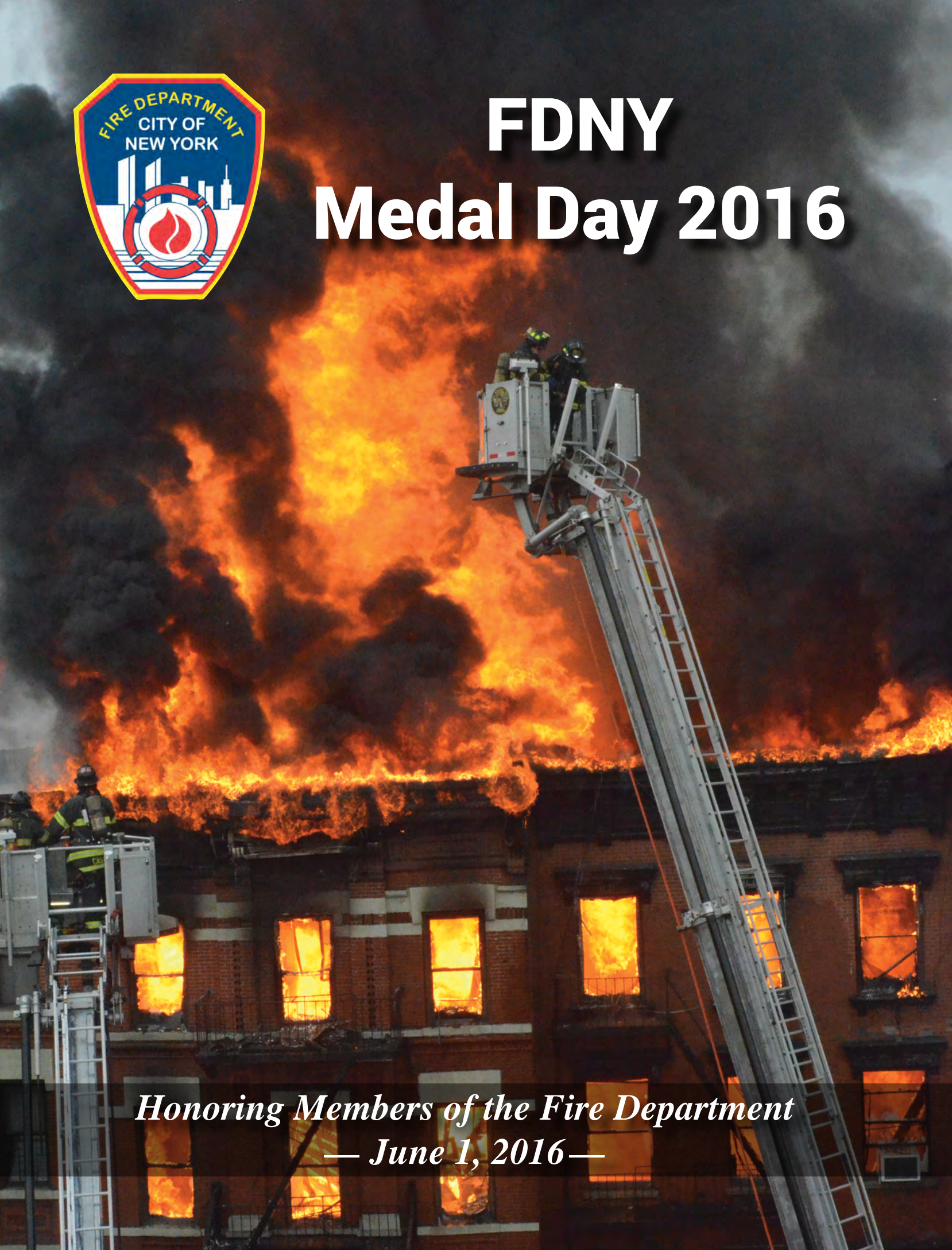




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— June 1, 2016 —*

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Manhattan Box 77-0436, March 26, 2015, the incident for which FF Michael J. Shepherd, Squad Company 41, received the Chief John J. McElligott Medal/FFs Fitzpatrick and Frisby Award; FF Matthew M. Cassidy, Ladder Company 9, received the Albert S. Johnston Medal; and FF Bertram J. Springstead, Ladder Company 9, received the Dr. John F. Connell Medal. Additionally, Engine Companies 5, 28 and 33; Ladder Companies 3, 7, 9 and 11; Squad Company 18; and Rescue Companies 1 and 2 received Unit Citations. *Photo by Katy Clements.*

#### *Back Cover*

FDNY EMS 20 ambulance appears in Flushing Meadows Park in front of the iconic Unisphere. The ambulance debuted March 16, 2016, to help commemorate the 20th anniversary of the merger between FDNY and NYC EMS.



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*Fire and EMS personnel operate at Manhattan Box 44-0871, January 24, 2016. Photo by Paramedic Kyra Neeley*



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THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
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June 1, 2016

Dear Friends:

It is a great pleasure to welcome everyone to the New York City Fire Department's annual Medal Day celebration.

For the members of the FDNY – who responded to a record-breaking 1.7 million emergencies, saved lives, and protected residents across all five boroughs – this year was an exceptionally busy one. Under the leadership of Commissioner Nigro, these dedicated men and women responded efficiently and effectively to any situation that arose, risked their own safety, and put themselves directly in harm's way. We are incredibly grateful for their courage, and I am proud to celebrate all they have accomplished. Thanks to the important work they do, we remain the safest big city in the world.

In 2015, we celebrated the Department's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and this year, we have the chance to commemorate another milestone as we mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the merger of the FDNY and New York City EMS. This union made the Department the largest provider of emergency medical services in the nation, and I applaud all of the FDNY members who have worked so hard to uphold this institution's legacy of excellence.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, congratulations to the outstanding individuals being honored today. I offer my best wishes for a meaningful ceremony and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill de Blasio".

Bill de Blasio  
Mayor



**Daniel A. Nigro**  
*Fire Commissioner*

Our city greatly appreciates the heroic work of our firefighters and EMS personnel. I hear it all the time from New Yorkers – from every walk of life – while attending events in every corner of our city. And each time I hear these words of appreciation, I’m reminded of what an honor it is to represent all of you – our firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, fire and EMS officers, and fire marshals who do extraordinary work for our city.

Today we host our annual Medal Day ceremony, and publicly thank fire and EMS members for the difficult and often perilous work you do every day for 8.4 million New Yorkers.

The first medal was awarded in 1870 for a rescue that occurred in 1869 – a single award to one individual. Today, we honor 39 members for acts of valor, and seven teams of FDNY personnel for a variety of emergencies where their outstanding work made a difference in the lives of others.

We celebrate the actions of Lieutenant Brian Colleluori of Ladder Company 174, recipient of this year’s James Gordon Bennett Medal, who saved the life of a Brooklyn man in a fast-moving fire in a multiple dwelling; and the heroism of Lieutenant Adam Vilagos of Engine Company 316, recipient of the Hugh Bonner/Honor Legion Medal, who saved an infant trapped in the attic of a private dwelling in Corona, Queens, last November.

We’ll also honor the courage displayed by EMS Lieutenant Michael Daddona of Station 50, recipient of the Christopher J. Prescott Medal, who entered a burning home and saved an elderly woman; and we present the Chief Ulyses Grant Leadership Medal to Deputy Chief Michael Fields of Division 2, who subdued an emotionally disturbed man threatening suicide on the roof of a 20-story building in the Bronx.

We will also inaugurate a new medal this year in honor of Paramedic Carlos Lillo and Lieutenant Ricardo Quinn, who died on September 11, 2001. The inaugural Lillo-Quinn Medal is being awarded to Paramedics Marilyn L. Arroyo and Jimmy M. Guailacela for rescuing three victims from a rapidly submerging vehicle in a flash flood in Queens in August of 2012. (The Lillo-Quinn Medal will be awarded every three years to a recipient of the top annual EMS award, the Christopher J. Prescott Medal, during the previous three years – similar to the criteria for the Dr. Harry M. Archer Medal for fire personnel.)

These honorees are just a few of our 67 medal recipients for Medal Day 2016. To all of you, and on behalf of a grateful city, “thank you” for going above and beyond in keeping our citizens safe.

I am so proud of all of you. Thank you for ensuring that the FDNY continues to be the best that it can be, the greatest Fire Department in the world.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daniel A. Nigro". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.



**James E. Leonard**  
*Chief of Department*

**M**edal Day provides us an opportunity to honor the great work of our uniformed members who confronted dangerous and difficult circumstances during 2015, very often when the lives of New Yorkers were at risk. In each and every situation, our members met the challenge head-on with a calm professionalism that is the hallmark of our Department.

Case in point: the East Village gas explosion on March 26, 2015, was one of the most challenging incidents the FDNY has responded to in recent years. Department members worked valiantly to conduct initial primary searches for trapped occupants in several affected buildings after the initial explosion and subsequent rapidly spreading fire. Three firefighters – including off-duty Firefighter Michael J. Shepherd of Squad 41 - are receiving medals for their individual efforts, and 10 fire companies were awarded unit citations for their outstanding work at this seven-alarm fire/collapse.

Exceptional teamwork was again on display at a building collapse on West 38th Street in Manhattan last October, when firefighters and EMS personnel did an incredible job working under extremely dangerous conditions for more than three hours to extricate a construction worker buried in debris. Eight of our members – three members of Rescue 1 and five EMS members, including a medical doctor and two rescue medics - are being awarded individual medals for helping save the worker's life. In addition, all members of Rescue 1 working at that incident will receive a unit recognition award, the Firefighter Thomas R. El-sasser Memorial Medal.

Numerous other firefighters, officers and EMS members are being honored for individual acts of bravery, including Lieutenant Brian J. Colleluori of Ladder 174, recipient of the James Gordon Bennett Medal, who rescued a man in a multiple dwelling fire in Brooklyn last February.

Ten firefighters and EMS members are being honored for performing lifesaving water rescues, including Paramedics Marilyn Arroyo and Jimmy Guailacela, recipients of the inaugural Lillo-Quinn Medal named for our EMS heroes who perished on 9/11. The Lillo-Quinn Medal will be presented every three years.

And we commend the excellent investigatory work of two fire marshals, James Egan and Andre Ramos, for their multi-layered investigation of a four-alarm fire last March that resulted in the swift arrest, indictment and conviction of a dangerous arsonist in Queens.

Each and every one of our Medal Day recipients acted in the very best traditions of this Department – carrying out their duties while meeting and even exceeding the high standards set by so many FDNY members who have come before.

Your efforts have made everyone in the Department proud and reflect the tradition of selfless dedication we all share in protecting and serving the people of our great city.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James E. Leonard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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 Captain Benjamin A. Gicquel (E-9)
- 1870—Lieutenant Charles L. Kelly (E-9)
- 1871—Firefighter Ambrose L. Austin (E-15)
- 1872—Lieutenant Thomas Henry (L-6)  
 Firefighter Thomas Hutchinson (L-1)
- 1873—Battalion Chief William H. Nash (Bn-7)  
 Firefighter Alfred Conner (L-10)  
 Lieutenant Henry Schuck (E-34)
- 1874—Captain William Mitchell (E-10)
- 1875—Lieutenant James Horn (E-11)
- 1876—Firefighter Joseph McGowan (E-6)
- 1877—Firefighter Thomas J. Dougherty (L-1)
- 1878—Captain Daniel J. Meagher (L-3)
- 1879—Firefighter Paul Bauer (L-4)
- 1880—Firefighter John Levins (L-2)
- 1881—Firefighter Michael Connerford (E-12)
- 1882—Firefighter John L. Rooney (L-10)
- 1883—Firefighter William B. Kirchner (E-11)
- 1884—Firefighter John Binns (E-32)
- 1885—Captain Peter H. Short (L-1)
- 1886—Firefighter Michael Brady (E-34)
- 1887—Lieutenant Samuel Banta (L-10)
- 1888—Lieutenant William Quirk (E-22)
- 1889—Firefighter William Reilly (L-12)
- 1890—Captain Thomas J. Ahern (E-5)
- 1891—Firefighter Patrick F. Lucas (E-30)
- 1892—Firefighter Patrick H. Aspell (L-4)
- 1893—Firefighter John Walker (L-6)
- 1894—Firefighter Denis Ryer (L-15)
- 1895—Firefighter William H. Behler (E-35)
- 1896—Firefighter Martin M. Coleman (L-3)
- 1898—Firefighter James Pearl (L-7)
- 1899—Firefighter John Hughes (1) (L-14)
- 1900—Firefighter William Clark (L-14)
- 1901—Firefighter Thomas J. McArthur (E-29)
- 1902—Firefighter Richard Nitsch (E-35)
- 1903—Firefighter Charles F. Douth (L-3)
- 1904—Firefighter James R. McAvoy (L-4)
- 1905—Firefighter Michael J. Stevens (L-4)
- 1906—Firefighter Cassimer C. Wodzicki (E-17)
- 1907—Firefighter Michael Nicklaus (L-4)
- 1908—Firefighter John T. Oakley (L-11)
- 1909—Battalion Chief George L. Ross (Bn-7)
- 1910—Firefighter John R. Harcke (L-12)  
 Firefighter Frank C. Clarke (L-24)
- 1911—Firefighter Richard J. Condon (2) (E-12)
- 1912—Firefighter Robert J. Boyle (L-10)
- 1913—Engineer of Steamer Seneca Larke (E-20)
- 1914—Firefighter John F. Mooney (1) (L-4)
- 1915—Captain Thomas W. Smith (E-2)
- 1916—Firefighter James T. Daniels (L-26)
- 1917—Firefighter John Walsh (1) (L-1)
- 1918—Firefighter Patrick R. O'Connor (L-14)
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- 1920—Firefighter Timothy F. O'Leary, Jr. (E-15)
- 1921—Firefighter Frank J. Costello (L-12)
- 1922—Firefighter Jacob F. Ferber (E-239)
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- 1924—Hon. Medical Off. Harry M. Archer, MD
- 1925—Captain Thomas J. O'Toole (E-27)
- 1926—Firefighter William G.R. Mitchell (E-18)
- 1927—Firefighter Michael McInerney (L-12)
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- 1959—Captain Arthur J. O'Connor (SQ-4)
- 1960—Firefighter William V. Russo (E-254)
- 1961—Firefighter Joseph G. Peragine (L-14)
- 1962—Firefighter Joseph E. Almon (L-35)
- 1963—Firefighter Lawrence F. Duenas (E-59)
- 1964—Firefighter David Crowley (L-14)
- 1965—Firefighter James E. Bowler (R-2)
- 1966—Firefighter Robert E. Farrell (L-31)
- 1967—Firefighter Thomas D. Ferraiuolo (L-28)
- 1968—Firefighter Gene P. Dowling (L-25)
- 1969—Firefighter James N. Temprow (E-217)
- 1970—Firefighter Charles Varner (L-55)
- 1971—Lieutenant Richard R. Hamilton (R-2)
- 1972—Firefighter Steven C. DeRosa (L-102)
- 1973—Firefighter Raymond G. McCann (L-40)
- 1974—Firefighter Gilbert J. Murtha (L-108)
- 1975—Firefighter Thomas J. Neary (L-31)
- 1976—Firefighter Martin McGovern (L-114)
- 1977—Captain Frederick W. Gallagher (R-2)
- 1978—Firefighter James H. Battillo (L-152)
- 1979—Firefighter John J. Pritchard (R-2)
- 1980—Lieutenant Thomas J. Neary (L-28)
- 1981—Lieutenant Howard R. Kennedy (L-154)
- 1982—Firefighter Joseph H. Dirks (L-103)
- 1983—Firefighter Kenneth L. Connelly (L-111)
- 1984—Firefighter Robert Merkel (L-42)
- 1985—Firefighter James A. Sollami (E-62)
- 1986—Captain James F. McDonnell (L-42)
- 1987—Lieutenant William F. Maloney (L-34)
- 1988—Firefighter John J. McDonnell (L-28)
- 1989—Captain Richard Jacquin (L-59)
- 1990—Lieutenant Gerard M. Murtha (R-3)
- 1991—Firefighter William E. Jutt (L-22)
- 1992—Firefighter Michael M. Dugan (L-43)
- 1993—Firefighter Albert J. Gonzalez, Jr. (L-18)
- 1994—Lieutenant John M. Fox (SQ-1)
- 1995—Firefighter Gregory J. Smith, Jr. (L-108)
- 1996—Firefighter Gerard J. Triglia (L-132)
- 1997—Firefighter John K. Duddy (L-28)
- 1998—Firefighter Stan J. Sussina (R-1)
- 1999—Captain John J. Pritchard (E-255)
- 2000—Firefighter Stephen P. Fenley (L-78)
- 2001—Firefighter John F. South (L-44)
- 2003—Battalion Chief James Marketti (Bn-48)
- 2004—Firefighter James F. Mills (L-176)
- 2005—Firefighter Victor J. Rosa, Jr. (L-138)
- 2006—Captain Christopher J. Joyce (E-318)
- 2007—Firefighter James T. Byrne (L-121)
- 2008—Lieutenant James F. Congema (Bn-19)
- 2009—Firefighter Anthony M. Romano (L-142)
- 2010—Firefighter Michael A. Czech, Jr. (L-142)
- 2011—Firefighter Peter G. Demontreux (L-132)
- 2012—Firefighter Kevin J. Hogan (L-114)
- 2013—Lieutenant Thomas G. Woods (L-154)
- 2014—Lieutenant Robert E. Lee (L-47)
- 2015—Captain William J. Grant (E-168)

# James Gordon Bennett Medal

## NYS Honorary Fire Chiefs Association Medal

### Lieutenant Brian J. Colleluori

#### Ladder Company 174

February 1, 2015, 0323 hours, Box 22-2234, Brooklyn

*Appointed to FDNY as an Emergency Medical Technician on June 22, 1999, and promoted to Firefighter on October 28, 2001. Previously assigned to Engine 46 and Ladder 27. Father, Lieutenant Joseph R. Colleluori, Jr., Engine 324, is deceased, following WTC illness. Recipient of a unit citation and a pre-hospital save. Holds an AS degree from Nassau Community College. Resides in Bethpage, Long Island, with his wife, Joeline, and their daughters, Saige and Lexi, and sons, Joseph and Jax.*



**A**t 0323 hours, Engine 310 and Ladder 174 received a call for a fire in East Flatbush, Brooklyn. It was a three-story Canarsie apartment building, attached to a similar dwelling on the left or exposure #2 side. The heavy, black smoke pouring from the first and second floors indicated a serious fire condition.

Lieutenant Brian Colleluori, Ladder 174, approached the building with FFs Kevin Koster, with the can, and William Duffy, with forcible entry tools. The exterior garage door was open and deadly smoke pushed through the space between the interior garage door and the door jamb. Firefighters Koster and Duffy went to work, forcing the interior door.

Lieutenant Colleluori opened the unlocked door under the front stoop and was met with heavy, pressurized smoke and high heat. He heard the signal 10-70 (water supply delay likely) transmitted by Engine 310's chauffeur. His outside vent Firefighter alerted him to heavy fire blowing out the building's rear windows. Lieutenant Colleluori entered the building, initiating a search for trapped occupants. Advancing 25 feet into the blinding smoke and high heat, he found the unconscious form of a man lying on the floor.

After transmitting a signal 10-45 to alert Battalion Chief John McKeon, Battalion 58, Lieutenant Colleluori began dragging the man toward the interior garage door, which had been forced open. Moving the victim was difficult because of his large size. Meeting up with his interior team, they completed removal to the street.

Still operating without a protective hand-line, Lieutenant Colleluori returned to his search, toward the rear of the building, where he encountered an unconscious female. As fire rolled over the Lieutenant's head, he transmitted a second 10-45 signal. Now, forced to his knees by the brutal heat, Lieutenant Colleluori

began to drag this second victim toward the front of the building. Conditions deteriorated and quickly approached flashover conditions. The increased heat drove the Lieutenant down onto his stomach. Lieutenant Colleluori's progress was slow as he dragged her, from his knees, to safety.

Fire now was only two feet from the floor and no further progress to the exit was possible. Lieutenant Colleluori put himself at risk by shielding the victim from the heat by lying on top of her. He called for a hose-line or extinguisher to protect them. The fire, rolling above the pair, extended for 27 feet and vented out of the exterior garage door in the front of the building.

FF Koster crawled in under the flames with his extinguisher and expelled its entire contents into the fire area. He was followed by the Officer and Firefighters of Engine 310, dragging their charged hose-line with them. They pushed back the fire, allowing Lieutenant Colleluori and FF Koster to pull the victim down the narrow hall, leading to the under stoop exit.

Lieutenant Colleluori's quick and decisive actions saved the man's life. The victim was removed to the hospital and treated for burns. The Officer's decision to remain and protect the woman was made despite adverse conditions and the absence of a hose-line. Regrettably, she later succumbed to her injuries at the hospital.



*The incident for which Lieutenant Brian J. Colleluori received the James Gordon Bennett Medal/NYS Honorary Fire Chiefs Association Medal.*

Lieutenant Colleluori's turnout coat was sent to the Safety Battalion. It was condemned after determining that it had been exposed to temperatures at or above 1,000 degrees, a strong indication of the danger the Lieutenant faced.

The bravery and perseverance of Lieutenant Brian J. Colleluori exemplify the highest FDNY traditions of courage, dedication and service, making him eminently worthy of the James Gordon Bennett Medal/NYS Honorary Fire Chiefs Association Medal.—FCM



## Brooklyn Citizens Medal/ FF Louis Valentino Award

### Firefighter Michael Ryszetyk Ladder Company 157

December 11, 2015, 2144 hours, Box 75-2441, Brooklyn

*Appointed to the FDNY on May 5, 2002. Uncles, Lieutenant James Harris, is retired from Ladder 174 and Deputy Chief Joseph A. Harris, is assigned to Division 11; brother-in-law, Lieutenant Kevin Buthorn, is assigned to Ladder 20; and cousin, FF Nicholas Velez, is assigned to Engine 281. Recipient of several unit citations. Holds an Associate's degree in Nursing from St. Vincent's College. Resides on Staten Island with his wife, Deborah, and their daughters, Molly and Emily.*

By the 11th of December, the holiday season has moved into high gear, with parties and people “shopping ‘til they drop.” In 2015, December 11th fell on a Friday, which meant New York City was going to be especially festive, given the moderate temperature. However, in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn, just before 2200 hours, holiday spirits were shattered by the report of a fire, with numerous reports of trapped civilians, at Box 2441. Fortunately, FF Michael Ryszetyk was working the outside vent position that night in Ladder 157.

At 2144 hours, the phone alarm alerted the “Jolly Rogers” of a fire at a two-story, Class 3, attached brick, private dwelling with an enclosed porch. Ladder 157 quickly left the Rogers Avenue firehouse and responded the half mile to the incident. The company was met with a street covered in smoke, heavy fire conditions coming from the second floor and onlookers screaming that people were still inside.

FF Ryszetyk, with experience-gained knowledge of this type of attached structure, wanted to position himself on the roof of the front porch as quickly as possible. He grabbed a 24-foot portable ladder and proceeded to the front of the building. FF Ryszetyk realized conditions were worsening as Ladder 157's forcible entry team reported encountering a heavy fire condition on the stairs and extending to the second floor. FF Ryszetyk set up the ladder and climbed to the roof of the porch. Reaching the roof, he found thick, black smoke emanating from the windows. Realizing the conditions inside were close to flashover, the Firefighter, relying on his personal protective equipment (PPE) to protect him, got low and slid through the window.

FF Ryszetyk immediately met an intense heat and smoke condition. Getting as low as possible, he

began a search and followed the wall until his hand was pushed back by the unchecked, advancing fire. While members at the window called out for him evacuate, FF Ryszetyk moved to the other side of the room where he found a bed. Conducting a methodical search, he found an unconscious person at the foot of the bed. With no time for a radio transmission, the Firefighter called out to the members at the window that he had found a victim.

With fire raging all around, FF Ryszetyk could feel himself burning, but he unselfishly positioned himself between the victim and the unchecked fire. Using all his remaining strength, he dragged the victim up and onto the windowsill. Even though the fire began to lap overhead and out the window, FF Ryszetyk continued to shield the victim. FF Ryszetyk, with the assistance of Ladder 157's chauffeur, FF Chris Viviano, and Ladder 147's outside vent Firefighter, FF Sean O'Grady, moved the victim outside.

FF Ryszetyk then jumped out of the window with his bunker coat afire, indicative of the brutal conditions he faced. Engine 281 members opened a hose-line to extinguish the bunker coat, hold back the fire at the window and protect FF Ryszetyk, the victim and the other members on the roof. While completely

exhausted and suffering from his own burns, FF Ryszetyk began CPR and then worked with several other members to move the victim to the adjoining building and safety.

FF Ryszetyk displayed tremendous skill, aggressiveness, determination and bravery, attributes that led to this successful rescue. The Fire Department of the City of New York is proud to honor FF Michael Ryszetyk today with the Brooklyn Citizens Medal/FF Louis Valentino Award.—DJH



Brooklyn Box 75-1578, 3402 Beverley Road/East 34th Street, May 21, 2013.

Photo by Olaf Huth



## EMT-P Carlos Lillo/ Lt. Ricardo Quinn Medal

August 15, 2012, 1339 hours,  
underpass at  
Cooper Avenue/Central Street, Queens



### Paramedic Marilyn L. Arroyo Station 47

*Appointed to FDNY as an Emergency Medical Technician on July 12, 2010. Previously assigned to Station 46. Son-in-law, FF Victor Mercieca, is assigned to Engine 72. Recipient of the Christopher J. Prescott Medal, Unit of the Month, multiple pre-hospital saves and a Proclamation from City Hall. Attended Middlesex College. Resides in Northport, Long Island, with her five children—Gregory Guerrero, Linda Scifo Mercieca, Anthony Scifo, Jordan Scifo and Victoria Scifo.*

The EMT-P Carlos Lillo-Lt. Ricardo Quinn Medal was created to honor the bravery of these two men who perished at the Twin Towers while helping others. Just created, this medal is bestowed on a recipient of the Christopher J. Prescott Medal from the prior three years. First to receive this most prestigious medal are Paramedics Marilyn L. Arroyo and Jimmy M. Guailacela, who exceeded all expectations when they rescued three victims from a rapidly submerging vehicle in a flash flood.

Paramedics Arroyo and Guailacela hail from Station 46, where the motto is, We Do It All. On August 15, 2012, serving as EMTs, the pair was challenged to live up to those words. A severe rainstorm had developed and the crew members were dispatched to a vehicle submerging in water with victims trapped inside. Then EMTs Arroyo and Guailacela arrived at the Cooper Avenue underpass and witnessed an event unprecedented in their careers.

The underpass was flooding with a car trapped in the quickly rising water. The EMTs could hear screams for help as they saw a hand waving from the car's sunroof. Without any other resources or assistance on-scene, EMT Guailacela, an avid swimmer, led the way, with EMT Arroyo, a poor swimmer, cautiously following. EMT Guailacela, in waist-deep water, made his way to the car, which was now three-quarters submerged in water, and discovered three elderly victims.

EMT Arroyo scaled a fence on a wall close to the vehicle and climbed over it to the top of the vehicle. EMT Guailacela removed one victim from the vehicle and to the shallow end of

### Paramedic Jimmy M. Guailacela Station 17

*Appointed to FDNY as an Emergency Medical Technician on January 7, 2008. Previously assigned to Stations 4, 52 and 46. Recipient of the Christopher J. Prescott Medal, Unit of the Month in 2011 and 2012, a Proclamation from City Hall in 2012 and multiple pre-hospital saves. Holds a BA degree in Business Administration from Berkeley College. Resides in Corona, Queens, with his son, Francis.*

the rising waters. EMT Arroyo pulled a second victim from the sunroof of the vehicle and then passed the person off to EMT Guailacela. With the flood waters still rapidly rising and the car now completely submerged, EMT Arroyo determined that she would have to remove the last victim herself.

While still on the car roof, EMT Arroyo asked the third victim if she could swim. The reply was a "little." Although EMT Arroyo is a poor swimmer, she advised her patient that she would not let her swim alone; that she would swim out with her. But before EMT Arroyo attempted to swim with the woman, EMT Guailacela arrived and quickly grabbed the third victim and safely removed her.

