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DSNY Holds Graduation, Promotion and Awards Ceremony

Department Welcomes more than 370 new Sanitation Workers to the Department

WHAT:

The New York City Department of Sanitation will hold a **graduation, promotion and awards** ceremony with more than 600 employees.

WHO:

- **Kathryn Garcia**, Sanitation Commissioner
- **Graduates:** More than 400 newly appointed employees, including Sanitation Workers and Sanitation Police Officers
- **Promotions:** More than 140 newly promoted employees
- **Award Winners:** More than 70 award winners, including Medal of Honor recipients, Unit Citations, Commissioner's Citation, and Finalist of the Year award recipients

The **Commissioner's Citation** will be given to representatives of the NYC Organics team whose combined work will help bring the curbside food scrap recycling program to a total of nearly one million residents.

Gold Medal of Honor awardees, given to employees who went above and beyond the call of duty, include

- Two Sanitation Workers working a collection route observed four young children alone, sleeping in a parked, idling and locked car. They stayed with the children to ensure the children's safety while flagging down a police officer for help. The children's caregiver was eventually arrested at the scene, and a police captain noted, "If it has not been for the actions of the Sanitation Workers, something tragic could have happened to the four children."
- Three Sanitation Police Officers worked together to apprehend a man with a gun at Sanitation headquarters. The man visited the building to obtain a birth certificate from the co-located Department of Health. While the man stated he had a gun, he could not produce a permit when questioned by a Sanitation Police Officer. The Officers handcuffed the man, confiscated the firearm, and notified NYPD who then took the man into custody and the firearm to the precinct, while they investigated.

WHEN:

Wednesday, October 26
Ceremony start: 10: 30 a.m.

WHERE:

Christian Cultural Center
12020 Flatlands Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11207

About the New York City Department of Sanitation

The Department of Sanitation (DSNY) promotes a healthy environment through the efficient management of solid waste and the development of environmentally sound long-range planning for handling refuse, including recyclables. The Department operates 59 district garages and manages a fleet of more than 2,000 rear-loading collection trucks, 450 mechanical brooms and 500 salt/sand spreaders. The Department clears litter, snow and ice from approximately 6,500 miles of City streets and removes debris from vacant lots as well as abandoned vehicles from City streets.