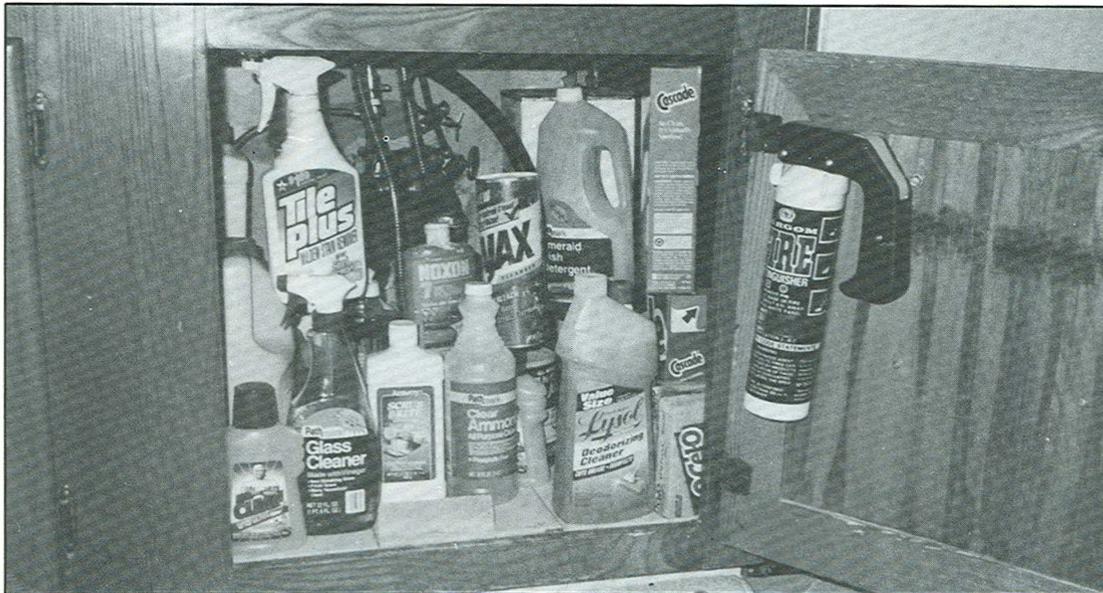


# HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IN THE HOME:

## A ROOM-BY-ROOM ANALYSIS

by Lieutenant Dan Pontecorvo



The kitchen

photo by Lt. Dan Pontecorvo

**H**azardous materials are all around us--asbestos, chlorine, gasoline, bleach, pesticides, propane--the list goes on and on. Hazardous materials and the products produced by them have greatly contributed to our high standard of living. They are part of our society. Everyday, people buy products that are dangerous if misused. They use the product and then store any that is left over. Many of the chemicals used in the home are innocuous products, but when unleashed in a fire, they can become mixed and create a variety of hazards for firefighters.

This article will address where these hazardous materials are likely to be located and what dangers could be encountered when fighting that "typical" house or garage fire. The hazardous materials I mention are not exotic and are not stored in large quantities. The average person, even firefighters, may unknowingly violate basic safety rules when encountering these substances.

### Danger of Complacency

The industrial and commercial communities are bound by many rules and Right-to-Know laws governing chemicals and their use, storage, markings, labeling and handling. These regulations are used to provide for the safe handling, storage and proper emergency procedures of hazardous materials.

Fortunately, firefighters have the basic skills and knowledge to help them recognize and identify hazard-

ous materials at a typical Haz-Mat incident. However, at a typical house or garage fire or emergency, the average firefighter may not realize or recognize that these substances may be encountered. We should not fall into complacency regarding responses to private dwellings or garages since many homes and garages may double as in-house businesses and contain more exotic chemicals in larger quantities, such as pool supplies, building and roofing materials and laundry and home detergents, to name a few.

### Most Dangerous Room

Your unit arrives at a fully involved house or garage fire. Is it an ordinary fire or a Haz-Mat incident? Be aware of these most dangerous rooms at your next house fire. (See following.)

### Haz-Mat Lesson

We all know that the nature of firefighting is very dangerous and dynamic. We also know that firefighters are action-oriented and perform extraordinary tasks under extraordinary conditions. A casual or routine approach to any household fire can lead to injury or death. Hazardous materials in the home are a real danger and can also result in long-term chronic health problems. The proper use of personal protective clothing and a common sense approach are required. It is better to err on the side of SAFETY!



photos by Lt. Dan Pontecorvo

Garage: many chemicals become more dangerous when aged. Also, be alert to chemicals in the car trunk, gasoline for lawn mowers, batteries, propane tanks, pool chemicals, etc.

The Cellar

**GARAGE**

**Hazardous Materials**

- Gasoline
- Motor Oil (New or Used)
- Paint and Paint Thinner
- Aerosol Cans (WD-40, Carb Cleaners, etc.)
- Herbicides, Insecticides, Pesticides
- Fertilizers
- Propane, Butane
- Antifreeze
- Batteries
- Cars

**Types of Dangers**

- Explosives and Explosive Mixtures
- Toxic Fumes
- Exposure and Contamination
- Flammable and Combustible Liquids
- Fast-Moving Fire
- Corrosive and Chemical Burns

**BASEMENT/LAUNDRY ROOM**

**Hazardous Materials**

- Paint and Paint Products
- Heating Fuel (Natural Gas and Oil)
- Bleach/Chlorine
- Detergents
- Aerosol Cans (Fabric Stain Remover)
- Ammonia
- Drain Cleaners

**Types of Dangers**

- Explosive Atmosphere (Natural Gas)
- Flammable Liquids
- Toxins
- Poisons
- Contamination and Exposure
- Corrosive and Chemical Burns