With the last victim now safely removed, EMT Arroyo attempted to climb the fence to remove herself from the roof of the submerged vehicle. However, she felt something pulling her down into the flood waters. Struggling, she realized that her utility belt had gotten caught on something. Remaining calm, she unbuckled the utility belt, freed herself, scaled the fence and wall and joined the three victims in their now-safe location.

Despite the danger and challenging rescues, the EMTs continued their sworn duties, evaluating all three individuals who had no physical complaints, but an abundance of gratitude for the pair who had "saved our lives." For their bravery and dedication above and beyond the call of duty, the Department is proud to present the first EMT-P Carlos Lillo-Lt. Ricardo Quinn Medal to Paramedic Jimmy M. Guailacela and Paramedic Marilyn L. Arroyo. —JP



*A happy reunion as EMTs Jimmy Guailacela and Marilyn Arroyo pose with the three victims they successfully removed from a nearly submerged automobile following a flash flood.*

*Photo by New York Daily News*

# Christopher J. Prescott Medal

## EMS Lieutenant Michael C. Daddona

### Station 50

October 20, 2015, 0309 hours, Box 1618, Queens



*Appointed to FDNY as an Emergency Medical Technician on August 29, 2003. Previously assigned to Stations 33, 21, 14, 55, 17, 26, 20 and 35. Resides in Franklin Square, Long Island, with his daughters, Samantha and Isabella, and son, David.*

October 20, 2015, was not a normal tour of duty for EMS Lieutenant Michael Daddona. He was detailed to the EMS Rockaway Station for the night. His tour started out as a slow night, as he monitored the area police, Fire and EMS frequencies. While making his way to obtain a meal, he heard a report of a fire on the NYPD radio. Moments after hearing the same report on a Fire radio transmission, Lieutenant Daddona began to make his way to the call location, not knowing if there was any need for EMS resources.

Lieutenant Daddona arrived on the block simultaneously with the police. With no other FDNY resources on-scene, he immediately was flagged down by a woman, who advised him that there was an elderly woman in the house who was unable to get out.

Without hesitation, Lieutenant Daddona requested the last known location of the female. With no Fire apparatus on-scene or in sight, the Lieutenant advised the EMS dispatcher he was going to try to locate and evacuate the woman. With heavy smoke pushing out from the front door, placing his own personal safety in harm's way, he raced into the house to try to find the victim.

Proceeding to the second floor, he was quickly met with a heavy smoke condition. Experiencing trouble breathing, he placed his face into the side of his coat. Lieutenant Daddona found a door, which was hot to the touch. With no protection and

no way to control the door, he did not open it. The Lieutenant continued his search of the second floor. Not finding any victims on the second floor, he made his way back outside again to re-establish contact with the woman reporting the victim on the second floor. She then clarified that the victim was on the first floor in the rear bedroom.

Still with no Fire units on-scene, Lieutenant Daddona re-entered the dangerous, smoky environment and was able to locate the woman. After making contact,

he proceeded to assist the female—who normally needed a walker—out of the house. The Lieutenant struggled, while walking backward, as the victim held onto him around his neck, weighing him down. Just as he reached the door with the victim to exit the house, he was met by Fire units.

Lieutenant Daddona made notification to the dispatcher that he was able to locate and remove the victim from the house. He requested additional EMS units to respond.

Lieutenant Daddona took matters into his own hands and went above and beyond the call of duty. The Lieutenant recently lost his mother, who expressed great pride in her son's heroic actions. His mother's pride is reinforced by that of

his colleagues and all members of the Fire Department. Lieutenant Michael Daddona is honored today with the Christopher J. Prescott Medal.—ML





**Hugh Bonner Medal/  
Honor Legion Medal**  
**Lieutenant Adam J. Vilagos**  
**Engine Company 316**

**November 17, 2015, 2131 hours, Box 75-9352, Corona, Queens**



*Appointed to the FDNY on October 19, 1997. Previously assigned to Ladder 175, Engine 50 and Engines 1 and 306 while on rotation. His uncle is Fire Commissioner Daniel A. Nigro; brother-in-law, FF Frank Licata, is assigned to Engine 50; grandfather, Captain Daniel Nigro, is deceased; and cousins, Captain Timothy Keenan, is assigned to Ladder 113, and FF Larry Quinn is assigned to Rescue 2. Recipient of CFR saves. Attended Queensborough Community and Queens Colleges. Resides in Bating Hollow, Long Island, with his daughters, Teresa and Christina.*

**D**uring the evening of November 17, 2015, Engine 316 received a phone alarm for a fire in Corona, Queens. Turning onto 106<sup>th</sup> Street, members heard hysterical adults screaming that a baby was trapped in the attic.

Lieutenant Adam Vilagos ran toward the building. His size-up revealed a 2-1/2 story, Class 4, private dwelling with a peaked roof. Heavy black smoke was pushing under pressure from the two front windows on the second floor and from the small attic window. The Lieutenant instructed the engine company chauffeur (ECC) to transmit the 10-75 and find a hydrant.

Since the first-due truck was still responding, the baby's only chance of survival was for the Lieutenant to enter the fire building and remove the infant. As he started up the stairs, he observed that the heavy, churning smoke had banked down to the deck of the second floor.

As members were stretching the line, the control Firefighter told Lieutenant Vilagos that flames now had started venting out two windows on the exposure #2 side of the house in addition to the front windows. Reaching the landing, the Officer was driven to the floor, due to the high heat and flames now rolling across the ceiling above him.

Lieutenant Vilagos called his ECC and nozzle team to provide the location of the fire and instructed them to start booster water as soon as they were in position. He located a narrow, outward-opening door and grasping an object extending from it, was able to pull it open. The door was only about 20 inches wide and behind it was a steep, open, narrow, ladder-type stair.

Crawling on his belly, the Lieutenant worked his way into this enclosure. As he was maneuvering himself into this area, he realized that the fire now was burning through the

top of the bedroom door and extending from that room into the hallway. As he made his way up the ladder stair, he attempted to close the door behind him in order to prevent drawing the fire up behind him. He was unable to completely close the door.

Reaching the attic, Lieutenant Vilagos was driven to the floor and onto his stomach because of the tremendously high heat condition. He heard faint sounds of the infant struggling to breathe and moved toward the baby. He felt the legs of the baby's crib, then the slats of the crib and discovered the baby's leg.

He scooped up the baby and shielded it from the punishing conditions. He gave the 10-45 signal. Removal out the front window no longer was an option as Lieutenant Vilagos heard the hose-line hitting the ceiling below him. He made his way back to the second-floor landing, moving around the nozzle team as they were pushing fire back into the two fully involved rooms. The baby was passed off to a waiting member on the stoop.

Lieutenant Vilagos, operating alone and without the protection of a hose-line, passed two rooms of fire on the second floor. He located a narrow attic stair and climbed up, even though it functioned as a chimney with heavy smoke and high heat. He found an infant in his crib. Removing the infant and protecting it from the searing heat, he retraced his steps and went back down the same untenable stairs and made his way to safety. The infant survived because of the actions of Lieutenant Vilagos. For his valor, Lieutenant Adam Vilagos is presented with the Hugh Bonner Medal/Honor Legion Medal.—TW



*Photo reveals attic space where Lieutenant Adam J. Vilagos effected his rescue of an infant.*



**Emily Trevor/  
Mary B. Warren Medal  
Firefighter Joseph L. Andres  
Ladder Company 108**

**August 4, 2015, 2111 hours, Box 0240, Brooklyn**

*Appointed to the FDNY on January 27, 2014. Was the Valedictorian of Class 1 of 2014. Holds a Bachelor's degree in Anthropology from Queens College. Resides in Bayside, Queens.*

On August 4, 2015, Ladder 108 and Engine 216 received an alarm for an EMS-911 rescue at Hooper Street, Brooklyn. On arrival, civilians directed the units to a rear yard, which was accessed by a narrow alleyway, approximately two feet wide. Members observed a male victim in an open shaft way, hanging upside down in the air between the third and fourth floors. The only thing that was holding the victim from falling to the ground was a small cable wire wrapped around his leg and ankle.

Captain Daniel Keane, Division 11, planned a three-sided approach: a 12-foot portable ladder placed as a bridge between buildings at the third-floor window level; a 35-foot ladder brought to the rear to try to reach the victim from below; and when both of these approaches proved to be inadequate, FF Joseph Andres, the roof Firefighter, and FF Fred Dicrescento, ladder company chauffeur (LCC), were ordered to prepare for a possible lifesaving rope rescue.

FF Andres had just gotten off probation, so his training from Probie School and Ladder 108 proved invaluable as he ascended the aerial ladder to the roof of the structure. FF Andres tied the rope to the rungs and beam of the aerial ladder so he could use it as a substantial object. After donning the bowline on a bight section of the rope, he tied the slippery hitch around his chest. FF Dicrescento had climbed the aerial to the roof, where he checked the security of the knots on FF Andres and the aerial ladder. He then placed the snap hook on his personal harness and took four turns of the rope around his snap hook.

Roof rope rescues are inherently dangerous and this one had additional dire complications. First, there was no parapet on the roof, which made the operation much more difficult. Second, there were some cable wires above the victim in which FF Andres could get tangled while descending. Third, rather than being in a window, the victim was in mid-air and upside down, an evolution on which FDNY members do not train. Finally, the Firefighter realized that if he put any pressure on the cable wire that was holding the victim, there was a real possibility that the wire would snap, causing the victim to fall. Captain Keane gave the go ahead for the roof rope operation.

FF Dicrescento lowered FF Andres to a position roughly a foot above the victim. FF Andres had managed to avoid most of the wires, but did become entangled in one that stopped his descent. A member positioned on the 35-foot ladder was able to reach out and cut the wire, allowing the descent to continue. FF Andres was lowered to a point where he was able to grab the victim around the waist. At that exact moment, the cable that was holding the victim snapped, but FF Andres maintained a firm grip on the man, preventing him from falling. FF Andres and the victim were

lowered and guided to the third-floor window, where members pulled them both inside to safety. The victim was turned over to EMS personnel and transported to the hospital.

FF Andres operated at personal risk and exhibited decisive and aggressive actions. His determination and courage are a credit to our Department. For all of these reasons, FF Joseph L. Andres is presented with the Emily Trevor/Mary B. Warren Medal.—PB



*Ladder 108 operates at Brooklyn Box 33-0138, February 7, 2011. Photo by Allen Epstein*

# Thomas E. Crimmins Medal

## Firefighter Frank Florida

### Ladder Company 132

January 21, 2015, 0328 hours, Box 55-1241, Brooklyn

*Appointed to the FDNY on April 11, 2006. Brother-in-law, Lieutenant James Parco, is assigned to Engine 82. Recipient of two unit citations. Holds a Bachelor's degree from Brooklyn College. Resides on Staten Island with his wife, Jessica.*



Mixed occupancy buildings present Firefighters with an immediate handicap. Usually, there is no one in the commercial portion of the structure in the early hours of the morning when the fire starts. Thus, the fire spreads rapidly before it is discovered. Such was the case on January 21, 2015.

Ladder 132 was assigned second-due and members were met with heavy fire venting from the front of a first-floor hardware store. Fire was auto-exposing into the second-floor front windows. There was a heavy smoke condition throughout the building and civilians out front were screaming that people were trapped on the second floor.

Captain Michael Cuccurullo and his forcible entry team—FFs Frank Florida and James Corson—proceeded to the floor above. Entering the building, they were met by dense smoke and high heat, but continued to the second floor to make their searches for the trapped victims.

When they reached the second floor, they encountered fire coming from the front rooms through an open hallway door. Captain Cuccurullo ordered FF Corson to try to close the door and use his extinguisher to keep the fire inside the room to protect their means of egress.

FF Florida began his search toward the rear of the second floor and Captain Cuccurullo attempted to make a search in the front rooms.

As FF Florida made his way down the interior hall, he had no idea what to expect in his search. Nor did he know that the rapidly extending fire was heading his way. However, years of experience taught him to move to the furthest spot he could reach, begin his search there and make his way back to where he entered.

Crawling as quickly as he could, he made it to the rear bedroom where he found two victims on the floor—a semi-conscious male and an unconscious

female. FF Florida immediately transmitted the 10-45 signals and then requested a portable ladder be brought to the rear to remove the victims via the window.

Meanwhile, Captain Cuccurullo, who was forced to abandon his efforts in the front room due to the volume of fire, instructed FF Corson to maintain the means of egress with the extinguisher and he headed toward the rear to assist FF Florida.

While FF Florida was dragging the unconscious female to the window, he was joined by Captain Cuccurullo. Together, they managed to get her to the window just as the fire vented itself below and began to auto-expose into the room.

Captain Cuccurullo quickly closed the open window, giving them time to get out. The only way out now was the way they came in, down the hall and stairs to the first floor.

FF Florida dragged the semiconscious male down the apartment hallway toward the stairs. Conditions had worsened and the heat level forced them to crawl on their stomachs. When they reached the rear apartment door, fire was burning freely into the rear apartment over their heads.

At this time, Engine 226 had advanced a hand-line to the second floor and was attempting to knock down the rapidly extending fire coming from the front rooms.

FF Florida passed off his victim in the stairwell and then told the Officer of Engine 226 that his Captain still was in the rear apartment with another victim. Engine 226 members immediately moved their line into the rear apartment to protect Captain Cuccurullo as he dragged the second victim down the hall. FF Corson crawled in to assist the Captain and, together, they dragged her to the safety of the stairwell.

FF Frank Florida, Ladder 132, today is recognized for his bravery and strength in saving these lives. He is presented with the Thomas E. Crimmins Medal.—JTV



*Incident for which FF Frank Florida received the Thomas E. Crimmins Medal. Photo by Bill Tompkins*

# Thomas A. Kenny Memorial Medal

## Lieutenant Victor J. Milukas

### *Ladder Company 159*

August 24, 2015, 0113 hours, Box 75-3054, Brooklyn

*Appointed to the FDNY on April 30, 1997. Previously assigned to Ladder 142. Recipient of the Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia Medal in 2009 and Brooklyn Hero of the Month, August 2015. Holds a BBA degree in Accounting from Baruch College. Resides in Valley Stream, Long Island, with his wife, Jennifer, their daughters, Chloe and Avery, and son, Charles.*



In the fire service, one can be in an extraordinary position to help another person when no one else can. However, in most cases, the relationship between the rescuer and the individual needing help usually ends when the handoff is made to the medical professionals. This was not the case on August 24, 2015, when a youngster became a part of FDNY Lieutenant Victor Milukas' life when he carried him out of his burning home. A bond formed that is both rare and special.

Tower Ladder 159 received an alarm for a structural fire. The Brooklyn Fire Dispatcher updated Ladder 159 while en route with the address and that numerous calls were reporting a baby trapped. Lieutenant Milukas ordered the apparatus positioned directly in front of the two-story private home. The Lieutenant began his scene size-up. He was faced with heavy, black smoke issuing from the two second-floor windows. He noticed a neighbor on a porch roof, trying to remove a window air conditioner in a desperate and futile attempt to find the missing child. Lieutenant Milukas' 18 years of firefighting experience, in conjunction with his initial observations made on the scene, provided him with the likely location of the fire and a plan for his search. This whole process took only a moment, but was vital to both the safety of his Firefighters and pinpointing the victim's location.

Lieutenant Milukas led Ladder 159's interior team, FF Thomas Donovan, forcible entry, and FF Jarrett Jones, with the can, to the second-floor landing where they were met with high heat and zero visibility. Lieutenant Milukas approached the middle room doorway and detected intense heat issuing from that room. He realized that he did not have much time due to the deteriorating conditions and the fact that a hose-line was not in place. Lieutenant Milukas crawled past the fire to search the front bedroom. This initial search was negative. He was undaunted and re-focused his systematic search.

The Lieutenant deduced that the reported missing child must have been in the one room he passed and even closer to the seat of the fire. His persistence and determination paid off. Lieutenant Milukas felt a pile of clothes in the corner and in

those clothes was the missing toddler. He carried the child close to his body, shielding him from the punishing conditions around them. Lieutenant Milukas brought the seemingly lifeless body of a small child to Engine 323, whose members immediately took over care of the youngster, performing first aid.

The child spent many days in the hospital, but made a full recovery. Lieutenant Milukas explained that a call for a child heightens everyone's level of urgency and makes one go above and beyond.

At a *Hero of the Month* ceremony, hosted by Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams and Councilman Jumaane Williams, First Deputy Fire Commissioner Robert Turner stated, "Through intense heat, blinding smoke and truly deadly conditions, they were able to get the little boy and bring him to safety." Lieutenant Victor Milukas is an excellent example of professionalism and service to the community he serves. For his act of bravery, in the face of intense fire conditions during the rescue of a toddler, he is honored with the Thomas A. Kenny Memorial Medal.—MD



*Rescuer and rescuee reunite at Ladder 159's firehouse.*

## Walter Scott Medal

### Firefighter Daniel R. Foley Rescue Company 3

February 17, 2015, 1452 hours, Box 75-2726, Bronx

*Appointed to the FDNY on February 16, 1999. Previously assigned to Engine 68 and Ladder 49. Brother, FF Thomas Foley, was killed on 9/11. Member of the Emerald Society. Recipient of the Henry D. Brookman Medal, a unit citation and a Firehouse Magazine award. Holds a Bachelor's degree from Iona College. Resides in New Rochelle, New York, with his wife, Carrie, and their children, Erius, Kiera, Brianne, Kendall and Thomas.*



At 1452 hours, Rescue 3 responded to a 10-75 for a fire in a 21-story multiple dwelling. As Rescue 3 approached the building, members noticed numerous NYPD vehicles at the location. Additionally, they saw heavy smoke pushing from a 13th-floor window.

FF Daniel Foley and the rest of the company entered the lobby and took the FF Service elevator to the 11<sup>th</sup> floor. Then, FF Foley, along with Lieutenant Mickey Conboy and FF Thomas Fredette, ascended to the 13<sup>th</sup> floor, where they observed several NYPD members at the end of the hallway with their guns drawn. Smoke was pushing from around the door to the fire apartment.

Lieutenants Conboy and Daniel O'Keefe, Ladder 19, conferred with a police captain, who said that an emotionally disturbed male held his family hostage and possibly armed with a firearm was in the apartment. Ladder 19's outside vent Firefighter, FF Jason Charles, gave a radio report that fire now was venting out of the kitchen windows of the fire apartment. Realizing that a raging fire was growing bigger in the apartment with several people unable to escape, the decision was made to move in and assist these helpless people. Members forced the door to the adjacent apartment so that they had an area of refuge for all members in the hallway and could be out of the line of any potential gunfire.

The door was forced open and fire rolled out from across the apartment kitchen, along the ceiling to the hallway. FF Foley donned his facepiece and hood and crawled into the apartment beneath the venting fire and started his search. The hose-line was still being stretched. FF Foley crawled on his belly beneath the blistering heat and over debris strewn throughout the ransacked living room.



*Rescue 3 operates at Manhattan Box 44-1745, January 23, 2013. Photo by Bill Tompkins*

Crawling down the hallway in zero visibility, FF Foley felt a closed door on his left. He opened it and heard a moan from inside the room. FF Foley used a left-handed search and crawled along with his head to the floor to escape the heat and find the distressed civilian on the floor. FF Foley came upon a bed and searching around it, he felt the body of a barely conscious male, who was lying in the fetal position on the floor. Knowing this might be the armed hostage-taker, FF Foley pinned the male's hands to the floor.

As FF Foley began to drag the man out of the bedroom, the victim became enraged and very combative. He reached up and pulled FF Foley's facepiece off his face and kicked backward at another Firefighter, FF Fredette, Rescue 3 roof Firefighter, who came to assist. Struggling to restrain the male and unable to get his facepiece back on, FF Foley was forced to vent a window to get a breath of fresh air.

FF Fredette helped restrain the male, thus allowing FF Foley to re-don his facepiece. Both Firefighters dragged the male to the living room where he again became combative and now kicked FF Fredette in the head. Undaunted, the two Firefighters continued to drag him out toward the direction of Engine 46's hose-line, which was operating from the doorway, knocking down the fire in the kitchen, ensuring an exit from the apartment. FF Foley kept the male restrained as several NYPD officers handcuffed the male.

Besides a rapidly progressing fire and searching an apartment before the hose-line was operating, FF Foley had to risk being injured or shot by an unstable person. For his bravery, FF Daniel R. Foley is awarded the Walter Scott Medal.—AP

# John H. Prentice Medal

## Firefighter Michael L. Marchese

### *Ladder Company 157*

March 28, 2015, 0916 hours, Box 75-2424, Brooklyn



*Appointed to the FDNY on May 4, 2003. Previously assigned to Engine 207 and Ladder 110. Member of the Emerald Society and Columbia Association. Resides in Nesconset, Long Island, with his wife, Cecilia, and their son, Joseph, and daughter, Olivia.*

As everyone knows, firefighting is a very dangerous, but rewarding profession. Many Firefighters can have a long, outstanding career without ever making a successful rescue. Timing and being in the right place at the right time are critical to many rescues. Such was the case at a fire in Brooklyn when FF Michael Marchese was in position to attempt a rescue of several victims, but also faced a tough challenge.

On March 28, 2015, at 0916 hours, the Brooklyn Communications Office was notified of an alarm for a residential building fire. The alarm was transmitted to all local firehouses, including Ladder 157. Combining a fast turnout, quick response and heroic actions may all be necessary to lessen the severity of injuries if, in fact, occupants of this fire building are trapped. Through training and experience, members of Ladder 157 were up to the task facing them.

The fire building was a four-story, 20- by 50-foot, Class 3, non-fireproof, occupied multiple dwelling. On arrival, members of Ladder 157 were confronted with an advanced fire on the second floor, fire was issuing out a bedroom window and there was a heavy smoke condition coming from several windows on the third floor.

FF Marchese was assigned as Ladder 157's outside ventilation Firefighter for this tour. While conducting the perimeter search, he observed an adult female at a third-floor fire escape window, just above the blow torch fire on the second floor. She was screaming that her baby was inside the apartment. FF Marchese realized that he would have to address this imminent fire hazard on the floor above the fire. He immediately entered Ladder 157's tower bucket

and raised it to the third floor. The female suddenly disappeared through the heavy smoke and back into the apartment.

FF Marchese attempted to enter a window adjacent to the fire escape, but due to inside obstructions, he was unable to enter at this point, so he moved the bucket to another window above the venting fire. He used a water extinguisher stored on the bucket to push back some of the fire venting beneath him before climbing onto the fire escape and entering the smoke-filled apartment. Subjugating his own safety, he started the search in high heat and zero visibility.

FF Marchese found two critically injured and burned females and transmitted this information to the Officer in command and requested assistance in removing them to the safety of a window. While assisting these two victims to safety, he also found a young child who appeared to be lifeless. After picking up the child and without time to spare, he carried her through the smoke-filled apartment into the public stairway and down to street level.

His heroic efforts were not finished as he then started rescue breathing on the child until relieved by other members. All three victims were removed to the hospital for their injuries. (The

second and third victims were removed by Ladder 147's inside team of FFs Frank Witkowski and Michael McNamara.)

FF Michael Marchese entered the apartment directly over the fire apartment, a most dangerous position without the initial protection of a charged hose-line, to search for and rescue occupants. He was instrumental in removing three seriously exposed victims. For his initiative, bravery and heroic actions, the Fire Department is proud to honor him with the John H. Prentice Medal.—EB



*FF Michael Marchese with the Ladder 157 crew in front of the fire building.*

# Henry D. Brookman Medal

## Lieutenant John J. Haseney

### Engine Company 287

March 24, 2015, 1231 hours, Box 22-9996, Queens

*Appointed to the FDNY on September 25, 2005. Previously assigned to Ladder 43. Member of the Steuben Association and the Viking Association. Recipient of two unit citations and five pre-hospital saves. Served with the New York Army National Guard from February 2005 until February 2012, with a tour in Afghanistan from January 2008 until January 2009. Holds a BS degree in Fire Science from John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Resides in West Islip, Long Island.*



In the afternoon of March 24, 2015, Engine 287 received an initial call to EMS Box 9293 for a person in cardiac/respiratory arrest. Entering the block, the engine company chauffeur (ECC), FF Mike Savino, saw heavy fire venting from the second-floor windows of a nearby structure, which he communicated to his Officer. Seeing the fire, Lieutenant John Haseney transmitted an *urgent* message to the Queens Dispatcher and gave the 10-75 signal for fire from the second floor of a Class 4, three-story, peaked-roof private dwelling.

Lieutenant Haseney then ordered his chauffeur to obtain a positive water source and the rest of the members to start stretching a 1-3/4-inch hand-line to the second floor. While the members were mounting the back step, Lieutenant Haseney quickly approached the front of the fire building and was met by a woman. The Officer inquired about her condition and if she knew of any others in the fire building, to which she replied, "No."

The Lieutenant then entered the fire building. He could see up the stairs that there was heavy black smoke pouring out the second-floor apartment door. He quickly donned his SCBA facepiece. In an attempt to isolate the fire apartment and prevent escalation of the fire, Lieutenant Haseney proceeded to the second-floor landing to secure the apartment door. Reaching the landing, he heard a faint coughing sound coming from inside the fire apartment.

Now confronted with a known life hazard, Lieutenant Haseney then made an aggressive move into the fire apartment to get the victim. He began by making a right-handed search in the zero visibility and high heat environment. His search immediately was hampered by Collyer's brothers-type conditions (littered with debris). He continued his search and approached the entrance to

the living room. He could see the fire now expanding into the dining room with no possibility to isolate it.

At this point, he heard the coughing of a woman coming from an area past the fire. He then continued deeper into the apartment and crawled past the fire that was expanding into the dining room. He crawled to the area where he found the victim. He had to drag the semiconscious woman back past the fire and continue to the apartment door. The Lieutenant made it to the hallway where he was able to bring the victim to safety at the second-floor landing.

At the top of the stairs, Lieutenant Haseney was met by FFs Richard Torres and Eric Schuh, both of Engine 287. They took the victim and brought her down the stairs. At this point, the charged line now was in place and Lieutenant Haseney led the nozzle team advance into the apartment and extinguished the fire. The two victims were transferred to the care of EMS personnel and transported to the hospital, where they were treated.

Battalion Chief Frank Leeb, Battalion 46, stated that, "If not for his actions, it is extremely unlikely the victim would have survived." Deputy Chief Ciro Migliore, Division 14, concurred. Lieutenant Haseney displayed great bravery in his actions by placing himself at risk. He demonstrated this courage while knowing that he was operating without the protection of a hose-line in severe fire conditions.

In keeping with the highest of traditions of the FDNY and the "Elmhurst Eagles," Lieutenant John Haseney brings great pride to his family and the Officers and members of Engine 287 and Ladder 136 with the Henry D. Brookman Medal.—  
TPW



Lieutenant John J. Haseney with members of his crew.

## Chief Ulyses Grant Leadership Medal

### EMS Deputy Chief Michael Fields

#### *Division 2*

September 17, 2015, 1400 hours, Bronx



*Appointed to FDNY as an Emergency Medical Technician on July 25, 1994. Previously assigned to Stations 57, 44, 16 and 20. Resides in East Orange, New Jersey, with his daughters, Jazzment, Tiana and J'nay, and son, Michael, Jr.*

**A**t approximately 2 p.m. in the afternoon of September 17, 2015, Deputy Chief Michael Fields was starting his day at FDNY EMS Division 2 in the Bronx. He was planning on meeting with his Division Commander, Chief Alvin Surliel, at the Division, but he heard Chief Surliel get flagged down for an emotionally disturbed person (EDP), who was sitting on the roof ledge of a 20-story building on Park Avenue in the Bronx. Chief Fields immediately went to assist.

When Chief Fields arrived on-scene, the police were not there yet and a crowd had gathered. Chief Surliel remained downstairs to control the crowd, as Chief Fields made his way upstairs to join another EMS Deputy Chief, Chief Richard J. Chatterton, and EMT Edwin Mendez, who already had gone upstairs to evaluate the situation. By now, two police officers had joined Chief Fields on his way upstairs.

