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WORLD TRADE CENTER 5-5-8087



BC William P. Blaich

With regret, the Department announces the death of retired Battalion Chief *William P. Blaich*, Battalion 1, appointed August 9, 1969, retired July 16, 2005, which occurred on June 5, 2026. This member bravely served this Department protecting life and property in the City of New York in the rescue and recovery at Manhattan Box 5-5-8087 World Trade Center.

The heartfelt sympathy of the entire Department is extended to the family, relatives, and friends of the deceased in the midst of the great loss that they and the Department have sustained.

A Funeral Mass will take place from Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 537 N NC 16 Business Hwy., Denver, NC, on Saturday, June 13, 2026, at 1330 hours. All off-duty members and their families are invited to attend. Members are requested to attend in dress uniform.

Viewing Hours:

Saturday, June 13, 2026:
1200 hours

By Order of: **Lillian Bonsignore**, *Fire Commissioner*
John M. Esposito, *Chief of Department*