**Caution--Mixing of Chemicals:** *The mixing of an ammonia-based cleanser with a liquid or solid hypochlorite product (i.e., bleach) will produce an explosive mixture and a highly toxic chlorine gas.*

**KITCHEN**

**Hazardous Materials**

- Detergents
- Ammonia-Based Cleaning Products
- Hypo-Chlorite Solvents
- Drain Cleaners
- Polishes and Waxes
- Steel Wool
- Pressurized Aerosol Cans
- Oven Cleaners

**Types of Dangers**

- Toxic Substance and Mixtures
- Flammable and Combustible Liquids
- Caustic Liquids and Solids
- Chemical Burns and Toxic Fumes

**BATHROOM**

**Hazardous Materials**

- Cologne and Perfumes
- Aerosol Deodorants and Hair Spray

**Types of Dangers**

- Flammable and Combustible Liquids
- Irritants

**Note:** *Be aware that many homes may have ammunition, pepper spray or illegal fireworks stored within.*

**About the Author...**

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# SPECIAL APPARATUS

## FDR Drive Response Apparatus

by Battalion Chief John A. Calderone



*photo by John A. Calderone*

FDR Response Unit 1 is quartered with and staffed by Engine 16. It carries 200 gallons of water, a 105-gpm pump, hose, portable extinguishers and hand tools.

From time to time, the Department is faced with providing fire protection under unusual circumstances. This has been the case on the FDR Drive for several years, due to long-term reconstruction that has imposed height and/or weight restrictions in certain areas, limiting the use of conventional apparatus.

Initially, a spare suburban, carrying portable extinguishers and hand tools, was assigned to provide this protection. This proved inadequate and a brush fire unit was reassigned as an additional apparatus to Engine 16 for FDR responses. While this provided a solution to the problem, the reassignment of the brush fire unit left a void on Staten Island, especially during the brush fire seasons.

To rectify this, the Department purchased two flatbed trucks and mounted firefighting modules on them. These modules, originally constructed for brush fire operations, have 200-gallon tanks, a booster reel and small pumps. The pumps are rated at 105 gallons per minute at 50-psi pressure, with all controls located at

the rear of the apparatus. These units also carry additional hose (to stretch a hand- or supply-line), portable extinguishers and hand tools. The two vehicles are designated FDR Response Units 1 and 2 and are quartered with Engines 16 and 39, respectively.

Currently, a conventional apparatus is restricted from entering the FDR Drive between 23rd and 63rd Streets. For alarms on the FDR Drive within this area, the normal assignment responds. An engine and ladder company respond to the nearest highway entrances north and south of the reported incident and await orders. For incidents north of 34th Street, both FDR Response Units are assigned, while incidents south of 34th Street receive only one FDR Response Unit.

The personnel from Engines 16 and 39 staff the FDR Response Units. The officer and chauffeur respond in the FDR Response Apparatus, followed by a suburban with the remainder of the unit's firefighters. The unit's regular apparatus is left in quarters. The suburban carries an assortment of portable extinguishers,

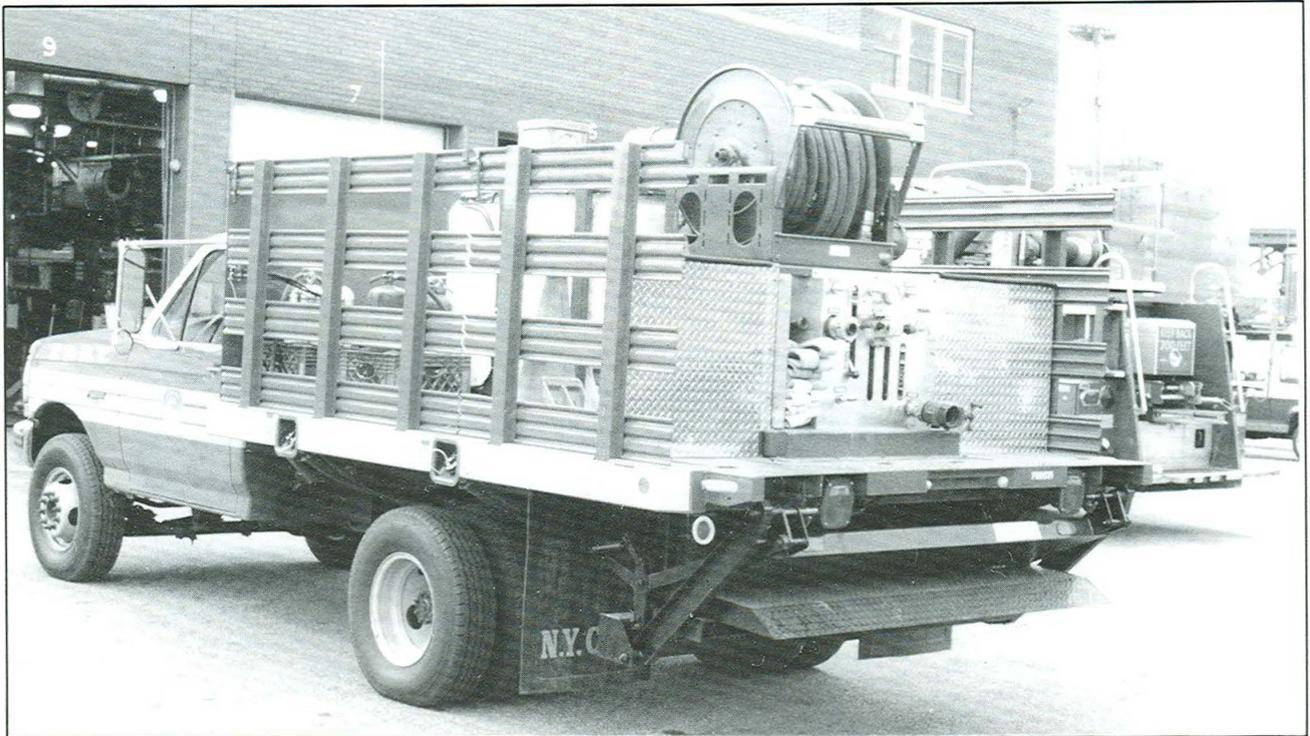


photo by John A. Calderone

Rear view of one of two FDR Response Units showing pump controls, booster reel and hand-line packed in a small hose bed.

