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**NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEDICATES BRIEFING ROOM IN HONOR OF
FORMER COMMISSIONER RICHARD SHEIRER**

September 12, 2016 — The New York City Emergency Management Department yesterday dedicated its briefing room in honor of former Commissioner Richard J. Sheirer. Mr. Sheirer served as commissioner of NYC Emergency Management (then known as the Mayor’s Office of Emergency Management) from 2000 until 2002 under mayors Rudy Giuliani and Michael Bloomberg.

“Richie Sheirer was one of the most dedicated public servants I’ve worked with,” said **NYC Emergency Management Commissioner Joseph Esposito**. “After years of service to this City commissioner Sheirer left behind a legacy that this department emulates. We proudly honor him with the dedication of our briefing room.”

Mr. Sheirer began his City career in 1967 as a Fire Alarm Dispatcher with the New York City Fire Department. He worked his way up through the ranks of the FDNY, becoming Chief of Dispatch Operations in 1989, Assistant Commissioner in 1992, and then Deputy Commissioner in 1994. After serving 28 years with the FDNY, Mr. Sheirer was appointed Deputy Commissioner for Administration and Chief of Staff of the NYPD in 1996.

Following the September 11th terrorist attacks the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management was elevated to departmental level status. Mr. Sheirer was appointed inaugural commissioner to oversee the newly established agency. Commissioner Sheirer oversaw the drafting of Chapter 19-A of the New York City charter, a document which defines the Emergency Management Department’s roles and responsibilities, setting the ground work for the department’s growth today.

A longtime resident of Staten Island, Commissioner Sheirer passed away in 2012. Following his death the corner of Laconia and Atlantic avenues in Dongan Hills Staten Island were renamed “Commissioner Richard J. Sheirer Way” in his honor. Mr. Sheirer was born and raised in Brooklyn.

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CAPTION: NYC Emergency Management Commissioner Joseph Esposito presents Barbara Sheirer, alongside family and friends, with a commemorative plaque in memory of her late husband.

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