When Chief Fields got to the roof, he observed a male sitting on the ledge, dangling his legs over the side. He was agitated, crying and talking about jumping off the ledge to end his problems. A police officer moved off to the man's left to gain his attention and try to talk him down. The man lifted himself off the ledge and supported himself on his arms, which began to tremble. He stopped talking and looked forward. The man's actions made Chief Fields believe that this man was going to jump off imminently.

The police officer continued distracting the man as Chief Fields quietly moved in behind him. The man's arms began to buckle and Chief Fields rushed

for him, wrapped his arms around his chest and snatched him off the ledge and onto the roof to safety. The patient was removed from the roof without any injuries and taken to the hospital.

Surely without Chief Fields' intervention, this man quite likely would have jumped off the roof and suffered serious injuries, if not death. It is always a tough call when dealing with an EDP, because one just does not know what is going on in the person's mind. Chief Fields relegated these concerns to the back of his mind and put his own safety in jeopardy by effecting this rescue and saving the man's life.

For his brave actions, Deputy Chief Michael Fields is presented with the Chief Ulyses Grant Leadership Medal.—*JO*



*EMS Deputy Chief Michael Fields at work inside EMS Division 2 in the Bronx.*



## 23rd Street Fire Memorial Medal

### Captain John T. Zollner

#### Ladder Company 55

August 18, 2015, 1758 hours, Box 75-2346, Bronx

*Appointed to the FDNY on February 8, 1998. Previously assigned to Engine 80, Ladder 23 and Engine 91. Brothers-in-law, Lieutenant Brian Moloney, is assigned to Engine 317; Lieutenant Patrick Moloney, is assigned to Engine 233; and FF Andrew Moloney, is assigned to Ladder 45. Member of the Holy Name Society, Steuben Association and Company Officers Association and is a former member of the FDNY Soccer Club. Holds a BS degree in Finance from St. John's University. Resides in Bayside, Queens, with his wife, Siobhan, and their children, Jake and Katie.*



On August 18, 2015, Ladder 55 was returning to quarters when they were assigned to respond first-due to Bronx Box 2346, a phone alarm for a heavy smoke condition on the third floor of an eight-story, 360- by 110-foot, Class 2, multiple dwelling. Already on the road and in proximity to the address, Ladder 55 was the first unit to arrive.

Captain John T. Zollner and his inside team—Probationary FFs Shane V. Franky, with the forcible entry tools, and Timothy M. Caffrey, with the extinguisher, entered the building and made their way to the third floor via the “B” stairwell. While the inside team was making their way up the stairs, FF Robert L. Fay, Ladder 55’s chauffeur, made his way to the rear courtyard and reported smoke emanating from a third-floor window on the east wing of the building.

Once at the third floor, Captain Zollner and his team encountered a fire door in the closed position in the hallway. Peering through the blackened window in the door, Captain Zollner could see that the hallway on the other side of the fire door was charged with smoke. Opening the door slightly confirmed his suspicions and Captain Zollner transmitted a 10-75 signal via handie-talkie to Battalion Chief John T. Ricketts, Battalion 26.

Instructing his inside team to don their facepieces, Captain Zollner opened the fire door and used his thermal imaging camera to ascertain the location of the fire apartment. Noticing that smoke and heat were escaping from the second door on the right, Captain Zollner radioed his findings to Chief Ricketts and established stairwell “B” as the attack stairwell.

Leaving FF Franky to maintain control of the fire door, Captain Zollner and FF Caffrey plunged into

the inky, black smoke to try to contain the fire and search for victims. With fire showing at the ceiling, they entered the fire apartment and closed the door behind them. The fire was just to the left of the apartment door and had consumed the entire kitchen. Captain Zollner directed FF Caffrey to use his extinguisher to keep the fire in the room, while he went past the fire without the protection of a hose-line, in search of life.

Following the wall on his right side, Captain Zollner located a bedroom. Searching the bedroom, he encountered a wheelchair, but the search of this room proved to be negative. Captain Zollner re-entered the hallway and heard a distinct moan. On his hands and knees, Captain Zollner followed the moaning into the living room and located the semi-conscious body of an elderly woman. After transmitting a 10-45 signal and stating his location to Chief Ricketts, Captain Zollner proceeded to remove the victim via the apartment hallway.

Captain Zollner requested help from FF Caffrey, who had been containing the fire there in the kitchen. The two members dragged the woman to the public hallway, using their bodies to shield her from the searing heat of the kitchen. She then was handed off to Ladder 19 members, who carried the woman from the smoky public hallway downstairs to the street. Captain Zollner and FF Caffrey then returned to the fire apartment to continue primary search and containment of the fire until the fire was extinguished.

It should be noted that this entire rescue took place quickly and before the initial hose-line had been placed into operation. Because of his selfless actions, Captain John T. Zollner is honored today with the 23rd Street Fire Memorial Medal.—TM



*Captain John T. Zollner, second from left, with the members of Ladder 55 and Engine 71 at the scene of the fire, Box 75-2346, on August 18, 2015.*

## M.J. Delehanty Medal

### Firefighter William R. Willets

#### *Ladder Company 19*

February 17, 2015, 1452 hours, Box 75-2726, Bronx



*Appointed to the FDNY on March 25, 2007. His wife, Paramedic Heather Willets, is assigned to Battalion 49. Member of the Emerald Society. Attended Suffolk County Community College. Resides in Mastic, Long Island, with his wife, Heather, and their children, Alexandria and Makayla.*

On February 17, 2015, at 1452 hours, Ladder 19 was ordered to respond first-due to Box 2726, for a reported fire in an apartment on Webster Avenue. Lieutenant Daniel O’Keefe, Ladder 19’s Officer, observed black smoke pushing from two rear windows on the 13th floor of the 21-story, fireproof, multiple dwelling and transmitted a 10-75. The Bronx Communications Office personnel advised Ladder 19 that an emotionally disturbed person might still be in the apartment and a possible hostage situation existed.

Lieutenant O’Keefe, along with FFs Scott B. Kratchel with the irons and William R. Willets with the extinguisher, used an elevator and ascended to the 11th floor. Members quickly climbed to the 13th floor and immediately observed about 10 NYPD officers with firearms drawn outside of an apartment, along with two other officers, in a physical altercation near the elevator lobby. The officers informed the members of Ladder 19 that there was an emotionally disturbed person in the fire apartment, holding his family hostage, possibly with a firearm.

FF Willets observed smoke pushing, under pressure, from around the door to the apartment as Ladder 19’s chauffeur, FF Kevin J. Donovan, reported a victim, in peril, at a window at the far end of the apartment. Lieutenant O’Keefe ordered the adjoining apartment door forced as an area of refuge for Firefighters and police officers as the narrow hallway now was very crowded. Once the refuge area was established, the members forced the door to the apartment.

Once entry was gained, an advanced fire condition was apparent. FF Willets, knowing innocent lives were at stake and the hose-line was delayed due to the normal first and second engine companies being out of service, donned his facepiece and entered the deteriorating conditions of the

fire apartment without the protection of a hose-line. FF Willets searched about 20 feet into the apartment when he noticed fire now was extending into the apartment hallway.

FF Willets attempted to hold back the advancing fire, while waiting for Engine 46 members to charge their hose-line. Once Engine 46 had pushed the fire out of the hallway, FF Willets maneuvered past the nozzle team to continue the search of the ransacked apartment, knowing he could come upon an armed assailant. Searching in high heat with no visibility, FF Willets made quick progress down the long hallway to a closed bedroom door. Entering the bedroom, FF Willets heard moaning. Employing a right-handed search, FF Willets located the occupant, a woman, on the floor. She was semiconscious from the effects of the acrid smoke and fire conditions and also exhibited multiple slash and stab wounds.

FF Willets informed Lieutenant O’Keefe that he had located a 10-45 and began removing her down the hallway, using Engine 46’s hand-line and his own body as protection for the victim. He removed the victim to the elevator lobby of the public hallway, where he handed her off to Engine 82 members to provide lifesaving care. FF Willets then proceeded back to the

fire apartment to continue primary firefighting duties until the fire was placed under control.

FF Willets faced dangers most Firefighters never encounter. Not only was he met by a rapidly deteriorating fire condition with trapped occupants, FF Willets had effected the rescue while operating during a known hostage situation with an armed assailant.

For his extraordinary effort, FF William R. Willets is presented with the M.J. Delehanty Medal to acknowledge his bravery.—  
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*Ladder 19 apparatus. Photo by Joe Pinto*

# Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia Medal

## Lieutenant Angelo Sacco

***Battalion 33 (assigned); Ladder 157 (detailed)***

**December 11, 2015, 2144 hours, Box 75-2441, Brooklyn**

*Appointed to the FDNY on September 25, 2005. Previously assigned to Tower Ladder 44. Served as Assistant Clinical Director of the FDNY Counseling Service Unit, from 2000 until 2005, before his appointment as a Firefighter. Brother, FF Marcello Sacco, is assigned to Ladder 38. Recipient of one unit citation. Holds a BS degree in Psychology from St. John's University and a Masters degree in Clinical Social Work from Columbia University. Resides in Albertson, Long Island, with his son, Francesco, and daughter, Giovana.*



The night tour of December 11, 2015, started as many of them do here on Rogers Avenue in the East Flatbush section of Brooklyn. The weather was clear and cold. Inside, the atmosphere was charged with energy. There was an all-star crew on-duty at Ladder 157 this night: FF Christopher Viviano—chauffeur; outside vent—FF Michael Ryszetyk; FF Timothy Brunton—roof; and forcible entry included FFs Timothy McGuire on the irons and Ed Velton, detailed from Engine 255, with the extinguisher. In charge this night was Lieutenant Angelo Sacco.

The dispatch teleprinter alert came in just before 2200 hours, for an address on nearby East 26th Street, just blocks away. The street was well-known to Ladder 157 members; narrow and lined with fully occupied private dwellings. Members listened intently to the FDNY radio as Brooklyn Dispatch came on the air with an updated report, “second source, fill out the alarm, report of people trapped, we’re getting numerous phone calls.”

Lieutenant Sacco and the members of Ladder 157 anticipated a working fire and that is exactly what they encountered. Smoke banked down over the entire area. A violent street altercation was underway. Panicked neighbors screamed as they poured into the street.

The fire building was a two-story frame structure. Thick, black smoke from the second-floor windows boiled violently into the night sky. Lieutenant Sacco and his forcible entry team forced the front door and immediately, members were driven to the floor by the blast of high heat. The interior stairway to the second floor was impassable, fully involved in fire—floor to ceiling—with flames pushing through the roof skylight. This was an advanced, rapidly evolving fire.



*Ladder 157 operates at Brooklyn Box 55-2439, February 19, 2011. Photo by Bill Tompkins*

As Lieutenant Sacco led a quick search of the first floor for trapped occupants, members of Engine 255 positioned a hose-line at the base of the stairway, allowing the Lieutenant and his inside team to advance up the remaining framework of the now-charred stairway. Once on the second-floor landing, they were confronted with intense heat and heavy visible fire blowing into the hallway from two front bedrooms, pushing across the ceiling toward the rear bedrooms of the structure.

Lieutenant Sacco led his inside team down the long hallway, crawling along the floor, working from room to room, operating under high heat and zero visibility conditions. Arriving at the last bedroom, the Lieutenant located an unconscious female facedown on the floor, wedged between heavy furniture. He transmitted a 10-45 radio signal. Simultaneously, additional 10-45 radio signals, representing multiple rescues underway, were being transmitted by members of Ladder 157 as they operated in other parts of the fire building.

With fire conditions deteriorating, Lieutenant Sacco freed the victim and then started down the long hallway toward the fire, positioning himself as a shield between the victim and the fire. He approached the stairway as Engine 255 was making their turn toward the heavy fire pushing from the front bedrooms. This team effort at the top of the charred stairway enabled members to expedite removal of the still-unconscious victim to the street and to waiting EMS personnel. The victim was revived by EMS at the scene. Regrettably, she ultimately died.

Lieutenant Sacco operated under rapidly deteriorating fire conditions. His leadership and decisive actions directly resulted in the lifesaving rescue of occupants of the fire building. FDNY recognizes his heroic actions by presenting him with the Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia Medal.—JDL

## William F. Conran Medal

### Captain Michael A. Cuccurullo

#### Ladder Company 132

January 21, 2015, 0328 hours, Box 55-1241, Brooklyn

*Appointed to the FDNY on July 14, 1979. Previously assigned to Engine 283 and Ladders 176 and 149. Brother, Deputy Chief Mark Cuccurullo, is assigned to Division 14; brother, Battalion Chief Steven Cuccurullo, is assigned to Battalion 53; son, FF Michael Cuccurullo, is assigned to Ladder 112; and son-in-law, FF Nicholas Schaivo, is assigned to Engine 250. Member of the Holy Name Society and the Columbia Association. Recipient of a Class III, a Service Rating A, three Service Rating Bs and five unit citations. Resides in Brooklyn with his wife, JoAnne, and their son, Michael, and daughters, Gina, Jennifer and Dannielle.*



Mixed occupancy buildings—commercial on first floor and residences above—have a built-in danger not usually found in apartment buildings. Typically, there is no one in the commercial portion in the early hours of the morning when the fire starts. Hence, the fire gets a fast start and rapidly spreads before it is discovered. This was the case at Flatbush Avenue in Brooklyn on this cold, January 21, 2015, morning.

Ladder 132 was assigned second-due and on arrival, members encountered heavy fire venting from the front of this first-floor hardware store. The fire was auto-exposing into the second-floor front windows. There was a heavy smoke condition throughout the building and civilians in front of the building were screaming that people were trapped on the second floor.

Captain Michael Cuccurullo and FFs Frank Floridaia with the irons and James Corson with the extinguisher proceeded to their assignment—the floor above. They were met by dense smoke and high heat, but continued to the second floor to make their searches.

When they reached the second floor, they encountered fire coming from the front rooms through an open hallway door. Captain Cuccurullo ordered FF Corson to close the door and use his extinguisher to keep the fire inside the room to protect their means of egress.

FF Floridaia began his search toward the rear of the second floor and Captain Cuccurullo then attempted to make a search in the front rooms. FF Corson used the extinguisher to protect his Captain, while the Officer made an attempt to enter the front apartment, which was well involved with fire coming up from the first-floor store.

After numerous attempts to get deeper into the apartment, Captain Cuccurullo was forced to abandon his efforts. Due to

the volume of fire, Captain Cuccurullo instructed FF Corson to control the door to the front apartment and maintain the means of egress with the extinguisher, while he headed toward the rear to assist FF Floridaia.

Hearing the 10-45 message from FF Floridaia, Captain Cuccurullo moved to the rear rooms. He called out to FF Floridaia, who had found two victims; a semiconscious male at the rear window and an unconscious woman on the floor next to the bed. The visibility was very poor but, together, they managed to get the woman to the window. As they began to lift her, fire vented itself below and began to auto-expose into the window at which they were operating.

The Captain closed the window to give them time to get out. Their only way out now was the way they came in; down the hall and stairs to the first floor.

While FF Floridaia dragged the semiconscious male, Captain Cuccurullo struggled with the unconscious female victim. Captain Cuccurullo reached the apartment hallway and his vibra-alert began activating; he was nearly out of air.

Meanwhile, FF Corson had run out of water and fire now was racing across the ceiling down the hall of the rear apartment, cutting off the Captain from the only way out.

At this time, Engine 226 had knocked down the rapidly extending fire emanating from the front rooms and began to move into the rear apartment to protect the Captain and his victim.

FF Corson crawled in to assist Captain Cuccurullo and, together, they dragged her to the safety of the stairwell.

Today, we honor Captain Michael Cuccurullo, Ladder 132, for his bravery and strength in saving these lives. For his efforts, he is presented with the William F. Conran Medal.—JTV



*The family Cuccurullo--son-in-law, FF Nicholas Schaivo; brother, Battalion Chief Steven Cuccurullo; son, FF Michael Cuccurullo; and William F. Conran Medal recipient, Captain Michael Cuccurullo.*

# Chief John J. McElligott Medal/ FFs Fitzpatrick and Frisby Award

## Firefighter Michael J. Shepherd

### *Squad Company 41*

March 26, 2015, 1517 hours, Box 77-0436, Manhattan



*Appointed to the FDNY on February 16, 1999. Previously assigned to Ladders 120 and 122. Great-grandfather, FF George Seibold, is retired from Ladder 122, and grandfather, FF Joseph McDonald, is retired from Engine 207. Recipient of a Class III and five unit citations. Attended Brooklyn Community College. Resides in Brooklyn with his children, Michael, Patrick, Amanda and Krysten.*

An image of extraordinary heroism within the Fire Department typically begins with a turnout of an entire company from the fortress we call “the firehouse.” Not all such acts, however, originate in this manner. A story worth telling a thousand times surrounds the actions of off-duty FF Michael Shepherd, Squad 41, on March 26, 2015. FF Shepherd responded as an individual to a historic incident and undeniably saved the lives of numerous civilians and Firefighters.

FF Shepherd was off-duty and exiting a downtown restaurant when he heard the unmistakable sound of a nearby major building explosion. Coincidentally, he had just completed FDNY explosives training. As he instinctively ran toward the seat of the explosion, FF Shepherd recognized the many facets that characterize such an event—a distinct pressure wave; remarkable heat; smoke that obscured vision; building debris in the street; and numerous disoriented civilian victims, overwhelmed with fear and suffering from trauma and broken eardrums.

Despite the chaos, FF Shepherd maintained his composure and performed a remarkably successful size-up of the building. A panicked woman was present at a third-floor window. FF Shepherd calmly instructed her to lower the drop-down fire escape ladder and assisted her to the street. Ascending the fire escape, FF Shepherd performed a rapid visual reconnaissance of each floor level through the front windows. He did not observe any trapped civilians. However, he did observe severely compromised floors, numerous leaning walls and a fire at the rear of the building that extended from the first floor to the fifth (top) floor level. The fire appeared to be growing in magnitude.

FF Shepherd descended the fire

escape through a column of rapidly rising heat and smoke. Arriving at street level, he sought out workers from the building and determined that two people remained unaccounted for. He immediately reported his many observations, including the severely compromised condition of the interior of the building—collapsed floors, leaning walls and fire extension throughout the structure—not visible from the exterior), to Battalion Chief Edward Tierney, Battalion 6, covering, and Deputy Chief Michael McPartland, Division 1. Based on this information, Chief McPartland withdrew all firefighting units from the building. Shortly thereafter, a major collapse of all floor levels occurred in the building. The adjoining buildings similarly experienced collapse as a consequence of the explosion and fire-related damage.



*FF Michael J. Shepherd descends fire escape after performing a valuable size-up, while off-duty, at Manhattan Box 77-0436.*

FF Shepherd performed well above and beyond the call of duty. He acted alone and without the protection of either firefighting gear or a charged hose-line. He exhibited remarkable composure from a precarious position as he accurately evaluated the structural integrity of the building and effectively communicated this information to the Incident Commander. Without his selfless efforts, the severely compromised condition of the building would have remained unknown until it was “too late.” In his absence, many Firefighters would have been present within the building when collapse occurred.

The actions of FF Shepherd validate the training that FDNY Firefighters receive. His intel enhanced the situational awareness of Chiefs Tierney and McPartland, ensuring the safety of all who operated at this incident. It is with great respect that FDNY honors FF Michael J. Shepherd on this day with the Chief John J. McElligott Medal/FFs Fitzpatrick and Frisby Award for his initiative, composure and truly heroic actions.—JF



## Thomas F. Dougherty Medal

### Firefighter Shawn A. Miro

#### Ladder Company 148

May 22, 2015, 2301 hours, Box 75-2596, Brooklyn

*Appointed to the FDNY on January 27, 2002. Recipient of one unit citation. Attended the College of Staten Island. Resides on Staten Island with his wife, Lisa, and their son, Jason, and daughter, Daniella.*

As the members of Hook & Ladder 148 turned out onto 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Brooklyn on the night of May 22, 2015, they did not know that three lives hung in the balance; lives that surely would have been lost without their rescue efforts. Traveling down 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the picture of this fire began to unfold for members of Ladder 148. The Brooklyn Fire Dispatcher was on the phone with a woman, gasping in the smoke, trapped with her two daughters by a fire.

Navigating the Brooklyn streets, FF Shawn Miro, assigned as Ladder 148's chauffeur, was performing a mental size-up of the building on 60<sup>th</sup> Street. He was determining his likely position for the apparatus and thinking about the type of building and its layout.

On arrival, heavy fire was showing out of the first-floor entrance. The fire building was a two-story, 20- by 40-foot, mixed occupancy with a residential apartment on the second floor. Fire was pushing out the front door under pressure and rolling up the front of the building. The fire had control of the interior stairs, so FF Miro knew he had to get into position and begin his search on the second floor.

Experience and professionalism enable a Firefighter to see the "big picture" and work quickly and efficiently, but never in a rushed mode. Important tactics cannot be skipped. FF Miro displayed these qualities as he carefully positioned the aerial ladder, avoiding overhead wires, a telephone pole and a light pole. He provided access for Ladder 148's roof Firefighter Joseph Massucci and then began to "thread the needle" through these obstacles again to position it at the second-floor bedroom window.

As they pulled up to the

scene, Engine 247 reported to Ladder 148, "seeing a figure at the window," who since had disappeared. This window was directly above the extending fire from the first-floor entrance.

FF Miro ascended the aerial directly over heavy, venting fire. He forcibly removed the window, probed the floor immediately below the window and quickly entered the heavily charged, smoke-filled room to begin his search. At that moment, FF Miro took a leap of faith; faith and confidence that all of his colleagues would complete their assignments and Engine 247 would extinguish the fire that would cut off his escape.

Under high heat and heavy smoke, FF Miro quickly discovered an unconscious female lying on the bedroom floor. He proactively notified Battalion Chief Robert Wing, Battalion 40, to have a member meet him at the tip of the aerial ladder with a stokes basket. Fire had control of the interior stairs, so the only option was to remove the victim via the aerial ladder at the window he entered. FF Miro dragged the unconscious female under the super-heated smoke to the window. He lifted her onto the windowsill and then out onto the ladder with the waiting stokes basket. The rescue stokes then was slid down the ladder. The unconscious female was treated at the scene by EMS

personnel and then she (and her two daughters) were all transported to the hospital. They all recovered from this tragedy.

This woman's life was saved due to the initiative, training and experience of FF Miro. He placed himself in danger as he ascended the ladder directly above an uncontrolled fire and then brought the woman to safety. His actions speak for themselves and today, FF Shawn Miro is awarded the Thomas F. Dougherty Medal.—MD



*The incident for which FF Shawn A. Miro received the Thomas F. Dougherty Medal.*

# Albert S. Johnston Medal

## Firefighter Matthew M. Cassidy *Ladder Company 9*

March 26, 2015, 1517 hours, Box 77-0436 121 and 123 Second Avenue, Manhattan

*Appointed to the FDNY on September 14, 2003. Member of the Emerald Society. Recipient of one pre-hospital save award. Attended College of Staten Island. Resides in Warwick, New York, with his wife, Christina, and their children, Julia, 15, John, 14, Matthew, 12, Michaela, 9, Madeline, 4, Kaitlyn, 1, and Claire, seven months.*



It was mid-afternoon on March 26, 2015, when the tone alarm sounded in the quarters of Ladder 9, initially directing the *Bowery Boys* to East 7<sup>th</sup> Street and First Avenue. As Ladder 9 neared the location, an urgent report of fire and collapse a block away at Second Avenue prompted the company to proceed in that direction. When they arrived, there was fire present and evidence of a collapse. The truck was positioned in such a way that it was not in a collapse zone, but in an area that facilitated observation and search of the structure, as well as any victim rescue.

FF Matthew Cassidy, who was assigned the outside vent position, entered the tower ladder basket, along with FF Bertram Springstead, assigned the roof position. FF Cassidy operated the basket and maneuvered it in such a way as to drop the roof Firefighter on the top of the building. FF Cassidy then brought the basket to the top floor of the structure. From his vantage point, FF Cassidy could see the fire rapidly advancing through the fire building and extending to the structures that were attached to it. As he observed the deteriorating conditions, FF Cassidy heard a request for a search of the top floor and immediately, despite the heavy smoke condition, moved the basket to the fire escape.

At this point, FF Cassidy climbed onto the fire escape and subsequently entered the apartment window. He commenced searching the flat and, as he made his way from room to room, he heard an ominous sound of the building

rumbling and creaking. Simultaneously, he was pitched forward as the floor under him began to collapse. The Firefighter rapidly moved away from the falling floor, dove onto a bed, rolled out an adjacent window, back onto the fire escape and then into the tower ladder bucket.

As FF Cassidy was escaping from the unsound and structurally unsafe building, there were calls to assist a member of Rescue 1

FF Richard Resto, who was stranded on the rapidly deteriorating roof of exposure #4, which was totally engulfed in fire. The Firefighter had no means of escape other than via Ladder 9's basket. FF Cassidy re-energized himself, took control of the basket and proceeded toward the stranded Firefighter. He did this in spite of the high heat and thickening smoke rising up toward him. As the basket reached the stranded Firefighter, FF Cassidy reached out and hauled his colleague to safety.

The building was engulfed in fire; the heat condition was intense; heavy smoke obscured visibility; and complete structural failure was imminent as the building was collapsing. Yet through it all, FF Cassidy maintained his composure, willingly entered a hazardous area alone to perform a search for life without the protection of a hose-line, effected the rescue of a trapped Firefighter and maintained situational awareness of the conditions around him.

For his courageous efforts at this incident, the Albert S. Johnston Medal is proudly awarded to Firefighter Matthew M. Cassidy.—BDG



*The incident for which FF Matthew M. Cassidy received the Albert S. Johnston Medal. Photo by Katy Clements*



## *Ner Tamid Society/ Franklin Delano Roosevelt Medal*

### **Lieutenant Michael J. Russo**

*Ladder Company 168 (assigned); Ladder Company 149 (detailed)*

**June 14, 2015, 0058 hours, Box 75-3852, Brooklyn**

*Appointed to the FDNY on February 4, 2001. Previously assigned to Engine 219 and Tower Ladder 105. Father, FF Joseph Russo, is retired from Engine 309 and cousin, FF Chris Adisano, is assigned to Engine 249. Recipient of the Thomas F. Dougherty Medal and a unit citation. Holds a BS degree in Education from St. Francis College. Resides on Staten Island with his wife, Mary Beth, and their children, Michael, Meghan, Mary Kate and Matthew.*

The silence of an early summer night was shattered when the alarm tones sounded just before one a.m. at The Castle on the Hill, sending Lieutenant Michael J. Russo and members of Engine 284 and Ladder 149 to a reported fire near quarters in the Dyker Heights neighborhood in Brooklyn. A 15-year veteran, Lieutenant Russo was working in Ladder 149 for one night from his assigned company, Ladder 168.

Engine 284 and Ladder 149 arrived first to the building that reportedly was on fire, a two-story private home that was built side by side with another similar building, essentially a mirror-image of itself, and described as “semi-attached.” Lieutenant Russo immediately was met by a frantic occupant in front of the building. With the occupant confirming the address on the response ticket, the Officer, with his forcible entry team—FFs Thomas E. Kirrane with the irons and Mikhail S. Strapko with the extinguisher—entered the house.

They encountered a light smoke condition and smelled the odor of burning wood, a telltale sign of structural fire in these building types. A quick scan with his thermal imaging camera revealed that the fire was not at the reported address. The Officer immediately moved his investigation to the adjacent (and adjoined) house next door. Information was relayed to him that an elderly man likely was trapped on the second floor.

Lieutenant Russo transmitted the accurate fire location and address to other units, enabling Engine 284’s Company Commander, James F. Gorman, to direct his Firefighters to stretch and position the hose-line to the proper area. Smoke had filled the entire building and visibility was zero, requiring Lieutenant Russo and his inside team to put on their masks even before they ascended the stairs to the second floor. Reaching the second-floor

landing, they felt a motorized chair lift, confirming reports of a trapped, elderly occupant with physical challenges.

Ladder 149’s chauffeur, FF Darren F. Quinn, transmitted via handie-talkie that the front bedroom window was engulfed in flames and that Engine 284 was having difficulty getting the hose past the chair lift. The Lieutenant crawled into the main fire area, the bedroom, where he found the elderly victim and transmitted his finding to Battalion Chief Brian A. Duffy, Battalion 42. Due to the intensity of the fire pouring out of the bedroom door into the hallway, neither Lieutenant Russo nor the two Firefighters under his immediate supervision could get close enough to close the door and confine the fire. They all had to get out of the hallway—quickly.

