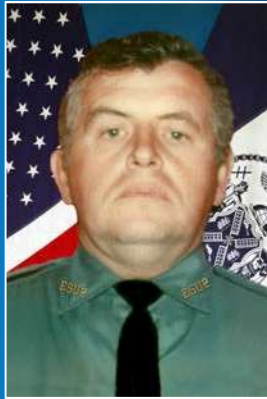


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POLICE OFFICER JOSEPH P. McCORMACK Emergency Services Squad No. 2

On Thursday, September 29th, 1983, Officer Joseph McCormack was shot and killed by an emotionally disturbed suspect who had barricaded himself in a house after he was not allowed to see his young son.



Responding to a call from patrol units of an emotionally disturbed man with a shotgun barricaded inside a house, NYPD Emergency Services Units arrived on the scene at Mulford Avenue, in the Pelham Bay section of the Bronx, at approximately 10:50 am.

Officers took tactical positions around the house with Officer McCormack holding a position in the rear yard. The standoff lasted nearly four hours as police attempted to talk the suspect out of the residence. At approximately 2:45 pm, the suspect exited through the rear door and fired his shotgun. The shot struck Officer McCormack in an area under his armpit that was not protected by his vest. Other officers returned fire, killing the suspect.

On June 13, 1984, Officer McCormack was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

Police Officer Joseph P. McCormack was 40 years old and had served with the New York City Police Department for 15 years. He is survived by his wife Susan, who is President of Survivors of the Shield as well as one of the founders; and three children, Joseph, Andrew and Jessica. Both Joseph and Andrew continued their father's legacy by joining the NYPD and serving as members of the elite Emergency Services Unit.