including carbon dioxide, Purple-K and water, as well as absorbent material. The FDR Response Unit always responds first and, at the scene, the suburban is used to block traffic and create a safety zone for operating forces. Once the location of the incident is established, the regularly assigned units will attempt to reach the scene through local streets, if necessary.

If it becomes necessary to augment the water supply of an FDR Response Unit, the officer will advise the dispatcher of the nearest location that a regular engine company is to be directed. This location can be from either a nearby service road or a point above or below the highway.

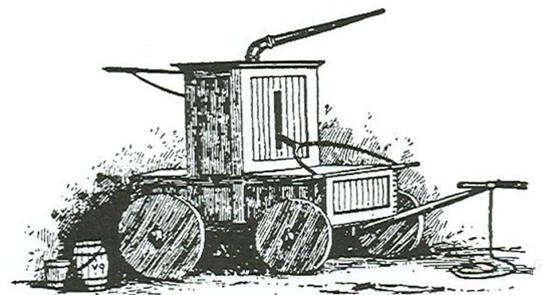
Special equipment, such as Hurst tools, may need to be transported by battalion or Bureau of EMS vehicles, carried up aerial ladders or lifted in a tower-ladder basket. The officer of the FDR Response Unit advises the dispatcher of the most appropriate method.

Engine companies relocated into either Engine 16 or 39 staff the FDR Response Units as required.

Since the vast majority of incidents on this highway are either automobile fires or vehicular accidents, they are within the capabilities of the FDR Response Units. When necessary, they are supported by additional units assigned on the first alarm. The FDR Response Units are prime examples of how the Department modifies operational procedures to adapt to changing conditions to provide necessary fire protection to the public.

**About the author...**

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Brooklyn's first fire engine-- "Washington No. 1"--1785

# 1996 Medal Recipients



**FF John K. Duddy**  
Ladder Co. 28  
James Gordon  
Bennett Medal  
NYS Hon. Fire Chiefs Medal



**FF John Kroon**  
Ladder Co. 168  
Brooklyn Citizens  
Medal



**FF Thomas M. Harrington**  
Ladder Co. 163  
Hugh Bonner Medal



**Lt. Gerard M. Murtha**  
Rescue Co. 3  
Emily Trevor - Mary  
B. Warren Medal



**FF John J. Colon**  
Ladder Co. 43  
Henry Bookman  
Medal



**FF William E. Pagano**  
Ladder Co. 129  
M.J. Delehanty Medal



**Lt. John F. Manning**  
Engine Co. 63  
William F. Conran  
Medal



**FF Bryant I. Stiles Jr.**  
Rescue Co. 3  
Mayor Fiorello H.  
LaGuardia Medal



**Lt. Lawrence K. Blika**  
Ladder Co. 12  
Third Alarm  
Association Medal



**FF Michael L. Rizzi**  
Ladder Co. 161  
Vincent J. Kane  
Medal



**FF Jeffrey G. Weber**  
Ladder Co. 149  
Brummer Medal



**Capt. Brian J. McCarthy**  
Ladder Co. 44  
Frank W. Kridel  
Medal



**Lt. James J. Gunning**  
Engine Co. 6  
Capt. Denis W. Lane  
Memorial Medal



**Lt. Christopher Boyle**  
Ladder Co. 46  
Uniformed Fire  
Officers Association



**FF William McGee**  
Ladder Co. 54  
Dr. Albert A. Cinelli  
Medal



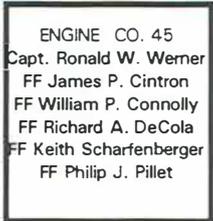
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Association Medal



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Ladder Co. 19  
Fire Bell Club  
Medal

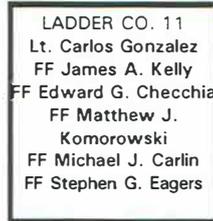


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Ladder Co. 2  
Firefighter David J.  
DeFranco Medal



**ENGINE CO. 45**  
Capt. Ronald W. Werner  
FF James P. Cintron  
FF William P. Connolly  
FF Richard A. DeCola  
FF Keith Scharfenberger  
FF Philip J. Pilet

New York  
Firefighters Burn  
Center Foundation  
Medal



**LADDER CO. 11**  
Lt. Carlos Gonzalez  
FF James A. Kelly  
FF Edward G. Checchia  
FF Matthew J.  
Komorowski  
FF Michael J. Carlin  
FF Stephen G. Eagers