FF Strapko’s 2-1/2-gallon extinguisher could provide only limited protection; seconds at best. Lieutenant Russo and FF Kirrane dragged the victim down the hallway. They sought out an area of refuge in the bathroom, which served two purposes: it removed them from the most intense path of the fire and they got out of the way of the advancing nozzle team. With Engine 284’s nozzle team between them and the fire, Lieutenant Russo and FF Kirrane brought the victim down the stairs and out of the building.



*Lieutenant Michael J. Russo and his crew after a job well-done.*

Lieutenant Russo called for assistance and began CPR. He was relieved by Engine 247 members, who continued treatment, freeing Lieutenant Russo to return to the fire building, where he completed his searches and supervised overhaul efforts.

Lieutenant Michael J. Russo’s courage and initiative in such a demanding environment saved the life of a fellow New Yorker. For these reasons, he is presented with the Ner Tamid Society/Franklin Delano Roosevelt Medal.—SN



# Tracy Allen-Lee Medal

## EMT-P Niall C. O'Shaughnessy

### Station 4

July 20, 2015, 0722 hours, Box 0167, Manhattan

*Appointed to FDNY as an Emergency Medical Technician on March 13, 2006. Previously assigned to Stations 45 and 49. Member of the Irish Military Reserves. Recipient of a Unit Citation and pre-hospital saves. Resides in Hicksville, Long Island, with his sons, Alex and Aidan.*



In the early morning of July 20, 2015, Paramedic Niall O'Shaughnessy's life changed forever, as did that of a young woman. On this day, the Paramedic went above and beyond, by assisting in the water rescue of a young woman who was clinging to life in the Hudson River.

Paramedics O'Shaughnessy and Moses Nelson began their tour covering the area near Pier 25 in Manhattan. An hour into their day, bystanders alerted the crew of a woman afloat in the water. Arriving at the pier, the two Paramedics observed a young woman struggling to stay afloat by using a New York City Parks Department life ring. Paramedics Nelson and O'Shaughnessy quickly sprang into action. Paramedic Nelson made notification, requesting additional resources, including the FDNY Marine Unit. Paramedic O'Shaughnessy stayed on the shoreline, continually assessing both the scene and the patient for any changing conditions or threats.

Paramedic O'Shaughnessy's continued diligence and training allowed him to quickly recognize increasing patient fatigue. Without hesitation, he jumped into the Hudson River to keep the young woman afloat. Thanks to his immediate action, Paramedic O'Shaughnessy prevented the young woman's further submersion. He kept her afloat and provided supportive measures until the prompt arrival of FDNY Marine Unit 1 Alpha. Through these coordinated measures, Paramedic O'Shaughnessy and the young woman were safely brought ashore.

Thanks to Paramedic O'Shaughnessy's decisive and selfless actions, this young woman was safely recovered from the treacherous Hudson River. Paramedics O'Shaughnessy and Nelson remained with the young woman until her transport to the hospital.

Paramedic O'Shaughnessy is a true

example of how selfless, swift actions make the difference between life and death. He was presented with a unique situation, with dangers ranging from environmental hazards to personal safety. Through the combined actions of Paramedic O'Shaughnessy and support from Paramedic Nelson and the Marine Unit, tragedy was averted.

Against the multitude of potential hazards during the course of this rescue operation, Paramedic O'Shaughnessy bravely put another's life ahead of his own. For his commitment and perseverance in the face of these hazards, Paramedic Niall C. O'Shaughnessy is recognized today with the Tracy Allen-Lee Medal.—BR



*EMT-P O'Shaughnessy's tour on July 20, 2015, near Manhattan's Pier 25, included aiding a young woman who was seen floating in the Hudson River.*

## Vincent J. Kane Medal

### Firefighter Kevin F. Hillmann

#### *Ladder Company 54*

January 29, 2015, 1635 hours, Box 2899, Bronx



*Appointed to the FDNY on August 5, 2007. Previously assigned to Engine 314. Recipient of one unit citation. Holds a degree in Physical Education from SUNY at Cortland. Resides in Seaford, Long Island.*

The New York City Fire Department has evolved in many ways. In the early days, the FDNY was strictly an agency that dealt with fire. Today, the FDNY is an All Hazards response agency. Members respond to every conceivable emergency that one can imagine—gas leaks, water main breaks, elevator emergencies, auto accidents, etc.

One often overlooks the fact that New York City is a City of water. Rivers that surround every borough have contributed to its dramatic growth through history, but they also have contributed to some of its most tragic incidents. Because of this fact, the FDNY has made tremendous strides in training numerous units throughout the City to deal with every imaginable event on the water. Luckily for one young boy, FF Kevin Hillmann, Ladder 54, is one of those specially trained members and was working on January 29, 2015.

On this frigid early evening, Ladder 54 responded to a report of a person trapped on the ice in the Bronx River. While responding to the Box, FF Hillmann, who had been assigned as primary entry at roll call, removed his bunker gear, donned his cold water rescue suit and took the ice awls. On arrival, members spotted the youngster on the moving ice floe. FF Hillmann deftly climbed down the steep, icy and rocky terrain to reach the shoreline.

The Firefighter told the victim to remain calm and still, reassuring him that he would be alright. As FF Hillmann entered the water and made his way toward the victim, he encountered strong currents and a slippery, uneven river bottom. Realizing that the ice was too thin to support his weight, he broke apart the ice until he was about five feet from the victim.

The rescuer realized that if he continued any closer, the ice possibly could break up around the boy, causing him to go under the ice and be carried away downriver.

FF Hillmann now was in neck-deep water. He took a strong, stable position against the current and coordinated with FF Christopher Harkinish, Ladder 54, to place a ladder on top of the ice. While the two Firefighters placed the ladder on the ice, FF Hillmann continually reassured the victim he would be okay. FF Hillmann supported and stabilized the ladder near the victim and instructed him to kneel down and crawl onto the ladder. As the victim started to crawl onto the ladder, FF Hillmann took hold of him and guided him along the ladder until FF Harkinish grabbed him and brought him to shore.

Simultaneously, FF Hillmann's cold water rescue suit began taking on the frigid water right up to his neck. The cold was permeating his body and he started to feel lethargic. Once the youngster was past him and safely in the hands of FF Harkinish, FF Hillmann began to make his way to shore. Reaching the shore, he informed Captain Thomas Yuneman that water had

entered his suit and he was beginning to show signs of hypothermia. FF Hillmann was taken to the hospital and treated for exposure.

In a touch of irony, FF Hillmann used to teach water rescue for the FDNY. Obviously, he, too, learned those lessons well. FF Hillmann's actions in extremely severe conditions are indicative of the determination of FDNY members to do whatever it takes to save those in danger. It is for this reason that FF Kevin F. Hillmann is being recognized this day with the Vincent J. Kane Medal.—CB



*The incident for which FF Kevin F. Hillmann received the Vincent J. Kane Medal. Photo by FF Joey Leggio, FDOC*

## Brummer Medal

### Firefighter Brian T. Browne

#### Rescue Company 3

March 7, 2015, 1914 hours, Box 3701, Harlem River, Bronx

*Appointed to the FDNY on October 23, 1994. Previously assigned to Ladder 56. Father, Lieutenant James Browne, is retired from Engine 47, and uncle, Captain Michael Browne, is retired from Ladder 163. Member of the Emerald Society. Recipient of the Emerald Society Medal in 1998; the Steuben Association Medal in 2003; the Firefighter Thomas R. Elsasser Medal in 2014; and the Firefighter David J. DeFranco Medal; as well as two unit citations. Holds a degree in Landscape Architecture from Rutgers University. Resides in Warwick, New York, with his wife, Pamela, and their daughters, Julia, Ciara and Ava.*



Water rescue operations are always difficult because they present unique circumstances and challenges. However, when these operations occur in obstacle-ridden terrain with difficult access points, frigid air and water temperatures, a rapidly moving current, sheets of ice in the water, complete darkness and a fading victim—rescue efforts not only are more problematic, but extremely dangerous. This was the scenario at 1914 hours on March 7, 2015, when FF Brian T. Browne and the members of Rescue 3 responded to a reported person in the water at Bronx Box 3701.

That evening, FF Browne, assigned the Diver II position of “Big Blue,” responded to West 225th Street in Marble Hill and was directed to proceed to an area behind a department store where first-due units determined the best access point to the Harlem River. This location was adjacent to the underside of the Broadway Bridge (which connects Manhattan and the Bronx) and had a 20-foot fence to protect the Metro North Railroad tracks (between the department store and the river’s bulkhead). FF Browne and Rescue 3 were directed to conduct a visual search using a thermal imaging camera.

The camera revealed a female victim in the water, approximately 30 yards from the bulkhead, in the middle of the channel, hanging onto the south pillion (pad or cushion) of the bridge. The air temperature was 33 degrees, while the water temperature was a slightly warmer 38 degrees. The river was moving at a steady three knots and large sheets of ice were flowing south with the current. The victim’s head was just above the surface and she was unable to call out due to advancing hypothermia.



Rescue 3 apparatus. Photo by Joe Pinto

Rescue 3’s Captain ordered the company to begin surface rescue operations and carefully crossed three electrified, snow- and ice-covered rail beds. FF Browne, who already was clad in a SCUBA diver “dry suit,” body harness and personal flotation device, traversed this dangerous area to reach the top of the bulkhead, which was 14 feet above the river. The Firefighter, assisted by other members of Rescue 3, donned his fins and a safety rope was attached to his body harness. Because of the drop, a portable ladder was requested to reach the water.

Firefighter Browne noticed the victim starting to lose her grip, so he immediately jumped the 14 feet into the river. Reaching the surface, he swam through the moving current, while avoiding sheets of ice that could injure him or sever his safety line. The rescuer quickly reached the victim just as she lost her grip on the pillion and sank below the surface. He grabbed the victim in a bear hug and rolled onto his back to keep her out of the water.

Rescue 3 members hauled the pair back to the bulkhead, while FF Browne protected the victim and himself from the still-flowing sheets of ice. Reaching the bulkhead, FF Browne placed the victim in a water rescue sling and members of Rescue 3, held

by their feet over the side of the bulkhead, quickly removed the victim from the frigid water. EMS personnel transported her to the hospital. After the portable ladder was set up, FF Browne climbed out of the river.

FF Browne showed great strength, courage and determination in the rescue of this victim, who is alive today only due to his actions. For these reasons, the New York City Fire Department is proud to honor FF Brian T. Browne today with the Brummer Medal.—DJH

## Frank W. Kridel Medal

### Firefighter Denis J. Gallagher

#### Ladder Company 46

January 9, 2015, 1658 hours, Box 22-3556, Bronx



*Appointed to the FDNY on May 7, 1983. Previously assigned to Ladder 8. Member of the Emerald Society. Resides in Putnam Valley, New York, with his wife, Lori, and their daughter, Eve.*

Fire is insidious; what you think you see is not always what is. Fire always chooses the path of least resistance. Smoke pouring from the roof could be a basement fire and, conversely, smoke coming from a doorway might be an attic fire. It is just such a circumstance that confronted Ladder 46 in the early-evening hours of January 9, 2015.

At 1658 hours, Ladder 46 responded to Box 3556 for a reported fire. Members observed heavy, black smoke coming out of two front windows on the fifth floor. Unbeknownst to the members, the fire actually was on the third floor. When the occupants of the fire apartment evacuated, they left their apartment door open. The door to a fifth-floor apartment also was left open, as were two front bedroom windows. This created a flow path for all heat and smoke pushing out of the fire apartment. The smoke and heat surged up the stairs and pushed out the fifth-floor apartment windows.

Anticipating a fire on the fifth floor as Ladder 46 and Engine 81 members ascended the stairs, everyone was surprised to be confronted with a heavy fire, heat and smoke condition on the third floor. Fire was blowing out of the apartment door, engulfing the floor landing and flowing freely up the stairs to the floors above.

Almost simultaneously, Battalion Chief Brian Johnston, Battalion 27, informed all members that there were numerous reports of people trapped on the fifth floor. FF Denis Gallagher, the outside vent Firefighter in Ladder 46, knew his assignment; he had to get to the floors above. The forcible entry team would be dedicated to the fire floor and the only hope for anyone trapped on the floors above was if FF Gallagher got to them. The Firefighter informed his

Officer that he was going above and he dashed up the stairs to the fifth floor, staying low, beneath the fire and heat. Simultaneously, FF Richard Barry, Squad 61, with the irons, raced up the stairs and joined FF Gallagher to search the floors above.

Reaching the fifth-floor landing, the two Firefighters donned their masks and immediately started their search. Confronted with zero visibility and a high heat condition, both members entered the fire apartment. FFs Gallagher and Barry split up to search the apartment as quickly as possible. FF Gallagher went right and FF Barry went left. FF Gallagher crawled down a long, dark hall, calling out as he searched, hoping to hear some sound of life.

FF Gallagher continued down the hall and reached the rear bedroom. When he entered the room, he felt around and found two unconscious people on the floor. Immediately, he transmitted a 10-45 and called out to FF Barry for assistance. Together, they carried the motionless female victim back toward the front door. Reaching the fifth-floor landing, they encountered FF Shane Clarke, Battalion 19 Aide, and FF David Collado, Squad 61 can Firefighter, and informed them that there was another victim in the rear bedroom to the right.

FFs Gallagher and Barry carried the victim to the second floor where she was placed in a stokes basket and moved to the street to be treated by EMS personnel.

FF Gallagher performed this rescue without a hose-line in place and put himself in danger to effect this rescue. By his actions, he exemplified what it means to be a New York City Firefighter. In recognition of his bravery, FF Denis Gallagher today is presented with the Frank W. Kridel Medal.—CB



*Ladder 46 operates at Bronx Box 55-3677, May 2, 2013. Photo by Bill Tompkins*

# Emerald Society Medal

## Firefighter Christopher M. Polesovsky

### *Ladder Company 116*

November 25, 2015, 1116 hours, Box 22-7467, Queens

*Appointed to the FDNY on July 15, 2001. Member of the Steuben Association. Resides in Whitestone, Queens, with his wife, Sabine, their son, Christopher, and their daughters, Arianna and Jenna.*



On November 25, 2015, Ladder 116 received a phone alarm, reporting fire on the second floor of a multiple dwelling. The company was on building inspection around the corner and quickly arrived on-scene. Members encountered heavy fire from two windows on the second floor; the fire rapidly was extending to the third floor. Numerous people frantically were descending the fire escapes and pointing to the apartment, stating that someone might be trapped within the apartment.

Lieutenant Michael DeCollibus told the ladder company chauffeur (LCC), FF Erich Gehm, to transmit the 10-75 signal over the Department radio for a fire on the second floor of a non-fireproof multiple dwelling. Due to Ladder 116's quick response, members would be operating without an engine for an extended period of time.

With his forcible entry team, FF Daniel Lawlor with the can, and FF Christopher Polesovsky, Lieutenant DeCollibus then proceeded into the building. FF Polesovsky, assigned the forcible entry position, forced the lobby door open. They proceeded to the second floor where visibility became severely diminished, forcing the inside team to don their facepieces, as they searched for the apartment door. They quickly found the door to the fire apartment, which was left partially opened. Trying to gain entry, they found the door blocked. Checking for victims, the members discovered that debris blocked the door and Collyers' mansion-type conditions existed inside.

Lieutenant DeCollibus and FF Polesovsky were forced to use a reduced profile maneuver to enter the apartment. As they started clearing debris from behind the door to initiate a search, a report of a person trapped in the apartment was transmitted over the handie-talkie. A person was confirmed to be in the apartment by FF Christopher Kalin, assigned the outside

vent position. He radioed to his Officer that he heard someone screaming in the apartment for help and the sound of her voice was diminishing with each second.

As FF Kalin was reporting to Lieutenant DeCollibus, FF Neal Harris, the roof Firefighter, transmitted that two windows in the courtyard had failed and fire was issuing from them. FF Polesovsky began his search by crawling over even more clutter and aggressively pushed his way through adverse conditions toward the bedroom. The fire now had control of three rooms and the heat condition rapidly was increasing. It was proving to be an arduous task, crawling through large piles of debris, yet FF Polesovsky located the now-overcome victim, collapsed on the bedroom floor.

He transmitted a 10-45 signal over the handie-talkie. The Firefighter dragged the victim back over the debris, toward the apartment door. Hearing the transmission that fire was venting out two additional windows, FF Polesovsky knew there was little time left before the fire apartment was fully engulfed. FF Lawlor, who was positioned at the apartment door, assisted FF Polesovsky in removing the victim to the stairwell, as the hallway was outside of the IDLH (immediately dangerous to life and health) area. Engine 260 members assumed care of the woman. FF Polesovsky, physically exhausted, then made his way back into the fire apartment to continue his search and overhaul.

FF Polesovsky showed great initiative and bravery, crawling through a super-heated, Collyers' mansion-type apartment (littered with debris) with zero visibility. Delay of water made for even more treacherous conditions. However, FF Polesovsky proved equal to the challenge, ultimately leading to the victim's life being saved. For his courageous actions, FF Christopher M. Polesovsky is awarded the Emerald Society Medal.—RL



*The incident for which FF Christopher Polesovsky received the Emerald Society Medal.*

## Chief Wesley Williams Medal

### Firefighter Denis M. Dermody

#### Engine Company 289

March 5, 2015, 0355 hours, Box 9381, Queens



*Appointed to the FDNY on May 4, 2003. Brother, Lieutenant Thomas Dermody, is assigned to Ladder 58. Member of the Irish-American Society. Recipient of three unit citations. Holds an AS degree in Construction Architectural Engineering. Resides in Bayside, Queens, with his wife, Bianca, and their daughter, Angela, and sons, Michael and Aiden.*

**O**n March 5, 2015, at 0355 hours, Engine 289 was assigned to Box 9381 for an EMS run for the elevated 7 train stop at 103rd Street and Roosevelt Avenue. Members ascended the stairs to the platform level. Captain Thomas Sussman, Division 14, covering in Engine 289, was told by both police and the train operator that a man was killed by the train. Engine 289 members set out to confirm if he was alive.

Other members of Engine 289 were checking along the length of the gap between the platform and the train, while FF Denis M. Dermody went back down to the street and used his flashlight to check the tracks from below. He located the victim's sneaker and a pool of blood and radioed the location to Captain Sussman. The victim was near the second car of the train. FF Dermody remained on the street until Captain Sussman could make contact with him.

Since the man still might be alive, Captain Sussman requested power off through the FDNY dispatcher and also had the train operator contact his dispatcher to request power off. With the knowledge that there was a confirmed victim, Captain Sussman, who was being guided by FF Dermody from below, went around the front of the train and onto the catwalk between the express track and the train. FF Dermody continued to use his handie-talkie and flashlight from street level to assist Captain Sussman in reaching the victim.

Reaching the victim, Captain Sussman reached over the third rail and under the train to check the victim's vital signs. The man was breathing, but pinned under the train and bleeding heavily from severe injuries. The Box was transmitted five minutes into the operation and FF Dermody knew that since Ladder 138 was unavailable because they

were on another run, Engine 289 would have to operate alone and without specialized equipment and tools.

FF Daniel P. Gunther, Engine 289, entered the train, opened the exit door and climbed down onto the catwalk between the express and westbound tracks. Captain Sussman asked the train operator to use his radio to request that all trains on the express track be stopped. FF Gunther climbed over the third rail and under the train to assess the victim's injuries and control his bleeding. FF Dermody, who was on the ground, retrieved the longboard from the apparatus and went up to assist Captain Sussman and FF Gunther.

When FF Dermody got to track level, he secured from a train conductor two wooden paddles, which he put over the contact shoes of the train. He then climbed down onto the track with the longboard and handed it to Captain Sussman. FF Dermody climbed over the third rail and under the train to assist with patient care and removal. He stabilized the victim's neck and spine and prepared him for packaging.

With a knife, FF Gunther cut the victim free from under the train's wheels. They freed the victim without the use of cribbing to prevent the train from moving. Captain Sussman

positioned the longboard alongside the victim, while FFs Dermody and Gunther lifted the man onto it. FF Dermody dragged the man out from under the train and helped lift him over the third rail to the catwalk. The victim was transported to the hospital.

With his quick thinking and courageous actions under very adverse conditions, FF Denis M. Dermody was instrumental in saving a man's life and is presented with the Chief Wesley Williams Medal.—  
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*The elevated 7 train tracks in Queens at 103rd Street and Roosevelt Avenue. Photo courtesy Google Maps*

# Holy Name Society Medal (Brooklyn/Queens)

## Firefighter Frank A. Busener

### Ladder Company 136

December 26, 2014, 2333 hours, Box 75-7094, Queens

*Appointed to the FDNY on September 25, 2005. Member of the Steuben Association, Emerald and Holy Name Societies and the Viking Association. Recipient of four unit citations. Holds Bachelor degrees in Criminal Justice and History. Resides in Glendale, Queens.*



*Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction.—John F. Kennedy.*

The courageous acts of New York City Firefighters are visible every day to the citizens of this great City. Whether members are involved in a water rescue, operating at a trench collapse or performing searches in a fire building, New Yorkers know that the brave men and women of the FDNY will protect them. However, it is the training that every Firefighter receives in the Academy, as well as the constant drilling while on-duty, that fine-tune the purpose and direction of members while effecting any rescue.

This courage was displayed once again on the evening of December 26, 2014. For this particular tour, FF Frank Busener, Ladder 136, had been assigned the can position. At 2333 hours, the members of Ladder 136 turned out for residential phone alarm Box 7094, reporting a fire in a private dwelling. While en route, the Queens Fire Communications Office reported receiving numerous calls reporting a fire in a private house. On arrival, the members were met with a heavy smoke condition and a large crowd gathering in the street. Ladder 136 transmitted the signal 10-75, alerting all responding units to a working fire.

FF Busener grabbed his tools and performed a quick size-up of the fire building. Heavy smoke was pushing forcefully from the basement windows and it was apparent there was fire in the basement. The inside team donned their SCBA and made their way inside the first floor to search for the basement stairs. Finding the stairs to the basement, the members

of the inside team encountered a heavy heat condition. After calling for a line, the members of the inside team made their way down the stairs into the basement.

Ladder 136 Captain Brian Neville and FF David Wirta with the irons went to the left to perform a search and FF Busener went to the right on his own to search the basement. Seconds later, FF Busener came across an unconscious occupant who was covered under debris. He transmitted the 10-45 signal to his Officer and began the removal process of the victim to the bottom of the basement stairs. However, due to the weight of the victim and reports that the fire now was extending to the first floor, FF Busener called out for assistance in removing the victim.

He was met by FF Wirta and the Ladder 136 chauffeur, FF Roger Rudzewick, From this point, these members removed the motionless victim up the stairs and out to the street where he was transferred to EMS personnel, who treated him with Advanced Life Support. The victim was treated on-scene and then transported to the hospital, where he made a full recovery.

If not for the bravery and decisive actions of FF Busener at this dangerous basement apartment fire, the victim surely would not have enjoyed another New Year with his family. The extraordinary efforts of FF Busener demonstrated precisely how FDNY's constant training facilitates members' rescue actions with purpose and direction. For his courage, the Department awards FF Frank A. Busener with the Holy Name Society Medal (Brooklyn/Queens).—SI



*FF Frank A. Busener with Ladder 136 members.*



**Dr. Dario Gonzalez**  
*Office of Medical Affairs*

## Chief James Scullion Medal

October 30, 2015, 1028 hours,  
Box 0751, Manhattan



**EMT-P Cristina L. Aponte**  
*Station 10*



**EMT-P Joseph J. Hudak**  
*Station 4*



**EMT Matthew Herzog**  
*Station 8*



**EMT Taylor T. Perez**  
*Station 8*

On the morning of October 30, 2015, EMTs Matthew Herzog and Taylor Perez began their normal routine as crew members of 61A2. At 1028 hours, they were assigned to an MCI33P (structural collapse). On their arrival, they were led to the location where two men were reported to be trapped under a ceiling collapse. Both EMTs, wearing their personal protective equipment, gained entry in this maze-like basement where the dust was thick and the visibility extremely low. The pair carefully began to crawl on the debris to locate the victims.

EMT Perez made contact with the first victim and noted that there were no signs of life. Soon thereafter, he found the second patient, who was alert and oriented. The surviving victim was trapped from the abdomen down in debris and unreachable. EMT Herzog quickly provided a 10-12, which provided confirmation of the incident, the number of patients and their triage tag colors, and also requested Rescue Medics and additional resources. Knowing that they were in a hazardous environment, they advised the surviving patient that they would be back for him.

After establishing EMS Operations Sector 1, Rescue Paramedics Cristina L. Aponte and Joseph Hudak were on-scene and ready to do what they are trained to do. These men and women give victims in precarious situations a better chance at survival. They are trained on Randall's Island in collapse rescue, confined space rescue, combined trench and high-angle procedures, crush medicine and advanced Haz-Mat training.

They were sent into the collapse zone to make a patient assessment and provide treatment for the trapped victim. By this time, Dr. Dario Gonzalez was on-scene and, with Battalion Chief Joseph Downey, Rescue Battalion, remained within 15 feet of the patient throughout the

remainder of the operation. Debris started to come down around them. Operations immediately ceased until further shoring could be established for the safety of the emergency personnel and the patient.

With the potential of another collapse, the Haz-Tac Battalion took over EMS operations and with Chief Downey, developed an egress plan. Due to the position of the patient within the collapse and the uncertainty of which way the patient would be extricated, the Haz-Tac Battalion positioned two crews of Rescue Medics at two access points. Now, access to the patient was achievable through two separate approaches. Once deemed safe, Paramedics Hudak and Aponte returned to continue patient care.

Monitoring of the patient continued. Considerations were made for specialty equipment exclusive to the Rescue Paramedics. Chemical warming blankets and fluids were used to maintain the patient's body temperature and additional pain management was given to keep the patient comfortable. Additional Rescue Paramedics were rotated between access points throughout the prolonged extrication.

After more than three hours of rescue operations, the FDNY Rescue Companies freed the patient from the debris. The worker was taken to the Rescue Paramedics' ambulance for more extensive assessment, evaluation and treatment by Dr. Dario Gonzalez and the Paramedics. They stabilized the patient and transported him to the nearest trauma center.

For their extraordinary efforts during this difficult patient extrication from a complicated and dangerous collapse, the Chief James Scullion Medal is presented to Dr. Dario Gonzalez, Rescue Paramedics Cristina Aponte and Joseph Hudak and EMTs Matthew Herzog and Taylor Perez.—MM



# Captain Denis W. Lane Memorial Medal

## Captain James W. Kiesling

*Rescue Battalion (assigned); Rescue 1 (detailed)*

October 30, 2015, 1028 hours, Box 0751, Manhattan

*Appointed to the FDNY on June 29, 1988. Previously assigned to Ladder 104, Squad 1 and Rescue 2. Father, Battalion Chief Joseph J. Kiesling (deceased), was assigned to Battalion 51; brother, FF Joseph J. Kiesling, is retired from Ladder 165; nephew, FF Joseph J. Kiesling, is assigned to Ladder 142; and nephew, FM Kevin Miller, is assigned to BFI, City-Wide North. Holds an AOS degree in Fire Protection Technology from Corning Community College and a BA degree in Fire and Emergency Services from John Jay College. Resides in Lindenhurst, Long Island, with his wife, Gayl.*



The extensive training received and experience encountered since Captain James W. Kiesling entered the Special Operations Command in 1991 prepared him well for a building collapse with a pinned construction worker on October 30, 2015. His background proved to be the deciding factor in an extrication that required extensive breaching, breaking, tunneling and shoring operations, as well as a coordinated joint effort between Fire and Rescue Medic units.

On arrival, units encountered a construction site consisting of two buildings, both of which were in the process of being demolished. The collapse began on the fourth floor, directly above where a construction laborer was working. Thousands of pounds of construction materials collapsed, leaving the man pinned. A quick assessment showed the victim was pinned under elements of the structure, as well as a large quantity of debris. The entire area immediately surrounding the collapse was severely compromised. The collapse pattern was very complex, consisting of a V-shaped collapse, with multiple structural members forming both supported and unsupported lean-tos. This formed into a funnel, with several collapsed floors of debris poured into it. This funnel started from the upper floors and ended with the mouth of the funnel directly over the center of the victim's back.

