

# FALLEN FINEST

## SERGEANT SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT PAUL J. TUOZZOLO 43 Precinct



On Friday, November 4, 2016, Sergeant Paul J. Tuozzolo was shot and killed when he and fellow officers responded to a call where a male suspect had violated an Order of Protection.

The man had been holding his estranged wife, another woman, and two children at gunpoint inside a house on Beach Avenue in the Van Nest section of the Bronx and had just fled the scene in his vehicle. Shortly before 3:00 pm, responding officers were able to stop the suspect's vehicle at Noble and Bronx River Avenues, less than a half-mile from the scene. Sergeant Tuozzolo, along with another sergeant and two police officers, approached the vehicle and attempted to take the suspect into custody.

As the officers closed in, the suspect fired multiple times from a .45 caliber pistol, striking Sergeant Tuozzolo in the head and wounding the other sergeant in the leg. The two other police officers returned fire, killing the perpetrator. Sergeant Tuozzolo is credited with saving the other officers lives by yelling "Gun!" an instant before the suspect fired his weapon.

Both sergeants were immediately transported to Jacobi Hospital where Sergeant Tuozzolo succumbed to his injuries.

Police Commissioner James P. O'Neill posthumously promoted Sergeant Tuozzolo to Sergeant Special Assignment at the funeral. In addition, Sergeant Tuozzolo was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor at the June 6th, 2017 NYPD Medal Day Ceremony.

Sergeant Paul J. Tuozzolo, 41 years old, served almost 20 years with the NYPD. He was survived by his wife, Lisa; their two sons, Austin and Joseph; his parents, Peter and Denise; and his brothers, Michael and Peter.

