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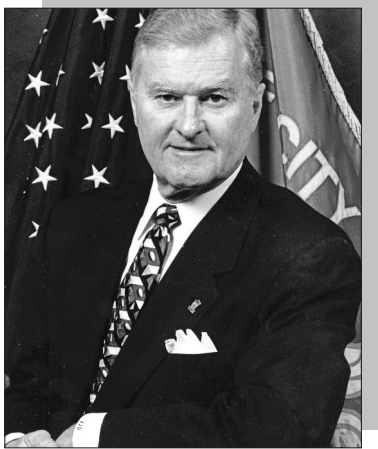
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FEBRUARY'S SNOWSTORMS

By John J. Doherty, Commissioner



While poet T.S. Eliot said “April is the cruellest month ...,” many New Yorkers may beg to differ for when it comes to weather, February wins in the cruelty department hands down. And it’s not just the frigid temperatures. It’s the snow... lots and lots of it! It may be worth pointing out that history supports February’s bad rap. As a matter of fact, seven of the eight largest snowstorms in the last four decades occurred in February, including the 2006 monster snowstorm - the largest in New York City’s history - that dumped 26.9 inches of wintry white on Central Park in a 24-hour period.

So, even though we haven’t had that much snow this season, as Commissioner, my job is to prepare for a worst-case scenario. And my advice to New Yorkers has been to do the same.

If February lives up to its reputation and delivers a large snowfall, the dedicated men and women of Sanitation are ready to deploy formidable resources. In fact, the Department has enough workers assigned to each of the city’s 59 Sanitation Districts, so that all shifts have a trained and experienced team available to operate essential snow-fighting equipment. Our 44 salt storage facilities throughout the city have a capacity of 235,000 tons of rock salt and 330,700 gallons of calcium chloride deicing solution. Prior to the start of any snowfall, our 365 salt spreaders are dispatched to salt arterial highways and bus routes. Once snow begins to accumulate on city streets and highways, approximately 2,000 plows mounted on various DSNY trucks are deployed to clear snow from the city’s more than 6,000 street curb miles - equivalent to plowing from New York to Los Angeles... and back!

Simply put: our goal is to make sure that despite a snowstorm, New York City can keep up its vibrant 24/7 rhythm with as little inconvenience as is humanly possible.

We also ask residents to:

- Clear the snow and/or ice from sidewalks within four (4) hours after the snow has stopped falling, or by 11 a.m. if the snow stopped falling after 9 p.m. the night before.
- Spread clean, unused cat litter, salt, sand, sawdust or another similarly suitable material on sidewalks within the same time limits.
- **NOT THROW SNOW INTO THE STREET.**

It’s against the law, and it forces us to re-plow the street.

And, even though I hope that the rest of the winter will be mild, we the proud members of New York’s Strongest once again are ready to demonstrate that we are the best snow fighters in the world.



ANNUAL DSNY MEDALS DAY SALUTES HEROES



tourniquet, thereby saving her life. Unfortunately, because of her wounds, the woman's right leg had to be amputated.

Incident date: January 31, 2008
Sanitation Worker Patrick Crocitto, Staten Island 1
Sanitation Worker Frank Russo, Staten Island 1

On January 31, 2008, while replacing litter baskets on Staten Island, Sanitation Workers Crocitto and Russo chased a suspect who had allegedly robbed a liquor store at gunpoint and stole \$186. The Sanitation Workers pursued the suspect in their truck, pulled up ahead of him, jumped out, restrained the suspect, and returned the money back to the merchant. However, the suspect wriggled free but was later apprehended by police based upon the description from the Sanitation Workers. A handgun was recovered.

Incident date: September 4, 2008
Sanitation Workers Richard Mahinka, John Matalas, and William Soto – Staten Island 1

On September 4, 2008, while carpooling to work, three Sanitation Workers noticed smoke coming from an apartment building. Immediately, they stopped the vehicle, ran into the building, and pounded on the doors, shouting 'Fire, Fire'. Sanitation Workers Matalas and Soto assisted 10 residents leave the burning building while SW Mahinka called 911. Shortly afterward, the Fire Department arrived. It took 100 firefighters to extinguish the smoky, two-alarm blaze. All three Sanitation Workers reported to work on time to complete their assigned collection duties.