Due to the compromised nature of the structure, access to the collapse area and immediate vicinity of the victim was limited, with only Captain Kiesling entering the area to assess the victim. The worker was responsive, but complaining of back pain. He exhibited signs of respiratory distress. A rapid initial assessment of both the structure and victim indicated that extrication and interventions had to start immediately. Despite the obvious danger, shoring and safing operations (to make a portion of an excavation safe to enter by using items such as



*Rescue Firefighters take part in parallel extrication operations occurring on each side of the victim. Well into the operation, this area initially was covered by a partition and had to be reached by tunneling through the debris.*

panels and shoring) would have to be conducted as appropriate manpower became available.

The Captain began by removing debris from the victim's back, then away from his sides to alleviate his respiratory distress and facilitate further patient assessment. This movement caused an anticipated, localized secondary collapse, the first of many that were unavoidable throughout the operation.

After the victim's chest was cleared, Captain Kiesling began tunneling operations and backed himself into the debris pile to a position where he could supervise continued operations. At this point, the Captain called for the utilities to be shut down and requested a Rescue Medic to begin patient care. Simultaneous extrication operations were conducted on both sides of the victim. These operations included shoring, selected debris removal, cutting structural members and lifting. The Officer remained within the collapse, positioned to supervise and coordinate both operations, as well as to maintain periodic contact with the victim.

Dr. Dario Gonzalez made his way to the patient and Captain Kiesling reported on the victim's now deteriorating condition. The final stage of operations culminated with the victim being freed from entanglement and being removed from the rubble. He

was packaged and removed to a waiting ambulance.

Captain Kiesling operated for more than three hours under dangerous conditions with limited resources available to him and his members. As he supervised the operation of an unstable V-shaped collapse, he remained in an area of danger that easily could have led to serious personal injury or death. With his bravery in removing this pinned construction worker, Captain James W. Kiesling displayed his leadership qualities. He is presented with the Captain Denis W. Lane Memorial Medal—JG



## Uniformed Fire Officers Association Medal

### Lieutenant John D. McGinty

#### Ladder Company 13

April 8, 2015, 0445 hours, Box 22-1078, Manhattan

*Appointed to the FDNY on August 8, 1999. Previously assigned to Engine 95 and Ladder 36 and Engine 9 (on rotation). Brothers, FF Mark P. McGinty, is assigned to Squad 252 and FF Robert McGinty, is assigned to Ladder 33. Member of the Emerald and Holy Name Societies. Resides in Mahopac, New York, with his wife, Trudy, and their sons, Connor and Brian.*

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), more than half of all civilian fire deaths in the United States occur between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. Additionally, bedroom fires account for one-quarter of home fire deaths annually. When Tower Ladder 13 in Manhattan's Yorkville section responded to a call for fire at 0445 hours on April 8, 2015, it would bring to bear each of the above statistics. The early-morning alarm reported a fire in an apartment on the second floor of a six-story, non-fireproof, multiple dwelling, with stores occupying the first floor, between First and Second Avenues.

The Manhattan Dispatcher updated the 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion units that they were receiving multiple calls for fire and people evacuating onto the fire escapes. Engine 44 arrived first-due and the Officer reported a 10-75 via his handie-talkie. Lieutenant John McGinty and the members of Tower Ladder 13 arrived just after the engine. Lieutenant McGinty and Ladder 13's inside team—consisting of FFs Harry Callahan with the irons and Matthew Murtagh with the can (detailed from Engine 53)—entered the building where they were met by an elderly male. He told them that a woman was trapped in the fire apartment on the second floor. Lieutenant McGinty led his team up to the second floor where they encountered a rapidly increasing, heavy smoke condition.

After donning their self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), Lieutenant McGinty and the inside team entered the apartment through the door that had been left ajar by the fleeing male occupant. Simultaneously, FF Eugene Squires, Ladder 13's outside vent firefighter, called Lieutenant McGinty and reported heavy fire blowing out of two windows in the rear (exposure #3, toward the exposure #4 side), with possible auto-exposure to the floor above.

Acting Battalion Chief Liam Donnelly, Battalion 10, ordered a second hand-line stretched immediately to the floor above and transmitted a second alarm. While searching the kitchen area in blinding smoke and high heat from the adjoining, unenclosed and fully involved bedroom, Lieutenant McGinty found an unconscious female lying supine on the floor. The Lieutenant positioned himself above the victim where he was able to partially lift her limp body and wrap his arms under her shoulders, while attempting to protect her face and head. Lieutenant McGinty directed FF Callahan to quickly pull at the woman's feet. Together, they pushed, pulled and dragged the unconscious woman toward the apartment door.

With fire rolling over their heads, the flames now were exiting the top portion of the apartment door into the public hallway. Lieutenant McGinty and FF Callahan were met by FF Murtagh at the door, who took over removal duties. The Officer of Engine 44 transmitted the 10-45. While the two Firefighters were removing the victim to the first floor, Lieutenant McGinty turned his attention back to the fire apartment door where he operated the water extinguisher in a valiant attempt to hold the fire back and gain control of the entrance door.

Engine 44's hose-line was positioned and charged and they began darkening down the visible fire. Once again, Lieutenant McGinty entered the apartment behind the hose-line to direct the team toward the rear bedroom. After being joined again by his inside team, they assisted Lieutenant McGinty in completing the primary search and overhauling the original fire area.

In recognition of his courageous actions, the FDNY Board of Merit has chosen Lieutenant John D. McGinty to receive the Uniformed Fire Officers Association Medal.—  
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*Engine 91 fed Tower Ladder 13 at Manhattan Box 55-1406, March 12, 2014. Tower ladder streams were used to combat the gas-fed fire burning below the debris pile.  
Photo by Katy Clements*

## Dr. Albert A. Cinelli Medal

### Firefighter Timothy B. O'Neill

#### Rescue Company 1

October 30, 2015, 1032 hours, Box 0751, Manhattan

*Appointed to the FDNY on September 25, 2005. Previously assigned to Engine 48 and Ladder 56. Member of the Marine Corps Association. Served as a member of the U.S. Marine Corps from 2001 until 2005, serving two years in Iraq. Resides in Warwick, New York, with his wife, Colleen, and their son, Timothy.*

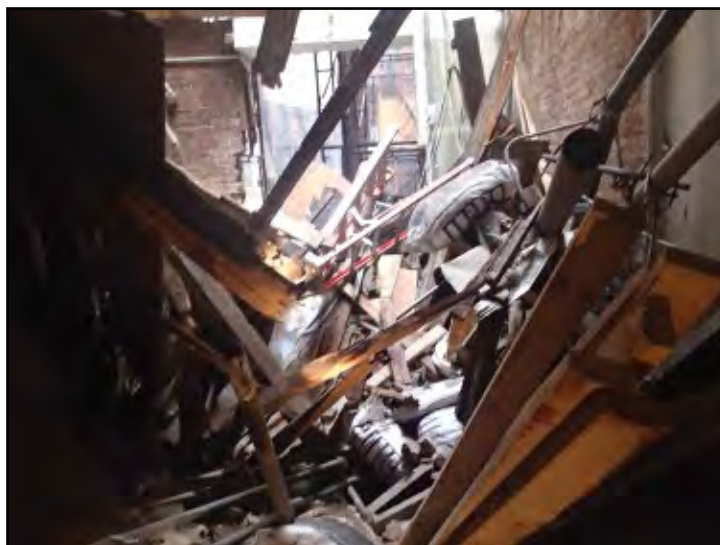


**I**t collapsed! The whole building collapsed! People are trapped! These were the words screamed by bystanders as Rescue 1 frantically was waved into the scene by police officers. On the morning of October 30, 2015, there was, indeed, a structural collapse, with a confirmed deceased construction worker and another victim trapped.

Members were confronted with a combination lean-to, pancake collapse of a building under demolition. The rear portion of the entire width of four floors of the structure had collapsed and pinned one worker on the first floor. Another worker was killed on impact. FF Timothy O'Neill arrived at the location where the trapped construction worker was pinned under elements of the structure, as well as a large quantity of debris. The area around the victim was compromised and unstable and consisted of a V-shaped collapse of several floors with multiple structural members that, together, formed into a funnel into which debris poured. The trapped worker's back was in the mouth of this funnel, with him lying prone and pinned up to his armpits by the debris.

FF O'Neill entered the area near the victim and began tunneling toward the right side of the victim. At first, he duck walked, then crawled, then eventually snaked his way on his stomach to a crevice less than 14 inches high. Although he reached the victim, it seemed impossible to safely remove him without causing further harm or triggering a secondary collapse.

FF O'Neill began to remove debris from around the victim's waist, replacing it with shoring material. With each brick taken away, another seemed to fall into its place from above, causing the pile to gently shift. Members of Squad 18



*FDNY members are positioned on the second floor, above the debris pile, monitoring the movement of the collapse.*

and Rescue 4 arrived to assist FF O'Neill and other Rescue 1 members, who were working on freeing the victim at his lower half and upper left side. Plywood was placed within the pile to protect the victim and other members as debris steadily rained down on them. By using coordinated, multi-stage, simultaneous lifts, accompanied by debris removal and cutting operations, the plywood was lifted enough to gain access to the victim's torso and head.

As work continued, an area opened up enough to allow Dr. Dario Gonzalez to assess the victim's condition, which was declining as he was less talkative, becoming colder and his grip weakening. FF O'Neill then assisted a Rescue Medic crawl into the area so the Medic could work to prevent crush injury syndrome.

Progress finally enabled FF O'Neill to attach webbing to the victim so he could maneuver him from the cramped area. The victim was reassessed by EMS personnel and then packaged for removal.

In every way, this operation required numerous disciplines and was a complex, technical rescue. FF O'Neill worked in a vulnerable position for an extended period of time. His outstanding efforts and selfless actions directly resulted in the rescue and saved a life.

An often-quoted saying by Captain Terence Hatton, Rescue 1, who died during the terrorist attacks on 9/11, states, *Anything less than outstanding is unacceptable.* FF O'Neill operated for more than three hours underneath an unstable, V-shaped collapse, with limited resources. For his outstanding efforts in facilitating this rescue, FF Timothy O'Neill is presented with the Dr. Albert A. Cinelli Medal—JR



# Fire Chiefs Association Memorial Medal

## Firefighter Michael J. Cioffi

### Rescue Company 1

October 30, 2015, 1032 hours, Box 0751, Manhattan

*Appointed to the FDNY on February 5, 1995. Previously assigned to Engine 54 and Ladder 4. Member of the Marine Corps Association. Resides in Manhattan with his wife, Sylvia, their son, Luciano, and daughters, Sofia and Mariella.*

There are times when a fire company, due to their assigned area or distinction as a Special Operations unit, responds from job to job. These situations present a challenge for the firefighter since each incident is different and requires very specific skill sets. As such, the firefighters must refocus their attention and garner their strength, while relying on their training and expertise to achieve a successful outcome. This was the case on October 30, 2015, when FF Michael J. Cioffi and members of Rescue 1 were sent back into service, while returning to quarters after a multi-car accident with multiple injuries.

At approximately 1030 hours, dispatch operations directed Rescue 1 not to return to quarters, but to proceed to Manhattan Box 0751, for a reported ceiling collapse. While en route, the incident was updated. The company was informed that two construction workers, who were demolishing the building, were trapped, with one listed as already deceased and the other in serious condition. On arrival, FF Cioffi and the other members of Rescue 1 reported to the Battalion 8 Chief, who confirmed the report and directed the company to the viable victim's location.

FF Cioffi and Rescue 1 moved purposefully to the location and conducted a quick assessment. They found the victim pinned under structural elements with a large amount of debris. Additionally, the entire area immediately surrounding the collapse area was compromised. The collapse pattern was very complex and consisted of a V-shaped collapse, with multiple structural elements forming supported and unsupported lean-tos, which formed into a funnel with several floors of collapsed debris in it. This "funnel" started from the upper floors and ended with the mouth over the center of the victim's back.

Because the victim was

in respiratory distress and, despite the obvious danger, stabilization and extrication operations had to be conducted simultaneously. As debris was removed from around the victim's back and sides to ease his breathing (and to provide further assessment), a number of localized secondary collapses occurred. After the initial movement of debris was completed, FF Cioffi began tunneling operations at the upper left and right sides of the victim to establish a means of access.

After this was completed, FF Cioffi began extrication operations. Knowing he was subject to hazards of the collapse area, he continued this dangerous work for more than three hours. FF Cioffi conducted numerous tunneling operations and removed selected debris, while shoring and cutting structural members. The process of lifting and removing structural members with highly specialized equipment was physically demanding and performed methodically to avoid a catastrophic error. The firefighter used a number of unconventional lifting and cutting operations underneath this unstable V-shaped collapse until the victim was freed.

The Report of Meritorious Act noted, "This operation required numerous disciplines and was a complex, technical rescue." Additionally, FF Cioffi "...worked in a vulnerable position for an extended period of time and performed an act of personal bravery... his outstanding efforts and selfless actions directly resulted in the rescue of the victim and saved his life. FF Cioffi upheld the highest traditions of this Department and without his noble actions, the victim would have succumbed to his injuries." For these reasons, the Fire Department of the City of New York is proud to honor FF Michael J. Cioffi today with the Fire Chiefs Association Memorial Medal.—DJH



*Aerial view of both buildings under demolition showing collapse in the rear section of the building.*

# Fire Marshals Benevolent Association Medal

## Firefighter Daniel P. Gunther

### Engine Company 289

March 5, 2015, 0355 hours, Box 9381, Queens

*Appointed to the FDNY on July 29, 2013. Father, FF Pete Gunther, is retired from Tower Ladder 138. Resides in Centerport, Long Island.*



Engine 289 was assigned to Box 9381 for an EMS run at the elevated 7 train stop at 103rd Street and Roosevelt Avenue on March 5, 2015. Captain Thomas Sussman, Division 14, covering in Engine 289, was informed by NYPD patrol officers, as well as the train operator, that a man was killed by the train. Engine 289 members spread out to verify the victim's status.

FF Daniel Gunther used his flashlight and located the man's amputated extremity on the track. While other members were checking along the length of the gap between the platform and the train, FF Denis M. Dermody, Engine 289, went back down to the street to use his flashlight to check the tracks from below. He located the victim and radioed this information to Captain Sussman. FF Dermody remained on the street until Captain Sussman could make contact with him.

Captain Sussman requested power off. With the knowledge that there was a confirmed victim, Captain Sussman, who was being guided by FF Dermody from below, went around the front of the train and onto the catwalk between the express track and the train. FF Dermody continued to use his handie-talkie and flashlight from street level to assist Captain Sussman.

Captain Sussman reached over the third rail and under the train to check the victim's vital signs. The victim had fallen from the platform and was trapped under the train, near the second car. The man was breathing, but pinned under the train and bleeding heavily from severe injuries. Ladder 138 was unavailable because they were on another run. Engine 289 members realized that they would have to operate alone and without the specialized equipment and tools normally used.

Captain Sussman advised FF Gunther that train traffic still could be moving on the express track. The Firefighter entered the train car, used the emergency exit lever to open the exit door on the express track side of the car and climbed onto the catwalk to assist. Captain Sussman asked the train operator to use his radio to request that all trains on the express track be stopped. FF Gunther climbed over the third rail and through the narrow opening between the train's undercarriage and third rail. He then crawled under the train to assess the victim's injuries and control his bleeding, the first member to do so.

FF Dermody retrieved the longboard and CFR equipment from the apparatus and went up to assist Captain Sussman and FF Gunther. FF Dermody stabilized the victim's neck and spine and prepared him for packaging.

Using a knife, FF Gunther cut the victim free from under the train's wheels. Working together, the two Firefighters freed the victim without the use of cribbing to keep the train from moving. Captain Sussman positioned the longboard alongside the victim, while FFs Dermody and Gunther lifted the man onto the longboard. The Firefighters dragged the man out from under the train and back to the narrow opening between the train and the third rail. They lifted him over the third rail to the catwalk. The victim was transported to the hospital.

FF Gunther operated in dangerous conditions—a confined area under the train car and around high-voltage power in the rain and dark of night. This young Firefighter operated as would a seasoned veteran and played a major role in saving a man's life. FF Daniel Gunther is presented with the Fire Marshals Benevolent Association Medal.—NG



*Queens Box 33-9305, 126-12 34th Avenue/126th Place, April 1, 2011. Photo by FF Kenneth Gunther, Ladder 138*



**Community Mayors, Inc./  
Lt. Robert R. Dolney Medal  
Firefighter James P. McEntee  
Ladder Company 43 (assigned); Marine Company 3 (detailed)**

**August 1, 2015, 1910 hours, Box 1348, Atlantic Ocean,  
off Rockaway Beach, Queens**

*Appointed to the FDNY on January 21, 1990. Previously assigned to Rescue 2 and Ladder 146. Member of the Emerald Society. Recipient of a Service Rating A and a Service Rating B and three unit citations. Holds a U.S. Coast Guard 50-Ton Master's License. Resides in Island Park, Long Island, with his wife, Janet.*

**I**t was early evening on August 1, 2015, when Marine 3 responded to a reported possible drowning of a young man. The youth was beyond the length of the jetty that extended into the ocean from the beach. Because of the hour, no lifeguards were present to assist.

Many other people were still in the water, trying to keep cool in the summer heat. The ocean swells and riptides were treacherous, due to an earlier offshore storm. In fact, Marine 3 members already had responded to several reported drownings that evening, an indication of the dangerous conditions involved.

When Marine 3 reached the drowning teenager, four other people were trying to assist him, but to no avail. As soon as the boat was close enough, FF James McEntee threw a rope and flotation device to the victim in an attempt to pull him to the safety of the vessel. The strong current and pounding waves did not permit this maneuver to be successful. Additionally, the ocean swells were rolling and lifting Marine 3's boat out of the water, causing it to crash down into the rough surf; entirely too close to the people in the water. (A rescue buoy and throw-rope were thrown to the four people trying to assist the victim.)

Because of the inherent danger to the swimmers and rescuers alike, FF McEntee made the conscious decision to abandon efforts to pull the teenager to safety by rope and entered the churning water. FF McEntee swam through the heavy surf to the drowning youth. There he utilized a

rescue torpedo to maintain the victim's head above the water. With tremendous effort, FF McEntee held onto the teenager and swam with him to shore. Once his arduous swim was completed, the Firefighter transferred care to members of land units who had arrived to help. FF McEntee then re-entered the pounding surf to assist the other four individuals to shore.

By being pro-active and making the rapid decision to unhesitatingly enter the dangerous water, FF McEntee demonstrated his courage and cool thinking in saving the life of another person. For these reasons, the Community Mayors, Inc./ Lt. Robert R. Dolney Medal is proudly awarded to FF James P. McEntee.—BDG



*Lieutenant Mark Montgomery, Engine 309 (left), and FF Michael Kahlau, Engine 329 (right), flank FF James P. McEntee, recipient of the Community Mayors, Inc./Lt. Robert R. Dolney Medal.*



## Lt. Kirby McElhearn Medal

September 14, 2015, 0610 hours, Brooklyn



### EMS Captain Horace G. Williams *Station 57*

*Appointed to FDNY as an Emergency Medical Technician on August 3, 1992. Since promoted to Captain and assigned to Station 57. Previously assigned to Stations 46, 49, 58, 39 and 44. Wife, Lieutenant Tawana Williams, is assigned to Station 49. Recipient of pre-hospital save awards. Resides in St. Albans, Queens, with his wife, Tawana, and their children, Marcus, Tyrell, Jada and Samira.*

### EMS Lieutenant Robert A. Atkins *Station 44*

*Appointed to FDNY as an Emergency Medical Technician on September 5, 1989. Prior assignments include Stations 37 and 36. Served with the U.S. Marine Corps. Attended Nyack and LaGuardia Colleges. Resides in Cambria Heights, Queens.*

On September 14, 2015, Lieutenant Robert Atkins and then-Lieutenant Horace Williams were starting their tour for the day. Just a few minutes past six a.m., they were startled by a loud banging on the station door. The commotion was generated by a neighborhood resident, alerting the pair of a fire in the laundromat, across the street. More alarming was that people were trapped in the adjacent building.

The pair sprang into action. While the Brooklyn dispatcher was alerted of the active fire in the laundromat, the two Lieutenants proceeded to the adjacent occupied building to alert the occupants of the need to evacuate. They gained access into the building by breaking the glass of the front door with a golf club and proceeded inside to knock on apartment doors to urge the residents to leave the premises.

While the two Lieutenants were assisted by other employees who were either finishing up their shift or starting their tour for the day, Lieutenants Atkins and Williams were instrumental in ensuring that the building was evacuated. In spite of the worsening smoke condition, they proceeded up to the other floors to make sure that the residents were evacuated safely.

What started out as an ordinary day suddenly became extraordinary. The heroic and selfless actions of Lieutenants Robert Atkins and Horace Williams saved the lives of many on this early morning of September 14, 2015.

For their quick thinking and brave actions, Lieutenant Robert Atkins and Captain Horace Williams are honored today with the Lieutenant Kirby McElhearn Medal.—AS



## FC Frank T. Tuttlemondo Medal

### Firefighter Randolph Regan

#### *Marine Company 6*

August 3, 2015, 0055 hours, Box 0106, East River, Brooklyn

*Appointed to the FDNY on July 5, 1992. Previously assigned to Ladder 20. Brother, Deputy Chief Russell Regan, is assigned to Division 11. Member of the Emerald Society. Resides in Manhattan with his wife, Stephanie Connell, and their son, Rocky, and daughter, Xenia.*



At any time in this City, people, for whatever reasons, can end up in trouble in the many waterways surrounding each of the five boroughs. Marine Operations members know this and stand ready to aid those individuals at a moment's notice. On a warm August night, FF Randolph Regan, Marine 6, sprang into action for such a person in distress.

Marine 6, along with land companies, were dispatched on a report of a person in the East River, close to the Williamsburg shoreline. As the designated rescue swimmer, FF Regan donned an exposure suit. Marine 6 made the short response from their quarters at the Navy Yard, up the East River.

The current was moving at about two knots, against their route. FF Regan knew this would make conditions for a swim difficult if he had to enter the river. As the vessel arrived near the reported location, members discovered a male barely clinging to the underside of a derelict pier. Moving to the front of the boat so he could enter the water for a swim against the strong current, he prepared himself to make entry.

FF Regan leaped into the water, narrowly dodging a heavy timber (debris) that was floating toward him. Using much of his power, FF Regan swam against the fast current and navigated his way around the pilings so he could reach the struggling victim, who was having difficulty staying afloat. FF Regan had a difficult task ahead as he had to prevent his tether line from getting entangled by the many hazards beneath the rotting pier.

FF Regan moved in and grabbed the victim. He then called out to the other members on Marine 6 to pull them in via the tether line. But a problem arose;

FF Regan's swim fin became lodged in the pier structure. Both rescuer and victim now were snagged, being pushed by the fast river current and pulled by the tether line. Despite these two forces working against them, FF Regan mustered his strength and kept both his and the victim's airways above the water's surface.

Once the tenders on the fireboat realized what was happening, they let up on the snagged line and FF Regan was able to counter the current and free his swim fin. This was the break rescuer and rescuee needed as the pair now was able to be hauled back to the fireboat. All the while, FF Regan kept a firm grip on the victim, while keeping his head above the surface.

The men were not out of danger as yet another problem arose. In order for the fireboat to maintain its position thrusting in toward the pier and current, the boat's propulsion system still was in gear. FF Regan guided the victim away from the powerful propulsion jet so that they would not be pulled below the surface and under the boat. As he and the members on the boat towed

them to the rear, they were able to bring the victim and FF Regan to the ladder and up and into the boat.

Once onboard the fireboat, *Bravest*, the victim was treated for his injuries and exposure until he was transferred to EMS personnel on land.

Despite a fast-moving current and the dangers presented by the vacant pier, FF Randolph Regan never hesitated in rescuing a distressed victim in the East River. His actions are among the finest traditions of this Department and he is awarded the Battalion Chief Frank T. Tuttlemondo Medal.—AP



*Marine 6 battles both the blaze and near-zero visibility, at Manhattan Box 0913, September 4, 2010. Photo by FF William Magnus*



# Dr. John F. Connell Medal

## Firefighter Bertram J. Springstead

### Ladder Company 9

March 26, 2015, 1517 hours, Box 77-0436, Manhattan

*Appointed to the FDNY on July 5, 1992. Resides on Staten Island with his wife, Mary Beth, and their children, Samantha and Mallory.*



**F**irefighter Bertram Springstead, a 24-year veteran, confronted danger. The Manhattan Communications Office received numerous phone calls reporting an enormous explosion. Ladder 9 was assigned as the first truck company to respond. As the chauffeur, he was responsible to transport his members to the location at 7<sup>th</sup> Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

On arrival, FF Springstead was presented with chaos, an overwhelming scene more reminiscent of a combat zone than that of a New York City street. Dozens of frantic civilians were screaming amidst the rubble of bricks and shattered glass. A natural gas explosion had caused a partial building collapse, in addition to a raging fire of what remained. The likelihood of civilians trapped was extremely high.

Only seconds after arriving, FF Springstead formulated and executed a plan—seconds that turned out to be lifesaving. FF Springstead flawlessly positioned his apparatus outside of the collapse zone. After the bucket was positioned to the top floor, FF Matt Cassidy, Ladder 9, exited the bucket and entered the fire building to begin a search and potential removal of victims (FF Cassidy also is honored today).

Seconds later, FF Richard Resto, detailed to Rescue 1, became trapped on the roof of the adjoining building, requiring immediate removal. With diminished visibility, FF Springstead was faced with an unbearable decision: temporarily abandon FF Cassidy in the fire building or reposition the bucket to rescue FF Resto. Years of experience and basic instinct forced him to hold the bucket for just a few more seconds.

Suddenly, the environment in the fire building became unsustainable and FF Cassidy dove out of the window and into the bucket. FF Springstead's gut did not fail him. Undeniably, he had just saved a life. He instantaneously shifted focus

to the second Firefighter in need of rescue. A rapid and skillful reposition of the bucket allowed the second trapped Firefighter to withdraw from the roof and into the safety of the waiting bucket. In the minutes following this rescue, the roof became consumed with flames and subsequently collapsed. FF Springstead's actions undisputedly saved yet another life; moreover, two of his own.

Resisting the tunnel vision that sometimes might consume a Firefighter during a lifesaving operation, FF Springstead diligently monitored the rapidly developing scene. As a result of his staunch attention to detail, he detected the adjoining building presenting signs of collapse. FF Springstead immediately notified FF Cassidy and Command of his need to reposition his apparatus.

As FF Cassidy lowered the bucket, FF Springstead left the pedestal and descended to the street. He began to remove the locking pins in order to expedite the rapid relocation of the apparatus. While doing so, he heard the building "groaning," which he recognized as a sign of imminent collapse. He also was cognizant that should the building abruptly collapse, he, his apparatus and the two Firefighters in the bucket undeniably would be buried. Nevertheless, he repositioned the apparatus. Within seconds, the adjoining building suffered a catastrophic collapse, propelling an enormous iron beam, which landed in the precise location where the apparatus initially was positioned. This all took place within minutes.

Success is rarely the product of an individual effort, but this can be construed as one of those rare moments. FF Bertram Springstead's courage and extraordinary effort bring to life the core principles and highest traditions of the New York City Fire Department. He is awarded the Dr. John F. Connell Medal.—TC



*Ladder 9 battled what became a seven-alarm fire and its chauffeur, FF Bertram J. Springstead, saved two members. Photo by Katy Clements*

## Fire Bell Club Medal

### Lieutenant Michael S. Ingram

*Battalion 41 (assigned), Ladder Company 132 (detailed)*

**March 20, 2015, 0449 hours, Box 75-0961, Brooklyn**

*Appointed to the FDNY on October 2, 2000. He is assigned to Ladder 113, UFO. Previously assigned to Ladder 169 and Squad 1. Cousin, FF Robert Corino, is retired from Engine 162. Attended John Jay College. Resides in Brooklyn with his wife, Jessica, and their daughters, Mackenzie and Sienna.*



When covering Officers are working in companies, there are obvious challenges that are understood. On March 20, 2015, Lieutenant Michael Ingram was tasked with leading a company to which he was not assigned. Under such circumstances, questions arise: Are the members working there seasoned veterans or younger members of the Department? What situations would be presented to them during the tour? These questions were quickly put to rest because Ladder 132's reputation precedes itself.

