, New York, with his wife, Lori, and their children, Patrick, Kaitlin and Kevin.*

On the afternoon of September 12, 2021, Ladder Company 56 responded second due to a phone alarm reporting fire in a private dwelling in the Fordham Manor section of the Bronx. Ladder 56 arrived at a chaotic scene, with double-parked vehicles all over the fire block, as well as thick, black smoke emanating from all of the windows on the front of the fire building.

While exiting the apparatus, Lieutenant Patrick Mataraza was informed by several panicked civilians that someone was trapped inside the house. He instructed his outside team to check the rear and basement to confirm the exact location of the fire.

The first-due truck, Ladder Company 37, was already operating on the first floor of the private dwelling, searching for the victim and fire. Lieutenant Mataraza informed the first-due truck officer that he would proceed to the second floor to search for the victim. Without the protection of a charged hoseline, the inside team of Ladder 56—Lieutenant Mataraza, Firefighter Brendan

Houlihan (irons) and Firefighter Michael Claffey (can)—took the open interior stairs to the second floor and began their primary search. Lieutenant Mataraza searched the rear of the second floor, while his can and irons firefighters searched toward the front.

While Lieutenant Mataraza searched a back bedroom directly over the seat of the fire, Ladder 37's officer transmitted that heavy fire on the first floor was spreading to the floor above and the attic via the wood-frame exterior. With the interior conditions of the second floor rapidly deteriorating and the victim still unaccounted for, Lieutenant Mataraza crawled back to the open interior stairs and climbed up to the attic.

The low ceiling of the attic made operating within it much more punishing and difficult as the heat and smoke began to build. Lieutenant Mataraza crawled toward the rear and immediately located the victim lying on the floor, gasping for air, in a bedroom. After transmitting a 10-45, he moved the victim toward the front of the attic.

Knowing that taking the victim down the interior stairs could severely limit their chances of survival, Lieutenant Mataraza radioed for removal via aerial ladder from the attic window. With the assistance of FF Brendan Houlihan, he began the arduous task of lifting the victim's near-lifeless body out of the window and onto the aerial ladder. Once on the aerial ladder, the victim was assisted down to the street by FF Houlihan and FF Joe Maxwell (Ladder 56, chauffeur), then handed off to EMS.

For the aggressive, quick-thinking actions of Lieutenant Patrick Mataraza in saving the life of a victim at Bronx Box 3509, he is being awarded the Emerald Society Medal. - KC



*FDNY members at Bronx Box 75-3509, September 12, 2021, from left to right: FF Kyle Pumillo (E-48), Lieutenant James McCarren (E-48), Lieutenant Patrick Mataraza (L-56), FF Patrick McCarron (E-48), FF Brendon Houlihan (L-56), FF Mike Baranowski (L-56), Dave Fleming (L-56), FF Chris Carlin (E-48), FF Brendon Caoili (L-56), FF Luis Bocaletti (L-56), FF Joe Maxwell (L-56), FF Mike Claffey (L-56)*

# Chief Wesley Williams Medal

## Captain Peter E. Hayden

### *Division 13, Ladder Company 137 (detailed)*

**January 30, 2021, 1029 hours, Box 33-1330, Queens**

*Appointed to the FDNY on February 2, 2003. Previously assigned to Ladder Company 147 as a firefighter and to Ladder Company 3 as a lieutenant. Father is retired Chief of Department Peter Hayden. Uncle, Firefighter Jack Hayden, is retired from Engine 217. Brother, Lieutenant Patrick Hayden, is assigned to Ladder Company 147. Brother-in-law, Firefighter John Martin, is assigned to Engine Company 250. Cousins Lieutenant Sean Hayden, Firefighter Brian Hayden and Firefighter Jimmy Hayden are assigned to Ladder Company 121, Engine Company 24 and Engine Company 275, respectively. Holds a bachelor's degree in health administration from the University of Scranton. Member of the Emerald Society and the Holy Name Society. Resides in Rockaway Beach, New York, with his wife, Meghan, and their children, Caroline, Peter and Billy.*



Operations in private dwellings can be particularly challenging due to the speed of fire, heat and smoke spread while FDNY members conduct search for life and fire suppression in a structure that is literally being consumed by fire. Knowledge of these tactical factors, coupled with prior fire experience, led to the life-saving decision-making of Captain Peter Hayden, assigned to Division 13, detailed to Ladder Company 137.

On January 30, 2021, Captain Hayden and the members of Ladder Company 137 were assigned second-due to a fire in the Rockaway section of Queens.

While responding, Captain Hayden heard the transmission of a 10-75 from the first arriving unit, Engine 266, for a fire in the basement. A fire location in the basement area adds additional safety and tactical challenges, as fire, smoke and high heat can rapidly spread to the living areas above in a private dwelling. Captain Hayden and Ladder 137 arrived first to find a heavy smoke condition in the street and—while monitoring handie-talkie radio transmissions as they entered the scene—became aware of a report of a missing child.

Exiting the apparatus, Captain Hayden and Ladder 137 were greeted by a severe fire situation, with heavy fire and smoke showing from the basement and heavy smoke coming from the first and second floors of the private dwelling. With the report of a missing child and a long hose stretch from down the block, Captain Hayden took the initiative to enter the fire building and begin the search without the protection of a charged hoseline.

Upon reaching the second floor, he was met with zero visibility and worsening heat, but he continued his search toward the bedroom area, where he found an unconscious child. He immediately scooped up the child and made his way to the front porch, where he transferred the child to Firefighter Joseph Durkin of Engine 268 to continue care. Knowing his job was not done and that additional victims might be inside, Captain Hayden immediately reentered the severe smoke and heat environment to continue the search for life.

Captain Peter Hayden's quick and decisive actions under extreme fire conditions—based on years of experience and fire service knowledge—were the recipe and catalyst for the life-saving actions that saved a young child that day. He is awarded the Chief Wesley Williams Medal. - *TJC*



*Operations at Queens Box 33-1330. (Photo by Lloyd Mitchell Photography)*

## Susan Wagner Medal

### Firefighter Andrew W. Gabor

#### Ladder Company 138

August 22, 2021, 0745 hours, Box 75-7954, Queens

*Appointed to the FDNY on January 14, 2013. Previously assigned to Engine Company 72. Attended Nassau Community College. Recipient of a Unit Citation. Member of the Fire Family Transport Foundation and the FDNY Incident Management Team. Resides in Levittown, New York.*



Firefighter Andrew Gabor was preparing to check the apparatus for his Sunday day tour in Corona. After almost a decade as an FDNY firefighter, FF Gabor was accustomed to this morning ritual. Shortly before 0800 hours, the Corona Tigers received a run for a fire in a 2 ½-story private dwelling. Hearing the address, FF Gabor immediately knew the area and

that the homes usually contained multiple families. Engine 289 pulled out of quarters, followed by Ladder 138. The Queens dispatcher notified both companies that due to the quality and quantity of calls for fire, they were loading up Box 7954.

Upon arrival, Ladder 138 could see smoke billowing from the dwelling. Heavy fire and occupants were trying to escape from behind window bars on the third floor. FF Gabor was teamed up with Firefighter Edwin Rodriguez (irons) and led by Lieutenant Ryan Johnston (assigned Engine 289, detailed Ladder 138). The team approached the front door and were met by exiting occupants covered in soot from the now raging fire. Ladder 138 members donned their SCBAs and entered the first floor, searching for stairs to lead them to trapped victims. They were quickly met by thick, acrid smoke; high heat; and intense clutter. The three members rushed up the stairs with fire lapping behind them. FF Gabor felt his ear burning through his gear but continued up the stairs to rescue the trapped occupants.

Once Ladder 138's inside team members arrived on the second floor, they began searching for victims. FF Gabor entered one of the three bedrooms to start his search, shutting the door behind him. He heard a faint voice just to the left of the entrance. At the foot of the bed, he found a semi-conscious woman on the floor who, when he grabbed her, she was able to convey that her baby was missing. FF Gabor communicated the information to his officer and that he was bringing the victim down the interior stairs.

FF Gabor quickly wrapped his arms around the female victim and moved her to the staircase. With the heat still radiating up the stairs, FF Gabor carried the victim down the stairs, through the cluttered first floor and out to the street, where awaiting members began pre-hospital care. Understanding that there was still work to do and possible victims to be found, FF Gabor continued back into the fire building and reentered the second floor.

Because of his heroic actions on the morning of August 22, 2021, Firefighter Andrew Gabor is awarded the Susan Wagner Medal. - SR



Members of Ladder Company 138, from left to right: Lieutenant Ryan Johnston (assigned E-289, detailed to L-138), FF Andrew Gabor (L-138), FF Edwin Rodriguez (L-138), FF Sean O'Rourke (L-138), FF Ryan Kruger (E-40) and FF John Wojcik (L-138)

# Holy Name Society Medal

## Firefighter Edwin J. Rodriguez

### Ladder Company 138

August 22, 2021, 0745 hours, Box 75-7954, Queens



Appointed to the FDNY on December 28, 2015. Brother, Firefighter Jose Rodriguez, is assigned to Engine Company 298. Member of the Hispanic Society. Recipient of the Chief Wesley Williams Medal, a Class A and a Unit Citation. Holds a bachelor's degree in physical education from CUNY Queens College. Resides in Bayside, New York.

On the morning of August 22, 2021, the Corona Tigers responded first-due to Queens Box 7954 for a report of fire in a private dwelling. While they responded, the Queens Communications Office notified Ladder Company 138, Engine Company 289 and Battalion 46 of reports of people trapped and that they were loading up the box. With this information, along with a visible plume of smoke in the distance, Tower Ladder 138 knew they were going to work.

Upon arrival, Lieutenant Timothy Lyons (Engine 289) gave a 10-75 for a fire on the first floor of a 2 ½-story, 20- by 50-foot private dwelling. Ladder 138 arrived soon after, and their inside team—Lieutenant Ryan Johnston (assigned Engine 289, detailed Ladder 138), Firefighter Edwin Rodriguez (irons) and Firefighter Andrew Gabor (can)—quickly made their way to the front door, sizing up the fire building and witnessing frantic civilians trapped behind window bars. At the door, self-evacuating civilians with visible burn injuries told the members of that there were people trapped inside.

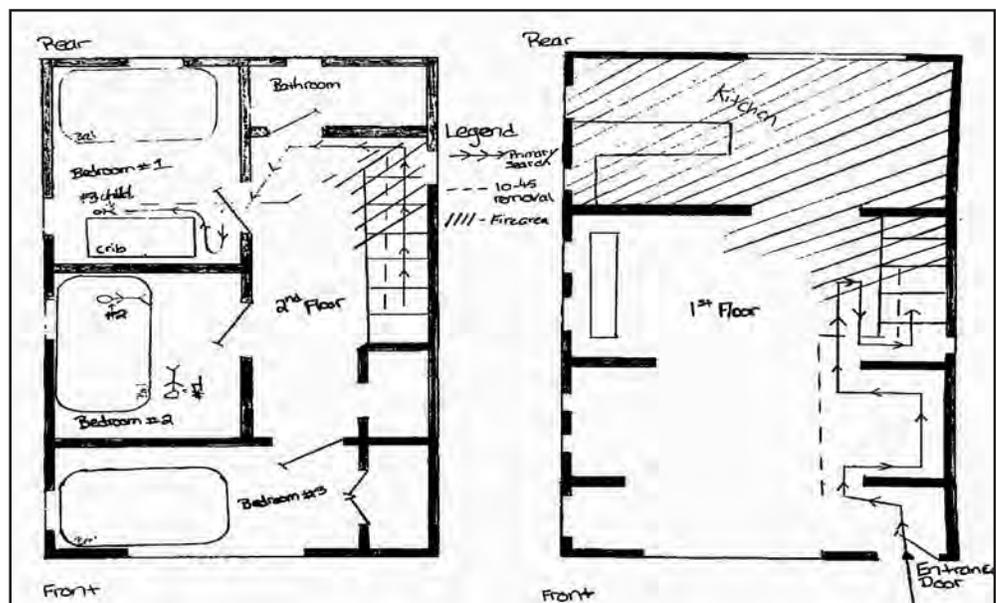
As they donned their SCBAs, Lieutenant Johnston ordered FF Rodriguez and FF Gabor to search and locate the stairs to the second floor. Upon entering the building, and with a heavy clutter condition impeding progress, FF Rodriguez made a search to the right. Through high heat and zero visibility, he found the staircase as Lieutenant Johnston located the main body of fire in the rear of the first floor. Battalion Chief Drew Demic, Battalion 46, notified the operating members that there were still occupants trapped on the second floor.

With fire starting to extend up the open staircase, FF Rodriguez—with no charged hoseline in operation—made the arduous trip up the stairs on his belly along with Lieutenant Johnston and FF Gabor. Conditions at the top of the stairs were no better,

and Lieutenant Johnston ordered FF Rodriguez to search the rear bedroom and find refuge if conditions worsened. Crawling on his stomach, FF Rodriguez found a partially opened door, entered the room and closed the door. FF Gabor radioed a report of a missing child as FF Rodriguez started his search of the bedroom. Undeterred by the punishing conditions from being directly above the fire, he found a crib amidst the clutter. After a thorough search of the crib with negative results, he searched beneath it and found the lifeless body of a child. He quickly transmitted a 10-45 and his location.

Aware that every window of the house had window bars, FF Rodriguez knew his only option for removal was via the interior stairs. FF Rodriguez clutched the child and used his own body to shield her from the awful fire conditions as he quickly made his way down to the first floor. He met another firefighter at the bottom of the stairs and passed off the child for quick removal to awaiting medical personnel outside. He then returned to the second floor to complete his primary search and overhaul duties.

Firefighter Edwin Rodriguez acted within the finest traditions of the Fire Department of the City of New York, and he is presented today with the Holy Name Society Medal. - TM



## Columbia Association Medal

### Firefighter Brendan L. Ielpi Rescue Company 2

May 25, 2021, 0455 hours, Box 22-1634, Brooklyn

*Appointed to the FDNY on May 6, 2001. Previously assigned to Ladder Company 157. Father, Firefighter Lee Ielpi, retired from Rescue Company 2. Brother, Jonathan Ielpi, Squad 288, was killed at the WTC on 9/11. Holds a bachelor's degree in wildlife management from SUNY Cobleskill. Recipient of three Unit Citations. Member of the Emerald Society and the Barbell team. Resides in Mahopac, New York, with his wife, Debra, and their children, Dexter and Emily.*



When dispatchers receive multiple phone calls reporting a fire, they're inclined to fill the alarm assignment. At 0455 hours on May 25, 2021, the Brooklyn Communications Office did just that, loading up Box 1634—including Rescue 2—for a fire in a two-story mixed occupancy. Initial reports were for a fire in a private dwelling, with reports of people trapped. Upon Engine 283's arrival, a 10-75 was transmitted for heavy fire in the rear of the first floor. The building consisted of a first-floor deli and two rear apartments, with two apartments on the second floor. The fire was blow-torching out of the first-floor windows and also had possession of the entryway to the second-floor apartments, cutting off any means of egress for occupants or access for firefighters. In addition, victims were showing at the second-floor windows, with one victim perched on the deli's awning.

Brendan Ielpi's 20 years of experience kicked in as he saw

the victims and knew more could be trapped. Since access via the stairs to the upper floor was cut off by fire, he placed a portable ladder to the second floor. Here, he initiated vent, enter and search operations and began a primary search for victims under zero visibility and high-heat conditions.

As FF Ielpi left the first room, he was met with even higher heat in the apartment's hallway, but he pressed on in his search. Farther down the hall, he located a bedroom door and entered the room. After closing the door to protect himself and any potentially trapped victims, he began to search the room. As he probed the bed and surrounding area, he located an unconscious female on the floor. Immediately, he transmitted the 10-45.

Firefighter Ielpi pulled the victim by her clothes into the hallway, where fire was now extending to their location. He knew time was of the essence and used his body to shield the victim as he passed the rapidly advancing fire, despite no protection

of a charged hoseline. He removed the victim back to the apartment door, where Engine 310 now began their advance on the fire. There, he met Firefighter Cameron Peek (irons, Rescue 2), who assisted him in removing the unconscious female down the stairwell. Outside, they transferred the victim to EMS units for medical care.

Firefighter Ielpi had the foresight to VES (vent, enter and search) off a portable ladder, and he operated under extreme conditions without the protection of a hoseline. He endured punishing conditions while removing the victim and saved her life. For his actions, Firefighter Brendan Ielpi is awarded the Columbia Association Medal. - MC



*Rescue Company 2 at Brooklyn second alarm, December 15, 2021. Members from left to right: FF Matt Waldron, FF Cameron Peek, FF Brendan Ielpi, Lieutenant Kevin Profilich, FF Nick Welch and FF Nick Pearsall. (Photo by Brooklyn Dispatcher Brian Grogan)*

# Chief James Scullion Medal

## EMT Andrew Ochtera

### Station 47

July 6, 2021, 1433 hours, Queens

*Appointed to the FDNY as an emergency medical technician on February 5, 2018. Holds a bachelor's degree in emergency services administration from Adelphi University. Resides in East Rockaway, New York.*



On the hot and humid afternoon of July 6, 2021, at about 1430 hours, EMT Andrew Ochtera and his partner were monitoring NYC Parks radio frequency when a parks employee transmitted a "swimmer in distress" at Beach 97th Street. EMT Ochtera was familiar with the area and, knowing it did not have lifeguards, immediately began responding in the Alternate Support Apparatus (ASAP) unit, which was designated to serve the boardwalk and beachfront. This area is also known for its rip currents and heavy surf conditions, which even experienced swimmers struggle to navigate. Upon his arrival, there was a swimmer in immediate danger of drowning and a small group of civilians attempting to reach the victim.