Firefighter Thomas  
R. Elsasser Memorial  
Medal

# Medal Day, June 4, 1997, City Hall



**FF John T. Conroy**  
Ladder Co. 44  
Thomas E. Crimmins  
Medal



**FF Dennis Sollin**  
Ladder Co. 126  
Thomas A. Kenny  
Memorial Medal



**FF Erik M. Wiener**  
Ladder Co. 111  
Walter Scott Medal



**FF Clifford W. Stabner**  
Rescue Co. 3  
John H. Prentice  
Medal



**FF James J. Butkevich**  
Ladder Co. 107  
Chief John J.  
McElligot Medal



**FM Gregorio Morales**  
Bronx Base  
Thomas F.  
Dougherty Medal



**FM Frank Lombardi**  
Bronx Base  
Albert S. Johnston  
Medal



**FF Vincent Frankini**  
Ladder Co. 175  
Ner Tamid/Franklin  
D. Roosevelt Medal



**Lt. James P. Ginty**  
Ladder Co. 28  
Emerald Society  
Medal



**Capt. Philip Gaetani**  
Ladder Co. 123  
Chief Wesley  
Williams Medal



**FF Craig McCarthy**  
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Holy Name Society  
(Bk.-Qns.) Medal



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Engine Co. 298  
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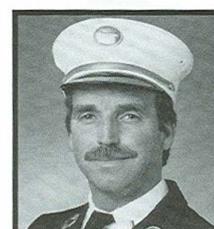
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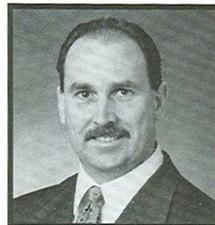
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Lt. Dolney Medal



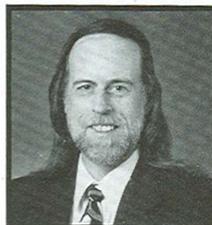
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Ladder Co. 3  
Dr. John F. Connell  
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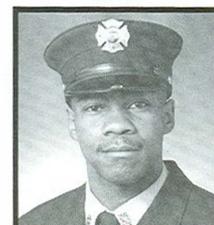
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Brooklyn Base  
Deputy Commissioner  
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Investigations Unit  
Deputy Commissioner  
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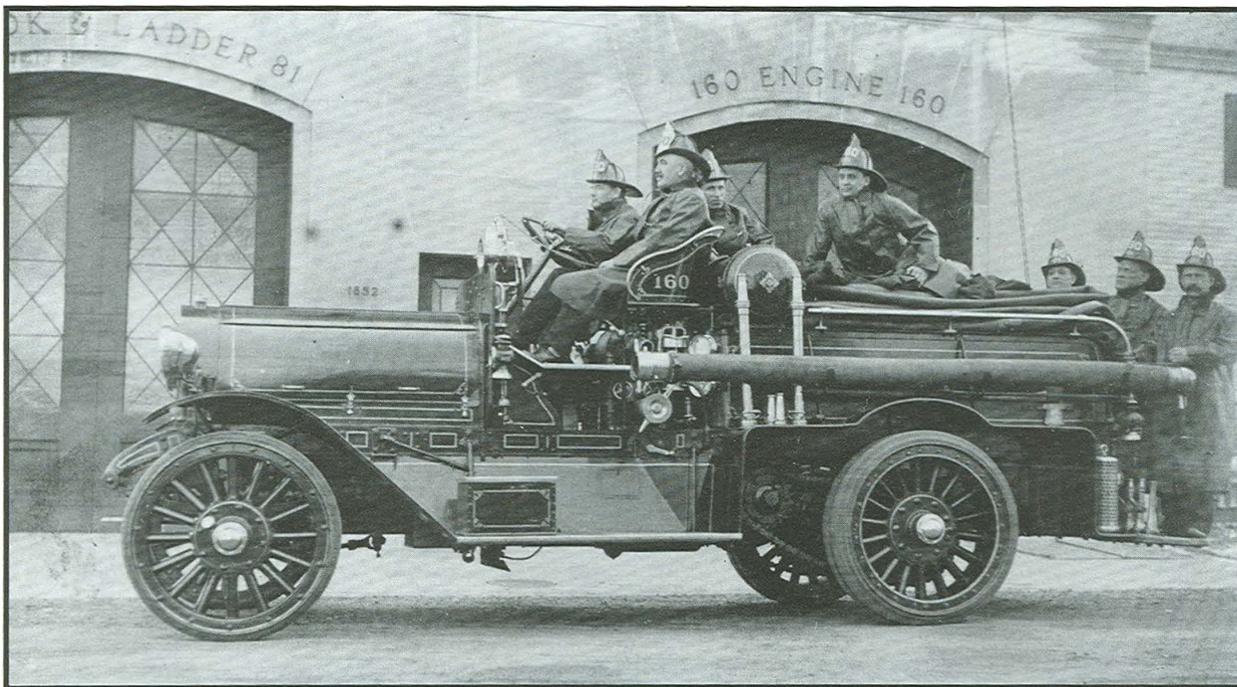


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Ladder Co. 123  
Firefighter Kevin C.  
Kane Medal