At approximately five in the morning, Brooklyn Box 0961 came into The Eye of the Storm with a report of fire on the top floor of a multiple dwelling. Lieutenant Ingram knew Ladder 132 would be the first-due truck at the Box. As the apparatus approached the building at Fulton Street—a four-story, Class 3, multiple dwelling—Lieutenant Ingram began analyzing the ventilation profile to get a better size-up of the changing fire condition.

With heavy smoke pushing out of the top-floor windows, this was a good indication the fire was on the top floor and gaining momentum. The steady stream of occupants exiting the building told Lieutenant Ingram that there was a known life hazard still on

the top floor. The Lieutenant quickly ascended to the top-floor stairs with his inside team of FFs Frank Florida with the can and Michael Schiotis with the irons, to continue size-up of the fire.

The inside team members donned their breathing apparatus on the stairs leading up to the top floor. The first challenge encountered was refrigerator and construction debris in the top-floor hallway. Clearly understanding the role of a truck company is to conduct a primary search for the known life hazard

and location of the fire, they also had to consider the access for Engine 235, whose members were in the process of stretching a line to the top floor.

In zero visibility, the trio began to clear the obstruction in the hallway. At this time, conditions began to deteriorate. Crawling down the hallway, the Ladder 132 members encountered a fire venting out of a room in the front of the building. Locating and confining the fire is every first-due truck's primary mission. With FF Florida operating the water can to control the venting fire that was rolling across the hallway, Lieutenant Ingram was able to confine the fire by closing the door. The can man remained at that position to prevent any fire extension, monitor the handie-talkie and maintain situational awareness for the searching members. FF Schiotis searched toward the rear and Lieutenant Ingram searched toward the front of the apartment.

Entering the front bedroom, the male victim was found facedown, unconscious, in the middle of the room. The fastest way out was via the interior stairs. With fire lapping out a burned-through door, Lieutenant Ingram made quick work of getting the victim to the stairs and had FF Florida continue the removal to the street. This allowed the Lieutenant to re-enter the fire apartment and team up with FF Schiotis to complete the primary search, which proved to be negative.

Lieutenant Michael Ingram's courageous actions (without the protection of a charged hand-line) in this extreme environment and quick removal of the victim contributed to the man's survival. His actions are in the finest traditions of the New York City Fire Department and are recognized by awarding this prestigious medal of valor—the Fire Bell Club Medal.—JC



*Ladder 132 apparatus. Photo by Joe Pinto*

# Firefighter David J. DeFranco Medal

## Firefighter Randolph J. Supek

### Marine Company 6

October 30, 2015, 0009 hours, Box 1093, Manhattan

*Appointed to the FDNY on August 19, 1990. Previously assigned to Engine 289. Father, FF John M. Supek, is retired from Engine 288 and brother, Captain Steve J. Supek, is retired from Engine 42. Was a member of the FDNY Hockey Team for 17 years (now retired). Recipient of several unit citations. Attended C.W. Post College. Resides in Melville, Long Island, with his wife, Gaby, and their children, Arden and Gavin.*



The Firefighters assigned to FDNY fireboats are known to turn out quickly when a person in the water call comes in. That fast turnout, coupled with the high-speed boats they utilize, allow for the rapid rescue of persons in distress throughout this City. For one New Yorker, these factors helped save him from drowning.

In the early morning of October 30, 2015, Marine 6 was dispatched to a report of a person in the water in the East River around 63rd Street. FF Randolph J. Supek was assigned as the Rescue Swimmer and after he assisted in tending the securing lines, he donned his water entry gear. Marine 6 had a five-minute estimated time of arrival (ETA) from their Brooklyn Navy Yard quarters. Approaching the location, they were informed by the dispatcher that a new location was received.

Fully equipped, FF Supek searched the dark water for the reported victim. Marine 6 passed through a narrow section of the East River, made even tighter due to three northbound tug and barge vessels approaching the infamous Hell Gate section. The victim was spotted and FF Supek made his way to the front of the fireboat so he could make entry.

The male victim was in a precarious position. He was within five feet of the steel-plated seawall, some 10 feet below the East River Drive, but with no exit available. A life ring was deployed by NYPD personnel from the highway above, but the victim was not clinging to it. As the pilot of Marine 6 carefully positioned the boat to approach the victim, it appeared the male was frozen and barely able to keep his head above the surface.

The first of the three tugboats

was passing the fireboat and victim and it produced an enormous wake. The swell momentarily crested over the victim's head. The man was unable to help himself as he began to submerge in the 60-degree water. As the second tug started to pass the fireboat and victim, Marine 6 was being pushed toward the sea wall and the now-submerged victim.

FF Supek advised that he was ready to make entry and crew members agreed as he entered the rough water. FF Supek swam approximately 30 feet in the swells toward the victim. FF Supek grabbed the sinking male and signaled his tender on the boat to pull them in to the rear ladder. This task was not easy by any means.

The third tug rapidly was approaching their location. The pilot of Marine 6 placed the push-knee at the front of the boat against the seawall, while engaging the jet propulsion so that the boat did not turn sideways and crush both FF Supek and the victim. FF Supek knew the dangers he and the victim faced from this situation, so he mustered what remaining strength he had and grabbed the back of the boat with his right arm and used his left arm to push the victim up to the crew members on the boat. Once the victim and rescuer were safely on the fireboat, FF Supek gave the male medical aid until he could be brought to shore and handed over to EMS personnel.

Despite the adverse conditions, FF Supek performed bravely, effecting the rescue of a surely drowning man. Attesting to the degree of difficulty of this rescue, FF Supek suffered some physical injuries and was granted medical leave. For his brave actions, FF Randolph J. Supek is awarded the Firefighter David J. DeFranco Medal.—AP



*Fireboat Bravest steams under Brooklyn Bridge.*



## Deputy Commissioner Christine R. Godek Medal

March 18, 2015, 2011 hours,  
Box 44-8561, Queens



### Fire Marshal James J. Egan *Citywide North Command*

*Appointed to the FDNY on December 5, 2004. Previously assigned to Engine 246. Member of the Emerald Society. Served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1994 until 2002. Attended St. Joseph's College. Resides with his wife, Rachel, and their son, Sean.*

Arson is a crime directly linked to the loss of life and serious injury to civilians and/or Firefighters. Of the many motives associated with the crime of arson, the one motive that stands separate from all others is revenge. The revenge-fueled arson fire demonstrates a clear and depraved indifference to human life.

On March 18, 2015, Firefighters responded to a report of fire in a private dwelling on a residential street in Queens. On arrival, they were confronted with fire venting from the ground-floor windows, extending to the second floor, where trapped occupants screamed for help. An aggressive interior attack by members of Engine 293 supported the search and rescue operations of Ladders 142 and 143. FDNY EMS personnel maintained a tactical position to ensure prompt medical attention and hospital transport as needed. The fire extended to eight private dwellings and called for a full fourth-alarm assignment before the incident was placed *under control*. Six civilians and seven Firefighters were transported to nearby hospitals for treatment.

The Bureau of Fire Investigation (BFI) dispatched Fire Marshals from the Citywide North Command, the Special Investigations Unit and the Special Operations Command. Fire Marshals James Egan, Citywide North Command, and Andre Ramos, Special Operations Command, were assigned as primary investigators.

FM Egan conducted a challenging forensic examination of the fire scene that uncovered significant evidence, leading to a determination that the fire was the result of arson. Fire Marshal investigation also determined that the occupants of

### Fire Marshal Andre Ramos *BFI Special Operations Command*

*Appointed to the FDNY on May 31, 2005. Previously assigned to Engine 158 and BFI Citywide South Command. Member of the Hispanic Society. Recipient of a Service Rating A, pre-hospital save and two unit citations. Holds a BS degree from Syracuse University and an MPT from SUNY Upstate Medical University. Resides with his wife, Lucy, and their son, Xavier, and daughter, Lilyana.*

the fire building specifically were targeted in connection to an ongoing dispute. When Fire Marshals learned the suspect had fled the scene, a City-wide manhunt was launched.

The BFI's senior bilingual investigator, FM Ramos was assigned to the apprehension team. He began a multi-layered investigation, centered on motive, witness development and the more creative methods of developing investigative leads and sources of information. Within 24 hours, Fire Marshals had identified a probable location where the suspect was in hiding. Fire Marshals established a tactical perimeter and apprehended the suspect without incident. As the investigation progressed, FMs Egan and Ramos continued to develop powerful prosecutorial evidence, resulting in the successful indictment and conviction of the perpetrator.

This is a truly significant investigation brought to a successful conclusion by highly valued members of the Fire Department. Committed to excellence, FMs Egan and Ramos have demonstrated the skill and resourcefulness found only in

the most dedicated law enforcement professionals. Their actions represent the highest traditions of the Bureau of Fire Investigation and the FDNY.

The results of this investigation send forth a powerful message to those individuals whose depraved indifference for life bring great danger and peril to the citizens of New York, as well as to the members of the FDNY. It is with this in mind that Fire Marshals James Egan and Andre Ramos are awarded the Deputy Commissioner Christine R. Godek Medal.—JDL



*Private dwelling where arson fire occurred and which FMs James J. Egan and Andre Ramos investigated and brought to a successful conclusion.*

# Firefighter Kevin C. Kane Medal

## Lieutenant Anthony J. Pasquin

### Ladder Company 2

October 6, 2015, 0636 hours, Box 7401, Manhattan

*Appointed to the FDNY on July 15, 2001. Previously assigned to Ladder 122. Member of the Columbia Association and the FDNY Incident Management Team. Holds a BA degree in Fire and Emergency Management from John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Resides in Brooklyn with his wife, Jennifer, and their daughter, Madison, and sons, Aidan, Cameron and Anthony.*



When Firefighters work in Midtown Manhattan, it is understood that the many challenges one might encounter will seem endless. Members could be battling a high-rise fire on the 82<sup>nd</sup> floor of a building one day and removing workers from an occupied, off-level scaffold the next. The calls range for help needed 12 levels below the ground, at ground level and to the highest peaks and spires above. It is critical to continually train in all areas of emergencies so that when the call comes in, the company is ready.

On the morning of October 6, 2015, the day started out like so many others, typical of a Manhattan morning: People on their way to work, traffic building and subways on the move. At 0636 hours, Ladder 2, *The Mid-Town High Rise*, received a call for a report of a man under a train. Responding in just three minutes, 2 Truck arrived at the subway station at 51<sup>st</sup> and Lexington Avenue for the number 6 train. They were the first unit to arrive on-scene.

Lieutenant Anthony Pasquin and the forcible entry team of FFs John Phillips, Jr., and Mike Ciesla proceeded to make their way down into the station and begin their size-up. They observed a subway train stopped with only two cars actually in the station. There were numerous civilians on the platform near the front of the train, stating that there was a woman who was struck by the train and somewhere underneath it.

From this area, the Lieutenant could hear the pained cries of the victim. At this point, he notified Battalion Chief Mark Rosenbaum, Battalion 8, of the situation and requested *power off*. He then ordered the remainder of his crew, consisting of FFs Mike Kelly, Donal Buckley and Mike Pergamo, to find the *blue light* and ensure power was cut off, find and apply the train's emergency

brake and transport any remaining needed equipment to the scene.

Because the victim was crying out, Lieutenant Pasquin concluded that she was viable and needed immediate help. He told his team of his intentions and quickly removed the safety gate separating the two cars. Without the confirmation that power was off, he descended down between the cars to the track bed and then crawled underneath the second car to reach the victim. When he did reach her, he observed serious injuries to both of the woman's arms. Lieutenant Pasquin knew the victim had to be removed quickly.

Coordinating his actions with Captain Sean Murphy, Engine 8, above, he began to remove her along the track bed and from underneath the subway cars and got her out from under the train. Members of Ladder 2 lifted the woman to the platform where she was treated by Engine 8 members and EMS Medics. The woman was removed and transported to the hospital.

Chief Rosenbaum recognized that Lieutenant Pasquin's actions were deserving of recognition. Deputy Chief Nicholas Corrado, Division 3, added that the Lieutenant followed all Department procedures involving subway operations and believed that his selfless act involved personal bravery, initiative and capability.

Lieutenant Pasquin was quick to recognize that the victim was viable and required immediate medical attention in order to survive her injuries. These quick actions saved her life. "Rising Above All," it is with great pride that the City of New York, the New York City Fire Department and, most of all, his peers in Engine 8 and Ladder 2, recognize Lieutenant Anthony Pasquin with the Firefighter Kevin C. Kane Medal.—TW



*Ladder Company 2 apparatus. Photo by Randy Barron*



# Captain John J. Drennan Memorial Medal Firefighter Kenneth F. Mealey

*Engine Company 69 (assigned); Marine Battalion (detailed)*

September 8, 2015, 2010 hours, Box 0270, Manhattan

*Assigned to the FDNY on August 8, 1999. Son, EMT Tyler Mealey, is assigned to Station 50. Recipient of one unit citation. Member of the U.S. Power Squadron and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Resides in Kings Park, Long Island, with his wife, Carol Ann, and their son, Tyler, and daughter, Victoria.*

On September 8, 2015, the Marine Battalion was returning from a drill at the quarters of Marine Company 1. Via the NYPD SOD dispatcher, unit members heard a report of a person in the water near the Williamsburg Bridge. Battalion Chief David J. Bell told the Brooklyn dispatcher to generate a ticket and assign them and Marine 6 to Manhattan Box 0270.

While responding, the unit noticed a strong outbound current in the East River. As the Marine Battalion was approaching the scene, Chief Bell noticed several people along the Manhattan shoreline, approximately 200 feet south of the Williamsburg Bridge, in the vicinity of East Houston Street, pointing at something in the water. Using their light and scanning the water, they located a young man, holding onto the seawall and fighting against being swept away by the powerful current.

While FF James Mare piloted the boat into a position for rescue, FF Kenneth M. Mealey threw a life ring and called out toward the struggling victim. Holding on for dear life, the man was having trouble keeping his head above the water and couldn't respond to FF Mealey's instructions. The victim's strength gave out and he let go of the seawall and sank into the water.

Without hesitation, FF Mealey jumped into the turbulent water and began to swim toward the floundering victim. Reaching the man, FF Mealey, while fighting against the strong current, pulled the victim from under the water. Keeping the man's head above the water line, FF Mealey swam back to the life ring with him. Grasping the life ring tightly, FF

Mealey was pulled back to the boat by Lieutenant Nicholas Malter, Marine 8, and Chief Bell.

Once the man was lifted onto the Battalion boat, he was stabilized by FF Mealey and Lieutenant Malter. The semi-conscious victim was transported via Battalion boat to Pier 16 in Manhattan where care was transferred to EMS personnel, who transported him to the hospital.

In his endorsement report, Chief Bell, who witnessed the entire event, stated, "If not for the quick actions, skills and physical conditioning of FF Mealey, this man would have been swept away by the strong current. FF Mealey displayed courage and initiative under extreme conditions."

For his display of bravery and in keeping with the finest traditions of the FDNY, FF Kenneth M. Mealey is honored today with the Captain John J. Drennan Memorial Medal.—  
TM



*FF Kenneth F. Mealey, with crew members from the Marine Battalion, following his successful water rescue.*

# Jack Pintchik Medal

## EMT-P Joseph J. Hudak

### Station 4

August 17, 2015, 1328 hours, Box 0180, Hudson River, Manhattan

*Appointed to FDNY as an Emergency Medical Technician on August 15, 1988. Previously assigned to Battalion 8 and 26 and Station 18. Member of the Ceremonial Unit and EMS Bagpipes & Drums. Recipient of Excellent Duty, Accomplishment and a unit citation. Studied Mechanical Design and Engineering at Queensborough Community College. Resides in Mahopac Falls, New York, with his daughter.*



**I**t was 1328 hours on a humid, 90-degree day when the first call came into 911 for a woman drowning in the Hudson River. On Monday, August 17, 2015, the crew of 01R2 arrived on the scene. Witnesses stated that a woman walked to the edge of the pier and jumped in.

While his partner, Paramedic Niall O' Shaughnessy, went to assess the situation, Paramedic Joseph Hudak immediately put on his personal flotation device and removed his boots. Once his partner confirmed the victim was floating facedown, approximately 100 feet from the concrete walkway at Laight Street, Paramedic Hudak took the 10-foot plunge off the pier and into the Hudson River.

Paramedic Hudak lost sight of the woman for a moment, but reached her as she resurfaced. He checked for a pulse, but found none. He wrapped his arms around the victim, in a position similar to the Heimlich maneuver. He continued his

lifesaving efforts, while a Firefighter who had just reached them, wrapped his arms around Paramedic Hudak's waist. Paramedic O'Shaughnessy and other Firefighters pulled the rescuer and victim back to the pier by a tether line that had been attached to the Firefighter.

Once back at the pier, the victim was placed in a stokes basket, strapped in and lifted up and onto the pier, where Paramedics Hudak and O'Shaughnessy continued to perform BLS and ALS interventions. Following these treatments, the patient was transported to the hospital, where, regrettably, the woman did not survive.

The woman's death in no way diminishes the selfless and heroic acts of Paramedic Hudak on August 17, 2015. For his efforts, the Jack Pintchik Medal is awarded to Paramedic Joseph J. Hudak.—*JA*



*EMT-P Hudak jumped into the Hudson River to treat a woman who was seen floating facedown off the shore of Lower Manhattan.*

# Lt. James Curran/New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation Medal



## Engine Company 289

March 5, 2015, 0355 hours, Box 9381

*Captain Thomas R. Sussman, D-14*  
*Firefighter Denis M. Dermody*  
*Firefighter David W. Eckartz, Jr.*  
*Firefighter Daniel P. Gunther*  
*Firefighter Chris J. Rodriguez*

At approximately 0355 hours on March 5, 2015, Engine 289 was assigned to Box 9381 for a medical call. The Box was located at the elevated train station at 103<sup>rd</sup> Street and Roosevelt Avenue. On arrival, NYPD personnel on the scene notified Captain Thomas Sussman that the train had killed a man on the tracks. The Captain verified this information with the train operator.

Captain Sussman ordered FFs Daniel Gunther and Chris Rodriguez to begin searching the gap between the platform and the entire length of the train. FF Gunther found a severed limb on the tracks and immediately radioed this information to his Captain. Simultaneously, FF Denis Dermody retreated to the street and used his flashlight to search from the street below. FF Dermody located the victim and radioed his exact location to Captain Sussman via his handie-talkie. FF Dermody guided Captain Sussman until he made contact with the victim. Captain Sussman immediately radioed his chauffeur, FF David Eckartz, to have the FDNY dispatcher request power shut off and have Ladder 138 and a Chief respond. He also requested that the train operator notify his dispatcher and have the power shut down via his radio.

With trains able to pass through the station on the express track, Captain Sussman ordered FF Rodriguez to the rear of the train to act as a safety, while he descended onto the catwalk between the express tracks and the train to the spot where the victim was trapped. Captain Sussman reached over the third rail and under the train to check on the victim's vitals. The Captain determined that the man was breathing, but critically injured.

FF Gunther entered the train, opened the exit door and climbed down on the catwalk between the

train and the express track to assist the Captain. FF Gunther climbed over the third rail and under the train to assess and control the man's bleeding. Captain Sussman ordered FF Rodriguez to bring the CFR-D equipment to their position, while FF Dermody was back at the rig, retrieving the longboard.

The victim's backpack, coat and belt were all lodged beneath the wheel of the train, pinning him to the tracks. Complicating the situation, he was in proximity to high voltage of the third rail. Undaunted, in a confined space, without confirmation of power removal, FFs Dermody and Gunther cut the man free, while Captain Sussman maneuvered the longboard into position.

Captain Sussman retreated from underneath the train and over the third rail through the same opening that he entered. FFs Dermody and Gunther then dragged the longboard under the train carriage to the same narrow opening between the train and the third rail. Carefully lifting the victim between the narrow space, they handed him to Captain Sussman and FF Rodriguez, positioned on the catwalk and express tracks. Captain Sussman and FF Rodriguez then lifted the victim from the catwalk onto the train. FF Rodriguez continued pre-hospital care and prepared the victim for transport to the hospital.

Engine 289 members stabilized the victim, extricated and removed the man to the safety of the subway car, without specialized equipment or additional staffing. Courage and bravery under difficult circumstances, quick thinking and teamwork easily describe the actions taken by Engine 289 members during this extremely difficult operation. The Department is proud to present the Lieutenant James Curran/New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation Medal to the members of Engine 289.—APM



Engine 289 apparatus.



# Firefighter Thomas R. Elsasser Memorial Medal

## Rescue Company 1

October 30, 2015, 1032 hours, Box 0751, Manhattan

**Captain James W. Kiesling, Res. Bat.**

**Firefighter James P. Cahill**

**Firefighter Michael J. Cioffi**

**Firefighter Dean E. Favarulo**

**Firefighter Timothy B. O'Neill**

**Firefighter Francis W. Rush, III**



On the morning of October 30, 2015, Rescue 1 was returning to quarters when they were directed to a nearby Box on West 38th Street for a possible building collapse. Captain James W. Kiesling reported in to the 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion Chief and was advised there was, indeed, a structural collapse with a confirmed deceased victim and another worker trapped. Captain Kiesling directed his Firefighters to assemble their equipment and begin operations.

Captain Kiesling arrived at the location where a trapped construction worker was pinned under elements of the structure, as well as a large quantity of debris. The area around the victim was compromised and unstable, consisting of a V-shaped collapse of several floors, with multiple structural members forming supported and unsupported lean-tos that, together, formed into a funnel with debris poured into it. The trapped worker's back was in the mouth of this funnel, with him lying prone and pinned up to his armpits by the debris. Extrication would have to be started immediately for him to survive, but extensive tunneling, shoring, cutting and selected debris removal would be required. FF Michael Cioffi, the can Firefighter, joined Captain Kiesling and, together, they began tunneling operations at either side of the victim, allowing him to breathe easier since he was showing signs of distress.

FFs Francis Rush, the chauffeur, and Dean Favarulo, the roof Firefighter, set up operations in the street in front of the building. They gave directions via the dispatcher on how Collapse Rescue 1 should respond and set up their equipment and also directed the placement of incoming EMS units, facilitating the optimal use of specialized equipment and so the victim could be transported to the hospital rapidly. FFs Rush and Favarulo set up the cutting station and began off-loading the shoring equipment when Collapse 1 arrived. FFs Timothy

O'Neill, the irons Firefighter, and James Cahill, the hook Firefighter, performed a structural assessment of the building and checked any reported instabilities.

FFs Favarulo and Cahill then began to shore up the area that provided access to the front of the victim. FF O'Neill entered the area near the victim and began tunneling toward the right side of the victim's waist from that angle. FF Cahill also made his way to the victim's right side where he shored up an approximately 14-inch-high area and then worked with FF O'Neill.

Captain Kiesling radioed Command to have the utilities shut down and requested a Rescue Medic. As operations progressed, members installed plywood to protect the victim and themselves as debris steadily rained down on them.

Members of Rescue 4 and Squad 18 arrived to assist Rescue 1's members, who were working on freeing the victim at his lower half and upper left side. Dr. Dario Gonzalez arrived and consulted with Captain Kiesling.

Operations continued with Rescue 1's members performing multiple simultaneous lifts, debris removal and cutting tasks. Captain Kiesling supervised and coordinated all actions of Rescue 1's Firefighters. The operation progressed to a point where the members attached webbing to the victim so they could maneuver him from the tight, cramped area. He was placed on a backboard and maneuvered out of the rubble. He was reassessed by EMS personnel and then packaged for removal.

The members of Rescue 1 operated for approximately four hours in a dangerous, precarious building collapse site, with a constant threat of secondary collapse, to rescue a trapped worker. Through teamwork, cooperation and training, the members effected this rescue. For their outstanding actions, the above-listed Rescue 1 members are awarded the Firefighter Thomas R. Elsasser Memorial Medal.—AP



Rescue 1 apparatus. Photo by Joe Pinto

## World Trade Center Memorial Medal

### Ladder Company 19

February 17, 2015, 1452 hours, Box 75-2726, Bronx

*Lieutenant Daniel O’Keefe*  
*Firefighter Kevin J. Donovan*  
*Firefighter Scott B. Kratchel*  
*Firefighter Brian J. Mohr*  
*Firefighter Paul M. Samuelson*  
*Firefighter William R. Willets*



Just before 1500 hours on February 17, 2015, Ladder 19, led by Lieutenant Daniel O’Keefe, with FFs Kevin J. Donovan (chauffeur), Brian J. Mohr, Paul M. Samuelson (outside vent and roof Firefighters), Scott B. Kratchel (irons) and William R. Willets (can), responded to an apartment fire at Bronx Box 2726. Engine 46 served as the first-due engine because the normal first- and second-due engines were unavailable. Still more than a block away, members observed thick, black smoke push from two rear windows on the 13th floor. Ladder 19’s Officer transmitted a 10-75 signal. Arriving at the Box, they found NYPD vehicles on-site. Bronx Dispatch reported an armed emotionally disturbed person (EDP) might be in the fire apartment with a possible hostage situation.

The company entered the building and took the elevator to the 11th floor using their service key. They proceeded up to floor 13 where they found approximately 10 police officers with their weapons drawn outside the fire apartment, while other officers were in a heated verbal confrontation with several civilians. Lieutenant O’Keefe instructed his members to assist the police, both in defusing a possible riotous situation and to help clear the area. The ranking police officer confirmed the Bronx Dispatch report.

After the civilians on the floor were moved to safety, Lieutenant O’Keefe instructed the outside vent and roof Firefighters, FF Paul Samuelson, and FF Brian Mohr, respectively, to go to the floor above with the lifesaving rope. Ladder 19’s chauffeur, FF Kevin Donovan, radioed that fire was coming out of two windows and a victim was hanging out a window tossing refuse. With this information, the roof and outside vent Firefighters cleared the child gates from windows above the fire floor. The outside vent Firefighter located tie-off points,

while the roof Firefighter established verbal contact with the victim. As conditions worsened, FF Kratchel, the forcible entry Firefighter, forced the door of the adjoining apartment to provide a safe area should gunfire between the EDP and police occur. The ranking NYPD officer directed his members to move down the hallway, with weapons drawn, to apprehend the suspect if he looked to leave the apartment after Ladder 19 forced the door.

Immediately upon forcing the door, Ladder 19 members found an advanced fire condition. While the inside team donned their facepieces and moved in, they were pushed back after about 20 feet due to punishing conditions as the fire had extended into the hallway, cutting off access to the rear bedrooms. Engine 46 arrived on-scene and began to push back the fire. Ladder 19 members moved in and began to search. With information from the Firefighters above, the inside team moved toward the rear bedroom. Entering the room, FF Willets, the can Firefighter, conducted a right-hand search and found a semi-conscious victim, who had been stabbed several times. Keying a 10-45 signal, FF Willets, with assistance from FF Kratchel, removed the victim to the public hallway and transferred her to the care of the CFR-D engine. The team then re-entered the apartment and, with the

help of Rescue 3, found a second 10-45—who was the assailant, and removed this victim from danger.