That day, there was a dangerous rip current in the wake of the incoming tropical storm, as well as heavy surf conditions and no lifeguards in the area. Due to the volume of people on the beach, EMT Ochtera was unable to bring the ASAP close and had to run from the boardwalk to the shoreline. He grabbed the rescue torpedo and swam to the patient, where two civilians were attempting to assist him, as the patient could not remain afloat independently.

After assuming control of the situation in the water, EMT Ochtera directed the other civilians to swim back to the beach before they were carried away by the rip current. He ensured that the rescue torpedo was tethered to his body, assisted the patient onto the torpedo and swam ashore. He pulled the patient to the beach and began rendering aid with his partner until additional resources arrived. EMT Ochtera and his partner transferred care of the patient, who was now alert and breathing to incoming basic and advanced life support units.

EMT Andrew Ochtera assumed extreme personal risk to rescue a civilian and was able to prevent a tragedy. He is awarded the Chief James Scullion Medal. - MV



*EMT Maria Azzinaro (left) and EMT Andrew Ochtera (right) of Station 47*



# Captain Denis W. Lane Memorial Medal

## Lieutenant Richard P. Faraci Jr. Battalion 28 (assigned)

### Ladder Company 146 (detailed)

April 18, 2021, 1000 hours, Box 22-0167, Brooklyn

*Appointed to the FDNY on March 25, 2007. Previously assigned to Engine Company 285, Engine Company 45 and the Fire Marshals Citywide North Base. Holds a bachelor's degree in computer science with minors in management of information systems and technical communications from Clarkson University. Recipient of the Christine R. Godek Medal, three Pre-Hospital Saves and three Unit Citations. Member of the FDNY Incident Management Team. Resides in Bayside, New York.*

On the morning of April 18, 2021, Tower Ladder Company 146 responded first due to Brooklyn Box 0167 for a reported fire in a two-story, attached multiple dwelling. Engine Company 229 arrived and transmitted a 10-75 for fire on the second floor. As Lieutenant Richard Faraci Jr. (Ladder 146, covering), FF Gregory Kumpel (can) and FF John Keegan (irons) approached the front of the building, neighbors shouted that they were not sure whether anyone was inside the apartment and that it was filled with garbage and debris.

Upon entering the front door of the building, Lieutenant Faraci and his inside team were met with a medium smoke condition, as well as a medium clutter condition in the hallway leading to the stairs. The team ascended the stairs to the second floor, where they found the fire apartment door slightly ajar, with smoke and heat emanating from the apartment.

Lieutenant Faraci entered the apartment and was immediately met by heavy fire coming

down the hallway from the front of the apartment. He began searching toward the rear of the apartment and came across a bathroom, which was clear inside. Continuing his search, he then entered the kitchen. Crawling several feet into the kitchen, Lieutenant Faraci came across an unconscious victim lying on the floor. He immediately transmitted a 10-45 and called for his inside team to assist with removing the victim. The fire was quickly extending down the hallway, coming toward them.

As the neighbors had said, there was a great deal of clutter inside the fire apartment. This, in addition to the worsening fire conditions, made removing the victim even more strenuous. Together, Lieutenant Faraci and his inside team removed the victim

back to the apartment's entrance, and once they reached the stairs, FF Keegan removed the victim to the street and handed him to EMS.

Back at the top of the stairs, Lieutenant Faraci could see that Engine 229's hoseline was making its way up to the fire apartment. Still without a charged hoseline on the fire floor, he and FF Kumpel reentered the fire apartment to continue their search for victims.

By now, the fire had spread to the back half of the apartment, and conditions inside were rapidly deteriorating. Lieutenant Faraci and FF Kumpel retreated to the apartment door, which now had fire lapping out of it into the hallway. FF Kumpel used his water can to hold back the fire as Engine 229 got their hoseline into operation. Engine 229 knocked down the extension in the hallway and made their push into the apartment to extinguish the main body of fire. Lieutenant Faraci, FF Kumpel and FF Keegan followed the hoseline in and finished their primary search of the fire apartment.

At the conclusion of the fire, Ladder 146 was made aware that the victim they rescued had been resuscitated by EMS. For his bravery, Lieutenant Richard Faraci Jr. is being awarded the Captain Denis W. Lane Memorial Medal. - KC



FDNY operates at Brooklyn Box 22-0167.

# Uniformed Fire Officers Association Medal

## Captain Raymond J. McCarthy Ladder Company 142

May 27, 2021, 0418 hours, Box 75-2142, Queens

*Appointed to the FDNY on July 14, 1996. Previously assigned to Ladder Company 108 and Engine Company 255. Father, Lieutenant James McCarthy, was assigned to Marine 1 and is now deceased. Stepfather, Fire Marshal Edward McGlone, is retired. Brother, Firefighter Sean McCarthy, was assigned to Engine Company 280 and is now deceased. Brothers Division Chief Francis McCarthy, Battalion Chief James McCarthy and Firefighter Brendan McCarthy are assigned to Division 14, Battalion 6 and Ladder Company 165, respectively. Brother-in-law, Firefighter Timothy Donlon, is assigned to Ladder Company 175. Nephews, Firefighter Patrick Donlon and Firefighter Brendan McCarthy, are assigned to Ladder Company 170 and Engine Company 298, respectively. Holds a bachelor's degree in emergency management from the Metropolitan College of New York. Recipient of a Unit Citation. Member of the Emerald Society. Resides in Massapequa, New York, with wife Kathleen and their daughters, Kelsey and Ashlyn.*



All FDNY firefighters swear an oath to protect lives and property from fires and emergencies. Officers take on the added responsibility of protecting both the public and the firefighters under their charge. In some cases, they do both simultaneously.

In the early morning hours of May 27, 2021, Ladder Company 142—under the command of Captain Raymond J. McCarthy—responded first-due to a reported fire in a three-story multiple dwelling in Queens. On their arrival, flames were blow-torching out of the top-floor windows. Captain McCarthy and his inside team—Firefighter Christopher Gangale (can, detailed from Engine 285) and Firefighter Ryan Studdert (irons)—quickly surveyed the lower floors to make sure they weren't passing hidden fire. Arriving at the fire floor, they donned their SCBA and proceeded to force open the apartment door in a heavy smoke condition.

The team entered a high-heat environment and encountered flames burning through the door of a fully involved front bedroom. Captain McCarthy ordered FF Gangale to attempt to control the encroaching flames with his extinguisher. Captain McCarthy then instructed FF Studdert to commence a right-handed search while he searched to the left.

Crawling around the living room without the protection of a hoseline, Captain McCarthy came upon an unconscious adult female. Firefighter Studdert simultaneously came across a second

female (Ladder 142, working in Engine 285) and Firefighter Matthew Sharkey (Engine 285).

The two remaining members of Engine 285 worked around the removal of the victims to position their hoseline in the cramped stairway. Captain McCarthy reentered the apartment and began a right-handed search toward the yet-unsearched rear bedrooms. In one of the rooms, he found another unconscious adult female wedged in a doorway. Firefighter Tom Paladino (Ladder 142, outside vent) entered the same bedroom off a portable ladder and found an additional unconscious adult.

For the second time in just a few short minutes, Captain McCarthy transmitted two 10-45s and called for assistance as he struggled—nearing exhaustion—to free his victim. He received assistance from Lieutenant Giambalvo and FF Gangale, and together, they moved the victim to the street, while Ladder 126 assisted FF Paladino in removing his victim from the interior. In the street, medical care was provided to all four victims, and the members of the FDNY EMS transported them to the hospital.

For leading and orchestrating his crew's aggressive search of the fire apartment without the protection of a hoseline, as well as successfully removing four unconscious adult victims in a matter of minutes, Captain Raymond McCarthy has earned the Uniformed Fire Officers Association Medal—in the finest of traditions of the FDNY. - SM

Crawling around the living room without the protection of a hoseline, Captain McCarthy came upon an unconscious adult female. Firefighter Studdert simultaneously came across a second female on the opposite side of the room. Captain McCarthy radioed the two 10-45s to Command, and both members individually repositioned and moved the unconscious victims back toward the apartment door. After calling out for assistance, Captain McCarthy passed his victim off to Lieutenant Dave Giambalvo.



Members of Engine Co. 285 and Ladder Co. 142 operated at Queens Box 75-2142, rescuing four victims. Left to right: FF Matt Sharkey (E-285), FF Kevin Woods (E-285), FF Tom Paladino (L-142), Lieutenant Dave Giambalvo (L-142), Captain Ray McCarthy (L-142), FF Brian Connelly (L-142) and FF Chris Gangale (E-285)



## Arthur J. Laufer Memorial Medal

### Firefighter Jon Leonor

*Engine Company 65 (assigned)*

*Ladder Company 35 (detailed)*

**January 27, 2021, 0927 hours, Box 77-0973, Manhattan**

*Appointed to the FDNY on December 11, 2017. Previously assigned to Engine Company 65 and EMS Station 10. Holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Recipient of a Unit of the Month. Member of the FDNY Barbell Club. Resides in College Point, New York, with his wife, Samantha, and their daughter, Amaya.*

**O**n January 27, 2021, during the 0900 hours roll call at the quarters of Ladder Company 35 and Engine Company 40, the companies received a ticket to respond to a residential telephone alarm from an address on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. While they were en route, the dispatcher notified Ladder 35 that there were reports of fire in an apartment on the 14th floor. Upon their arrival, the building's doorman confirmed the fire and the apartment number.

Ladder 35's inside team consisted of Lieutenant Daniel Rotanz, Firefighter Jon Leonor (irons; working a 90-day cross-training detail from Engine 65 during the incident, now assigned to Ladder 35) and Firefighter Jaden Gladstone (can). As the team arrived at the 14th floor, they were met by the superintendent of the 16-story, Class 2 building, who had unsuccessfully attempted to extinguish the fire with a dry chemical extinguisher. The superintendent informed the members that an elderly male occupant was trapped in the apartment.

Entering the apartment, the inside team was met with thick, black smoke, banked down to the floor with high heat and zero visibility—the signs of an advanced, oxygen-deprived fire. As Lieutenant Rotanz and FF Gladstone entered the apartment, FF Leonor kept control of the apartment door until relieved by Engine 40's officer. Once relieved, FF Leonor searched into the blind abyss of the apartment, meeting up with other members of his team. They discovered a fully involved kitchen fire approximately 20 feet into the apartment, barely being held back by a burning hollow-core door.

As FF Gladstone attempted to confine the fire with his extinguisher, FF Leonor passed the fire and continued searching into the dining room. Just then, the kitchen door burned through, overwhelming the extinguisher and allowing the fire to extend into the hallway. FF Leonor then located an unconscious male victim and notified Lieutenant Rotanz, who transmitted the 10-45 to Command. FF Leonor began removing the victim back toward the

hallway, requiring him to pass the fire for a second time without the protection of a hoseline. He continued removing the unconscious victim down the long hallway, out of the apartment entrance. Captain Arnold Galvez (Engine 40) assisted him to the stairs as Engine 40 was placing the first line into operation. FF Leonor then carried the victim down two flights of stairs to an awaiting elevator on the 12th floor. He handed the victim off to members in the elevator who brought the victim down to FDNY EMS in the lobby. As Engine 40 began to extinguish the fire, FF Leonor returned to the apartment to complete the searches and eventually overhaul the fire area.

For showing great initiative, personal bravery and fortitude, FF Jon Leonor is awarded the Arthur J. Laufer Memorial Medal of valor in the finest traditions of the FDNY. - SM



*Manhattan Box 77-0973. Standing, left to right: Lieutenant Daniel Rotanz, FF Richard Callahan, FF Jon Leonor, FF Ian Wilson, FF Ron Lewis, FF Gaius Ebratt, FF Jovis Depognon, and FF Carmin Roth. Kneeling: FF Jaden Gladstone and FF Edward Jablonowski.*

# Dr. Albert A. Cinelli Medal

## Firefighter James A. Soutar III

### *Ladder Company 41*

January 12, 2021, 1052 hours, Box 77-2867, Bronx

*Appointed to the FDNY on July 29, 2013. Previously assigned to Engine Company 90. Resides in Campbell Hall, New York, with wife Nancy and their children, James and Ella.*



At 1051 hours on the morning of January 12, 2021, Ladder Company 41 was taking up from a gas leak outside their first-due response area. Lieutenant Patrick Twomey acknowledged a phone alarm received from the dispatcher for a fire at a seven-story, fireproof, multiple dwelling a few blocks away. Though the company was assigned second due, they were the first arriving unit due to the gas leak's location.

Firefighter James Soutar, assigned the outside vent position, was responsible for attempting exterior rescue and ventilation to assist the interior firefighting team. Most of the time, this involves using the fire escape, portable ladder, tower-ladder bucket or aerial ladder—but this was not an ordinary day.

On arrival, Lieutenant Twomey observed heavy smoke pushing from multiple windows and a male civilian hanging out a window on the fourth floor. He immediately transmitted the 10-75, and Ladder 41 went to work. The unit's quick arrival meant they might be operating alone for some time, so the company acted quickly to rescue the occupants. Knowing that parked cars posed challenges for the tower-ladder placement and that scaffolding around the perimeter of the building created obstacles for an exterior rescue, Lieutenant Twomey ordered FF Soutar to set up portable ladders.

Thinking quickly, FF Soutar grabbed a 24-foot portable ladder to gain access to the platform on the scaffold. With the assistance of Firefighter John Maguire (chauffeur), FF Soutar hoisted a second 24-foot ladder to the deck of the building scaffold, fully extending it to reach the victim at the window.

As FF Soutar climbed the ladder to reach him, the severely burned victim went head-first out the window and was hanging onto the tip of the ladder. Concerned that the victim would fall to the scaffold below, FF Soutar repeatedly tried to turn him so he could go down the ladder feet-first.

The victim then collapsed back into the bedroom window. FF Soutar entered the window to assist him back toward the ladder. Through blinding smoke and intensifying heat, FF Peter Quinn (irons) of Ladder 41's inside team closed the bedroom door to protect the victim from the advancing fire. As FF Soutar returned to the tip of the portable ladder, FF Nick Miller (Battalion 18 aide) was moving Ladder 41's tower-ladder bucket to reach the window. Two additional victims, removed from another window

by FF Miller, were also in the bucket.

As the bucket reached the window, FF Soutar stepped off the tip of the portable ladder onto the outer lip of the tower-ladder bucket and moved the portable ladder to clear the way for the bucket. He then removed the victim into the bucket. With the assistance of FF Quinn and FF Miller, FF Soutar moved the bucket to the street and the unit transferred care of the three victims to EMS units.

Firefighter James Soutar's bravery, determination and ingenuity—in total disregard of his own personal safety—resulted in a successful rescue. It is for this reason he is being recognized today with the Dr. Albert A. Cinelli Medal. - CB



*FF James Soutar operates at Bronx 77-2867. (Photo by Chris Clarke)*

# Fire Chiefs Association Memorial Medal

## Lieutenant Michael J. Fletcher

### Ladder Company 116

November 3, 2021, 1536 hours, Box 75-7173, Queens

*Appointed to the FDNY on September 14, 2003. Previously assigned to Ladder Company 168. Holds a Master of Business Administration from Babson College and a Bachelor of Science in economics from Boston University. Recipient of a Service Rating B and three Unit Citations. Resides in Massapequa, New York, with wife Annemarie and their children, Michael and Morgan.*



On November 3, 2021, at 1536 hours, the Queens Communications Office dispatched a phone alarm for a report of a fire in a six-story, fireproof multiple dwelling. Ladder Company 116, commanded by Lieutenant Michael Fletcher, was initially the only ladder company on the box. The address was known by members to be a sprawling housing complex of multiple buildings, with many far removed from the street. Engine Company 260 was the first company to arrive and transmitted the 10-75 for a fire in a fourth-floor apartment, which was set back more than 500 feet from the street.

Ladder 116 arrived shortly after, and the inside team—Lieutenant Fletcher, Firefighter Terence Drew (irons) and Firefighter Enrique Fernandez (can)—made their way to the building. As they climbed the stairs, they met a frantic woman who stated her brother was still inside the fire apartment. They pushed on to the fourth floor, where they encountered a heavy smoke condition from the rapidly extending fire.

As the inside team entered the fire apartment, they were immediately met with high heat and zero visibility. Reports from the exterior indicated that fire had vented out several windows and thick black

smoke could be seen from several others. Aware that the hose-line would be delayed, members knew they needed to enter the apartment quickly. As they crawled inside, they almost immediately encountered a heavy clutter condition at the apartment door, requiring them to pass items backward to proceed.

Lieutenant Fletcher ordered FF Hernandez to remain just inside the apartment door to provide a means of egress. He ordered FF Drew to begin a right-hand search as he began a left-hand one. The thermal imaging camera revealed high heat and fire rolling across the ceiling above their heads. Both members were in an extremely perilous position when Lieutenant Fletcher heard gurgling coming from the darkness. He pushed deeper into the apartment, crawling over clutter toward the sound, where he found an unconscious victim in a corner, wedged between the wall and sofa.