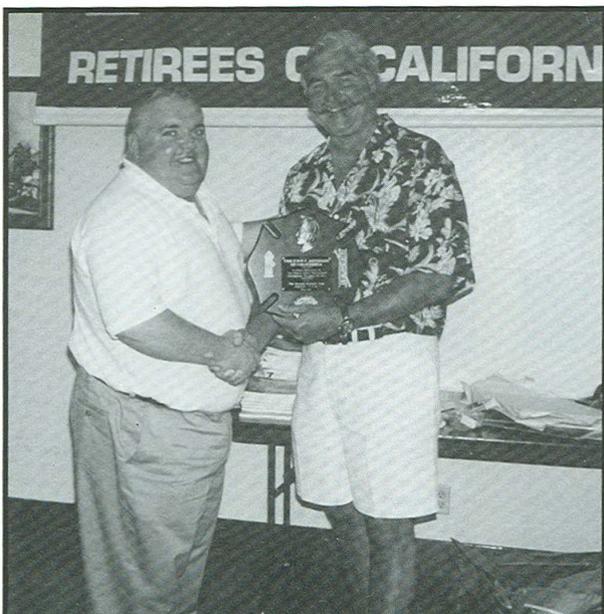


**FF Kevin Sherod**  
Engine Co. 225  
Captain John J.  
Drennan Memorial  
Medal

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**“BLAST FROM THE PAST”**--Nott 500-gpm rotary gear pumper assigned to Engine Company 160. This apparatus, delivered on November 21, 1913, originally was assigned to E-159 and re-assigned to E-160 on October 1, 1915. It was not successful and was sold on December 26, 1918. There were only two of this model ever purchased, the second and third gasoline-powered, motorized pumpers in the FDNY fleet. The other, assigned to E-156, was demolished in an accident on October 28, 1914. *Photo courtesy of Hon. Chief of Department Jack Lerch.* (No, he did NOT take this picture himself.)



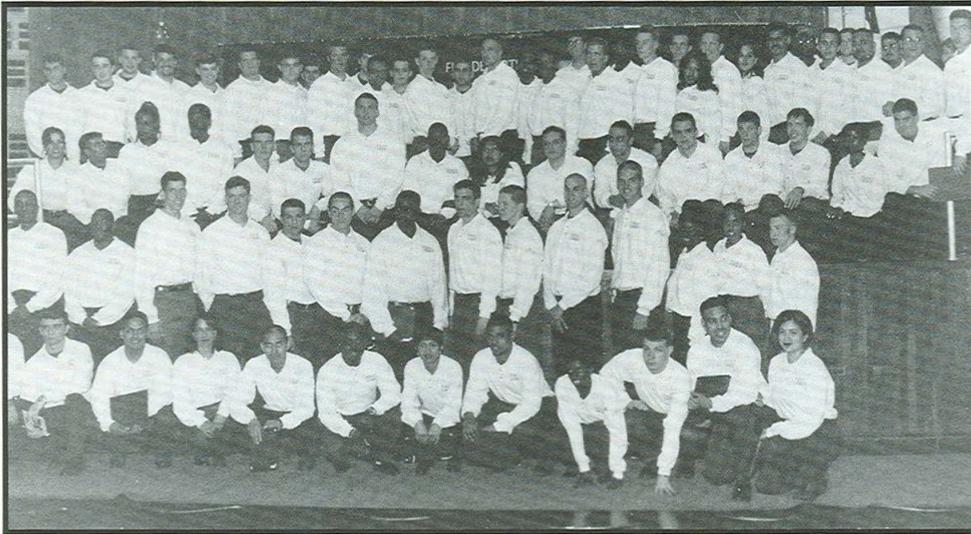
*photo courtesy of Dan Noonan*

Kevin Gallagher, President of the Uniformed Firefighters Association (left), presents a plaque to Danny Noonan, President of the FDNY Retirees of California, in recognition of his efforts in coordinating Bravest vs. San Diego Deputy Sheriffs Football games.



**Ladder 155** in action at Queens Box 22-8891, 117-17 143rd Street, January 19, 1997.

*photo by Robert P. Mitts*



**Cadet Recognition Day**, Bureau of Training, Randalls Island. May 17, 1997.

*photo by FF James Romeika, FDNY Forensic Unit*



Plaque Dedication for **Lt. George W. Lener**, held on June 1, 1997.

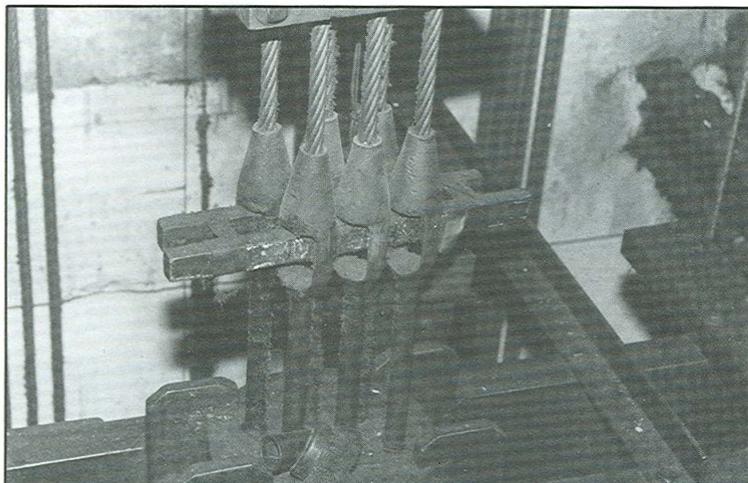
*photo by FF Tom McNulty, FDNY Forensic Unit*



“Three Generations of Firemen” Pictured (l-r) FF Chris Spencer, E-79; Chris’ father, Tom Spencer, retired after 36 years in E-53; Chris’ brother, Jim Spencer, E-43; Chris’ grandfather, Lt. Ed Markey, retired. Chris also has an uncle (not pictured), Bob Spencer, in E-50, who supplied WNYF with this photo.

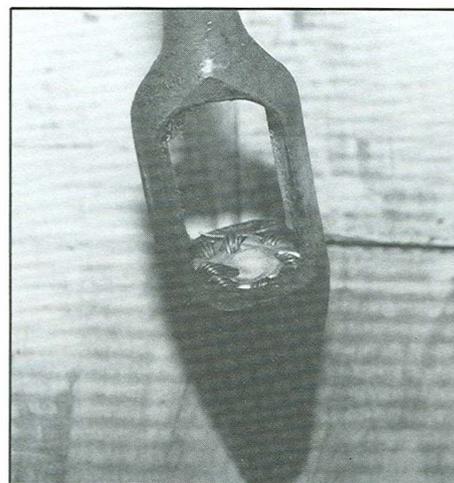
# ELEVATOR FREE-FALL

by Battalion Chief Dennis J. Moynihan



*photos by FF Peter J. Connolly, FDNY Forensic Unit*

Failure of the shackle will cause the elevator to fall.



