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**ALL FLAGS TO FLY AT HALF-STAFF EFFECTIVE TODAY IN HONOR OF STAFF
SERGEANT AND NYPD DETECTIVE JOSEPH LEMM**

NEW YORK—As a mark of respect and honor for Staff Sergeant and NYPD Detective Joseph Lemm, a fifteen year veteran of the NYPD who was killed in a suicide bombing in Bagram, Afghanistan on December 21, 2015, flags shall be flown at half-staff, effective immediately, through Friday, December 25, 2015, by order of the Mayor of the City of New York, Bill de Blasio.

This includes all flags – the American flag, the New York State and City flags, and the POW-MIA flags – on all City buildings, as well as on stationary flagstuffs throughout the five boroughs.

Effective: Immediately

Return to full-staff: Sunset, Friday, December 25, 2015

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