Lieutenant Fletcher pulled on the victim's legs to free him, and FF Drew arrived to grab hold of the victim's upper body. With flames rolling over their heads at ceiling level, Lieutenant Fletcher and FF Drew removed the unconscious male across the heavy clutter to the apartment door, where FF Hernandez was holding back the raging fire with the can. The victim was moved into the hallway and eventually to the front of the building, where he received treatment by EMS.

Faced with rapidly extending fire conditions and a hoseline still being stretched, Lieutenant Michael Fletcher performed an act of selfless bravery in a cluttered apartment filled with high heat and no visibility. With fire overhead, he continued to push deeper into the apartment. He acted in the highest traditions of the Department, and a civilian survived the fire due to his extraordinary efforts, for which he is awarded the Fire Chiefs Association Memorial Medal. - RAW



Ladder 116 members at Queens Box 75-7173, from left to right: Lieutenant Michael Fletcher, FF Ryan Murphy, FF Ricky Fernandez, FF Garret Rohloff, FF Terence Drew and FF Dorian Vidie

**Community Mayors, Inc./**  
**Lieutenant Robert R. Dolney Medal**  
**Firefighter Frank V. Vitulli**  
**Ladder Company 102**

**November 20, 2021, 0915 hours, Box 75-0780, Brooklyn**

*Appointed to the FDNY on June 12, 2017. Brother, Firefighter Jason Vitulli, is assigned to Squad 288. Holds a doctorate in physical therapy from the New York Institute of Technology. Resides in Elmont, New York, with his wife, Olya, and their children, Lucas and Emma.*



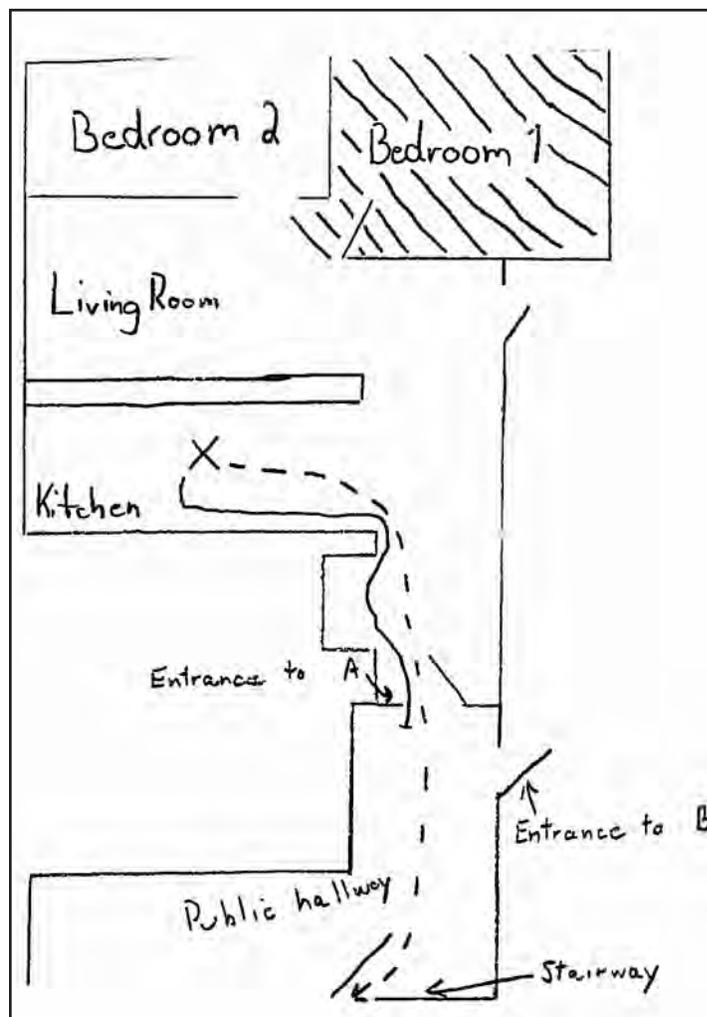
Shortly after the change of tours on the morning of November 20, 2021, Ladder Company 102 was taking up from a stuck elevator when Brooklyn Communications transmitted Box 0780 for a report of a fire on the fourth floor of a seven-story, fireproof multiple dwelling. Ladder Company 102, led by Lieutenant Salvatore Belmonte, arrived to find no smoke immediately showing from the exterior of the building, which was set back more than 100 feet from the street.

Lieutenant Belmonte and the inside team—Firefighter Joseph Papillo (irons) and Firefighter Frank Vitulli (can)—quickly ascended the stairs to the fourth floor, where they were met with a strong odor of smoke coming from the reported fire apartment. Members forced open the door, and the conditions in the public hallway rapidly deteriorated. Heavy, black smoke began to bank down to the floor. Exterior reports indicated that heavy fire was now venting from the apartment window and auto-exposing the floor above. Realizing the handline would be delayed due to the long setback, the members of Ladder 102 were met with the extremely dangerous task of searching the fire apartment without the protection of a hoseline.

As Engine 217 began their stretch, FF Papillo controlled the apartment door while Lieutenant Belmonte and FF Vitulli donned their facepieces and crawled into the fire apartment. Just inside the door, they were met with high heat and zero visibility. Firefighter Vitulli began a left-handed search while Lieutenant Belmonte went right. Firefighter Vitulli searched on his hands and knees, crawling deeper into the apartment. Approximately 15 feet in, he came across an unconscious, elderly male victim lying on the kitchen floor. He called out to his officer to report finding a victim, but Lieutenant Belmonte had found an unconscious, elderly female victim in the adjacent room and was attempting to remove her.

Aware that fire was rapidly extending and the hoseline still not in place, Firefighter Vitulli began the difficult task of removing the unconscious victim. Under blackout conditions and extremely high heat, he moved the victim to the apartment door. He continued another 20 feet down the smoke-charged public hallway to the stairway door, where members of Engine 230 took control of the victim. He then crawled back down the public hallway into the fire apartment to search for additional victims.

Firefighter Frank Vitulli's actions at this fire undoubtedly saved a civilian's life. Without hesitation or regard for his own personal safety, he searched a smoke- and heat-filled apartment without the protection of a hoseline. He acted in the highest traditions of this great Department, and for this, Firefighter Frank Vitulli is receiving the Community Mayors, Inc./Lt. Robert R. Dolney Medal. - RAW





## Lieutenant Kirby McElhearn Medal

### EMT Menhaz Bhuiyan *Public Safety Answering Center 1*

March 7, 2021, 2110 hours, Brooklyn

*Appointed to the FDNY as an emergency medical technician on June 22, 2020. Previously detailed to EMS Station 43. Holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from CUNY Hunter College. Resides in Brooklyn.*

**O**n March 3, 2021, at 2110 hours, while functioning as an assignment receiving dispatcher, EMT Menhaz Bhuiyan received a call from a patient who had been shot in the thigh by his roommate. The caller had locked himself and his girlfriend inside his room to protect themselves from the roommate, who might still be in the apartment. As NYPD responded and prepared to enter the location, the assailant shot two officers and barricaded entry into the apartment, which led to a prolonged hostage situation. EMT Bhuiyan provided first-aid instruction over the phone throughout the ordeal, with the caller eventually stating that the bleeding had stopped.

EMT Bhuiyan's first-aid instruction and calm demeanor helped save the caller's life.

He remained on the line for almost an hour, working with the police operator to gather as much information as possible. Throughout the call, he updated information via CTA and CAD supplements for police and EMS dispatchers. Responding units were made aware of dangers, patient location and condition until resources were able to locate, remove and treat the patient. The caller and his girlfriend, obviously distraught and overwhelmed by the situation, requested that he remain on the line until the police got them out safely. EMT Bhuiyan's actions on the call certainly set the standard for compassion in the face of adversity, and they warrant FDNY recognition with the Lieutenant Kirby McElhearn Medal. - NB



*EMT Menhaz Bhuiyan, Public Safety Answering Center 1, March 7, 2021, 2110 hours, Brooklyn*

# BC Frank T. Tuttlemondo Medal

## Firefighter Kevin E. Healy Ladder Company 120

November 8, 2020, 1202 hours, Box 75-1640, Brooklyn



*Appointed to the FDNY on January 23, 2012. Previously assigned to EMS Station 47 and Engine Company 231. Father, Lieutenant Thomas Healy, retired from Engine Company 329. Brother, Chief Thomas Healy Jr., is assigned to Division 13. Attended Hobart Institute of Welding Technology. Recipient of a Unit Citation. Resides in Rockaway, New York, with wife Paige and daughter Anna.*

On November 8, 2020, at 1202 hours, Ladder Company 120 arrived first due to Box 1640 for a reported fire in a private dwelling in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn. While responding, units were advised by the Brooklyn Dispatcher that they were receiving multiple calls reporting the fire. As Ladder 120 pulled into the block, the 10-75 was transmitted and they were confronted with an escalating situation: a building entrance engulfed in fire and heavy, black smoke issuing under pressure from the second-floor windows.

As Ladder 120's inside team made its way to the front stoop, multiple civilians were reporting trapped occupants on the second floor. Ladder 120, the only truck company on the scene, was faced with a confirmed life hazard where immediate action was necessary to save a life. Lieutenant Sal Mirra ordered Firefighter Kevin Healy (forcible entry) to make a calculated but risky move to go to the floor above an uncontrolled fire. Firefighter Ryan Mosiello (can) deployed the water can to knock down the flames, providing brief access through the punishing vestibule, before joining his officer to conduct searches on the first floor.

In grueling heat, and without a hoseline in place, FF Healy ascended the open interior stair to the second-floor landing, beginning the search on his belly in zero visibility. Summoning all of his senses and fully relying on company training and instinct, he penetrated to the front of the building on a right-hand search, where faint sounds of distress led him to a semi-conscious, elderly female sprawled out on the floor and unable to move. Upon locating the victim, he immediately transmitted a 10-45 and was advised to execute removal via a second-floor window as Engine Company 283 prepared to commence the fire attack. Following an aggressive engine push and recognizing time was of the essence, Lieutenant Mirra ordered FF Healy to remove the victim via the interior stairs, where the patient was transferred to the FDNY Medical Branch for

evaluation and treatment.

FF Healy's quick and decisive actions saved the life of a civilian at this fire. He displayed personal bravery as well as initiative and capability, operating above the fire without the protection of a hoseline. The valor and perseverance displayed at this operation exemplify the FDNY's highest traditions of dedication and service. The Department is proud to award Firefighter Kevin Healy the BC Frank T. Tuttlemondo Medal. "The Tradition Continues...." - CE/WH



*Members of Ladder Co. 120 at Brooklyn Box 1640, from left to right: FF Kevin Healy, FF Ryan Mosiello, FF Craig Williams, Lieutenant Salvatore Mirra, FF Joseph Ciaravino and FF Devon Phillips*



## Dr. John F. Connell Medal

### Captain Francis D. Cummins

*Division 11 (assigned)*

*Engine 235 (detailed)*

**April 10, 2021, 0945 hours, Box 75-0658, Brooklyn**

*Appointed to the FDNY on October 27, 1996. Previously assigned to Ladder Company 157 as a firefighter and to Ladder Company 133 as a lieutenant. Holds a bachelor's degree in public relations from Marist College. Member of the Emerald Society. Resides in Malverne, New York.*

On Saturday, April 10, 2021, at 0945 hours, a telephone alarm for Box 658 was received, reporting a fire in an apartment in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn. Members at Engine Company 235 have a long and proud reputation for turning out quickly, and this day was no exception. Within seconds, Captain Francis Cummins (Division 11, detailed to Engine Company 235) and his company were out the door and racing to the reported location.

Upon arrival, Captain Cummins entered the building and observed smoke pushing from all around the door frame of the fire apartment. He instructed his chauffeur to transmit the 10-75 and ordered the nozzle team to stretch a line to the fire apartment. The officer and Ladder 102's inside team (first due) entered the building and began forcing the door. The line arrived and was charged with water and bled as the forcible entry team popped the door. The entire crew was met with heavy, black, acrid smoke from floor to ceiling.

Captain Cummins—along with his nozzle team and the members of Ladder 102—made their way down the dark, smoke-filled hallway. About 20 feet down the hall, Ladder 102 made a right as they felt heat coming from that direction. As Captain Cummins made his way down the hallway, he also began to feel the heat on his right side. But before turning toward the fire, he swept the area to his left and came across an unconscious female near the entrance to the kitchen. He transmitted the 10-45 to Battalion Chief Kevin Sullivan (Battalion 57) and began the daunting task of removal down a crowded hallway and with zero visibility. He moved the victim back the length of the apartment hallway and transferred her to Firefighters Anthony DeCicco (control) and Thomas Manley (Ladder 102, forcible entry),

who completed her removal to safety under the supervision of Lieutenant Andrew Voll (Ladder 102).

With the victim's removal and subsequent care assured, Captain Cummins made his way back down the hallway and to the right to rejoin Firefighters Ahrayaahla Robinson (nozzle) and Jaime Shiwgobin (backup), who were aggressively knocking down the fire in the bedroom. Captain Cummins remained with his team and supervised them until final extinguishment of the fire.

Captain Francis Cummins' actions of locating and removing the victim while simultaneously supervising the operation of the hoseline exemplify all of the finest traditions and bravery that the FDNY has to offer. For his efforts, he is awarded the Dr. John F. Connell Medal. - WM



*Members of Engine Co. 235 who operated at Box 75-0658 in Brooklyn, from left to right: FF Jaime Shiwgobin, FF Ed Tan, Captain Frank Cummins, FF Ahrayaahla Robinson and FF Anthony Decicco*

# Fire Bell Club Medal

## Firefighter Michael C. Decker

*Ladder Company 32 (assigned)*

*Ladder Company 52 (detailed)*

September 29, 2021, 0304 hours, Box 22-3538, Bronx



*Appointed to the FDNY on December 12, 2016. Holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Maryland. Resides in White Plains, New York.*

Firefighters of the New York City Fire Department take seriously the enormous responsibility of saving lives and property, holding themselves to the high standard of making good decisions in settings where no decision is “perfect.” The firefighter assigned the outside ventilation (OV) position has one of the most dynamic and crucial roles on the fireground: Operating independently in chaotic scenes requires a high degree of critical thinking and adaptive approaches to problem solving.

At 0304 hours on September 29, 2021, Engine Company 81 transmitted the signal 10-75 confirming a working fire while en route to the address, due to the observation of flames out of multiple windows. A second alarm assignment was given on arrival as fire began communicating to the floors above. The deliberate and quick actions taken by Firefighter Michael Decker early in the operation ultimately led to the rescue of an unconscious occupant in the fire apartment.

Firefighter Decker recalled during his initial size-up that his counterpart from Ladder Company 46 intended to make entry through the fire escape windows that led into the direct fire area. Seeing that smoke had begun to emanate from a different window, he explored the possibility that the fire apartment had two points of egress, and that this route would allow him to cover areas cut off by the fire.

While he was on the fifth-floor fire escape landing, radio transmissions communicated that the fire had now pushed past the initial apartment, extending into the public hallway and up to the roof. With the situation quickly becoming un-

tenable, FF Decker donned his SCBA and dropped into the fire apartment from the window to conduct a search for life.

In punishing high-heat conditions with flames rolling over his head, FF Decker searched past a public hallway and crawled into a bedroom, where the highest probability of life would be. There, he came upon an unconscious victim lying by the foot of a bed. To maximize the chance of survival, he isolated the room from the main body of fire and moved the victim near an open window, where there would be fresh air. Hearing Engine Company 81's hose-line in operation and the fire being suppressed, FF Decker called out for assistance and safely extricated the resident from the apartment through the interior stairs.

The ability of the OV to use independent initiative has been a proven force multiplier in these high-stakes, high-stress and ever-changing consequential environments—exemplified here by Firefighter Decker's exceptional size-up and positioning, which allowed him to cover areas of the apartment cut off by fire. The decision put him at extreme personal risk as he passed through a fully engulfed hallway and into a bedroom without the protection of a hoseline.

Alone in his extraordinary efforts, Firefighter Decker's unwavering commitment to duty in the face of imminent danger is the paradigm of bravery. For his life-saving actions, the New York City Fire Department proudly presents Firefighter Michael Decker with the Fire Bell Club Medal. - BC



*A second alarm assignment was given on arrival for Bronx Box-3538 in the early morning hours of September 29, 2021. (Photo by Citizen App)*



# Firefighter David J. DeFranco Medal Firefighter Patrick J. Thornton Marine Company 8

June 5, 2021, 1825 hours, Box 4253, Staten Island

*Appointed to the FDNY on January 27, 2014. Assigned to Ladder Company 108. Father, Battalion Chief Terrance Thornton, retired from Battalion 21. Holds a bachelor's degree in emergency management from SUNY Empire State. Resides in Manhattan, with wife Krystin and their son, Sean.*

The evening of June 5, 2021, Marine Company 8—staffed by Lieutenant Christopher Tucker, Firefighter Michael Greene, Firefighter Patrick Thornton and Firefighter Michael McNamara—were monitoring marine VHF channel 16 when they heard a distress call for a vessel taking on water. Marine 8 immediately notified the dispatcher for a marine box assignment, turned out and headed in the initial direction of the distress call, approximately 2 miles south of Great Kills Harbor, Staten Island.

Arriving within minutes, the members spotted an 18-foot bow- rider boat with two people on board that was listing significantly to the starboard side. As Marine 8 maneuvered alongside the distressed vessel to remove the two people and begin a dewatering operation, the vessel was suddenly overtaken by a large wave and began to sink without warning. As the two victims—one an elderly male—went into the rough water, FF Greene quickly and expertly maneuvered Marine 8's vessel for a direct pickup.

