

FALLEN FINEST

POLICE OFFICER DAVID REGAN 62 Precinct



On May 28, 2000, Police Officer David Regan was killed in a motor vehicle accident while he and his partner were responding to a 911 call reporting gunfire.

Police Officer Regan was in the passenger seat of a police car when he and his partner received a radio transmission of shots fired at about 3:30 am. Driving with lights and sirens, the officers proceeded through the intersection at Bay Ridge Parkway and 18th Avenue in the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn. At the same time, a 33,000-pound newspaper delivery truck entered the intersection and struck the passenger side of the police car, pushing it over the curb and crushing it against a supermarket.

The driver of the delivery truck was killed in the accident while both officers were trapped inside their auto and had to be extricated from the wreckage by Emergency Services. Officer Regan's partner, who was driving, was transported to Lutheran Medical Center with serious internal and spine injuries. Officer Reagan, who was in the front passenger seat, was rushed to Maimonides Medical Center but did not survive his injuries.

The 911 call that the officers were responding to turned out to be unfounded.

On December 4, 2001, Police Officer Regan was posthumously awarded the New York City Police Department's Purple Shield Medal during the Medal Day ceremony held at Carnegie Hall.

Police Officer David Regan had served with the New York City Police Department for two years and was 27 years old. He was survived by his parents, Thomas and Patricia; and his brothers, Brian and Thomas.