Deputy Chief James Nichols, Division 6, in his report noted, “This was an unusual incident involving a hostage situation with a large police presence, which rapidly deteriorated in a severe fire and smoke condition with people trapped. Ladder 19 acted as a cohesive unit... dependent on teamwork and cooperation.” FDNY is proud to honor the members of Ladder 19 with the World Trade Center Memorial Medal today.—DJH



*Ladder 19 operating at Box 22-1428 in the Bronx on November 26, 2015.*

## SERVICE RATING A

FF Brian T. Browne, R-3  
FF Frank A. Busener, L-136  
FF Matthew M. Cassidy, L-9  
FF Michael J. Cioffi, R-1  
FF Denis M. Dermody, E-289  
FF Denis J. Gallagher, L-46  
FF Daniel P. Gunther, E-289  
FF Kevin F. Hillmann, L-54  
Lt. Michael S. Ingram, Bn-41  
Capt. James W. Kiesling, Res. Bat.  
FF John J. McCann, R-1  
FF James P. McEntee, L-43  
Lt. John D. McGinty, L-13  
FF Kenneth F. Mealey, E-69  
FF Shawn A. Miro, L-148  
FF Timothy B. O'Neill, R-1  
Lt. Anthony J. Pasquin, L-2  
FF Christopher M. Polesovsky, L-116  
FF Randolph Regan, M-6  
Lt. Michael J. Russo, L-168  
FF Michael J. Shepherd, SQ-41  
Lt. Richard J. Skellington, E-305  
FF Bertram J. Springstead, L-9  
FF Randolph J. Supek, M-6

## SERVICE RATING B

FF Joseph M. Addeo, L-148  
FF Jan M. Arrizon, L-12  
FF David J. Auld, L-33  
FF Terence K. Bartley, L-166  
FF Ryan C. Brito, L-1  
FF Boris G. Buchelli, L-106  
FF James E. Caddell, Jr., E-214  
FF Harry L. Callahan, L-13  
FF Ronald A. Cassar, E-265  
Capt. Daniel J. Ciccossanti, D-8  
Lt. David J. Cirillo, L-159  
FF Shane Clarke, L-33  
Lt. Christian H. Corbin, L-126  
FF John Curatolo, E-8  
FF Arthur J. Dagata, L-161  
FF Francesco DeFrancesco, L-172  
FF John J. Desthers, L-150  
FF Paul A. Dobson, E-219  
FF Robert F. Gnerre, L-169  
FF Brian F. Grace, L-129  
FF Eric D. Hanson, L-129  
FF Christopher M. Harkinish, L-54  
FF James Knauer, L-148  
FF Robert E. Lee, L-46  
FF Ain A. Lindo, L-33  
FF Kevin P. Lynch, L-170  
FF Daniel Mackey, E-166  
Capt. Brendan J. Manning, L-12  
Capt. Mark R. Meihoefer, L-154  
FF Michael C. Nicastro, L-153  
FF Thomas Roldan, L-116  
FF Miguel A. Ruiz, III, L-151  
FF Nicholas T. Schneider, L-34

# **BUREAU OF FIRE INVESTIGATION—BFI**

## **SERVICE RATING A**

March 18, 2015, FM James J. Egan, CWN  
March 26, 2015, SFM Richard J. Grigoli, CWS  
March 26, 2015, FM Zackary Fletcher, CWS  
June 6, 2015, FM Kenneth W. Hettwer, CWS

## **SERVICE RATING B**

January 14, 2015, FM Martin G. Joyce, SIU  
August 1, 2015, FM Kieran T. Burke, CWS  
August 7, 2015, FM William P. McNally, CWS  
October 1, 2015, FM Robert J. Cox, SIU

## **UNIT CITATIONS**

### **Terroristic Threats**

January 14, 2015, Multiple Boxes

### **Arson for Profit**

February 6, 2015, Box 1278

### **Fourth Alarm Arson Task Force**

March 18, 2015, Box 8561

### **Juvenile Arson Fires**

March 19, 2015, Box 4534

### **Arson/Domestic Violence**

April 19, 2015, Box 2441

### **Commercial Arson Burglary**

June 19, 2015, Box 1063

### **Arson for Profit**

July 29, 2015, Box 2443

### **Arson Sting**

October 1, 2015, Box 1035

### **Fifth Alarm**

November 30, 2015, Box 2989

## UNIT CITATIONS

**Engine Company 48**  
May 12, 2012 Box 33-4794

**Engine Company 3**  
January 10, 2013 Box 55-0319

**Engine Company 10**  
January 10, 2013 Box 55-0319

**Engine Company 33**  
January 10, 2013 Box 55-0319

**Engine Company 91**  
March 12, 2014 Box 55-1406

**Ladder Company 103**  
June 2, 2014 Box 2004

**Ladder Company 25**  
June 22, 2014 Box 0995

**Marine Company 8**  
July 31, 2014 Box 3479

**Marine Company 8**  
October 14, 2014 Box 3479

**Engine Company 325**  
November 6, 2014 Box 7342

**Ladder Company 163**  
November 6, 2014 Box 7342

**Ladder Company 115**  
December 23, 2014 Box 7173

**Ladder Company 136**  
December 26, 2014 Box 7094

**Squad Company 270**  
December 31, 2014 Box 22-9206

**Ladder Company 19**  
January 1, 2015 Box 2748

**Ladder Company 169**  
January 2, 2015 Box 7055

**Ladder Company 34**  
January 2, 2015 Box 1650

**Engine Company 289**  
January 4, 2015 Box 9375

**Ladder Company 138**  
January 4, 2015 Box 9375

**Engine Company 81**  
January 9, 2015 Box 22-3556

**Ladder Company 46**  
January 9, 2015 Box 22-3556

**Ladder Company 37**  
January 9, 2015 Box 22-3556

**Rescue Company 1**  
January 10, 2015 Box 1035

**Ladder Company 175**  
January 12, 2015 Box 2065

**Engine Company 236**  
January 12, 2015 Box 2065

**Engine Company 15**  
January 21, 2015 Box 0255

**Ladder Company 18**  
January 21, 2015 Box 0255

**Squad Company 18**  
January 21, 2015 Box 0255

**Ladder Company 105**  
January 21, 2015 Box 55-1241

**Ladder Company 132**  
January 21, 2015 Box 55-1241

**Ladder Company 54**  
January 29, 2015 Box 2899

**Ladder Company 174**  
February 1, 2015 Box 22-2234

**Ladder Company 19**  
February 17, 2015 Box 75-2726

**Engine Company 253**  
February 17, 2015 Box 3424

**Engine Company 289**  
March 5, 2015 Box 9381

**Ladder Company 56**  
March 9, 2015 Box 3162

**Ladder Company 4**  
March 23, 2015 Box 0872

**Engine Company 287**  
March 24, 2015 Box 22-9996

**Engine Company 5**  
March 26, 2015 Box 77-0436

**Engine Company 33**  
March 26, 2015 Box 77-0436

**Engine Company 28**  
March 26, 2015 Box 77-0436

**Ladder Company 3**  
March 26, 2015 Box 77-0436

**Ladder Company 7**  
March 26, 2015 Box 77-0436

**Ladder Company 9**  
March 26, 2015 Box 77-0436

**Ladder Company 11**  
March 26, 2015 Box 77-0436

**Squad Company 18**  
March 26, 2015 Box 77-0436

**Rescue Company 1**  
March 26, 2015 Box 77-0436

**Rescue Company 2**  
March 26, 2015 Box 77-0436

**Ladder Company 147**  
March 28, 2015 Box 2424

**Ladder Company 136**  
March 29, 2015 Box 7174

**Engine Company 3**  
March 29, 2015 Box 7320

**Engine Company 323**  
April 2, 2015 Box 2376

**Squad Company 252**  
April 4, 2015 Box 0897

**Ladder Company 54**  
April 13, 2015 Box 2898

**Engine Company 96**  
April 13, 2015 Box 2898

**Engine Company 301**  
April 17, 2015 Box 5455

**Ladder Company 150**  
April 17, 2015 Box 5455

**Rescue Company 1**  
April 24, 2015 Box 0792

**Ladder Company 2**  
April 24, 2015 Box 0792

**Ladder Company 153**  
April 27, 2015 Box 3364

**Ladder Company 117**  
April 29, 2015 Box 7467

**Rescue Company 4**  
April 29, 2015 Box 7467

**Engine Company 96**  
May 4, 2015 Box 2628

**Ladder Company 54**  
May 4, 2015 Box 2628

**Marine Company 8**  
May 10, 2015 Box 3479

**Ladder Company 150**  
May 18, 2015 Box 5342

**Ladder Company 154**  
May 22, 2015 Box 7845

**Engine Company 306**  
May 23, 2015 Box 6160

**Ladder Company 108**  
May 23, 2015 Box 0709

**Rescue Company 2**  
May 23, 2015 Box 0709

**Ladder Company 31**  
May 30, 2015 Box 7430

**Engine Company 90**  
May 31, 2015 Box 22-2873

**Ladder Company 115**  
June 2, 2015 Box 7133

**Ladder Company 56**  
June 5, 2015 Box 7382

**Rescue Company 3**  
June 5, 2015 Box 7382

**Engine Company 274**  
July 7, 2015 Box 6957

**Ladder Company 124**  
July 19, 2015 Box 4391

**Marine Company 3**  
August 1, 2015 Box 1348

**Ladder Company 137**  
August 1, 2015 Box 1379

**Engine Company 268**  
August 1, 2015 Box 1379

**Ladder Company 174**  
August 2, 2015 Box 2229

**Marine Company 6**  
August 3, 2015 Box 0106

**Engine Company 216**  
August 4, 2015 Box 0240

**Ladder Company 108**  
August 4, 2015 Box 0240

**Engine Company 35**  
August 18, 2015 Box 1422

**Ladder Company 14**  
August 18, 2015 Box 1422

**Ladder Company 156**  
August 19, 2015 Box 7051

**Ladder Company 148**  
August 19, 2015 Box 7243

**Engine Company 66**  
August 23, 2015 Box 8922

**Engine Company 46**  
August 24, 2015 Box 4765

**Rescue Company 4**  
August 24, 2015 Box 9504

**Engine Company 63**  
August 25, 2015 Box 3811

**Ladder Company 152**  
September 10, 2015 Box 9719

**Ladder Company 160**  
September 10, 2015 Box 9719

**Engine Company 44**  
October 2, 2015 Box 1065

**Haz-Mat Company 1**  
October 21, 2015 Box 1094

**Squad Company 18**  
October 30, 2015 Box 0751

**Rescue Company 1**  
October 30, 2015 Box 0751

**Rescue Company 4**  
October 30, 2015 Box 0751

**Ladder Company 24**  
October 30, 2015 Box 0751

**Ladder Company 119**  
November 13, 2015 Box 8044

**Engine Company 316**  
November 17, 2015 Box 9352

**Engine Company 290**  
November 26, 2015 Box 1926

## CFR PRE-HOSPITAL SAVE COMMENDATIONS

### JANUARY 2015

Engine Company 3, January 29  
Engine Company 8, January 23  
Engine Company 9, January 6  
Engine Company 22, January 3  
Engine Company 37, January 19  
Engine Company 39, January 27  
Engine Company 40, January 4  
Engine Company 42, January 14  
Engine Company 50, January 30  
Engine Company 54, January 11  
Engine Company 55, January 21  
Engine Company 60, January 19  
Engine Company 67, January 8 and 10  
Engine Company 73, January 9 and 15  
Engine Company 79, January 4 and 18  
Engine Company 82, January 15  
Engine Company 155, January 22  
Engine Company 202, January 17  
Engine Company 218, January 7  
Engine Company 238, January 9  
Engine Company 247, January 14 and 20  
Engine Company 249, January 30  
Engine Company 257, January 1  
Engine Company 264, January 24 and 31  
Engine Company 271, January 2  
Engine Company 274, January 29  
Engine Company 275, January 1 and 9  
Engine Company 276, January 19  
Engine Company 277, January 8 and 13  
Engine Company 287, January 4  
Engine Company 290, January 4 and 20  
Engine Company 291, January 5  
Engine Company 294, January 10 and 24  
Engine Company 298, January 5  
Engine Company 301, January 5

Engine Company 302, January 2  
Engine Company 305, January 16  
Engine Company 318, January 8  
Squad Company 18, January 20

### FEBRUARY 2015

Engine Company 9, February 19  
Engine Company 16, February 24  
Engine Company 45, February 20  
Engine Company 59, February 17 and 19  
Engine Company 62, February 2  
Engine Company 81, February 3  
Engine Company 89, February 28  
Engine Company 90, February 12  
Engine Company 94, February 2  
Engine Company 227, February 17  
Engine Company 228, February 3  
Engine Company 245, February 3  
Engine Company 251, February 7  
Engine Company 253, February 21  
Engine Company 254, February 7  
Engine Company 264, February 26  
Engine Company 282, February 4  
Engine Company 289, February 25  
Engine Company 298, February 4  
Engine Company 301, February 17  
Engine Company 302, February 17  
Engine Company 303, February 13  
Engine Company 308, February 22  
Engine Company 309, February 3  
Engine Company 317, February 19  
Engine Company 324, February 11  
Engine Company 330, February 17  
Engine Company 331, February 28

### MARCH 2015

Engine Company 3, March 15  
Engine Company 22, March 27  
Engine Company 43, March 10 and 15  
Engine Company 52, March 7  
Engine Company 55, March 27  
Engine Company 62, March 7 and 9  
Engine Company 79, March 11  
Engine Company 167, March 20 and 24  
Engine Company 214, March 26  
Engine Company 219, March 14  
Engine Company 227, March 8  
Engine Company 229, March 18  
Engine Company 237, March 16  
Engine Company 250, March 4  
Engine Company 254, March 28  
Engine Company 262, March 31  
Engine Company 271, March 30  
Engine Company 280, March 8 and 18  
Engine Company 301, March 24  
Engine Company 308, March 30  
Engine Company 317, March 15  
Engine Company 323, March 30  
Engine Company 325, March 23  
Engine Company 326, March 20  
Engine Company 328, March 28  
Squad Company 41, March 19

### APRIL 2015

Engine Company 3, April 12  
Engine Company 38, April 22  
Engine Company 43, April 16  
Engine Company 46, April 16  
Engine Company 53, April 16  
Engine Company 60, April 18  
Engine Company 62, April 14

## CFR PRE-HOSPITAL SAVE COMMENDATIONS

Engine Company 68, April 10 and 24

Engine Company 69, April 10

Engine Company 71, April 26

Engine Company 151, April 18

Engine Company 218, April 14

Engine Company 227, April 30

Engine Company 257, April 18 and 30

Engine Company 258, April 15

Engine Company 262, April 4

Engine Company 265, April 28

Engine Company 294, April 12

Engine Company 302, April 4

Engine Company 307, April 1

Squad Company 270, April 15

### MAY 2015

Engine Company 14, May 21

Engine Company 53, May 21

Engine Company 73, May 27

Engine Company 76, May 24

Engine Company 92, May 3

Engine Company 167, May 2

Engine Company 217, May 24

Engine Company 235, May 27

Engine Company 241, May 20

Engine Company 242, May 29

Engine Company 257, May 7

Engine Company 262, May 5

Engine Company 273, May 31

Engine Company 280, May 31

Engine Company 281, May 31

Engine Company 283, May 20

Engine Company 308, May 31

Engine Company 311, May 29

Engine Company 315, May 6

Engine Company 316, May 28

Engine Company 326, May 16

Squad Company 18, May 7

### JUNE 2015

Engine Company 5, June 28

Engine Company 23, June 11

Engine Company 45, June 16

Engine Company 46, June 5

Engine Company 53, June 30

Engine Company 69, June 16

Engine Company 71, June 3

Engine Company 73, June 11

Engine Company 76, June 17

Engine Company 93, June 6

Engine Company 153, June 29

Engine Company 166, June 22

Engine Company 201, June 11, 14, 15 and 16

Engine Company 205, June 26

Engine Company 219, June 20

Engine Company 231, June 30

Engine Company 235, June 19

Engine Company 242, June 10

Engine Company 246, June 29

Engine Company 247, June 14

Engine Company 263, June 22

Engine Company 264, June 1

Engine Company 274, June 2 and 15

Engine Company 280, June 21

Engine Company 283, June 4

Engine Company 287, June 28

Engine Company 290, June 11 and 14

Engine Company 298, June 5

Engine Company 302, June 21

Engine Company 305, June 16 and 19

Engine Company 315, June 22

Engine Company 316, June 5

Engine Company 317, June 7

Engine Company 324, June 10

Squad Company 41, June 21

Squad Company 270, June 6

### JULY 2015

Engine Company 33, July 27

Engine Company 50, July 6

Engine Company 67, July 13

Engine Company 72, July 23

Engine Company 83, July 10

Engine Company 234, July 25

Engine Company 247, July 23

Engine Company 257, July 14

Engine Company 258, July 18

Engine Company 273, July 25

Engine Company 274, July 17

Engine Company 280, July 16

Engine Company 281, July 23

Engine Company 282, July 19

Engine Company 289, July 8

Engine Company 291, July 26

Engine Company 298, July 28

Engine Company 316, July 26

Engine Company 323, July 14

Engine Company 332, July 12

### AUGUST 2015

Engine Company 63, August 15

Engine Company 67, August 3

Engine Company 69, August 17

Engine Company 71, August 26 and 28

Engine Company 74, August 12

Engine Company 79, August 6

Engine Company 93, August 10

Engine Company 96, August 10

Engine Company 97, August 21

Engine Company 158, August 17

Engine Company 233, August 8

Engine Company 246, August 3 and 23

Engine Company 262, August 9

Engine Company 274, August 20

Engine Company 290, August 24

Engine Company 297, August 2

## CFR PRE-HOSPITAL SAVE COMMENDATIONS

Engine Company 330, August 6  
Engine Company 331, August 27  
Squad Company 252, August 22

### SEPTEMBER 2015

Engine Company 5, September 29  
Engine Company 44, September 3  
Engine Company 54, September 10  
Engine Company 64, September 22  
Engine Company 96, September 12  
Engine Company 202, September 3  
Engine Company 214, September 8  
Engine Company 222, September 14  
Engine Company 225, September 3  
Engine Company 242, September 19  
Engine Company 243, September 3  
Engine Company 253, September 12 and 27  
Engine Company 266, September 11  
Engine Company 268, September 1  
Engine Company 271, September 27  
Engine Company 280, September 20 and 22  
Engine Company 285, September 25  
Engine Company 292, September 14  
Engine Company 312, September 7  
Engine Company 321, September 14 and 15

### OCTOBER 2015

Engine Company 23, October 18  
Engine Company 39, October 18  
Engine Company 45, October 10 and 26  
Engine Company 58, October 16  
Engine Company 59, October 12  
Engine Company 63, October 18  
Engine Company 73, October 17  
Engine Company 214, October 11  
Engine Company 236, October 29  
Engine Company 237, October 24  
Engine Company 243, October 2

Engine Company 246, October 13  
Engine Company 247, October 2  
Engine Company 258, October 14  
Engine Company 264, October 6  
Engine Company 271, October 22  
Engine Company 275, October 5  
Engine Company 291, October 18  
Engine Company 293, October 30  
Engine Company 294, October 14  
Engine Company 302, October 12  
Engine Company 305, October 22  
Engine Company 321, October 14 and 22  
Squad Company 18, October 7  
Squad Company 61, October 15

### NOVEMBER 2015

Engine Company 28, November 5  
Engine Company 60, November 10  
Engine Company 66, November 21  
Engine Company 69, November 10  
Engine Company 76, November 7  
Engine Company 91, November 21  
Engine Company 96, November 2  
Engine Company 155, November 12  
Engine Company 160, November 7  
Engine Company 253, November 6 and 7  
Engine Company 260, November 18  
Engine Company 264, November 13  
Engine Company 279, November 12  
Engine Company 280, November 27 and 29  
Engine Company 292, November 15  
Engine Company 307, November 22 and 23  
Engine Company 308, November 24  
Engine Company 319, November 19  
Engine Company 324, November 9

### DECEMBER 2015

Engine Company 7, December 7  
Engine Company 16, December 16  
Engine Company 38, December 12  
Engine Company 44, December 23  
Engine Company 58, December 13  
Engine Company 65, December 27  
Engine Company 72, December 10  
Engine Company 81, December 11  
Engine Company 93, December 23  
Engine Company 154, December 1  
Engine Company 157, December 23  
Engine Company 214, December 12  
Engine Company 255, December 24  
Engine Company 258, December 24  
Engine Company 268, December 25  
Engine Company 273, December 4  
Engine Company 280, December 25  
Engine Company 281, December 15  
Engine Company 282, December 15  
Engine Company 290, December 8  
Engine Company 308, December 6  
Engine Company 311, December 31  
Engine Company 317, December 29  
Engine Company 332, December 2 and 27



## 2015 PRE-HOSPITAL SAVE AWARDS

*Number in parentheses indicates multiple saves.*

Lieutenant Paul E. Abate, Jr. (2)	Lieutenant Brendan M. Bass (2)	Paramedic Charles R. Braun (2)	Lieutenant James P. Cavaliere (3)
Paramedic Iller Abramov	Lieutenant Andrew Bates (3)	EMT Cristina M. Braun	EMT Ivan Ceballos
EMT Annabell Abreu	EMT Shawn M. Baumann (2)	Deputy Chief Martin Braun	Lieutenant Cemal Cengiz
EMT Roberto D. Abril	EMT Jean M. Beaubrun	EMT Robert S. Briggs	Paramedic Joel Cerizier (2)
Paramedic Antonio Accardo	EMT Jamelya J. Beauharnais	Paramedic Lauren A. Broccoli	Lieutenant Jorge D. Chalen
Paramedic Alex E. Acevedo	Lieutenant James Becker (3)	Lieutenant Andrew Brock	EMT Christopher L. Chalmers (2)
EMT Miguel Acevedo	Paramedic Leonardo A. Bedoya (4)	EMT Racquel T. Brooks	Paramedic David A. Chambers
Paramedic Pedro J. Acosta	Paramedic Jared Beitel	EMT Jonathan Broome	Paramedic Rojay L. Chambers
Paramedic Elizabeth Acosta-Rayos	EMT Samuel B. Belton	EMT Stephen F. Brothers	EMT Kenny K. Chan (2)
Paramedic Brandon K. Adams	EMT Marcos R. Bencosme	EMT Brittany V. Brown	Lieutenant Marvin K. Chan (2)
EMT Jairo D. Aguiar	Paramedic Jacqueline J. Benel (2)	Paramedic Bruce C. Brown (3)	EMT Michael J. Chan
Paramedic Aaron C. Aguirre	Paramedic Jose O. Benitez (2)	Paramedic Cleo O. Brown	EMT Wilson Chan
Lieutenant Juan A. Aguirre	Lieutenant Sean Benjamin	Paramedic Madelyn V. Brown (2)	EMT Stephanie N. Charles
EMT Rafael E. Aguirre	Paramedic Kimberly N. Benson	Captain Donald A. Browne	Deputy Chief Richard J. Chatterton
Lieutenant Jeanne A. Aikins (2)	EMT Brandon J. Bentley	Paramedic Bree Brown-Rosa	Paramedic Ruth E. Chavez
EMT Shakeel Ajaz	EMT John J. Benton (2)	EMT Christopher Buder	Paramedic Francisco J. Checo (4)
EMT Muhamed Aksabanaj	Paramedic Aron Benzion	Paramedic Vincent Bui (3)	Paramedic Dennis S. Chen
Paramedic Joseph M. Albo (2)	EMT Elliot J. Bergenbaum	Paramedic Jeffery J. Burke	Paramedic Kenny Cheng (2)
EMT Mir M. Ali	Paramedic Robert A. Berrios	EMT Thomas E. Burke (2)	Paramedic Stuart I. Chenkin
Lieutenant Rose M. Alibrandi	Paramedic Richard Berroa	EMT Richard E. Burlew, Jr.	EMT John Chiarovano
Captain Richard Allas	Paramedic David K. Besemer (3)	EMT Tyisha D. Burwell	EMT Dianelys Chibas
Lieutenant Jerrard G. Allas	EMT Christopher M. Betancourt	EMT Sandra A. Butler	EMT Anthoniel Chin
EMT Wendell Alleyne	EMT Michael F. Bifulco	EMT Jason E. Butscher	Paramedic Christopher Chin
EMT Jean Altidor, Jr.	Paramedic Peter J. Bilardello	EMT Evan K. Butt	EMT Serguei Chronov
EMT Melissa M. Altigieri	Paramedic Jonathan R. Billian	Paramedic Katrina J. Buyund (2)	EMT Ryan C. Ciambriello
Lieutenant Bridget Alvarez	Deputy Chief Christopher Bilz (2)	EMT Edgar L. Caal-Soberanis	EMT Maciej Cichosz
Paramedic Soraya Alvarez-DeJesus	Paramedic Timothy J. Bittar	Lieutenant Giovanni Caballero (3)	EMT Anastasius C. Cielto
EMT Robert N. Amendola	EMT Anthony Blain	EMT Henry Cabrera	Paramedic Martha C. Cienfuegos-Ortiz (2)
Lieutenant Rae Ammirati	Paramedic Kerrin M. Blieka	Paramedic David A. Cadogan	EMT Anthony Cirmi (2)
Paramedic Antonio Amor (2)	Paramedic Conor B. Bliss	Lieutenant Steven M. Caggiano (2)	EMT Derek J. Clifford
EMT Drew K. Anderson	Paramedic Thomas J. Blumbergs	EMT Angel L. Camacho	Paramedic John F. Coleman
EMT Jennifer Anderson	EMT Robert E. Boardman	Paramedic Zaith Camejo	Paramedic Trevor M. Coleman
Lieutenant Lawrence Anderson	Paramedic Peter R. Bockwoldt	Lieutenant Steven F. Cameron	Lieutenant Dwayne A. Coley
EMT Nicholas K. Andryuk	EMT Abdul M. Boddington	Paramedic Daniel Campanelli	EMT Angel Collazo (2)
EMT Michael G. Angrisani	Paramedic James A. Bolger (3)	EMT Michelle T. Campbell (3)	EMT Kevin J. Collins
Paramedic Timothy J. Anson	Paramedic Adolfo E. Bonafoux	Lieutenant Omar J. Campbell (2)	Paramedic Joseph Colon
EMT Nicholas A. Antonelli	Lieutenant Richard T. Bonet (2)	Paramedic Patricia Campbell	EMT Michael V. Colopelnic
Lieutenant Paul A. Ardizzone	Paramedic Ferdinand D. Bonifacio	EMT Yaniri E. Canales (2)	Paramedic Nikola S. Combs
Paramedic Jose R. Arias	EMT Elizabeth A. Bonilla	Paramedic Teri-Ann Cancetty (2)	Paramedic Arthur J. Concepcion
Paramedic Benzion Aron	Captain Mark A. Bonilla (4)	Paramedic Jerry Cange	EMT Michael J. Conforti
Paramedic Marilyn L. Arroyo (2)	Paramedic Frantz Bonneau (2)	EMT Terence J. Canham (3)	Paramedic Shawn W. Conlon
EMT Yadira Arroyo (2)	Paramedic Robert A. Bonome	Paramedic Joy H. Canter	EMT Timothy P. Conlon
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Lieutenant Robert A. Atkins	EMT Diana S. Boone	Lieutenant Mark R. Caplan (2)	Paramedic David J. Cook (2)
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 EMT Rafael Rivera  
 EMT Giannella Robalino  
 Paramedic Ronald J. Roberson  
 Paramedic Earl H. Roberts  
 Paramedic Peter H. Roberts  
 Captain Timothy Roberts (2)  
 EMT Ashanti N. Robinson  
 Paramedic John P. Roddy (2)  
 Lieutenant Brandon A. Rodriguez (2)  
 EMT Daniel E. Rodriguez  
 Lieutenant Edward Rodriguez  
 EMT Jeanine M. Rodriguez  
 Paramedic Joshua S. Rodriguez  
 EMT Rema G. Rodriguez  
 EMT Ruben D. Rodriguez (2)  
 EMT Henry S. Rodriguez  
 Lieutenant Craig C. Roeder (4)  
 EMT Jalaine A. Roesch  
 Paramedic Stephen P. Rogers (3)  
 EMT Michael J. Rojas, Jr. (2)  
 Paramedic Lynwood G. Rollins  
 Paramedic Lionel Roman (4)  
 EMT Marcelino A. Roman (2)  
 Paramedic Corey Romanowski  
 EMT Christopher W. Romeo  
 Lieutenant Douglas A. Rondon  
 Captain Paul S. Rosado  
 EMT Johnny W. Rosado-Garcia (2)  
 Lieutenant Edgar Rosales (2)  
 Paramedic Carmen Rosas (2)  
 EMT Gerard J. Rosciano  
 Paramedic Ryan C. Rose (2)  
 Lieutenant Andrew J. Rosenthal (2)  
 Lieutenant Anthony T. Rosiello  
 EMT Vanessa Ross  
 EMT Bryan P. Rothman