Lieutenant Tucker and FF McNamara first rescued the elderly male, who was in the water as the vessel began to sink. FF Thornton

directed the second victim, an adult male, to swim away from the rapidly sinking vessel in order to avoid being pulled down into the water column. Before the victim could react, however, the vessel quickly rolled over, trapping him beneath. Without hesitation, FF Thornton removed his personal flotation device and dove into the water beneath the sinking vessel. He brought the victim to the surface and swam him to the safety of Marine 8's vessel, where he was pulled onto the deck by Lieutenant Tucker and FF McNamara.

With both victims safely aboard Marine 8, members began to render patient assessment and care. The members coordinated with the Staten Island Fire Dispatcher to transfer both victims to EMS at Atlantis Marina.

FF Thornton displayed great courage and quick decision-making during this dangerous and rapidly unfolding water rescue. For his bravery and decisive action, and for putting the victim's life above his own safety, Firefighter Patrick Thornton is awarded the Firefighter David J. DeFranco Medal. - AP



*Marine 8 members rescue occupants of an overturned vessel near Great Kills Harbor, Staten Island. Left to right: Lt. Chris Tucker, Marine Division (detailed to Marine Company 8); FF Mike Greene, Engine 76 (detailed to Marine Company 8); and FF Patrick Thornton, Ladder 108 (detailed to Marine Company 8)*

# Deputy Commissioner Christine R. Godek Medal



**Fire Marshal  
Michael A. O'Neill**  
*Citywide South*

There are many motives associated with the crime of arson. One motive that clearly demonstrates a depraved indifference to human life is crime concealment—the use of fire to conceal a separate crime. Such fires are often planned carefully and cloaked in secrecy, making apprehension especially challenging.

On December 25, 2020, at 1852 hours, firefighters responded to a fire in a commercial building surrounded by residential homes in Brooklyn. FDNY fire companies arrived to thick, black smoke pushing from every corner of the building. The units made an aggressive attack on the fire and searched for occupants. Due to the extreme fire load in the basement, the incident called for a full third-alarm assignment to bring the fire under control.

The Bureau of Fire Investigation (BFI) dispatched fire marshals from Citywide South Command to investigate. Fire Marshal Michael A. O'Neill, assigned lead investigator, responded with his partner, Fire Marshal Cletus Mullin. Fire Marshal O'Neill conducted a challenging forensic examination of the fire scene that uncovered significant evidence, leading to a determination that the fire was the result of arson. He and other members of the BFI initiated an investigative canvass of the scene to evaluate factors and identify potential investigative leads requiring prompt attention and further development.

Fire Marshall O'Neill was assigned to work with Fire Marshal Michael Pritchett and the BFI Special Investigations Unit, and together, the marshals launched a multi-layered investigation that included an exhaustive video canvass spanning more than four miles. They quickly developed a motive

**December 25, 2020, 1852 hours,  
Box 33-3350, Brooklyn**

*Appointed to the FDNY on October 15, 1995. Previously assigned to Engine Company 283 and Ladder Company 82. Father, Captain LeRoy O'Neill, retired from Ladder Company 158. Brother, Captain Brian O'Neill, is assigned to Division 6. Recipient of the Burn Center Medal and the World Trade Center Medal. Member of the Ceremonial Unit. Resides on Staten Island, with wife Lisa and their children, Caitlin, Michael and Emma.*

*Appointed to the FDNY on November 22, 1998. Previously assigned to Engine Company 4, Engine Company 6, City Wide South Command and Auto Fraud Squad. Studied electrical engineering at the College of Staten Island. Recipient of three Service Ratings A, a Service Rating B, 13 Unit Citations and one Pre-Hospital Save. Resides on Staten Island.*



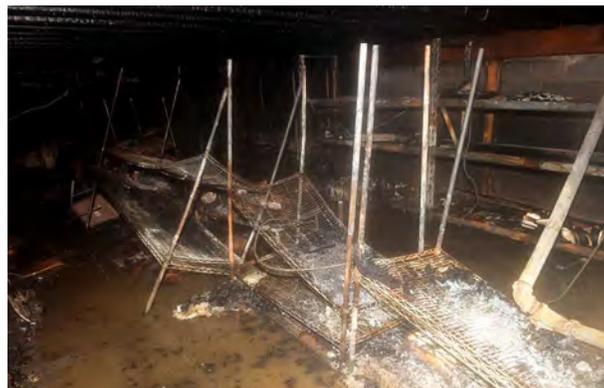
**Fire Marshal  
Michael J. Pritchett**  
*Special Investigations Unit*

and a person of interest. The investigation revealed that the location had been burglarized numerous times and that the business was specifically targeted due to a large amount of cash known to be kept on the premises. A fire was set to destroy and conceal any evidence of the theft.

Following the identification of the suspect, FM Pritchett and members of the Special Investigations Unit conducted a challenging multi-state search for the suspect, spanning New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Using creative methods of developing leads, FM Pritchett was able to flush out the suspect from hiding, and he was ultimately apprehended with assistance from FM O'Neill and FM Craig Gundersen. Fire Marshals O'Neill and Pritchett worked closely with the Brooklyn District Attorney's office to obtain an indictment with an array of charges, including arson, reckless endangerment and multiple burglary charges.

This truly significant investigation was brought to a successful conclusion by highly valued members of the Fire Department. Fire Marshals O'Neill and Pritchett demonstrated the skill and resourcefulness found only in the most dedicated law enforcement professionals. Their actions represent the highest traditions of the Bureau of Fire Investigation and the FDNY.

The results of this investigation send a powerful message to those individuals whose depraved indifference toward life brings great danger and peril to the citizens of New York, as well as to the members of the FDNY. It is with this in mind that Fire Marshal Michael O'Neill and Fire Marshal Michael Pritchett are awarded the Deputy Commissioner Christine R. Godek Medal. - MJK



*The FDNY Bureau of Fire Investigation determined that a fire was set in an effort to destroy and conceal any evidence of the theft at this business.*

# Firefighter Kevin C. Kane Medal

## Firefighter Brian T. Murphy

### Ladder Company 29

April 6, 2021, 0708 hours, Box 75-2142, Bronx

*Appointed to the FDNY on March 25, 2007. Previously assigned to Engine 83. Recipient of a Unit Citation. Holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Wentworth Institute of Technology. Member of the Emerald Society. Resides in Rye, New York, with his wife, Caroline, and their sons, Thomas and Jack.*



Throughout their careers, many New York City firefighters will encounter severe and punishing fire conditions in high-rise, fireproof, multiple dwellings. These dwellings are constructed with solid concrete and create high heat levels. They also can be some of the most dangerous fires firefighters face when wind creates unbearable heat and blowtorch conditions on the fire floor. At 0708 hours on April 6, 2021, the tone alarm rang out in the quarters of Engine Company 83 and Ladder Company 29 for a phone alarm at Box 2142, reporting smoke on the 15th floor of a high-rise, fireproof, multiple dwelling in the Bronx.

On Ladder 29's arrival, an outside survey revealed nothing evident. Members proceeded into the building's lobby and placed the elevators in fire service mode. They took the elevator to the 13th floor and continued up the stairs to the 15th floor, checking each floor for smoke conditions. An odor of smoke in the 15th-floor hall-

way led Ladder 29's inside team down the hall to its origin, the last apartment on the right.

Firefighter Brian Murphy (irons) gapped the door with his Halligan tool, and it began to pulsate black smoke under pressure. Lieutenant Kenneth Guerin (Battalion 3) immediately transmitted the 10-77 to Battalion 14 while his inside team forced the apartment door. Once the door was forced open, the team encountered another problem: heavy clutter conditions that allowed the door to open only halfway. Such conditions are challenging for firefighters because of the maze-like layouts, as well as the debris and clutter potentially collapsing as they move forward, cutting off avenues of escape.

As the inside team slid through the narrow opening, they encountered fire rolling toward them from the bedroom at the end of the hallway. Due to the clutter, the fire was rapidly intensifying and creating harsh conditions. Lieutenant Guerin began a left-handed search while FF Murphy and Firefighter Timothy Austin (can) moved forward to the right. Firefighter Murphy climbed over mounds of material in zero visibility, searching for victims.

At this time, Lieutenant Guerin's thermal imaging camera showed that the rear bedroom door was now burnt through, and there was no way to control the fire rolling across the living room ceiling. Despite the conditions, FF Murphy pressed on to find a large, unconscious male victim among the debris on the living-room floor. He immediately notified his officer and began removing the victim through the debris, aided by FF Austin. The members navigated the hoarding conditions to remove the victim without the protection of a hoseline.

Firefighter Brian Murphy operated in a hostile environment while removing a victim in hoarding conditions. His fireground experience, training and bravery are the reasons the victim was found and removed in such an expedient and professional manner. For his efforts, he is awarded the Firefighter Kevin C. Kane Medal. - MC



Ladder Co. 29's inside team at Box 75-2142 in the Bronx. Left to right: Lieutenant Kenny Guerin, FF Brian Murphy and FF Tim Austin

# Captain John J. Drennan Memorial Medal

## Firefighter Steven M. Boenigk

### *Squad Company 41*

November 5, 2021, 1718 hours, Box 22-2127, Bronx



*Appointed to the FDNY on May 25, 2005. Previously assigned to Ladder Company 17. Holds an associate degree in criminal justice from Tompkins Cortland Community College. Recipient of two Unit Citations. Resides in Yorktown Heights, New York, with wife Tina and their children, Colton, Bryce and Shay.*

**S**quad Company 41 responded second due to Bronx Box 2127 for a reported fire on the 15th floor of a 20-story, occupied, high-rise multiple dwelling. While they were responding, the Bronx Communications Office notified Battalion 14 that they were loading up the box due to the quality and quantity of calls and adding the first-due engine, Engine Company 60. Soon after, Engine 60 transmitted a 10-77. Squad 41 arrived and observed heavy smoke issuing, under pressure, from numerous upper floor windows. As the members grabbed their roll-ups, Ladder Company 17 confirmed a compactor fire with extension to the chute.

With both elevators out of service, units proceeded to the upper floors via the stairwells. As Engine Company 83 stretched a hoseline to the lobby, Squad 41's officer, Lieutenant Scott Altman, and his members headed to the "A" stairwell intending to assist Engine 60. While they ascended the stairs, Battalion Chief Christopher Williamson (Battalion 14) alerted operating units of numerous reports of civilians trapped on upper floors.

Upon reaching the 10th floor, Squad 41 encountered a haze in the stairwell. Lieutenant Altman opened the door to the public hallway to find a heavy smoke condition throughout the floor. After confirming that Engine 60 and Engine 83 were stretching hoselines toward the uncontrolled fire, Lieutenant Altman changed tactics and ordered his company to don their facepieces and search the hallways from the 10th to the 20th floors. Throughout the searches, Squad 41 located and directed several panicked civilians to the relative safety of the evacuation stairwell.

As Squad 41 reached the 19th floor, Lieutenant Altman opened the hallway door and was met with high heat and a dense smoke condition. He immediately ordered Firefighter Steven Boenigk to search the hall. Without tools or the protection of a charged hoseline, FF Boenigk entered the hall to the left, crawling toward the heat source. He found a compactor chute, with its door missing, venting heavy fire into the public hallway. He slid past the uncontrolled fire on his belly to discover an unconscious male and im-

mediately transmitted a 10-45. He then began the arduous task of moving the victim past the source of the fire, placing himself between the fire and the victim to protect him from the excruciating heat.

After he passed the fire, members of Squad 41 assisted FF Boenigk in removing the victim to the stairwell. There, FF Boenigk assessed the victim, determining that he was unresponsive and in immediate need of removal to awaiting EMS. After packaging the victim, FF Boenigk and other members of Squad 41 moved the victim down to the 12th floor and transferred care to Squad Company 61. FF Boenigk then climbed back up to the top floor, where he relieved the nozzle firefighter from Engine 60 and extinguished the remaining fire until relieved by members of Engine Company 71.

FF Steven M. Boenigk acted in the highest traditions of the Fire Department of the City of New York, saving the life of a fellow New Yorker, and is presented with the Captain John J. Drennan Memorial Medal. - TM



*Squad Company 41 responded to Bronx Box 2127 for a reported fire on the 15th floor of a 20-story, occupied, high-rise multiple dwelling. (Photo by Citizen App)*

# Jack Pintchik Medal

August 12, 2021, 1720 hours, Bronx



*Appointed to the FDNY as an emergency medical technician on October 15, 2018. Father; Rescue Paramedic Donald Faeth, retired from EMS Station 20. Recipient of Unit of the Month and a Pre-Hospital Save. Resides in Mahopac, New York.*

**EMT**  
**Matthew Faeth**  
*Station 20*



*Appointed to the FDNY as an emergency medical technician on February 6, 2004. Previously assigned to EMS Station 55. Resides in the Bronx, with partner Allan and children Raymond, Amanda and Jazlene.*

**EMT**  
**Carmen Ruiz**  
*Station 20*

**W**hile operating on Orchard Beach, EMTs Matthew Faeth and Carmen Ruiz advised Bronx North Dispatch that they had a confirmed lightning strike on the beach near the water with multiple victims. The EMTs began to respond during torrential rain, with thunder and lightning all around them, to one of the most dangerous places to be during this type of weather.

Upon arrival at the scene, EMTs Faeth and Ruiz found seven patients, the most critical being a pediatric cardiac arrest. The crew initiated immediate treatment on the beach with lightning

looming overhead. With the assistance of some of the injured and bystanders, the crew managed to provide high-quality, life-saving treatment to the victim. In addition, they packaged all seven patients onto the beach gator unit and moved them to a safer location for transport.

The crew's risk of being electrocuted was extremely high since theirs was the only vehicle on the beach during the rapidly evolving thunderstorm. EMTs Matthew Faeth and Carmen Ruiz disregarded their own safety for the lives of fellow New Yorkers and are being awarded the Jack Pintchik Medal. - *MV*



*Members of EMS Station 20, from left to right: Captain Kyra King, EMT Kevin Durmer, EMT Austin Renzetti, EMT Brandon Chin, EMT Daniel Hanlon, EMT Matthew Faeth, EMT Carmen Ruiz, EMT Angie Galindo, EMT Nicholas Rodriguez, EMT Jason Vacchio, EMT Nicholas Cacciola, Lieutenant Marvin Williams and Captain Leonore Joy Garcia*

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# Lt. James Curran/New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation Medal

## Engine Company 161

March 31, 2021, 1938 hours,  
Box 22-2033, Staten Island

*Lieutenant Richard M. Lepardo Jr.*  
*Firefighter Michael S. Brusca*  
*Firefighter Salvatore V. Gandolfo Jr.*  
*Firefighter Daniel L. Quinn, L-9*  
*Firefighter Paul A. Campbell, L-81*



March 31, 2021, proved to be a busy day for the members on Staten Island. As a fifth-alarm raged on one side of the borough, Engine Company 161 received a third-due phone alarm at 1938 hours, reporting fire in a private dwelling. Lieutenant Richard Lepardo informed his members that there was a good chance Engine 161 would arrive first, as the fifth alarm had relocated many companies. Upon arrival, Engine 161 was the only company on the block and transmitted a 10-75 for a three-story, semi-attached house with fire venting from all windows and doors on the first and second floors. Smoke was also pushing under pressure from the third floor and eaves of the house.

Firefighter Michael Brusca, the engine company chauffeur, positioned the rig just past the fire building for a backstretch. As Lieutenant Lepardo called for water, FF Brusca stated that the hydrant was not operable. Engine 214 (second due), however, had a serviceable hydrant and six lengths of supply hose were connected directly to their rig.

Now with a charged hoseline, Engine 161 was ready to begin their attack on the fire, which was consuming all of the first floor and venting from the doorway. Firefighter Salvatore Gandolfo (nozzle) quickly knocked down fire from the front door, allowing for an aggressive interior attack. Firefighter Gandolfo and FF Daniel Quinn (backup) knocked down the first floor front to rear and, having the only charged handline on the scene at this time, proceeded to make a push upstairs. With fire consuming the staircase, Engine 161 made it to the top of the stairs and were told that fire had reignited behind them and was about to come up the stairway. In a quick and orderly manner, they backed the line out so members could reposition to extinguish the fire. This tactical reposition was easily facilitated by the actions of Firefighter Paul Campbell (control).

As Engine 161 prepared to make a push upstairs once more, an urgent transmission was received from command not to proceed upstairs due to a burst length. After evaluation of the residual pressure in the hoseline and the effectiveness of the stream, and under direction of the chief, Engine 161 continued with their interior attack of the fire. With members operating under extreme heat and zero visibility, their coordination on the hoseline was necessary for a successful outcome. This involved pushing forward but periodically passing the nozzle overhead to keep the area behind them safe.

Compounding the already fully involved second floor, Engine 161 was met with heavy clutter, making it almost impossible to maneuver the hoseline.

With the second floor knocked down, Engine 161—now exhausted, with the nozzle firefighter's knees burnt—regrouped. Using the reach of the stream and staying on the interior wall due to burnt-out stair treads, members made a coordinated push up to the third floor. Firefighter Quinn provided physical support to Firefighters Gandolfo and Campbell, making sure there was enough hose to facilitate the advance. Working from front to rear, Engine 161 worked as a team to extinguish all visible fire on the third floor. With Vibralerts activated, they continued to operate the hoseline into the attic, where fire had extended, until they were relieved.