Babbitt metal secures the elevator cable inside a socket basket.

On October 14, 1996, at 0614 hours, units from Battalion 18 responded to a building fire at 1245 Stratford Avenue. Upon arrival, units found tenants exiting the building and reporting heavy smoke on the upper floors. The building was a six-story, "H"-type, non-fireproof multiple dwelling, 125 x 100 feet. Ladder 58 confirmed the smoke on the upper floors and its members found a fire in the elevator shaft on the fourth floor. There was a mattress burning in the elevator car located on the fourth floor. As Engine 45 was stretching its line, other units were busy venting the upper floors and searching for trapped occupants, who may have exited their apartments and become disoriented. When the charged line was in place, L-58 began forcing the shaftway door. The door was warped, causing a momentary delay in gaining entry. This proved to be an unexpected benefit, for when the door was opened, the elevator fell to the basement without warning. Engine 82 stretched its line to the basement and extinguished the fire. There were some other areas of the shaft that needed extinguishment, but they were taken care of quickly.

To fully understand what caused the elevator car to free-fall to the pit, I contacted the Buildings Department. Later that day, I met with a representative of Buildings and a private elevator repairman, who had been hired by the building owner. Both the elevator inspector and the elevator repairman agreed that the cause of the car failure and free-fall was the melting of

the "babbitt."<sup>1</sup> All elevators have these shackles and when subjected to the heat of a fire, the lead that holds the babbitt can melt. This is exactly what happened at this fire.

Besides the melting of the babbitt, the safety or governor--although tripped--did not cause the brakes to stop the car. The Building Department tested the governor and determined that the babbitt attached to the cable holding the governor also melted from the heat of the fire.

A very valuable lesson was learned at this fire. Whenever an elevator car has been subjected to fire, do not enter or straddle the car to extinguish or overhaul. Always operate from the safety of the landing or hallway. If the elevator car has been subjected to a significant fire, issue an order to the building owner or representative to have the elevator tested by a licensed elevator repairman before restoring it to service. Also forward an A-8 to the Buildings Department's Elevator Division.

*On July 12, 1997, an elevator car at 2055 Anthony Avenue (Bronx Box 124) failed under similar conditions and fell to the basement. Fire was in the elevator car located on the lobby level, with extension into the shaft.*

## **About the Author...**

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<sup>1</sup> Babbitt metal is a soft, silvery alloy of tin, copper and antimony. It is used to secure elevator cables within a socket basket.

# RUNS & WORKERS 1996

ENGINE	DIVISION	RUNS
289	14	5,526
298	13	5,360
96	6	4,743
290	15	4,715
92	6	4,710
75	7	4,571
234	15	4,551
275	13	4,504
301	13	4,331
317	13	4,315
93	3	4,287
248	15	4,228
303	13	4,204
231	15	4,156
283	15	4,101
38	7	4,052
249	15	4,049
280	15	4,048
42	7	4,046
65	3	4,039
235	11	4,026
307	14	4,024
255	15	3,991
302	13	3,991
324	14	3,970

ENGINE	DIVISION	OSW*
290	15	528
50	6	522
92	6	473
234	15	457
255	15	448
69	6	445
75	7	438
249	15	431
283	15	414
42	7	410
59	6	410
62	7	407
37	3	405
231	15	402
248	15	399
79	7	393
58	3	386
80	6	385
48	7	384
235	11	382
84	7	377
43	7	367
96	6	359
81	7	359
217	11	355

\*OCCUPIED STRUCTURAL WORKERS

ENGINE	DIVISION	WORKERS
95	6	4,270
298	13	4,086
234	15	3,727
290	15	3,684
289	14	3,651
302	13	3,414
92	6	3,342
235	11	3,311
75	7	3,295
73	6	3,282
255	15	3,267
273	14	3,251
257	15	3,231
301	13	3,186
317	13	3,183
249	15	3,089
280	15	3,065
62	7	3,037
8	3	2,965
248	15	2,964
42	7	2,941
307	14	2,941
246	8	2,899
63	7	2,889
231	15	2,863

ENGINE	DIVISION	MED. EMERG.
96	6	889
257	15	781
255	15	749
253	8	703
92	6	651
234	15	629
290	15	624
243	8	605
277	15	604
283	15	572
222	15	559
236	15	544
318	8	541
58	3	535
246	8	532
273	14	529
231	15	523
307	14	508
281	15	506
248	15	505
42	7	501
62	7	501
76	3	498
82	6	497
276	15	494

**Runs & Workers**

LADDER	DIVISION	RUNS
138	14	5,450
154	14	4,711
126	13	4,443
127	13	4,367
4	3	4,336
150	13	4,202
120	15	4,133
2	3	4,102
123	15	4,084
165	13	3,922
116	14	3,918
136	14	3,876
24	1	3,873
111	15	3,837
26	3	3,820
103	15	3,779
45	7	3,767
147	15	3,723
117	14	3,717
44	6	3,666
43	3	3,645
132	15	3,612
40	3	3,570
112	15	3,565
157	15	3,565