EMT Jonathan S. Rothman  
 Paramedic Dennison D. Rougier (2)  
 Captain Robert E. Rousso  
 Paramedic Brian J. Rozas  
 EMT Anthony R. Ruggiero  
 Paramedic Joseph Ruiz (2)  
 Paramedic Dean Russell  
 EMT Ernest M. Russo, Jr.  
 Lieutenant George M. Russo (2)  
 EMT Thomas W. Russo (2)  
 Paramedic Daniel Ryoo  
 Captain Jason L. Saffon  
 EMT Angelo J. Saladino  
 EMT Shadath Salahudeen (2)  
 Paramedic Favian Salazar  
 Paramedic Salim A. Salim  
 EMT Michael G. Sanchez  
 EMT Matthew E. Sandvik (2)  
 Lieutenant Charles Santangelo  
 Paramedic Steven Santaniello  
 EMT Justin G. Santillo  
 Paramedic Tenille A. Saunders  
 EMT Laura D. Savastano (2)  
 EMT Peter F. Scanlon (2)  
 EMT Robert M. Scanniello  
 Paramedic Steven Scarinzi (3)  
 EMT Javin Schaefer  
 EMT Gregory J. Scharfenberg  
 Lieutenant Jonathan E. Schechter  
 EMT Christopher R. Scheriff  
 EMT Devin M. Schiller  
 EMT Matthew J. Schneider (3)  
 EMT William Schultz  
 EMT Christian J. Schumacher  
 Paramedic Charles Schwager  
 Lieutenant James E. Scordus (2)  
 Captain John J. Scotch, II  
 Lieutenant Dwight O. Scott  
 Lieutenant Jasmin Scott  
 EMT Lavell Scott  
 Lieutenant Linda Scott (3)  
 EMT Joao R. Seabra  
 EMT Gabriel M. Seales  
 Paramedic Oneilia Seaton  
 Lieutenant Eartha P. Sedeniussen (5)  
 EMT Michael Seebrat  
 Paramedic Rafael Sequeira  
 EMT Nelson Seto  
 EMT Morgan M. Setorie  
 EMT Salahudeen Shadath  
 Paramedic Chung Hing Sham (2)  
 Paramedic Ajay K. Sharma (2)  
 Lieutenant Rachel P. Sheridan  
 EMT Nimrod Shimrony  
 Paramedic Meir Shubowitz  
 Paramedic Thomas J. Siciliano  
 EMT Aramis C. Sierra  
 Paramedic Kenneth Silas (5)  
 Paramedic Roberto J. Silveira  
 Paramedic Joshua Silver (3)  
 Lieutenant Michael A. Silver  
 Paramedic Michael Silvestri  
 Paramedic Gary J. Simmonds  
 Paramedic Matthew Simon  
 Paramedic Sherry F. Singleton (2)  
 Paramedic Konstantino Skamalos (2)  
 EMT Robert J. Skarda

Paramedic Amanda M. Skupp	Paramedic Yiru Tan	Paramedic Kyle Van Nostrand (3)	Paramedic Harlan Wernz
EMT Arnold D. Smith (2)	EMT Michael D. Tapia	Paramedic Joanna Vanegas	Lieutenant David J. Weston
EMT Brendan J. Smith (2)	Paramedic Edwin A. Tario (2)	EMT Mary J. Vanicky	EMT Matthew C. Whelehan (4)
Lieutenant Brian M. Smith	EMT David A. Tash	EMT Geovanni A. Varela	Paramedic Alwain B. White
EMT Drew A. Smith (4)	Paramedic Christopher M. Taylor	EMT Anthony J. Varricchio	Paramedic Liana E. White
Paramedic H. Carlton Smith (2)	Paramedic Timothy J. Taylor	Lieutenant Richard Vazquez	EMT Malcolm White
Paramedic Hugh Smith, II (2)	Paramedic Vanessa K. Tenorio (2)	EMT Frank S. Vela	EMT Michael White
EMT Ian A. Smith	Paramedic Alex Tepliy	EMT Johan S. Velasco	Lieutenant Robert J. White
Lieutenant Richard D. Smith (2)	EMT Brian D. Thomann	Paramedic Paula A. Velez (2)	EMT Tara A. Whitlock
Paramedic Shawn P. Smith	Paramedic Kimera A. Thomas (2)	Paramedic Veronica Velez	Lieutenant Kyle Wigglesworth (5)
Lieutenant Theresa Smith-Hawkins (2)	Lieutenant Mario A. Thompkins	EMT Jahayra M. Veliz	Paramedic Samantha Z. Wilding (2)
EMT Christopher J. Smolny	EMT Bo-Ann R. Thorpe-Woodburn	EMT Valerie A. Veluz	Lieutenant Horace G. Williams
Paramedic Ervin Sobiev	EMT Steven Thorsen (2)	EMT Valerie Vera-Tudela (2)	EMT Robert J. Williams
Lieutenant Magdalena K. Sobocinski	Lieutenant Donna L. Tiberi (3)	Paramedic Jason E. Verspoor	Paramedic Sebastian A. Williams
Paramedic Jose O. Solis	EMT Michael A. Tier	Captain Michael Vetack (2)	EMT Richard M. Wilson, Jr.
EMT Max Solomon	Paramedic Corey J. Tillery	EMT Dylan C. Vidoli	Lieutenant Asher M. Winik (3)
EMT Sandra D. Sookhai-Castro (2)	EMT Vanessa Tineo	Paramedic Phillip Villafane	Lieutenant Stewart Wolf (3)
EMT Jessica D. Sosa (2)	Paramedic Brandon Tishim	Paramedic David H. Villaruel	Lieutenant William Wolf (3)
EMT Al G. Soto	EMT Desta H. Tjokronolo	Lieutenant Guillermo Villaverde (3)	EMT Ronald A. Wolfe (2)
Lieutenant Jose Soto	Paramedic Yehuda L. Topper (2)	EMT James A. Von Der Linn	EMT Dennis H. Wong
Lieutenant Phillip A. Soto	Lieutenant Debra Towers	Paramedic Starsky T. Von Prime	Paramedic Kam F. Wong
EMT Bryan J. Sotomayor	EMT Anaxenia L. Toyloy	EMT Amy Vongwattanakit (2)	EMT Jeffrey Wood
Lieutenant Jason K. Spandorf	Paramedic Gerardo Toyloy	Lieutenant Antonios Voxakis (3)	EMT Kathleen E. Wood (2)
Lieutenant Christopher W. Specht (3)	Paramedic Jose Trinidad	EMT Shaniqua A. Walcott (2)	Paramedic Derek R. Woodhead (2)
Paramedic Chaim Spiegel (2)	Lieutenant Timothy M. Troeber (2)	EMT Nicholas E. Waldrop (2)	EMT Jason Woodson
EMT Peter D. Spink (2)	EMT Thomas Tsai	EMT Daniel C. Walker	Paramedic Patrick A. Worms (3)
Lieutenant Phillip H. Spiro (3)	EMT Eduardo E. Tucker	Captain Vincent R. Walla	Paramedic Mingze Wu
Paramedic David C. Spooner	EMT Courtney S. Turner	Lieutenant Robert Walsh (2)	EMT Weikai Xiang
EMT Kellan A. Squire (3)	EMT Mahaujah N. Turner	EMT Ryan R. Walsh	EMT Ephrayim Yehowceph
EMT Daniel A. Stahl	Lieutenant Leonid Tverskoy (2)	Lieutenant Raymond Wang (4)	Paramedic Andrew Yen
Paramedic James Stalikas (2)	Paramedic Edwin S. Tweedy	EMT Shawn G. Wani	Paramedic Skerdi Ymeraj
EMT Douglas Starace	Lieutenant Linda A. Ubiles	EMT Alexis Ward	EMT James D. Yodice (2)
EMT Salvatore M. Starace	Lieutenant Michael W. Ullman	Paramedic Kevin S. Ward	EMT Richard A. Young
Paramedic Jeffrey J. Stenborg	Paramedic Roberto A. Urena (3)	EMT Marcus C. Waring	Paramedic Wayne J. Young, Jr. (2)
EMT Thomas J. Stevens	EMT Vincent A. Urizzo	Lieutenant Scott Waryold	Paramedic Joseph K. Yu
Paramedic Cindy M. Stewart	Paramedic Silvana Uzcategui (2)	Lieutenant Brandy E. Washington	Paramedic Kenny Yu (2)
EMT Michael J. Stuhler	Paramedic Peter J. Vaccaro (2)	Paramedic Maggi Weaver (2)	Lieutenant Paul J. Yunek
EMT Henry M. Suazo	EMT Michael A. Vale (2)	EMT Brandon Weber (2)	Physician Benjamin Zabar
Deputy Chief John Q. Sullivan (2)	EMT Ricardo Valencia	EMT Lauren Weeks	EMT Christian Zamora
EMT Marso Sully	Paramedic Chez C. Valenta-Kannar	EMT Anthony C. Weiburg	Lieutenant Evgeni Zenkovich
Paramedic Jason K. Sutherland	EMT Erick Valentin (2)	Paramedic Stuart J. Weinstein (2)	Lieutenant Joel E. Zepeda (3)
EMT Brandon L. Sutton (2)	Paramedic Robert Valenzi (2)	Paramedic Keith D. Werner	EMT Anthony M. Zero
EMT Vincent A. Taccetta	EMT Robert Vales (3)	EMT Kimberly M. Werner	EMT Roy G. Zuniga, Jr.

## EMS UNIT OF THE MONTH—2015

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>UNIT</b>	<b>MEMBERS</b>
January	12B1	EMTs Jon Leonor, Manu Sharma, Adam Vazquez
February	47B1	EMTs Stacey Aarons, Jacques Lavaud, Priscilla Millan
March	14Y2	Paramedics Robert Kelly, Alvin Rhaburn, Steven Santaniello
April	58E2	EMTs Nathalie Arias, Kelvin Baptiste, Mary Burk
May	54U3	Paramedics Brenda Jones, Liane Ochoa, Alwain White
June	50H1	Paramedic Nigel Ramsook and EMTs Travis Kessel, Kevin McKeon
July	42X3	Paramedics Pietro Arsenault, Ervin Sobiev, Alex Tepliy
August	08D2	EMTs Christos Groutas, Matthew Herzog, Desta Tjokronolo
September	43D2	EMTs Isaac Bouskila, Michael McCormack, Igor Negelev
October	22C3	EMTs Salvatore Caiozza, George Kohrmann, Christopher Smith
November	49X3	Lieutenant Justin Lim and Paramedics Dennis Rehberger, Andrew Wasniewski
December	03I2	EMTs Roland Diaz, Jr., David Loza, Lissette Rivera

# MEDAL AND AWARD DONORS

## James Gordon Bennett Medal

Established in 1869 and, for years, it was the sole decoration awarded for valor in the Fire Department of the City of New York. As a result of its seniority among medals, it is awarded annually for the most outstanding act of heroism after the consideration and deliberate judgment of the member by the Medal Board of the New York City Fire Department. The Fire Foundation of New York Inc. funds this award, Kenneth Bronstein President. (Page 11)

## Brooklyn Citizens Medal/FF Louis Valentino Award

In 1896, a committee of Brooklynites endowed this medal "to be given to the most deserving Firefighter in the Brooklyn Fire Department, as he/she shall be selected by the Fire Department of the City of New York." The recipient also is awarded the Firefighter Louis Valentino Award, a medal endowed since 1998 by Diane Valentino and the Valentino family. The Fire Foundation of New York Inc. funds this award, Kenneth Bronstein President. (Page 12)

## EMT-P Carlos Lillo/Lt. Ricardo Quinn Medal

This medal was endowed in 2016 (to coincide with the 20-year anniversary of the Fire/EMS merger) by EMS Local 2507. Named in honor of Paramedics Carlos Lillo, Station 49, and Ricardo J. Quinn, Station 57, who made the Supreme Sacrifice during the 9/11 terror attacks, the deed of the gift states the medal shall be awarded every three years to a holder of a Christopher J. Prescott Medal during the preceding three years. (Page 13)

## Christopher J. Prescott Medal

Named in honor of EMT Christopher Prescott, the first NEMS member to make the Supreme Sacrifice in the line of duty in 1994, the Prescott Medal is the highest honor bestowed upon a member of the Bureau of EMS. Endowed by the Uniformed EMTs and Paramedics and Fire Inspectors Union. Also endowed by former First Assistant Fire Commissioner, Robert A. Ungar, Legislative Counsel to the Union. (Page 14)

## Hugh Bonner Medal

Named in honor of Chief Hugh Bonner, "a stalwart Chief of Department who preferred to rule by example." The medal first was awarded in 1897. Sponsored by the FDNY Foundation. (Page 15)

## Honor Legion Medal

The Honor Legion is open only to "the bravest of the Bravest," both active and retired. Prerequisites for membership are confined to Firefighters of all ranks who have received Department recognition and been granted a Class I, II or III award for deeds of valor performed at imminent risk to their lives. First awarded in 1984 and endowed by the Honor Legion. (Page 15)

## Emily Trevor/Mary B. Warren Medal

These sisters, in their deed of gift, wrote "...for the purpose of encouraging the members of the force in the exercise...of heroic endeavor under circumstances of special danger." Awarded for the first time in 1899. Sponsored by the FDNY Foundation. (Page 16)

## Thomas E. Crimmins Medal

First awarded in 1912. In memory of her father, Thomas E. Crimmins, contractor, builder, loyal New Yorker and son of a volunteer Fireman, Mrs. May M. Burke provided for the endowment of the Crimmins Memorial Medal. Additional award in memory of Jeffrey S. Childs, great-great-grandson of Thomas Crimmins. The Fire Foundation of New York Inc. funds this award, Kenneth Bronstein President. (Page 17)

## Thomas A. Kenny Memorial Medal

Honorary Deputy Chief William F. Kenny endowed this medal in memory of his father, a Battalion Chief who served in the Department, faithfully and conspicuously, from 1876 until 1903. It is given as a "perpetual token of zeal and enduring interest." First awarded in 1918. Sponsored by the FDNY Foundation. (Page 18)

## Walter Scott Medal

Colonel Walter Scott, a successful New York merchant, was intensely interested in the City's protective forces. In 1920, he endowed a medal for valor bearing his name, to be awarded annually to a member of the FDNY. The Fire Foundation of New York Inc. funds this award, Kenneth Bronstein President. Sponsored by the FDNY Foundation. (Page 19)

## John H. Prentice Medal

This medal is endowed by Mrs. Marion Prentice Brookman in memory of her father. The medal is for "an act of intelligent bravery." First awarded in 1921. Sponsored by the FDNY Foundation. (Page 20)

## Henry D. Brookman Medal

Mrs. Marion Prentice Brookman, in endowing this medal, wrote, "to help the authorities in installing into the Department the fact that the service rendered by the Firefighters is of a character held in high esteem by the people and to perpetuate the old fealty and admiration held by the late Henry D. Brookman for the FDNY." First awarded in 1921. Sponsored by the FDNY Foundation. (Page 21)

## Chief Ulyses Grant Leadership Medal

Named in honor of Chief Ulyses Grant, a 30-year veteran of the Emergency Medical Service, who exemplified respect, leadership, integrity, imagination, compassion and dedication. The recipient of this medal is an EMS Officer who has the ability to influence others to accomplish the mission. The medal is awarded to an EMS Officer who, in leading members under his/her command, has performed an outstanding act of heroism and bravery in the line of duty. The award is endowed by Chief of EMS Operations Robert A. McCracken (retired) and EMS Division Chief Robert P. Browne (retired), who believe a man's experience and wisdom need not die with him, but become his legacy. (Page 22)

## 23rd Street Fire Memorial Medal

Endowed/funded by the Hispanic Society as "a memorial tribute to the 12 Brother Firefighters who made the Supreme Sacrifice at the East 23rd Street fire on October 17, 1966." First awarded in 1968 and formerly called the Hispanic Society Memorial Medal. (Page 23)

## M.J. Delehanty Medal

The founder and dean of civil service schools bearing his name endowed this medal in 1937, "to be awarded annually to a member of the Department whose distinguished service in the line of duty receives recognition by the Board of Merit of the Fire Department." Sponsored by the FDNY Foundation. (Page 24)

## Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia Medal

The Honorable Fiorello H. LaGuardia, while the Mayor, frequently "turned out" at large fires. He had a keen interest in the problems of fire prevention and extinguishment. First awarded in 1937. Sponsored by the FDNY Foundation. (Page 25)

## William F. Conran Medal

Honorary Chief Conran endowed this medal in 1937. His profession of fire protection engineer enabled him to improve the efficiency of firefighting appliances. Sponsored in memory of Honorary Battalion Chief Paul Sanner. Sponsored by the FDNY Foundation. (Page 26)

## Chief John J. McElligott Medal/ FFs Fitzpatrick and Frisby Award

Named in honor of the late Chief and Fire Commissioner, Chief McElligott. He joined the Department in 1905 and retired in 1941 after a long and fruitful career. This medal was endowed by William F. Conran and first was awarded in 1937. Recipient also is awarded the Fitzpatrick and Frisby Award, a medallion endowed by the Fitzpatrick and Frisby Foundation, in memory of these two Firefighters who made the Supreme Sacrifice. The UFA funds this award. Recipient is awarded cash, donated by Honorary First Deputy Commissioner Brian F. Mulheren, in memory of his father, Joseph A. Mulheren, a friend of the FDNY. Sponsored by the FDNY Foundation. (Page 27)

## Thomas F. Dougherty Medal

Chief Dougherty served with the Department from 1888 to 1933 with distinction and honor. In addition to inventing the nozzle that bears his name, he was a colorful member of the Fire College faculty, where he specialized in teaching the technique and efficacy of ventilation. First awarded in 1937. Sponsored by the FDNY Foundation. (Page 28)

## Albert S. Johnston Medal

Albert S. Johnston was a Captain in the New York Fire Patrol with a record of 50 years of faithful service. Ten years after his retirement in 1927, this medal was endowed by William F. Conran. Sponsored by the FDNY Foundation. (Page 29)

## Ner Tamid Society/ Franklin Delano Roosevelt Medal

This medal was endowed by the officers and members of FDNY's Ner Tamid Society in honor of the late president. First awarded in 1946. (Page 30)

## Tracy Allen-Lee Medal

EMT Allen-Lee is nationally recognized as the first EMS professional in the country to be awarded the Public Safety Officer's Benefit by the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, after dying from a communicable disease sustained in the line of duty. Endowed by the Uniformed EMTs and Paramedics and Fire Inspectors Union. Also endowed by former First Assistant Commissioner, Robert A. Ungar, Legislative Counsel to the Union. Sponsored by the FDNY Foundation. (Page 31)

## Vincent J. Kane Medal

This medal is named in honor of the late Vincent J. Kane, labor leader and longtime President of the Uniformed Firefighters Association. Endowed by the UFA. (Page 32)

## Brummer Medal

The late Bertram Brummer and his wife, Susie, have had a long-standing interest in the FDNY. Bertram, a member of the New York Stock Exchange, received training during World War II at the Fire Department College and was assigned to Engine Company 44 in the Auxiliary Corps. In 1961, Bertram and Susie Brummer endowed this medal to be awarded annually for an act of bravery. First awarded in 1962. Sponsored by the FDNY Foundation. (Page 33)

#### **Frank W. Kridel Medal**

**A**warded by the Hotel Association of New York City to a member of the FDNY in recognition of an act of valor above and beyond the call of duty. First awarded in 1962. Sponsored by the FDNY Foundation. (Page 34)

#### **Emerald Society Medal**

**E**ndowed/funded by the Emerald Society and awarded to an FDNY member whose distinguished service in the line of duty receives recognition by the Department's Board of Merit. First awarded in 1965. (Page 35)

#### **Chief Wesley Williams Medal**

**E**ndowed/funded by the Vulcan Society. Awarded to an FDNY member whose distinguished service in the line of duty receives recognition by the Department's Board of Merit. First awarded in 1966. (Page 36)

#### **Holy Name Society Medal (Brooklyn/Queens)**

**E**ndowed/funded by the Holy Name Society (Brooklyn-Queens) in memory of Chaplain Emeritus Very Reverend Monsignor Merrit E. Yeager. First awarded in 1967. (Page 37)

#### **Chief James Scullion Medal**

**R**ecognized as a pioneer in his field, Chief James Scullion was instrumental in bringing both basic and advanced life support services into the modern-day emergency medical system in the City of New York in the early 1970s. His dedication and commitment to excellence are memorialized through this award. (Page 38)

#### **Captain Denis W. Lane Memorial Medal**

**E**ndowed in honor of the late Captain Denis W. Lane. Established by the Honorable Joseph M. Lane and Ms. Joan M. Lane. Captain Lane was appointed to the Department in 1913. A life-long member of the FDNY Anchor Club, he retired in 1958 after a long and dedicated career. Awarded to a deserving member of the uniformed force in recognition of an outstanding act of bravery. First awarded in 1976. Sponsored by the FDNY Foundation. (Page 39)

#### **Uniformed Fire Officers Association Medal**

**E**ndowed in 1977 by the Uniformed Fire Officers Association "for an act of heroism and bravery performed by a Fire Officer at a fire." (Page 40)

#### **Dr. Albert A. Cinelli Medal**

**E**ndowed/funded by the UFA in memory of Dr. Albert A. Cinelli, a longtime friend of the FDNY. Dr. Cinelli was responsible for founding both the Medical and Surgical Specialists Plan and the Surgical Assistance Fund. Serving without salary as the director of both programs, Dr. Cinelli won the admiration and respect of every member of the FDNY. In keeping with these thoughts, this medal has been dedicated to his memory. Awarded for the first time in 1978. (Page 41)

#### **Fire Chiefs Association Memorial Medal**

**T**he Fire Chiefs Association has endowed this medal to honor the memory of those Chief Officers of the FDNY who, from volunteer days to the present, have given leadership, inspiration, courage and, sometimes, their lives, to the development of the finest firefighting force in the world. First awarded in 1979. Sponsored by the FDNY Foundation. (Page 42)

#### **Fire Marshals Benevolent Association Medal**

**T**his medal was endowed/funded since 1980 by the Fire Marshals Benevolent Association, to be awarded to a member of the uniformed force for performance of an outstanding act of valor. (Page 43)

#### **Community Mayors, Inc./ Lt. Robert R. Dolney Medal**

**T**his medal is sponsored by the Community Mayors, Inc., and is dedicated to the memory of Lieutenant Robert R. Dolney, who gave his life so that others might live. The Community Mayors organization, dedicated to helping handicapped children, will present this medal annually to a member of the Department who performs an act of bravery in attempting to save the life of a Firefighter. However, if an act of this nature does not occur during the year, it then will be presented to a member who performed an outstanding act of heroism. First awarded in 1981. (Page 44)

#### **Lieutenant Kirby McElhearn Medal**

**A** dedicated professional with a passion for communications, Lieutenant McElhearn is remembered for his instrumental involvement in the research and development of the first modern-day Field Communications Unit (FieldComm) for EMS. Sponsored in memory of Honorary Battalion Chief Paul Sanner. Sponsored by the FDNY Foundation. (Page 45)

#### **Battalion Chief Frank T. Tuttlemondo Medal**

**T**his medal is endowed/funded by the members of the 44th Battalion in honor and memory of their late, beloved Chief, who served the Brownsville area of Brooklyn most of his firefighting career and gave his life to save his men. The medal was designed by then-Firefighter George Guinan, formerly of Ladder 120. It is presented annually to a member of the Department who performs an act of bravery and courage in keeping with the highest traditions of the FDNY. First awarded in 1982. (Page 46)

#### **Dr. John F. Connell Medal**

**A**warded since 1983 in honor of the late Dr. John F. Connell, adopted in 1923 by Engine 2, in what was then Hell's Kitchen. With encouragement of Firefighters who became his substitute fathers, he received his medical degree. He attended thousands of fires, treating Firefighters and civilians without a thought of personal recognition. Endowed/funded by his son, the late John F. Connell, Jr., and first awarded in 1983, the award continues from Rosemary Connell, the widow of John F. Connell, Jr. (Page 47)

#### **Fire Bell Club Medal**

**T**he Fire Bell Club, the oldest and largest such group in the New York City area, consists of individuals, both in and outside of the fire service, who have an interest in the FDNY. The Fire Bell Club awards this medal bi-annually as an expression of their admiration and appreciation of the camaraderie that has existed between the FDNY and the Club since its founding in 1939. First awarded in 1984. Funded by the Fire Bell Club. Endowed by the family of retired Deputy Director of Dispatch Operations, Joseph E. Higgins, Jr. (Page 48)

#### **New York State Honorary Fire Chiefs Association Medal**

**T**he New York State Honorary Fire Chiefs Association, Inc., founded in 1950, is an independent, non-profit and tax-exempt organization, dedicated to promoting the interests of the Firefighters of the State of New York. The active Association is affiliated with the New York State Professional Fire Fighters Association and is celebrating 66 years of service to the Firefighters of New York and their families. The medal, endowed by the Association and first awarded in 1984, is presented every year to a Firefighter who has performed with valor. This medal is dedicated to honoring all Firefighters who have performed with valor. (Page 11)

#### **Firefighter David J. DeFranco Medal**

**I**n honor of the memory of FF David J. DeFranco for his dedicated efforts on behalf of the FDNY. This medal,

is awarded for a water-related rescue, is in memory of David's father, FF Dan DeFranco. FF Dan DeFranco was assigned to Engine Co. 17 and Ladder Co. 18 on the lower east side for more than 33 years during a period of extremely heavy fire duty. FF Dan DeFranco also served on the executive board of the UFA for eight years at the post of sergeant at arms with honor, dedication and devotion to his Brother Firefighters. (Page 49)

#### **Deputy Commissioner Christine R. Godek Medal**

**E**stablished and endowed by Honorary Fire Commissioner Dorothy W. Marks and (now-deceased) Honorary First Deputy Commissioner Shelly Rothman in honor of Christine R. Godek, the first female Deputy Fire Commissioner of the FDNY. Presented annually to an outstanding New York City Fire Marshal for unusual display of initiative, improving techniques, resourcefulness and capability in the investigation of arson. (Page 50)

#### **Firefighter Kevin C. Kane Medal**

**T**his medal has been established in honor of Firefighter Kevin C. Kane, who made the Supreme Sacrifice in the discharge of his duties, protecting life and property on September 13, 1991. This medal is awarded bi-annually to a member of the Department who performs an act of outstanding bravery and courage as deemed by the Board of Merit. Funded by Engine 207. (Page 51)

#### **Captain John J. Drennan Memorial Medal**

**E**ndowed/funded by the Viking Association of the FDNY in memory of Captain John J. Drennan, who sacrificed his life in the line of duty. This medal is awarded to members of the Department who perform acts above and beyond the call of duty. (Page 52)

#### **Jack Pintchik Medal**

**F**ollowing successful resuscitation from cardiac arrest by EMS Paramedics, Jack Pintchik, founder of the Pintchik Home Improvement Stores, honored members of EMS by establishing the first formalized EMS Awards & Recognition ceremony. In his memory, the Pintchik family continues to show their respect and support of EMS professionals through the Jack Pintchik Medal. Sponsored by the FDNY Foundation. (Page 53)

#### **Lieutenant James Curran/New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation Medal**

**T**he New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation is an organization committed to the goals of quality burn care and fund-raising endeavors. Similarly, the FDNY is engaged in safeguarding and improving the quality of life for City residents. It is this semblance of purpose and collaborative spirit that is deserving of recognition. With this in mind, the New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation awards a medal to the most worthy of units in appreciation of "a concentrated, super effort based on teamwork." Endowed by the New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation and Dr. Marc Kramer, Honorary Assistant Chief and Consultant to the Medical Division. (Page 54)

#### **Firefighter Thomas R. Elsasser Memorial Medal**

**E**ndowed by the Uniformed Firefighters Association, this medal is named in honor of Firefighter Thomas R. Elsasser, a 20-year veteran of the FDNY, whose firefighting career was cut short in 1990 by his untimely death. Firefighter Elsasser was a major contributor to UFA charity sporting events. (Page 55)

#### **World Trade Center Memorial Medal**

**E**stablished to honor the bravery and courage of the 343 FDNY members who made the Supreme Sacrifice on September 11, 2001, at the World Trade Center. This Company of the Year Award is endowed by the 9/11 parents and families. Sponsored by the FDNY Foundation. (Page 56)



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