From arriving out of sequence to overcoming both a 10-70 and a burst length, Engine 161 did a tremendous job. Their teamwork and dedication allowed all members on the fireground searching for life to operate aggressively, knowing they were in good hands. For their actions and for keeping with the finest traditions of the FDNY, they are awarded the Lt. James Curran/New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation Medal. - RLL



*Upon arrival, fire was venting from all the windows and doors on the first and second floors of this three-story, semi-attached house on Staten Island. (Photo by Joseph John Ramos)*

# Firefighter Thomas R. Elsasser Memorial Medal

## Rescue Company 4/Squad Company 270

April 3, 2021, 0222 hours, Box 44-5480, Queens



### Rescue 4:

*Lieutenant Frederick J. Ill III*  
*Firefighter Daniel A. Hickey*  
*Firefighter Alfred A. Francis*  
*Firefighter Rod J. Ford*  
*Firefighter Alex C. Sweet*  
*Firefighter Thomas F. Boland, L-51*



### Squad 270:

*Capt. Stephen Forlenza, Rescue Battalion*  
*Firefighter Paul T. Jennings*  
*Firefighter Richard Baudille*  
*Firefighter Darren J. Harsch*  
*Firefighter Juan A La Grandier II*  
*Firefighter Jonathan Hoffman*

**D**etermination, skill and ingenuity in the FDNY's highest traditions were on display in the early morning hours of April 3, 2021. Just after 0200 hours, Squad Company 270 and Rescue Company 4 responded to a fire in three stores of a commercial building in the Saint Albans section of Queens.

In the rear, Engine Company 311 was knocking down heavy fire when, without warning, a large 20- by 15-foot section of roofing collapsed directly on top of where they were operating.

A mayday was transmitted for a collapse, followed by a mayday transmission from Engine 311's officer indicating he was trapped. Members of Squad 270, who were positioned at the rear doorway, immediately entered the unstable structure in an attempt to locate Engine 311. Engine 311's backup and nozzle firefighters were located and quickly removed. A brief conversation determined that Engine 311's officer was still inside. Squad 270 and Rescue 4 members reentered the collapse area to search. With zero visibility and burning roof debris surrounding them, members began to search by following Engine 311's partially covered

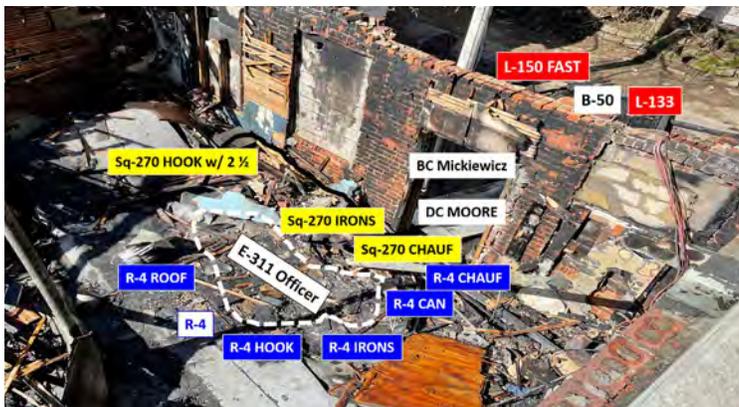
handline. A member of Squad 270 found the nozzle under burning debris and passed it to another Squad 270 member, who carefully knocked down the fire throughout the rescue.

Hearing a faint pass alarm, members were able to pinpoint the exact location of the buried officer and transmit a mayday for a confirmed trapped member. Additional equipment, personnel and resources were also requested. As additional members arrived, a herculean effort to save the trapped member ensued. Members attempted to lift the roof section off the officer but were unsuccessful due to its extreme weight. Using Sawzalls, small, calculated cuts allowed members to remove layers of roofing without cutting too deep, avoiding further injury to the officer. A small access hole was made to determine how the trapped member was oriented.

Members of Squad 270 continued to remove a 2- by 2-foot area of roofing debris, exposing the feet and legs of the officer, who began to move them. With coordination and precision, members of Rescue 4 and Squad 270 encircled the trapped officer's profile, maintaining their positions and passing tools to each other so as not to disturb the rubble and pin him further.

They cut and removed enough debris that Rescue 4 could use a battery-operated extrication tool, which lifted the remaining piece of roof from the officer's chest and head. Raising the debris about a foot allowed members to better view the orientation of the officer's body, which enabled them to position the blades deeper and cut faster. From there, they rapidly freed the trapped officer, who was still on air. He was evaluated quickly and placed on a stokes basket for transport to a local hospital for burns and other injuries.

This firefighter removal operation saved a member's life. For the forward thinking, professionalism and dedication displayed by Rescue Company 4 and Squad Company 270 at Queens Box 4-4-5480, they are awarded the Firefighter Thomas R. Elsasser Memorial Medal. - RLL



# World Trade Center Memorial Medal

## Ladder Company 41

January 12, 2021, 1052 hours,  
Box 77-2867, Bronx

*Lieutenant Patrick T. Twomey*  
*Firefighter Robert N. Rivera*  
*Firefighter John P. Maguire*  
*Firefighter James A. Soutar III*  
*Firefighter Peter J. Quinn*  
*Firefighter Kevin G. Hallinan*



On January 12, 2021, at 1052 hours, Ladder Company 41 responded to a phone alarm for a fire in a seven-story multiple dwelling in the Bronx. Having responded to a nearby gas leak, they arrived first on scene at Box 2867.

Upon arrival, members observed heavy smoke pushing from multiple windows, with a male civilian hanging out a fourth-floor window. Lieutenant Twomey immediately transmitted the 10-75. Because of their quick arrival, members knew they might be initially operating alone.

Recognizing that parked cars and building scaffolding could impede operations, Lieutenant Twomey ordered Firefighter James Soutar (outside vent) to set up portable ladders. With help from the chauffeur, Firefighter John Maguire, he hoisted a second ladder onto the scaffolding deck and extended it to the fourth-floor window.

Simultaneously, Firefighter Kevin Hallinan (roof) rapidly ascended the stairs, vented the bulkhead and prepared for a potential roof rope rescue.

Ladder 41's forcible entry team—Lieutenant Twomey and Firefighters Peter Quinn (irons) and Robert Rivera (can)—ascended the stairs to the fourth floor, encountering a heavy smoke condition in the public hallway due to the open apartment door. After transmitting conditions to Battalion 18 and donning their SCBAs, the team crawled 25 feet down the public hall in search of the apartment door. Using the thermal imaging camera, they found the door with a raging fire just inside. (Later, fire investigators determined that the lithium-ion battery of an electric scooter caused the fire.) Lieutenant Twomey closed the door, transmitted to the battalion that they had control of the fire apartment door and requested a handline.

The team knew they needed to pass the fire without protection of a hoseline to help victims. As FF Rivera controlled the door, Lieutenant Twomey and FF Quinn entered the apartment, but they pulled back to regroup when they encountered intense heat and fire rolling across the ceiling. The team then heard screams coming from the rear of the apartment. FF Rivera attempted to cool the ceiling with his extinguisher so Lieutenant Twomey and FF Quinn could push past the fire.

In the first bedroom, they found FF Soutar attempting to

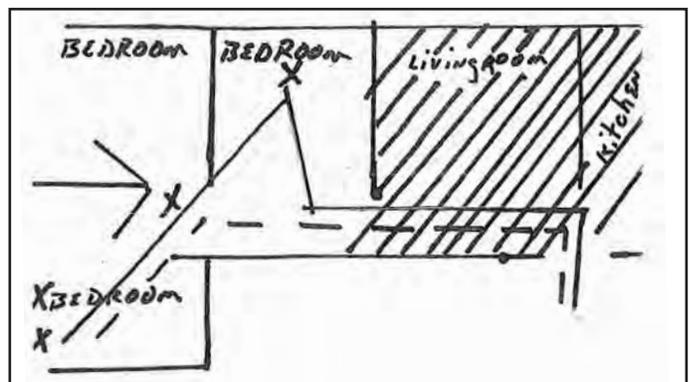
remove a victim onto the portable ladder he had used for access. The victim was too injured to make it down the ladder, so Firefighters Soutar and Quinn closed the door to protect him. Shortly thereafter, the victim was transferred to Ladder 41's bucket, where he and two other residents were lowered to the street.

After expending his extinguisher, FF Rivera joined Lieutenant Twomey as they heard screams coming from the rear bedrooms. Searching deeper into the apartment, FF Rivera located an unresponsive child. Lieutenant Twomey transmitted a 10-45, and FF Rivera crawled past the fire to remove the child to safety.

In another rear bedroom, Lieutenant Twomey found an adult female gasping for air at the window, along with an adult male lying unresponsive on the floor. He closed the bedroom door and reported to Battalion 18 that he had two more 10-45s and was sheltering them in place due to the extreme conditions.

Just as his Vibralert activated, Lieutenant Twomey heard the hoseline operating in the apartment hallway. As the fire was knocked down, a member of Ladder 47 entered the bedroom window via aerial ladder and assisted Lieutenant Twomey and FF Quinn with removal of the two victims.

Ladder Company 41's rapid and coordinated operation exemplifies the definition of teamwork. The unit's effective communications and courageous actions under extremely adverse conditions contributed to the rescue of six civilians. Their dedication to duty is in the finest traditions of the FDNY, and for this, they are awarded the World Trade Center Memorial Medal. - CB



## **SERVICE RATING A**

**Lt. Salvatore Belmonte, L-102**  
**FF Steven M. Boenigk, S-41**  
**Lt. Michael A. Cuccurullo, L-114**  
**Capt. Francis D. Cummins, D-11 (E-235)**  
**FF Keith W. Debaun, E-283**  
**FF Michael C. Decker, L-32**  
**Lt. Richard P. Faraci Jr., B-28 (L-146)**  
**Lt. Michael J. Fletcher, L-116**  
**FF Andrew W. Gabor, L-138**  
**Capt. Peter E. Hayden, D-13 (L-137)**  
**FF Kevin E. Healy, L-120**  
**FF Brendan L. Ielpi, R-2**  
**FF Jon Leonor, E-65**  
**Lt. Timothy J. Mahon, SQ-252**

**Lt. Patrick T. Mataraza III, L-56**  
**Capt. Raymond J. McCarthy, L-142**  
**FF James R. McGee, L-13**  
**FF Brian T. Murphy, L-29**  
**FF Thomas J. Paladino, L-142**  
**FF Edwin J. Rodriguez, L-138**  
**FF Christopher M. Rossi, L-136**  
**FF Anmolprit Singh, L-116**  
**FF James A. Soutar III, L-41**  
**FF Ryan F. Studdert, L-142**  
**Lt. Christopher J. Terho, L-35**  
**FF Frank V. Vitulli, L-102**  
**FF Corey Wilcox, L-170**

## **SERVICE RATING B**

**FF Richard Adames Jr., L-149**  
**FF Edwin C. Aldrich III, L-53**  
**Lt. Kevin W. Candido, L-155**  
**FF Vincent J. Caposio, E-289**  
**FF Kelly J. Coyle, L-134**  
**FF Gaius M. Ebratt, L-35**  
**FF Felix W. De La Cruz, E-95**  
**FF Terence P. Drew, L-116**  
**FF Anthony Egan, E-274**  
**FF Michael Fusco, L-35**  
**FF Anthony R. Giannone, L-7**  
**FF Jaden Gladenstone, L-35**  
**Lt. Michael J. Gray, B-2 (L-21)**  
**Lt. William J. Greenberg, B-9 (L-16)**  
**FF Daniel P. Gunther, L-138**  
**FF Peter D. Haggerty, L-156**  
**FF Michael P. Kalamaras, L-126**  
**Lt. Leonard K. Kinnear, L-30**  
**FF Michael J. Krochak, M-6**  
**Lt. Timothy J. Mahon, RESBAT (S-252)**

**FF John J. Martin, E-250**  
**FF Glenn P. McCallen, L-17**  
**FF Boris Mejia, E-289**  
**FF Nicholas R. Miller, L-58**  
**FF Joseph J. Monte, E-289**  
**FF William A. Morris IV, L-148**  
**FF Thomas M. Olsen, E-248**  
**FF Stephen N. Picciurro, E-207**  
**Lt. Thomas C. Riches, RESBAT (S-61)**  
**FF William J. Rix, L-35**  
**FF Edwin Rojas, L-121**  
**FF Christian Romero, E-289**  
**FF Christopher M. Rossi, L-136**  
**FF Sean P. Ryan, L-126**  
**FF John W. Schmitt, E-9**  
**FF Philip A. Sorrentino, L-149**  
**FF Jared S. Tardell, E-164**  
**FF Davon K. Wheeler, L-28**  
**FF Markus O. Wyant, L-7**  
**FF Joseph T. Wylie, L-3**

## UNIT CITATIONS

<b>Rescue Company 4</b> July 8, 2020 Box 8388	<b>Engine Company 82</b> April 30, 2021 Box 22-2420	<b>Squad Company 252</b> July 30, 2021 Box 1046	<b>Ladder Company 151</b> September 1, 2021 Box 3182
<b>Marine Company 4</b> August 4, 2020 Box 8370	<b>Engine Company 71</b> May 5, 2021 Box 2383	<b>Rescue Company 2</b> July 30, 2021 Box 1046	<b>Ladder Company 152</b> September 1, 2021 Box 8389
<b>Engine Company 242</b> January 10, 2021 Box 22-2741	<b>Engine Company 152</b> May 7, 2021 Box 75-0636	<b>Engine Company 292</b> August 1, 2021 Box 2216	<b>Rescue Company 5</b> September 1, 2021 Box 0859
<b>Ladder Company 41</b> January 12, 2021 Box 75-2867	<b>Squad Company 288</b> May 18, 2021 Box 7051	<b>Engine Company 289</b> August 22, 2021 Box 7954	<b>Squad Company 8</b> September 1, 2021 Box 2978
<b>Engine Company 247</b> January 25, 2021 Box 22-2877	<b>Engine Company 308</b> May 27, 2021 Box 75-2142	<b>Ladder Company 138</b> August 22, 2021 Box 7954	<b>Squad Company 270</b> September 1, 2021 Box 5253
<b>Engine Company 37</b> January 30, 2021 Box 44-1371	<b>Engine Company 225</b> May 27, 2021 Box 75-2142	<b>Engine Company 156</b> September 1, 2021 Box 0715	<b>Battalion 22</b> September 1, 2021 Box 0783
<b>Engine Company 58</b> January 30, 2021 Box 44-1371	<b>Rescue Company 4</b> May 29, 2021 Box 9174	<b>Engine Company 157</b> September 1, 2021 Box 8746	<b>Engine Company 287</b> September 2, 2021 Box 0436
<b>Squad Company 41</b> January 30, 2021 Box 44-1371	<b>Ladder Company 104</b> June 5, 2021 Box 36	<b>Engine Company 158</b> September 1, 2021 Box 0998	<b>Ladder Company 144</b> September 2, 2021 Box 8444
<b>Engine Company 268</b> January 30, 2021 Box 33-1330	<b>Marine Company 6</b> June 5, 2021 Box 36	<b>Engine Company 163</b> September 1, 2021 Box 0783	<b>Ladder Company 154</b> September 2, 2021 Box 0436
<b>Engine Company 92</b> February 9, 2021 Box 22-2587	<b>Engine Company 240</b> June 7, 2021 Box 3769	<b>Engine Company 166</b> September 1, 2021 Box 2593	<b>Engine Company 58</b> September 4, 2021 Box 1426
<b>Ladder Company 44</b> February 9, 2021 Box 22-2587	<b>Engine Company 43</b> June 8, 2021 Box 8926	<b>Engine Company 167</b> September 1, 2021 Box 2993	<b>Engine Company 64</b> September 27, 2021 Box 2630
<b>Squad Company 61</b> February 18, 2021 Box 75-3091	<b>Ladder Company 59</b> June 8, 2021 Box 8926	<b>Engine Company 168</b> September 1, 2021 Box 3770	<b>Marine Company 4</b> October 16, 2021 Box 8855
<b>Ladder Company 47</b> February 18, 2021 Box 75-3091	<b>Engine Company 54</b> June 16, 2021 Box 22-0854	<b>Engine Company 271</b> September 1, 2021 Box 2903	<b>Engine Company 166</b> October 19, 2021 Box 1912
<b>Engine Company 283</b> March 5, 2021 Box 22-1630	<b>Ladder Company 21</b> June 16, 2021 Box 22-0854	<b>Engine Company 275</b> September 1, 2021 Box 5026	<b>Engine Company 227</b> October 31, 2021 Box 0920
<b>Engine Company 275</b> March 10, 2021 Box 22-4799	<b>Ladder Company 44</b> June 19, 2021 Box 2522	<b>Engine Company 299</b> September 1, 2021 Box 4979	<b>Squad Company 41</b> November 5, 2021 Box 2127
<b>Engine Company 44</b> March 16, 2021 Box 22-1075	<b>Engine Company 155</b> June 26, 2021 Box 22-887	<b>Engine Company 315</b> September 1, 2021 Box 8389	<b>Ladder Company 114</b> November 9, 2021 Box 2654
<b>Ladder Company 126</b> March 18, 2021 Box 2492	<b>Engine Company 75</b> June 27, 2021 Box 3120	<b>Engine Company 316</b> September 1, 2021 Box 7745	<b>Ladder Company 161</b> November 30, 2021 Box 3563
<b>Ladder Company 150</b> March 22, 2021 Box 6631	<b>Engine Company 290</b> July 5, 2021 Box 22-1928	<b>Ladder Company 80</b> September 1, 2021 Box 0715	<b>Ladder Company 11</b> December 16, 2021 Box 0422
<b>Engine Company 161</b> March 31, 2021 Box 22-2033	<b>Ladder Company 46</b> July 8, 2021 Box 22-3520	<b>Ladder Company 83</b> September 1, 2021 Box 1320	<b>Squad Company 1</b> December 18, 2021 Box 22-1558
<b>Squad Company 270</b> April 3, 2021 Box 44-5480	<b>Ladder Company 45</b> July 11, 2021 Box 8495	<b>Ladder Company 86</b> September 1, 2021 Box 1967	<b>Engine Company 317</b> December 19, 2021 Box 5630
<b>Rescue Company 4</b> April 3, 2021 Box 44-5480	<b>Engine Company 266</b> July 11, 2021 Box 1240	<b>Ladder Company 101</b> September 1, 2021 Box 8598	<b>Ladder Company 106</b> December 23, 2021 Box 0025
<b>Ladder Company 18</b> April 13, 2021 Box 75-0272	<b>Ladder Company 121</b> July 11, 2021 Box 1240	<b>Ladder Company 136</b> September 1, 2021 Box 3128	
<b>Ladder Company 156</b> April 22, 2021 Box 22-3213	<b>Squad Company 1</b> July 30, 2021 Box 1046	<b>Ladder Company 150</b> September 1, 2021 Box 5253	