BRONZE MEDALS OF HONOR

Incident date: January 9, 2008
Supervisor Horace Edwards, Brooklyn North 4

Incident date: March 20, 2008
Sanitation Worker Mark Lopez, Queens West 5

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CERTIFICATES

Incident date: June 5, 2007
Sanitation Police Officer Richard Quinlan, Enforcement Division
Sanitation Police Officer Vincent Slavik, Enforcement Division

Incident date: October 2, 2007
Sanitation Police Officer Joseph Perrone, Enforcement Division
Sanitation Police Officer Michael Grossman, Enforcement Division

Incident date: December 29, 2007
Sanitation Worker James Lee, Brooklyn South 15
Sanitation Worker Dmitry Bandoylo, Brooklyn South 15

Incident date: April 28, 2008
Sanitation Worker Theodore Israel, Queens East 14



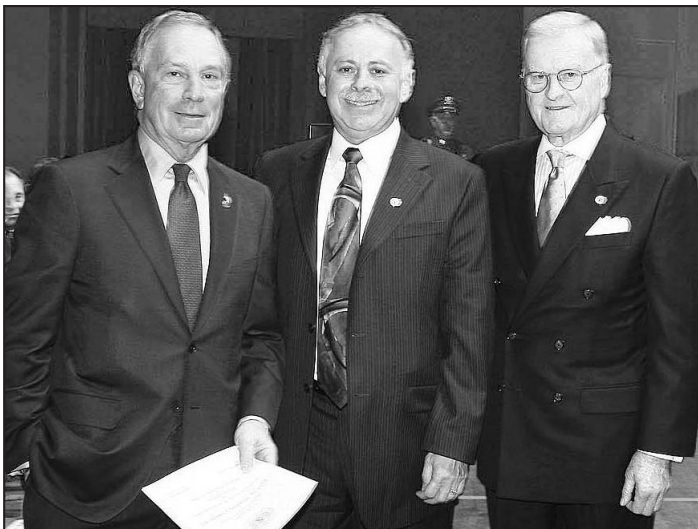
ANNUAL DSNY MEDALS DAY SALUTES HEROES



Mayor Bloomberg and Commissioner Doherty recently awarded Medals of Honor to 17 employees for acts of bravery at the Department's Annual Awards Ceremony. The Mayor and Commissioner Doherty also promoted 27-year veteran Philip Marino as a new three-star Chief, and appointed 38-year veteran Harry Szarpanski as the new Deputy Commissioner of the Bureau of Long-Term Export (LTE). In addition, 319 newly hired Sanitation Workers and 43 newly hired Sanitation Enforcement Agents were administered the oaths of office, a "Unit Citation" was awarded to the Permit and Inspection Unit (PIU), and more than 185 other workers were promoted to the ranks of General Superintendent, Sanitation Supervisor, Sanitation Police Lieutenant and Police Officer, Sanitation Enforcement Captain and Sanitation Enforcement Sergeant. The ceremony was held at Brooklyn College.

"The Department of Sanitation is truly 'New York's Strongest,'" said Mayor Bloomberg. "Every day they remove 12,000 tons of garbage from our streets and sidewalks, and when snowfall hits the Big Apple, our roads are plowed and cleaned. We are grateful for the monumental job the Department does every day keeping New York City clean, safe and moving."

"I am honored to lead this Department with its nearly 80 years of history and excellence," said Sanitation Commissioner Doherty. "The job that the 319 newest Sanitation Workers take on and the added responsibilities of our new supervisory personnel ensures Sanitation's place as an efficient and effective City agency. Often



the members of the Department are the eyes and ears of the communities we serve, responding, to cries for help and summoning assistance. We perform a gritty, but essential service that all our members of the 'Sanitation Family' can be proud of."

Chief Marino joined the DSNY in 1981 as a Sanitation Worker assigned to the Manhattan 7 District Garage, which covers Manhattan Valley, Upper West Side, and Lincoln Square. He rose steadily through the ranks to various supervisory positions over the years covering many facets of the DSNY, including tenure as Bronx Borough Chief in charge of all refuse and recycling collections, street cleaning, and snow removal services in the borough. Chief Marino most recently was Special Assistant to First Deputy Commissioner Michael A. Bimonte. Among his many achievements, Chief Marino served as the Department's liaison to the Office of Emergency Management following the 9/11 attacks in 2001, and helped secure a 40-year agreement with Gateway National Park for the site at Floyd Bennett Field in Brooklyn which is now home to the DSNY's Ronald A. DeCarlo Training Center.

As Deputy Commissioner in charge of the Bureau of LTE, Mr. Szarpanski continues the ongoing full implementation of the City's SWMP which was overwhelming adopted by the City Council and approved by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in 2006. During his tenure as Assistant Commissioner, Mr. Szarpanski was instrumental in developing and securing approvals for the SWMP. As Director of Special Projects, he managed the planning and implementation of major Departmental programs including the gas recovery and emissions control project at the Fresh Kills landfill, the Rikers Island food waste composting facility, and the Fresh Kills compost facility.