LADDER	DIVISION	OSW
123	15	686
113	15	668
120	15	650
157	15	635
102	11	627
111	15	586
40	3	581
31	6	581
103	15	545
108	11	533
26	3	532
126	13	530
44	6	525
147	15	515
176	15	497
19	6	470
23	6	467
28	6	463
33	7	461
132	15	461
37	7	440
22	3	438
32	7	438
43	3	438
112	15	433

LADDER	DIVISION	WORKERS
138	14	3,744
4	3	3,433
111	15	3,132
120	15	3,097
2	3	3,096
123	15	3,035
117	14	3,027
165	13	2,984
126	13	2,980
154	14	2,963
157	15	2,917
127	13	2,859
113	15	2,808
136	14	2,792
108	11	2,739
110	11	2,739
24	1	2,698
132	15	2,684
54	6	2,640
45	7	2,637
116	14	2,613
150	13	2,586
44	6	2,575
176	15	2,558
26	3	2,551

LADDER	DIVISION	MED. EMERG.
147	15	138
123	15	115
113	15	114
176	15	111
111	15	106
170	15	105
114	8	104
132	15	103
157	15	101
120	15	99
174	15	94
112	15	92
159	15	90
102	11	89
175	15	84
126	13	79
168	8	78
105	11	76
124	11	75
110	11	71
172	8	71
108	11	70
122	11	69
153	15	67
138	14	66

SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND			
COMPANY	RUNS	WORKERS	OSW
HAZ-MAT 1	1,044	696	51
MARINE 6	927	114	11
MARINE 9	596	65	4
MARINE 1	420	74	8
RESCUE 1	3,697	719	344
RESCUE 4	3,231	1,102	474
RESCUE 2	2,943	1,284	653
RESCUE 3	1,789	647	462
RESCUE 5	1,673	679	198
ENGINE 41	3,262	1,881	402
SQUAD 1	1,920	1,388	398

BATTALION	DIVISION	RUNS
9	3	5,890
46	14	5,233
50	13	5,077
54	13	4,679
49	14	4,470
1	1	4,269
7	1	4,241
16	6	4,081
12	3	4,075

BATTALION	DIVISION	SW*	OPER. TIME (HOURS)
16	1	1,073	2,079
12	3	1,066	1,821
11	3	1,017	2,233
41	15	1,007	2,164
17	6	962	1,546
44	15	928	2,042
38	15	891	1,792
46	14	879	3,731
27	7	852	2,163
19	7	842	1,943

\*STRUCTURAL WORKERS

BUREAU OF FIRE INVESTIGATION	
RESPONSES	25,951
INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS	9,528

# IN MEMORIAM

RANK	NAME	UNIT	APPOINTED	RETIRED	DECEASED
Lt.	James A. McMahon	L-138	8/1/38	1/1/59	8/13/96
FF	Joseph Rampino	BFP	6/16/53	2/1/86	3/11/97
FF	Timothy S. Craig	L-120	1/21/85	Active	4/2/97
FF	Thomas J. Zazulka	E-24	8/26/68	Active	4/3/97
FF	Frank M. Sanginedo	L-148	11/25/78	12/26/96	4/1/97
FF	Peter V. Legari	L-81	12/17/77	Active	4/7/97
Lt.	William J. Gassman	E-202	11/1/38	7/30/61	3/11/97
FF	George E. Fletcher	E-21	7/1/37	2/1/39	3/16/97
Lt.	Sebastian L. Glianna	E-305	1/1/47	7/31/76	3/20/97
Lt.	Nicholas Bartenhagen	L-26	1/1/38	4/18/59	3/22/97
FF	Henry E. Walter, Jr.	L-31	1/26/74	7/27/90	3/26/97
FF	Rocco V. Fama	E-156	4/16/57	10/1/86	3/31/97
FF	Stephen F. Keane	E-52	10/16/41	3/18/62	3/27/97
FF	Robert S. Schulz	E-329	12/14/57	10/1/86	3/31/97
Lt.	Peter P. Brown	L-113	9/16/42	1/22/68	4/1/97
FM	Joseph R. Imbriale	BFI	9/2/60	9/17/88	4/2/97
FF	William J. Foulkes	L-114	1/1/47	7/15/66	4/7/97
Capt.	James J. Guilfoyle	LSS	1/1/37	7/23/59	11/28/96
Mar. Eng.	Stephen J. Smith	M-2	10/9/46	10/9/66	3/27/97
Capt.	John J. McGuire	LSS	10/19/32	12/1/48	4/2/97
FF	Julius G. Baldy	L-47	7/1/37	9/2/57	4/2/97
Lt.	Christian T. Heeg	E-23	10/1/49	10/9/83	4/9/97
FF	William J. Longworth	E-291	4/16/56	5/17/76	4/9/97
Capt.	John M. Simmons	E-214	3/1/37	9/17/57	4/14/97
FF	Louis F. Capriccio	L-129	3/1/53	5/11/83	4/9/97
Pilot	Calvin Clements	M-7	7/1/39	8/19/59	3/11/97
Capt.	Irving Habib	LSS	2/1/43	6/12/70	3/15/97
FF	Charles R. Nickens, Jr.	LSS	9/14/53	5/3/60	4/2/97
Lt.	Francis Dunne	E-206	9/21/46	6/30/76	4/12/97
FF	Algridas J. Visnius	L-103	1/27/59	10/31/68	4/13/97
FF	Thomas P. Rohan	L-52	10/24/56	7/4/87	4/14/97
FF	Frank A. Sabella	L-85	1/1/53	8/28/76	4/17/97
BC	Howard D. Borden	Mar. Div.	7/1/42	8/26/72	4/18/97
FF	Joseph O. Gillen	E-152	6/16/53	12/5/83	4/18/97
FF	Milford Lahn	E-304	10/1/36	2/10/57	8/30/96
BC	Thomas E. Brennan, Jr.	Bn-53	4/17/64	7/10/96	4/15/97
FF	George Allen	Bn-23	3/1/64	8/1/88	4/15/97
FF	Edward J. Gannon	E-317	2/11/36	1/17/61	4/17/97
FF	Alexander F. Werner	L-17	4/1/39	8/11/59	4/18/97
Lt.	Arthur E. Dorff	E-247	9/1/34	11/14/58	2/26/97
FF	Robert C. Bohl	E-313	9/1/39	1/10/59	2/24/97
FF	Karl W.E. Meyer	L-4	12/1/36	2/15/48	3/24/97
FF	Paul R. Anzelone	E-225	11/29/69	10/31/95	4/13/97
FF	George W. Muller	E-254	6/19/51	4/23/82	4/18/97
Capt.	Frederick Clark	E-167	1/18/50	10/2/86	4/19/97
FF	Frank Ciacio	L-173	11/16/55	10/7/85	4/19/97
Lt.	Henry B. Richardson	LSS	1/1/48	5/7/66	4/13/96
FF	Matthew J. Morgan	L-37	11/1/47	5/29/76	4/19/97