# CFR-D PRE-HOSPITAL SAVE COMMENDATIONS

## JANUARY 2021

Engine Co. 1, January 29  
Engine Co. 45, January 21  
Engine Co. 46, January 6  
and 9 and 30  
Engine Co. 62, January 8 and 10  
Engine Co. 64, January 30  
Engine Co. 68, January 13  
Engine Co. 73, January 20  
Engine Co. 75, January 28  
Engine Co. 95, January 19  
Engine Co. 156, January 5  
Engine Co. 159, January 1  
Engine Co. 166, January 1  
Engine Co. 168, January 30  
Engine Co. 217, January 17  
Engine Co. 235, January 9  
Engine Co. 243, January 23  
Engine Co. 249, January 2  
Engine Co. 255, January 5  
Engine Co. 265, January 30  
Engine Co. 274, January 5 and 29  
Engine Co. 286, January 12  
Engine Co. 290, January 7  
Engine Co. 292, January 21  
Engine Co. 302, January 7  
Engine Co. 308, January 20  
Engine Co. 311, January 28  
Engine Co. 313, January 23  
Engine Co. 314, January 29  
Engine Co. 316, January 17  
Engine Co. 319, January 31  
Engine Co. 320, January 22  
Engine Co. 323, January 3

## FEBRUARY 2021

Engine Co. 52, February 2  
Squad Co. 61, February 24  
Engine Co. 62, February 1  
Engine Co. 63, February 15  
Engine Co. 75, February 25  
Engine Co. 91,  
February 7 and 20  
Engine Co. 96, February 8  
Engine Co. 158, February 12  
Engine Co. 217, February 11  
Engine Co. 219, February 8  
Engine Co. 222, February 18  
Engine Co. 225, February 5  
Engine Co. 226, February 13  
Engine Co. 227, February 10  
Engine Co. 231, February 4  
Engine Co. 233, February 4  
Engine Co. 234, February 23  
Engine Co. 246, February 10  
Engine Co. 247, February 8  
Engine Co. 248, February 9  
Engine Co. 251, February 6 and 28  
Engine Co. 259, February 26  
Engine Co. 271, February 14  
Squad Co. 288, February 22  
Engine Co. 298, February 5 and 11  
Engine Co. 302, February 27  
Engine Co. 311, February 12  
Engine Co. 315, February 19  
and 27

Engine Co. 317, February 10  
and 11  
Engine Co. 329, February 10

## MARCH 2021

Engine Co. 3, March 3  
Engine Co. 5, March 29  
Engine Co. 40, March 6  
Engine Co. 53, March 20  
Engine Co. 64, March 5  
Engine Co. 71, March 27  
Engine Co. 72, March 5 and 6  
Engine Co. 91, March 11  
Engine Co. 93, March 27  
Engine Co. 160, March 27  
Engine Co. 163, March 9  
Engine Co. 225, March 2  
Engine Co. 226, March 20  
Engine Co. 234, March 4  
Engine Co. 241, March 9  
Engine Co. 246, March 24  
Engine Co. 248, March 24  
Squad Co. 252, March 21  
Engine Co. 274, March 27  
Engine Co. 285, March 10  
Engine Co. 292, March 31  
Engine Co. 295, March 16  
Engine Co. 297, March 1  
and 28  
Engine Co. 301, March 12  
Engine Co. 315, March 11  
Engine Co. 317, March 5  
and 13  
Engine Co. 319, March 2  
Engine Co. 325, March 20  
Engine Co. 330, March 18

## APRIL 2021

Engine Co. 73, April 2 and 5  
Engine Co. 79, April 4  
Engine Co. 89, April 11  
Engine Co. 91, April 3  
Engine Co. 96, April 8  
Engine Co. 97, April 29  
Engine Co. 161, April 22  
Engine Co. 216, April 25  
Engine Co. 225, April 9  
Engine Co. 231, April 5  
Engine Co. 234, April 13  
and 28  
Engine Co. 238, April 18  
Engine Co. 246, April 15  
Engine Co. 249, April 13  
Engine Co. 255, April 6  
and 8  
Engine Co. 264, April 14  
Engine Co. 271, April 1  
and 22  
Engine Co. 273, April 4  
and 30  
Engine Co. 284, April 6  
Engine Co. 285, April 25  
Engine Co. 297, April 13  
Engine Co. 302, April 21  
Engine Co. 305, April 21  
Engine Co. 311,

April 12 and 24 and 25  
Engine Co. 312, April 28  
Engine Co. 323, April 23

## MAY 2021

Engine Co. 9, May 21  
Engine Co. 53, May 27  
Engine Co. 62,  
May 12 and 23  
Engine Co. 63, May 3  
Engine Co. 64, May 21  
Engine Co. 79, May 25  
Engine Co. 82, May 8  
Engine Co. 92, May 25  
Engine Co. 94, May 22  
Engine Co. 97,  
May 14 and 27  
Engine Co. 161, May 18  
Engine Co. 202, May 25  
Engine Co. 205, May 24  
Engine Co. 214, May 11  
Engine Co. 225, May 15  
Engine Co. 231, May 19  
Engine Co. 237, May 22  
Engine Co. 254, May 19  
Engine Co. 260, May 2  
Engine Co. 265, May 23  
Engine Co. 298, May 12  
Engine Co. 301, May 9  
Engine Co. 308, May 9  
Engine Co. 310, May 19  
Engine Co. 315, May 19

## JUNE 2021

Squad Co. 1, June 9  
Engine Co. 5, June 1  
Engine Co. 9, June 20  
Engine Co. 28, June 4  
Engine Co. 38, June 5  
Engine Co. 48, June 3  
Engine Co. 62, June 19  
Engine Co. 64, June 30  
Engine Co. 71, June 29  
Engine Co. 73, June 16  
Engine Co. 88, June 26  
Engine Co. 93, June 7  
Engine Co. 201, June 29  
Engine Co. 214, June 12  
Engine Co. 222, June 1  
and 28  
Engine Co. 225, June 10  
and 14  
Engine Co. 228, June 25  
Engine Co. 251, June 20  
Squad Co. 252, June 3  
Engine Co. 257, June 30  
Engine Co. 263, June 1  
Engine Co. 264, June 4  
Engine Co. 268, June 7  
Engine Co. 295, June 14  
Engine Co. 302, June 14  
Engine Co. 303, June 21  
Engine Co. 304, June 5  
and 18

## JULY 2021

Engine Co. 33, July 4  
Engine Co. 62, July 29  
Engine Co. 72, July 25  
Engine Co. 163, July 10  
Engine Co. 216, July 27  
Engine Co. 247, July 10  
Engine Co. 275, July 28  
Engine Co. 293, July 11  
Engine Co. 295, July 7  
Engine Co. 298, July 13  
and 30  
Engine Co. 305, July 6  
Engine Co. 307, July 8  
Engine Co. 324, July 4  
Engine Co. 331, July 3

## AUGUST 2021

Engine Co. 5, August 8  
Engine Co. 6, August 26  
Engine Co. 40, August 1  
Engine Co. 46, August 14  
Engine Co. 53, August 10  
Engine Co. 59, August 8  
Engine Co. 62, August 24  
Engine Co. 63, August 23  
Engine Co. 64, August 17  
Engine Co. 74, August 3  
Engine Co. 83, August 12  
Engine Co. 84, August 28  
Engine Co. 90, August 31  
Engine Co. 211, August 28  
Engine Co. 218, August 15  
Engine Co. 227, August 20  
Engine Co. 235, August 29  
Engine Co. 242, August 23  
Engine Co. 253, August 25  
Engine Co. 257, August 12  
Engine Co. 260,  
August 20 and 23 and 31  
Engine Co. 279, August 15  
Engine Co. 280, August 1  
Engine Co. 295, August 1  
Engine Co. 298, August 7  
Engine Co. 299, August 21  
Engine Co. 301, August 27  
Engine Co. 309, August 22  
Engine Co. 316, August 25  
Engine Co. 324, August 8  
Engine Co. 325, August 19  
Engine Co. 329, August 26  
Engine Co. 330, August 9

## SEPTEMBER 2021

Squad Co. 1, September 8  
Engine Co. 24, September 25  
Engine Co. 158, September 9  
and 28  
Engine Co. 167, September 16  
Engine Co. 220, September 1  
Engine Co. 227, September 1  
and 13  
Engine Co. 241, September 7  
Engine Co. 257, September 7  
Engine Co. 259, September 30  
Engine Co. 275, September 2  
and 14

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Engine Co. 283, September 30  
Engine Co. 289, September 10  
and 20

