

FALLEN FINEST

POLICE OFFICER GARY L. PEACO Police Service Area 7



Officer Gary Peaco was killed in an automobile accident while responding to a "officer needs assistance" call from two members of the New York City Police Department on June 16th, 1988.

Those two NYPD officers had just engaged four robbery suspects in a gun battle. The four males were suspected of stealing a gold neck chain at gunpoint from another man in the East Tremont section of the Bronx at 5:25 am.

During the shootout, the two officers left their vehicle to seek cover. When they did, two of the suspects stole their police car and fled.

Officer Peaco and his partner were responding to the 10-13 call from the officers and were traveling north on the Grand Concourse near Echo Place when they passed an ambulance that was responding to an unrelated call. As they passed, the ambulance clipped the rear of their police car, causing it to spin out of control, strike a lamppost, a tree and then burst into flames. Officer Peaco, who was driving, was thrown from the vehicle and landed 30-feet away.

Officer Peaco was transported to Jacobi Hospital but did not survive his injuries.

Police Officer Gary L. Peaco had served with the New York City Housing Authority Police Department for two and half years and was 29 years old. He was survived by his wife, Jacqueline and twin daughters, Natasha and Sophia.