GOLD MEDALS OF HONOR

Incident date: October 23, 2007

Sanitation Worker Monroe Folks, Queens West 3

Sanitation Worker Matthew Mahoney, Queens West 3

On October 23, 2007, while completing their relay duty, Sanitation Workers (SWs) Folks and Mahoney were stopped at a light on Roosevelt Avenue in Queens when they observed a City bus make a left turn and hit an elderly female pedestrian who was attempting to cross the street. The crew jumped out of their truck and stopped the bus driver from moving any further. They instructed the bus driver to back up a few feet to free the woman's leg which was trapped underneath the left front tire. SW Folks called 911. Seeing the woman was losing an enormous amount of blood, the Sanitation Workers used the bus driver's tie as a



SWEEPING IN THE NEW YEAR AT TIMES SQUARE

Moments after nearly one million New Yorkers and tourists left Times Square after ushering in 2009, a small army of Sanitation Workers tackled the aftermath of one of New York's most festive annual events. The cleanup has become a Department tradition and is an integral part of the City's annual New Year celebration.

As the revelers dispersed, Sanitation Workers converged on the crossroads of the world to clean up tons of party hats, noisemakers, confetti and paper streamers. The Department had 140 Sanitation Workers, 21 Officers and two Deputy Chiefs on duty for the enormous challenge. In all, 23 mechanical sweepers, 20 collection trucks, 36 leaf blowers, and other street cleaning equipment were used to clear the square of 39.7 tons of debris.

Collector's Items

Congrats...to Edward Yood, Assistant Legal Liaison, Lot Cleaning, one of the winners of the prestigious Hundred Year Association of New York's Isaac Liberman Public Service Award; to the Team Sanitation track team for winning the City, State, and International Government Cross Country for the second year in a row; to District Superintendent Andrenia Burgis, Queens East 11, for being named the new president of the United Women of Sanitation Association. Play on...Sanitation Worker Kenneth Austin, Manhattan Lot Cleaning, appeared with his tribute band "The James Brown Review Band All Starz" on CBS TV's Late Show with David Letterman.

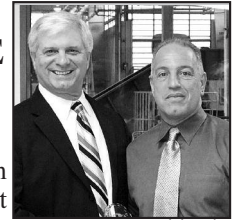
A 'TREE-MENDOUS' SUCCESS

The Department collected 122,235 discarded Christmas trees at curbside across the city from Monday, January 5th through Friday, January 16th. The trees were turned into mulch that will be spread upon parks, community gardens and open spaces citywide.



In addition, Parks & Recreation's 13th annual Mulchfest recycled 17,083 trees on Saturday, January 10th and Sunday, January 11th, an increase from last year's Mulchfest that took in 13,137 trees. Thus, the total number of discarded Christmas trees collected and chipped by the City this year was 139,318.

SANITATION WINS NATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR STATEN ISLAND FACILITY



The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) awarded the Department its 2008 Gold Excellence in Solid Waste Management Award in the 'Transfer Station' category at WASTECON, SWANA's annual solid waste exposition, in Tampa, Florida. Shown with the award are Bureau of Waste Disposal Director Chief Michael Mucci and Sanitation Worker Anthony Lanza, BWD, and a union representative for the Uniformed Sanitationmen's Association.

DSNY was selected to receive SWANA's Gold Excellence Award for the success of the Staten Island Transfer Station (SITS), an integral part of Mayor Bloomberg's Solid Waste Management Plan, which transforms the way garbage and recycling is exported out of the city by eliminating a large amount of solid waste-generated truck traffic. The SITS began full scale operations and rail service in April 2007.

"SWANA is pleased to honor the DSNY for the outstanding accomplishments they have achieved. Their commitment to advancing solid waste management is outstanding and we are very proud of their efforts." said John H. Skinner, Ph.D. SWANA's Executive Director and CEO.

DSNY FOOTBALL TO PLAY NATIONAL TEAMS, AND NYPD AND FDNY SQUADS

The DSNY Football Team, the Department's only official football team, has joined the National Public Safety Football League (NPSFL) and will be traveling to Dallas, Texas, on May 29th to face the Dallas Panthers Police & Fire Football Team. The DSNY team will also challenge the New York Police Department and the New York Fire Department football teams in New York City area games later this spring.

The DSNY Football Team is also looking for new players, coaches, and assistants for the upcoming Spring 2009 season. No experience necessary, you just need heart!

For more information, call Assistant GM Tom Flaherty, Q7A, at (718) 353-7851 (days), or Assistant Coach Frank DePietra, Q7A, at (718) 353-7851 (nights), or visit the team's website at www.DSNYFootball.com.

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