Engine Co. 328, September 13  
Engine Co. 332, September 29

### OCTOBER 2021

Engine Co. 7, October 14

Engine Co. 23, October 2

Engine Co. 39, October 1

Engine Co. 50, October 19  
and 25

Engine Co. 52, October 9

Engine Co. 66, October 17

Engine Co. 74, October 19

Engine Co. 84, October 5

Engine Co. 92, October 3 and 23

Engine Co. 158, October 2

Engine Co. 163, October 1

Engine Co. 227, October 24

Engine Co. 247, October 31

Engine Co. 248, October 27

Engine Co. 262, October 3

Engine Co. 266, October 25

Engine Co. 275, October 1

Engine Co. 282, October 14

Engine Co. 291, October 24

Engine Co. 294, October 18

Engine Co. 303, October 13

Engine Co. 310, October 28

Engine Co. 311, October 27

Engine Co. 316, October 9

Engine Co. 317, October 7

### NOVEMBER 2021

Squad Co. 1, November 28

Engine Co. 15, November 24

Engine Co. 28, November 24

Engine Co. 45, November 15

Engine Co. 53, November 1  
and 12

Engine Co. 73, November 1

Engine Co. 82, November 21

Engine Co. 88, November 14

Engine Co. 91, November 29

Engine Co. 93, November 13

Engine Co. 97, November 21  
and 27

Engine Co. 157, November 27

Engine Co. 159, November 22

Engine Co. 201, November 16

Engine Co. 211, November 30

Engine Co. 214, November 18

Engine Co. 234, November 6

Engine Co. 237, November 20

Engine Co. 254, November 18

Engine Co. 257, November 18

Engine Co. 264, November 12

Engine Co. 289, November  
6 and 22 and 26 and 29

Engine Co. 290, November 18

Engine Co. 293, November 27

Engine Co. 294, November 18

Engine Co. 298, November 11

Engine Co. 299, November 6

Engine Co. 304, November 16

Engine Co. 314, November 9  
and 27

Engine Co. 330, November 11

### DECEMBER 2021

Engine Co. 9, December 29

Engine Co. 14, December 1

Engine Co. 48, December 5  
and 14 and 16

Engine Co. 93, December 8

Engine Co. 156, December 14

Engine Co. 159, December 2

Engine Co. 219, December 27

Engine Co. 225, December 14

Engine Co. 227, December 28

Engine Co. 233, December 1  
and 29

Engine Co. 253, December 30

Engine Co. 268, December 29

Engine Co. 271, December 30

Engine Co. 289, December 11

Engine Co. 298, December 23

Engine Co. 299, December 19

Engine Co. 304, December 30

Engine Co. 313, December 30

Engine Co. 315, December 10

## BUREAU OF FIRE INVESTIGATION—BFI

### SERVICE RATING A

December 25, 2020, FM Michael A. O'Neill, CWS

December 25, 2020, FM Michael J. Pritchett, SIU

June 8, 2021, Craig T. Gundersen, SIU

July 24, 2021, Bryan D. Fealy, CWN

### SERVICE RATING B

June 27, 2020, Adrian C. Draguc, CWN

May 4, 2021, Brendan I. McCarthy, CWN

June 2, 2021, John J. Mola, CWS

June 2, 2021, Michael J. Pritchett, SIU

December 7, 2021, Bryan D. Fealy, CWN

## UNIT CITATIONS

Commercial Burglary/Arson  
December 25, 2020, Box 3350

Eviction/Revenge Arson  
March 12, 2021, Box 2404

Citywide North Command  
May 4, 2021, Box 3177

Manhattan Serial Arson  
June 2, 2021, Box 1690

Auto Body Shop Arson  
June 8, 2021, Box 3288

Homicide/Arson  
July 10, 2021, Box 2896

# 2021 PRE-HOSPITAL SAVE AWARDS

*Number in parentheses indicates number of saves.*

Paramedic Byron Abad (1)  
EMT Ralph Abegg (1)  
EMT Armando Abraham (1)  
Paramedic Iller Abramov (1)  
Paramedic Antonio Accardo (1)  
EMT Felicia L. Accetta (2)  
EMT Moriah Acevedo (1)  
EMT Israel Acosta III (1)  
Lieutenant Brandon K. Adams (1)  
Paramedic Julianne Agosta (2)  
Lieutenant Juan Aguirre (1)  
Paramedic Hasnie Ahmetaj (1)  
EMT Gregory Aimable (1)  
Paramedic Youssef Al Hammami (1)  
Paramedic Angie Albuquerque (3)  
EMT Pierce R. Allen (1)  
EMT Abdul Alvarado (1)  
Paramedic Natalia Alzate (1)  
EMT Robert F. Amato (1)  
EMT Nicholas A. Amendola (1)  
EMT Gregory J. Amorosso (1)  
EMT Darlene Anderson (3)  
EMT Julissa K. Anderson (1)  
EMT Kadeem J. Anderson (1)  
Paramedic Samuel T. Andrews (1)  
Lieutenant Christopher E. Ang (3)  
Lieutenant Timothy J. Anson (3)  
EMT Brian A. Antolos (1)  
Paramedic Nicholas J. Appel (2)  
EMT Gabriel Arce (1)  
EMT Victoria D. Ardis (1)  
EMT Brian Arias (2)  
Paramedic Pietro Arsenault (1)  
EMT Nathanael J. Augustin (1)  
Paramedic Steven M. Aumoithe (2)  
EMT Raheem A. Austin (2)  
Lieutenant Gilberto Aviles (1)  
EMT Matthew Azzopardi (1)  
Paramedic Marcus Bacchus (1)  
EMT Benjamin Badillo (1)  
Paramedic Lancia V. Bailey-Hooper (1)  
Paramedic Carl Baker (1)  
Paramedic Xiaotian Bao (1)  
EMT Kyle R. Barbaria (1)  
Paramedic Matthew Barbella (1)  
EMT Travis D. Barrett (1)  
Lieutenant Anthony Bartolomey (3)  
Paramedic Raymond M. Bartolomey (1)  
EMT Anthony J. Basil (3)  
Paramedic Ohnesto C. Batalla (2)  
EMT Jeremy C. Batis (1)  
EMT Clarence I. Battle (1)  
EMT John Beltram (2)  
Paramedic Yehezkel Ben Yaakov (1)  
Paramedic Jacqueline Benel (1)  
EMT Dorothy E. Bennick (1)  
EMT Nathan W. Berg (2)  
Paramedic Richard Berroa (2)  
EMT Storm Q. Berry (1)  
Paramedic Peter Bilardello (1)  
Paramedic Jonathan R. Billian (1)  
EMT Jonathan M. Bilotto (2)  
EMT Joseph D. Bitetto (1)  
EMT Christopher P. Bittles (1)  
EMT Amber Black (1)  
Paramedic Araujo A. Blair (1)  
EMT Ronique R. Blake (1)  
Paramedic Robert E. Boardman (1)  
Paramedic Michael Bocachica (1)  
EMT Marc Janse Bolanos (1)  
EMT Monsurat W. Bolds (1)  
Captain Richard Bonet (1)  
EMT Daniel J. Bonge (1)  
Paramedic Ferdinand D. Bonifacio (1)  
EMT Jason Bonne (1)  
Lieutenant Frantz Bonneau (1)  
Lieutenant Frank Borello (2)  
Lieutenant Peter R. Borriello (1)  
Paramedic Yan S. Borukhov (2)  
EMT Saverio Bosco Jr. (1)  
EMT Kelly Boucher (1)  
Lieutenant Kevin Bratholt (4)  
Lieutenant Rudolph Brathwaite (1)  
Paramedic Jessica M. Breier (2)  
EMT Daniel Brennan (1)  
EMT Vincent Brennan (1)  
Paramedic Keisha M. Brockington (1)  
Paramedic Randy Brokman (1)  
EMT Wyatt Brooks (1)  
EMT Matthew F. Brower (1)  
EMT William M. Brower (1)  
EMT Renee S. Brown (1)  
Paramedic Lauren L. Bryan (2)  
Paramedic Joseph B. Bubrowiecki (1)  
EMT Darren B. Buckley (2)  
Paramedic Keil D. Burey (2)  
Lieutenant Daniel Burgos (2)  
EMT Christopher M. Burke (1)  
Paramedic Richard E. Burlew Jr. (3)  
EMT Kerry Burnett (1)  
EMT Brendan F. Burns (1)  
EMT Daniel K. Byers (1)  
Paramedic Alex Byrd (1)  
EMT Matthew Byrne (1)  
EMT Rafal Bystry (1)  
Paramedic Joseph R. Caba (2)  
EMT John Cabezas (1)  
Paramedic David A. Cadogan (1)  
Lieutenant Steven M. Caggiano (1)  
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EMT Salvatore T. Caiozza (1)  
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Paramedic Dustin Carter (1)  
Paramedic Jaquan A. Carter (2)  
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EMT Jeremy Caso (1)  
Lieutenant Diana Cassa-Camarro (1)  
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Paramedic Priscilla Castro (1)  
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Paramedic Brian M. Cawley (1)  
Paramedic Jose R. Cerda Matos (1)  
EMT Satyabhog K. Chaitlall (1)  
Paramedic David A. Chambers (1)  
Paramedic Chin-Shan Chan (1)  
EMT Gary Chan (1)  
Paramedic Kai W. Chan (1)  
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Lieutenant Christopher G. Chaplin (1)  
Lieutenant Charles R. Chapman (2)  
Lieutenant Pierre Charboneau (2)  
Lieutenant Dennis S. Chen (1)  
Paramedic Zhen Huan Chen (2)  
Paramedic Zhen Huan Chen (2)  
Paramedic Timur Chernichkin (2)  
EMT Kevin T. Chew (2)  
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EMT Charles J. Cini (1)  
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EMT Francisco M. Cornier (1)  
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EMT Connor D. Costello (1)  
Paramedic Jason Costello (2)  
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EMT Alexander P. Court (1)  
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EMT Molly Cross (1)  
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Paramedic Stephanie Cruz (2)  
EMT Raymond Cubas (1)  
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Paramedic Michael Curatolo (1)  
EMT Peter J. Curcio (1)  
EMT Daniel M. Cusack (1)  
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EMT Frank E. Dades (1)  
EMT Kevin T. Daly (1)  
EMT Gary A. D'acquila (1)  
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EMT Gioacchino Davi (1)  
Paramedic Calin David (2)  
Paramedic Kerry A. David (1)  
EMT Will A. Davis (2)  
Paramedic Gonzalo De Jesus (1)  
Paramedic Ryan G. De Jesus (1)  
EMT Louis G. De Sanctis (1)  
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EMT James F. Deery (1)  
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EMT Ryan Dejesus (1)  
EMT Eric D. Del Valle (1)  
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EMT Roland Diaz Jr. (1)  
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Paramedic Joseph V. Dinovelli-Lang (2)  
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Lieutenant Diane Dos Santos (1)  
Lieutenant Erin P. Doyle (1)  
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Paramedic Christopher L. Duffus (1)  
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Lieutenant Susanne Duque (2)  
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EMT Ariel Elghanayan (1)  
Paramedic Heather G. Enders (2)  
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Paramedic Liana E. Espinal (1)  
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EMT Dylan J. Esposito (1)  
EMT Dana D. Farmer (1)  
EMT Kem Farmer (2)  
EMT James Fasano (1)  
EMT Ryan F. Fee (1)  
Paramedic Eric B. Feng (2)  
Paramedic Xavier Fermin (1)  
EMT Daniel Fernandez (1)  
Paramedic Thomas J. Ferrara (1)  
Paramedic Philip Ferrara (1)  
Lieutenant Alvin Figueroa (2)  
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EMT Robert L. Fleming Jr. (2)  
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EMT Bruce Fonseca (2)  
Paramedic Michael A. Fox (2)  
Paramedic Michael Frail (1)  
Paramedic Dante R. Francisco (3)  
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Paramedic Franer J. Genois (2)  
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EMT John Giakas (1)  
EMT Irene C. Giambalvo (1)  
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Paramedic Brian D. Guerra (1)	EMT David M. Kaner (1)	Paramedic Wilfredo Y. Manrique (1)	Paramedic Melanie Moreno (1)
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EMT Christopher Gutierrez (1)	EMT Francis J. Kelly (1)	Paramedic Kevin V. Marcellus (1)	EMT Tyler A. Mott (1)
Lieutenant Luis F. Gutierrez (1)	Paramedic Robert J. Kelly (1)	Lieutenant Justine L. Maricheau (1)	Paramedic Sharif A. Moussa (3)
EMT David B. Gutnick (2)	EMT Christopher A. Kettle (1)	EMT Thomas J. Marmann (2)	Lieutenant Emily M. Moy (1)
Paramedic Cecil H. Guy (1)	EMT Mohammad Mahir Khan (1)	EMT Kyle P. Marriello (2)	Lieutenant Carlos S. Muller (1)
EMT Alwyn H. Hall Jr. (1)	Lieutenant Omran K. Khan (2)	EMT Daniel S. Marshall (1)	Paramedic Ludmila Muller (1)
Paramedic Claude V. Hall Jr. (1)	EMT Courtney C. Kiernan (1)	Paramedic Willie J. Marshall Jr. (1)	EMT John D. Muniz (1)
Paramedic Daniel G. Hammett (1)	EMT Min Tae Kim (1)	EMT Harry J. Marthone (1)	Paramedic Margarita R. Murfitt (2)
Lieutenant Elise Hanlon (1)	EMT Timothy R. Kime (1)	EMT Felicitas C. Martin Jr. (2)	Paramedic Said A. Mustafa (1)
EMT Daniel J. Hanlon (1)	EMT Ryan Kirby (1)	EMT Rudy A. Martinez (1)	Paramedic Alexander W. Nagoda (2)
Paramedic John P. Harney (1)	EMT John M. Kirk (1)	Paramedic Sergio J. Martinez (1)	EMT Ciana D. Negron (1)
Paramedic Robert S. Hart (1)	Paramedic Melissa L. Klein (2)	Paramedic Noe Martinez Garcia (3)	EMT Danielle N. Negron (1)
Paramedic Lauren D. Hartnett (1)	EMT Adeola A. Koiki (1)	EMT Luis Martinez-Gutierrez (1)	EMT Elijah Negron (2)
Paramedic Christian T. Hehn (1)	Paramedic Darren R. Kondas (1)	EMT Nicholas S. Mascia (1)	Captain Jonathan Negron (2)
EMT Jacob F. Heidenfelder (1)	Paramedic Brendan Konrad (2)	Paramedic Peter J. Matura (1)	Lieutenant Moses N. Nelson (1)
EMT Mark Henderson (1)	EMT Luke H. Kouril (3)	EMT Priscilla Matzer (3)	EMT Carey G. Nelson Jr. (1)
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Paramedic Tyan Henry (1)	Lieutenant George Kroustallis (1)	Paramedic Vincent A. Mazzarella (1)	EMT John D. Nurilov (2)
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Paramedic Cristobal V. Hernandez (2)	EMT Richard Lam (1)	Lieutenant Daniel Mboh (2)	Lieutenant Jason Ochoa (2)
EMT David A. Hernandez (1)	EMT Esteban Landa Jr. (2)	Paramedic David J. McCarthy (1)	Paramedic Liane Ochoa (1)
EMT David L. Hernandez (2)	EMT Thomas J. Langford (1)	EMT Jhalessa N. McClain (1)	Paramedic Krista Odea (1)
Paramedic John M. Hernandez (1)	Paramedic Nicholas F. Larocca (2)	EMT Anastasia L. McCormack (2)	EMT James D. O'donohue (2)
EMT Joseph E. Hernandez (1)	Lieutenant Nicole Lawrence (1)	Paramedic Dylan J. McCoy (1)	Paramedic Justin Ogrady (4)
EMT Matthew K. Hernandez (2)	Paramedic Adrian Lazar (3)	EMT Devon McDaniels (1)	Paramedic Kevin D. Oh (4)
EMT Omar A. Hernandez (1)	Paramedic Andy Le (1)	Paramedic Chante M. McDonald (1)	Paramedic Kevin J. Ohara (3)
Paramedic Doris Herrera-Lozado (1)	EMT Elizabeth Leal (2)	EMT Sophia T. McDonnell (1)	Paramedic Abidemi O. Olatunbosun (2)
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Paramedic Michael B. Hood (1)	EMT Nathania S. Lerouge (1)	EMT Kim E. McManus (1)	Paramedic Leonardo E. Ospino (1)
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EMT Daniel Howard (2)	EMT Ronald Lewis Jr. (1)	Paramedic Freddy Medina (4)	EMT Kevin O'Sullivan (1)
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 EMT Joseph N. Parsons (1)  
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 Paramedic Eyisett Patino (1)  
 EMT Deanna D. Patterson (1)  
 Paramedic Siul Paulino (1)  
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 Paramedic Alexandre K. Pereira (2)  
 Lieutenant Jose A. Perez (1)  
 Paramedic Rachel Perez (1)  
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 Paramedic Ashley R. Pernice (1)  
 EMT John B. Perrone (1)  
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 Paramedic Chaz E. Perry (2)  
 Lieutenant Andre Persaud (2)  
 Paramedic Robert Persaud (1)  
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 EMT Stephen O. Peters (1)  
 EMT John Petito (1)  
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 Paramedic Piotr P. Piechota (1)  
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 Lieutenant Latasha L. Pierre (1)  
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 EMT Christopher J. Quinn (1)  
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 Lieutenant Rezaur Rahman (1)  
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 EMT Gerlis G. Ramos (1)  
 Paramedic Jairo Ramos (1)  
 Paramedic Orlando Ramos (1)  
 Paramedic Shaeumos P. Rand (1)  
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 EMT Eugene P. Reynolds (1)  
 EMT Devan Ricciardi (2)  
 Paramedic Daniel P. Riccobono (1)  
 Paramedic Mathew J. Rice (2)  
 EMT Thomas J. Richardson (2)  
 Paramedic Kenroy Ricknauth (1)  
 EMT Ryan Ricknauth (2)  
 EMT Cynthia J. Ried (1)  
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 Captain Cesar Rios (1)  
 Lieutenant Diane Rivas (1)  
 EMT Jeremy Rivera (1)  
 EMT Johnathan Rivera (1)  
 Paramedic Peter G. Rivera (1)  
 Paramedic Rafael Rivera (1)  
 Lieutenant Peter H. Roberts (1)  
 Lieutenant Marc Robertson (1)  
 Paramedic Antoine Robinson (1)  
 EMT Carlos Rodriguez (1)  
 Paramedic Daniel Rodriguez (1)  
 Lieutenant George Rodriguez (1)  
 Lieutenant Jeanine Rodriguez (2)  
 Lieutenant Joshua Rodriguez (1)  
 EMT Luis Rodriguez (1)  
 EMT Nicholas Rodriguez (1)  
 EMT Victor Rodriguez (2)  
 Lieutenant Stephen Rogers (1)  
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 EMT Martell Rolan (1)  
 Paramedic Angel Roldos Jr. (1)  
 EMT Kristen Rollins (1)  
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 Paramedic Anastasiya Romashchenko (1)  
 Paramedic Edgar Romero (2)  
 EMT Jason Romero (1)  
 EMT Jeremy Rondon (1)  
 Paramedic Carin Rosado (1)  
 EMT Jonathan Rothman (1)  
 EMT Carmen Ruiz (1)  
 Paramedic Crystal Ruiz (1)  
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 EMT Thomas Russo (1)  
 EMT Justin P. Sabella (1)  
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 EMT Elly Saldana (2)  
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 Paramedic Ricardo Sanchez (1)  
 Paramedic Ryan Sanchez (2)  
 Paramedic Justin Sandler (2)  
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 EMT Sabrina Santiago (1)  
 Lieutenant Nicholas Santini (1)  
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 EMT Kristina Santos (1)  
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 EMT Haley F. Sato (1)  
 Paramedic Anthony Scala (1)  
 Paramedic Brent Scheidell (1)  
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 EMT Morgan Setorie (1)  
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 Paramedic Stephen Sham (1)  
 EMT Aron Shamayev (1)  
 Paramedic Manu Sharma (1)  
 Lieutenant Raymon Shlomo (1)  
 EMT Karen Shoker (2)  
 Paramedic Meir Shubowitz (1)  
 Paramedic Daniel Sieger (1)  
 Lieutenant Edmond Signer (1)  
 EMT Johnathan Silvera (1)  
 EMT Leo Silverstein (2)  
 Paramedic Gary Simmonds (3)  
 Paramedic Lakescha Simmons (2)  
 Lieutenant Derrick Simpkins (1)  
 Paramedic Konstantinos Skamalos (2)  
 EMT Jordan Skarulis (1)  
 EMT Christopher Smith (1)  
 EMT Danielle Smith (1)  
 EMT Frank Smith (2)  
 EMT James C. Smith (1)  
 EMT Ryan J. Smith (1)  
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 Paramedic Lucey Snyder (1)  
 Lieutenant Magdalena Sobocinski (3)  
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 Paramedic Arnold Soler (1)  
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 Paramedic Chaim Spiegel (1)  
 Paramedic Kellan Squire (3)  
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 EMT James Staines (1)  
 EMT Jonathan Stallone (1)  
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 Paramedic Dwayne Stewart (1)  
 EMT Casey Stiller (1)  
 EMT Michael Strauber (1)  
 Paramedic Thomas Strong (1)  
 Paramedic Danny Suarez (1)  
 EMT Samuel Sue-Ho (1)  
 EMT Evan Sundquist (1)  
 EMT Daniel Surat (1)  
 Lieutenant Jason Sutherland (1)  
 Lieutenant Joshua Sutherland (1)  
 EMT Johanna Swiderski (3)  
 Lieutenant Yiru Tan (1)  
 EMT David Taranto (1)  
 Lieutenant Edwin Tario (1)  
 EMT Emily Taveras (1)  
 Lieutenant Christopher Taylor (1)  
 Lieutenant Glen Taylor (1)  
 EMT Clay Tejada (1)  
 Paramedic Alex Tepliy (1)  
 Paramedic Anthony Terranova (1)  
 EMT Armanie Thomas (1)  
 Lieutenant Elwood Thomas (2)  
 EMT Joelena Thomas (1)  
 EMT Shakaina Thomas (1)  
 EMT Mariann Thompson (1)  
 EMT Philip Thompson (1)  
 Paramedic Julianne Tien (1)  
 Lieutenant Corey Tillery (1)  
 Paramedic Vanessa Tineo (1)  
 EMT Joseph Tomaszewski (1)  
 EMT Christopher Torres (1)  
 Paramedic Christopher Torres (4)  
 EMT Jeremyah Torres (2)  
 EMT Michael Torres (1)  
 EMT Joseph Torriolo Jr. (1)  
 EMT Dylan Toth (1)  
 Paramedic Mary Travers (1)  
 Paramedic Michael Travers (2)  
 EMT Anthony Travieso (1)  
 Paramedic Jose Trinidad (2)  
 EMT Thomas Trithart (1)  
 EMT Simeon E. Trotman (1)  
 Lieutenant Giovanni Tumbaco (1)  
 Paramedic Alexei Turzhavskiy (1)  
 EMT Mark Ulsheimer (2)  
 Paramedic Mariano Uraje Barroso (1)  
 Paramedic Roberto Urena (3)  
 EMT David Urrea (1)  
 Paramedic Ricardo Valencia (1)  
 Paramedic Charles Valicenti (2)  
 Paramedic Meagan Valicenti (5)  
 EMT Ian A. Valle (2)  
 Paramedic Kyle Van Nostrand (2)  
 EMT Thomas Van Wallendael (1)  
 EMT Christian Vargas (1)  
 EMT Michael Varriano (2)  
 EMT Richard Vasquez (1)  
 EMT Nicholas Vazquez (1)  
 EMT Aniya Vega (1)  
 EMT Kyle Velasquez (1)  
 EMT Kyle Velasquez (1)  
 EMT Daniel Velazquez (1)  
 EMT Esteban Velez (1)  
 EMT Martha Velez (1)  
 Paramedic Paula Velez (1)  
 Paramedic Kimberly L. Verspoor (1)  
 EMT Joselyn Vidal (1)  
 EMT Polizzi Vincent (1)  
 Lieutenant John Vives (2)  
 Paramedic Edgar Vormnadiryan (1)  
 EMT Jonathan Vukek (1)  
 Paramedic Andrew Vuolo (1)  
 Lieutenant Klara Wahlster (1)  
 Lieutenant Scott Waryold (1)  
 EMT Kevin Watson (1)  
 Paramedic Brandon Weber (1)  
 EMT Justin Weber (1)  
 EMT Daniel Wegener (1)  
 EMT Matthew J. Weinert (1)  
 Lieutenant Rebecca Weisman (3)  
 EMT Warren Welch (2)  
 Paramedic Kimberly Werner (1)  
 Paramedic Keith D. Werner Jr. (1)  
 Paramedic Keith Werner Jr. (1)  
 EMT James T. Wheaton (1)  
 Lieutenant Alwain White (2)  
 EMT Michael White (1)  
 EMT Michael A. White (1)  
 Paramedic Tara A. Whitlock (1)  
 EMT Michael P. Wierzbecki (3)  
 EMT Abigail A. Williams (1)  
 EMT Joseph A. Williams (1)  
 Paramedic Khalia A. Williams (1)  
 EMT Lane Williams (1)  
 Lieutenant Marvin L. Williams (1)  
 EMT Yasmine S. Williams (1)  
 EMT Tyliek Wilson (3)  
 Lieutenant Asher Winik (4)  
 LT Asher M. Winik (1)  
 Paramedic Shlomo E. Winkler (1)  
 EMT Brian Winter (2)  
 EMT James Wise (1)  
 EMT Connor J. Wolf (2)  
 Lieutenant Kam F. Wong (1)  
 Paramedic Brian N. Wood (3)  
 Paramedic Kathleen E. Wood (1)  
 Lieutenant Mingze Wu (2)  
 Paramedic Gedion Yagudayev (2)  
 Paramedic Eric K. Yau (1)  
 Paramedic Andrew Yen (2)  
 EMT Sung Jun Yoon (1)  
 EMT Thomas P. York (1)  
 Paramedic Wayne J. Young Jr. (3)  
 Paramedic Diego J. Zaldumbide (1)  
 EMT Kimberly Zamorano (2)  
 Lieutenant Evgenii Zenkovich (1)  
 EMT Katherine Zeron Ortega (1)  
 Paramedic Ting Ting Zheng (1)  
 EMT Damian Ziemak (1)  
 Paramedic Martin C. Zienkovicz (1)  
 Paramedic Colleen Zou (1)  
 Paramedic Cecibell Zurita (2)

