

THE JAMES GORDON BENNETT MEDAL WINNERS

The James Gordon Bennett Medal was established in 1869 and, for years, it was the sole decoration awarded for valor in the Fire Department of the City of New York. As a result of its seniority among medals, it is awarded annually for the most outstanding act of heroism after the consideration and deliberate judgment of the members of the Medal Board of the NYC Fire Department.

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