## OFFICER OF THE QUARTER 2021

### 2021 First Quarter

Station 14, C143  
Captain Lorena Concepcion-Martinez  
Lt. Gilberto Aviles, Shield 0260  
Lt. Peter Koretzky, Shield 0266  
Lt. Allison Shaughnessy, Shield 0632  
Lt. John Vives, Shield 0230

### 2021 Second Quarter

Station 57, C573  
Captain Renae Mascol  
Lt. Nancy Gwilym, Shield 0151  
Lt. Neil Mancuso, Shield 0353  
Lt. Elwood Thomas, Shield 0123  
Lt. Marat Nurilov, Shield 0543

### 2021 Third Quarter

Station 26, C262  
Captain Diana Olaya  
Lt. Pierre Lazarre, Shield 0644  
Lt. Bruce C. Geiser, Shield 0371  
Lt. Daniel Burgos, Shield 0383

### 2021 Fourth Quarter

Station 7, C073  
Captain Leisha L. Elguera  
Lt. Kim Quigley, Shield 0133  
Lt. Peter R. Bockwoldt, Shield 0249  
Lt. Kenneth G. Lebow, Shield 0498

## EMS UNIT OF THE MONTH—2021

### January 2021

Bronx TRG, 82E2  
Captain Keshica M. Byrd  
EMT Nansira Cisse Shield 1335  
EMT Adewumi Folorunso Shield 2096  
EMT John Iannuzzi Shield 2039  
EMT Maxwell Senger Shield 3713

### February 2021

Station 40, 42B2  
Captain Linda Scott  
EMT Christopher Echevarria, Shield 5739  
EMT William Keating, Shield 2067  
EMT Alfonso Buoninfante, Shield 5098  
EMT Jonathan Petrizzo, Shield 5308

### March 2021

Station 58, 58B2  
Captain Laitrice Edwards  
EMT Syreetta Fullard, Shield 5619  
EMT Taylor Jamison, Shield 3463  
EMT Arnel Petit-Mat, Shield 3087  
EMT Samuel Rella, Shield 3904

### April 2021

Station 14, 14B2  
Captain Lorena Concepcion-Martinez  
EMT Jose Deleon-Pichardo, Shield 1849  
EMT Matthew Mach, Shield 3223  
EMT Tyler Mott, Shield 3826  
EMT Daniel Pachot, Shield 2666

### May 2021

Station 32, 48C2  
Captain Freitag  
EMT Robert Amato, Shield 1294  
EMT David Dominguez, Shield 1811  
EMT Michael Basile, Shield 1132  
EMT Joseph Guastamacchia, Shield 1503

### June 2021

Station 40, 42C2  
Captain Linda Scott  
EMT Mir M. Ali, Shield 2982  
EMT Joseph A. Marino, Shield 2589  
EMT Ronald C. Tropea, Shield 3744  
EMT Dominick A. Scala, Shield 3708

### July 2021

Station 10, 12C2  
Captain Jose Soto  
EMT Anthony Gines, Shield 3136  
EMT Rafael Jimenez, Shield 2185  
EMT Erick Tenempaguay, Shield 3738  
EMT Cristian Delgado, Shield 2598

### August 2021

Station 57, 57B2  
Captain Renae Mascol  
EMT David Urrea, Shield 5074  
EMT Shameeka Staley, Shield 3729  
EMT Pierce Allen, Shield 1132  
EMT Joshua Remolino, Shield 3682

### September 2021

Station 20, 20B2  
Captain Leonore Joy Garcia  
EMT Paul J. Agulo, Shield 1057  
EMT Matthew R. Faeth, Shield 1312  
EMT Abigail M. Wacha, Shield 3290  
EMT Justin L. Flores, Shield 3867

### October 2021

Station 38, 38B2  
Captain Keshica M. Byrd  
EMT Justin P. Baque, Shield 1112  
EMT Shane Wilson, Shield 3458  
EMT Matthew Maldonado, Shield 5212  
EMT Sean P. Moss, Shield 1563

### November 2021

Station 49, 45A3  
Captain Joseph Gasparini  
EMT Crystal M. Scognamiglio, Shield 1994  
EMT Stephen O. Peters, Shield 3321  
EMT Briana A. Duque, Shield 2357  
EMT Luis E. Colon, Shield 2326

### December 2021

Station 47, 47H2  
Captain Yonatan Klein  
EMT Saverio J. Bosco Jr., Shield 1204  
EMT Michael J. Figueroa, Shield 1801  
EMT Elliot D. Jacobs, Shield 2725  
EMT Matthew C. Pascale, Shield 2020

# MEDAL AND AWARD DONORS

## Chief of Department

### Peter J. Ganci, Jr. Medal

Since 1869, the FDNY has awarded annually a medal for the highest act of bravery by a firefighter or fire officer. In 2020, the James Gordon Bennett Medal was renamed in honor of Chief of Department Peter J. Ganci, Jr., the highest ranking uniformed member of the Department killed on September 11, 2001. Chief Ganci made the supreme sacrifice while leading the rescue efforts in response to the terrorists attacks at the World Trade Center. The Fire Foundation of New York, Inc., funds this award, Kenneth Bronstein, president. (Page 13)

### 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 Fire Foundation of New York, Inc., funds this award, Kenneth Bronstein, president. The recipient also is awarded the Firefighter Louis Valentino Award, a medal endowed since 1998 by Diane Valentino and the Valentino family. (Page 14)

### 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. Also endowed by former First Assistant Fire Commissioner Robert A. Ungar and his wife, Stacy Ungar. (Page 15)

### Hugh Bonner Medal/Honor Legion 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 16)

### Yadira Arroyo Medal

The Yadira Arroyo Medal is named for the courageous EMT who died in the line of duty March of 2017. EMT Arroyo, a 14-year veteran of the FDNY, lost her life after she and her partner were overtaken by a combative patient who then struck her with their ambulance. This medal is awarded in her name to members of EMS who display extraordinary bravery. Awarded for the first time in 2022. Endowed by EMS Local 2507. (Page 17)

### 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 18)

### 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. Additional award from Honorary Fire Commissioner Dorothy Marks, in memory of Jeffrey S. Childs, great-great-grandson of Thomas Crimmins. (Page 19)

### 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. Funded by the Honorary Fire Officers Association of the FDNY. (Page 20)

### 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. The Fire Foundation of New York, Inc., funds this award, Kenneth Bronstein, president. (Page 21)

### 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 22)

### 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 23)

### 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 24)

### Hispanic Society/

### 23rd Street Fire Memorial Medal of Valor

Endowed/funded by the Hispanic Society as “a memorial tribute to the 12 brother firefighters who made the supreme sacrifice at the East 23rd Street fire on October 17, 1966.” The Hispanic Society Memorial Medal first was awarded in 1968. An honorarium in memory of Battalion Chief Anthony Mendez Sr. is given to the medal recipient. (Page 25)

### Michael 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 26)

### 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 27)

### 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. Sponsored in memory of Honorary Battalion Chief Paul Sanner. (Page 28)

### 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 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. Recipient is awarded cash, donated by the Brian F. Mulheren, family in memory of his father, Joseph A. Mulheren, a friend of the FDNY. (Page 29)

#### **Thomas F. Dougherty Medal**

**C**hief 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 30)

#### **Albert S. Johnston Medal**

**A**lbert 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 31)

#### **Ner Tamid Society/ Franklin Delano Roosevelt Medal**

**T**his medal was endowed by the officers and members of FDNY's Ner Tamid Society in honor of the late president. First awarded in 1946. (Page 32)

#### **Bella Stiefel Medal**

**I**n 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. An honorarium is provided by Michael Zorek and Jennifer Zorek-Pressman to also honor their parents, Jane and Warren Zorek. (Page 33)

#### **Tracy Allen-Lee Medal**

**E**MT 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. Also endowed by former First Assistant Fire Commissioner Robert A. Ungar and his wife, Stacy Ungar. (Page 34)

#### **Vincent J. Kane Medal**

**T**his 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 35)

#### **Brummer Medal**

**T**he late Bertram Brummer and his wife, Susie, have had a long-standing interest in the FDNY. Bertram, a member of the New York Stock Exchange, received training during World War II at the Fire Department College and was assigned to Engine Company 44 in the Auxiliary Corps. In 1961, Bertram and Susie Brummer endowed this medal to be awarded annually for an act of bravery. First awarded in 1962. Endowed by the New York City Fire Department. (Page 36)

#### **Frank W. Kridel Medal**

**A**warded by the Hotel Association of New York City to a member of the FDNY in recognition of an act of valor above and beyond the call of duty. First awarded in 1962. Endowed by the New York City Fire Department. (Page 37)

#### **Emerald Society Medal**

**E**ndowed/funded by the Emerald Society and awarded to an FDNY member whose distinguished service in the line of duty receives recognition by the Department's Board of Merit. First awarded in 1965. (Page 38)

#### **Chief Wesley Williams Medal**

**E**ndowed/funded by the Vulcan Society. Awarded to an FDNY member whose distinguished service in the line of duty receives recognition by the Department's Board of Merit. First awarded in 1966. (Page 39)

#### **Susan Wagner Medal**

**E**ndowed 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 40)

#### **Holy Name Society Medal (Brooklyn-Queens)**

**E**ndowed/funded by the Holy Name Society (Brooklyn-Queens) in memory of Chaplain Emeritus Very Reverend Monsignor Merrit E. Yeager. First awarded in 1967. (Page 41)

#### **Columbia Association Medal**

**E**ndowed by the Columbia Association since 1966. Medal is awarded in memory of retired Fire Marshal Thomas J. Russo Sr. (Page 42)

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

**R**ecognized 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. Sponsored by the EMS Superior Officers Association. (Page 43)

#### **Captain Denis W. Lane Memorial Medal**

**E**ndowed in honor of the late Captain Denis W. Lane. Established by the Honorable

Joseph M. Lane and Ms. Joan M. Lane. Captain Lane was appointed to the Department in 1913. A lifelong member of the FDNY Anchor Club, he retired in 1958 after a long and dedicated career. Awarded to a deserving member of the uniformed force in recognition of an outstanding act of bravery. First awarded in 1976. Endowed by the New York City Fire Department. (Page 44)

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

**E**ndowed in 1977 by the Uniformed Fire Officers Association "for an act of heroism and bravery performed by a fire officer at a fire." (Page 45)

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

**T**he 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 46)

#### **Dr. Albert A. Cinelli Medal**

**E**ndowed/funded by the UFA in memory of Dr. Albert A. Cinelli, a longtime friend of the FDNY. Dr. Cinelli was responsible for founding both the Medical and Surgical Specialists Plan and the Surgical Assistance Fund. Serving without salary as the director of both programs, Dr. Cinelli won the admiration and respect of every member of the FDNY. In keeping with these thoughts, this medal has been dedicated to his memory. Awarded for the first time in 1978. (Page 47)

#### **Fire Chiefs Association Memorial Medal**

**T**he Fire Chiefs Association has endowed this medal to honor the memory of those chief officers of the FDNY who, from volunteer days to the present, have given leadership, inspiration, courage and, sometimes, their lives to the development of the finest firefighting force in the world. First awarded in 1979. Endowed by the New York City Fire Department. (Page 48)

#### **Community Mayors for Special Children, Inc./Lt. Robert R. Dolney Medal**

**T**his medal is sponsored by the Community Mayors for Special Children, Inc., and is dedicated to the memory of Lieutenant Robert R. Dolney, who gave his life so that others might live. The Community Mayors for Special Children (CMSC) organization will present this medal every other year to a member of the Department who performs an act of bravery in attempting to save the life of a firefighter. However, if an act of this nature does not occur

during the year, it then will be presented to a member who performed an outstanding act of heroism. First awarded in 1981. (Page 49)

#### **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. Sponsored in memory of Honorary Battalion Chief Paul Sanner. (Page 50)

#### **Battalion Chief Frank T. Tuttlemondo Medal**

**T**his medal is endowed/funded by the members of the 44th Battalion in honor and memory of their late, beloved chief, who served the Brownsville area of Brooklyn most of his firefighting career and gave his life to save his men. The medal was designed by then-Firefighter George Guinan, formerly of Ladder 120. It is presented annually to a member of the Department who performs an act of bravery and courage in keeping with the highest traditions of the FDNY. First awarded in 1982. (Page 51)

#### **Dr. John F. Connell Medal**

**A**warded since 1983 in honor of the late Dr. John F. Connell, adopted in 1923 by Engine 2, in what was then Hell's Kitchen. With encouragement of firefighters who became his substitute fathers, he received his medical degree. He attended thousands of fires, treating firefighters and civilians without a thought of personal recognition. Endowed/funded by his son, the late John F. Connell Jr., and first awarded in 1983, the award continues from Rosemary Connell, the widow of John F. Connell Jr. (Page 52)

#### **Fire Bell Club Medal**

**T**he Fire Bell Club, the oldest and largest such group in the New York City area, consists of individuals, both in and outside of the fire service, who have an interest in the FDNY. The Fire Bell Club awards this medal biannually as an expression of their admiration and appreciation of the camaraderie that has existed between the FDNY and the Club since its founding in 1939. First awarded in 1984. Funded by the Fire Bell Club. (Page 53)

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

**T**he 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 70 years of 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 13)

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

**I**n 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 54)

#### **Deputy Commissioner Christine R. Godek Medal**

**E**stablished and endowed by Honorary Fire Commissioner Dorothy W. Marks and the late 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 55)

#### **Firefighter Kevin C. Kane Medal**

**T**his medal has been established in honor of Firefighter Kevin C. Kane, who made the supreme sacrifice in the discharge of his duties, protecting life and property on September 13, 1991. This medal is awarded biannually to a member of the Department who performs an act of outstanding bravery and courage as deemed by the Board of Merit. Funded by Engine 207. (Page 56)

#### **Captain John J. Drennan Memorial Medal**

**E**ndowed/funded by the Viking Association of the FDNY in memory of Captain John J. Drennan, who sacrificed his life in the line of duty. This medal is awarded to members of the Department who perform acts above and beyond the call of duty. (Page 57)

#### **Jack Pintchik Medal**

**F**ollowing 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 58)

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

**T**he New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation is an organization committed to the goals of quality burn care and fundraising 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 59)

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

**E**ndowed 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 60)

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

**E**stablished 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 61)

**5-5-5-5**

**Died in the Line of Duty**



**Probationary Firefighter Vincent L. Malveaux  
Fire Academy**

**Died on December 3, 2021, as result of injuries sustained  
while operating at Manhattan Box 8336  
(transmitted at 1015 hours on December 2, 2021).  
Appointed October 25, 2021.**

**5-5-5-5**

**Died in the Line of Duty**



**LIEUTENANT JOSEPH MAIELLO**  
**Ladder 83**

**Died on December 26, 2021, as result of injuries sustained  
while operating at Staten Island Box 1391.**

**Appointed August 8, 1999.**

**5-5-5-5**

**Died in the Line of Duty**



**FIREFIGHTER JESSE B. GERHARD**  
**Ladder 134**

**Died on on February 17, 2022, as result of injuries sustained  
while operating at Queens Box 2-2 1158  
(transmitted at 1605 hours on February 15, 2022).  
Appointed December 11, 2017.**

**5-5-5-5**

**Died in the Line of Duty**



**FIREFIGHTER TIMOTHY P. KLEIN**  
**Ladder 170**

**Died on April 24, 2022, as result of injuries sustained  
while operating at Brooklyn Box 3-3 2075.  
Appointed December 28, 2015.**