<b>Rank</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>UNIT</b>	<b>APPOINTED</b>	<b>RETIRED</b>	<b>DECEASED</b>
Lt.	Charles A. Farrin	LSS	8/1/55	12/10/66	4/22/97
FF	Francis J. Dickinson	E-7	8/14/65	9/1/95	4/26/97
FF	Alfred A. Marinelli	E-308	6/15/53	8/20/74	4/23/97
FF	Michael Omanoff	LSS	7/1/48	3/12/63	3/24/97
FF	Walter F. Rutherford	DO-4	5/4/38	7/10/69	4/28/97
Lt.	James J. McWilliams	E-68	1/1/47	8/5/67	4/14/97
FF	Carl E. Kieninger	L-162	4/1/39	7/27/60	4/27/97
FF	Mario A. Arrastia	DO-4	5/2/60	1/17/71	4/25/97
FF	Frederick Steiniger	L-174	11/1/58	9/25/76	5/1/97
FF	James W. Farley	L-160	11/2/61	7/19/85	5/5/97
FF	James T. Sobers	L-156	6/16/53	7/5/81	5/9/97
Lt.	Richard J. Blagar	E-313	4/30/60	12/18/93	5/11/97
FF	Charles A. Downing	LSS	10/1/49	10/24/64	4/24/97
FF	Robert F. Van Cott	LSS	6/16/43	2/27/61	5/6/97
FF	Frank Genna	E-319	2/1/56	1/23/78	5/8/97
FF	Joseph A. Maloney	LSS	5/16/36	1/9/67	5/9/97
FF	Marshall Hansen	E-314	3/1/38	2/13/62	5/11/97
FF	Gerald Miller	E-314	11/29/60	12/31/93	5/14/97
Lt.	Harry A. Dietsche	E-257	9/8/36	9/13/63	4/24/97
FF	John J. Amaro	E-280	8/1/55	2/4/69	4/28/97
Capt.	John P. Delury	Mar. Div.	10/1/49	7/2/74	5/3/97
FF	Walter Nosk	E-301	10/3/29	10/18/56	5/18/97
Lt.	Michael J. Muzio	E-319	8/1/48	3/26/83	5/21/97
FF	Samuel J. Mitchell, Jr.	L-125	12/19/59	12/19/79	5/21/97
Lt.	James F. Kottnauer	L-7	9/1/34	9/1/55	5/22/97
FF	William D. Mark	Bn-22	1/1/47	8/28/76	5/20/97
FF	Patrick J. Markey	E-52	7/1/39	9/8/59	5/23/97
FF	Lewis DeFeo	E-323	11/29/60	1/27/84	5/26/97
FF	Richard L. Prado	E-161	7/8/57	9/14/72	5/24/97
FF	Henry P. Wind	LSS	9/1/50	10/11/61	5/14/97
Capt.	Harry Novack	L-121	1/1/39	4/12/71	5/28/97
FF	William J. McNamara (2)	L-78	7/1/48	7/14/73	5/31/97
FF	Francis E. Kiernan	L-122	5/1/37	4/5/58	5/10/97
FF	Joseph H. Kimmel	E-90	8/15/39	2/16/60	5/13/97
FF	Richard O'Sullivan	E-281	9/1/39	9/17/59	5/25/97
FF	Edwin C. Schlessinger	E-315	11/1/38	1/4/59	5/30/97
Lt.	Lawrence R. Dunn	E-286	6/15/57	12/19/87	6/4/97
FF	Peter J. Gallagher	L-3	9/16/42	1/9/63	6/4/97
FF	Samuel Lapidus	E-59	5/1/37	6/1/51	11/30/96
FF	John W. Hamlin	LSS	2/1/54	7/2/75	6/5/97
BC	Julius W. Draheim	FP	3/16/36	11/1/55	6/11/97
FF	Martin R. Darmody, Jr.	E-65	9/1/37	1/2/58	6/14/97
FF	Charles J. Keeler, Jr.	E-255	6/10/53	9/30/69	6/12/97
FF	Joseph S. Giardino	E-161	5/21/60	3/3/93	6/17/97
Lt.	Gerald A. Calder	LSS	4/1/47	3/7/73	5/12/97
FF	Alfredo J. Amarando	E-239	11/18/53	7/12/85	6/3/97
Lt.	Edward F. McGrath	E-251	9/16/46	6/9/86	6/20/97
FF	Bernard F. Curran	E-70	11/1/52	6/3/86	6/22/97
FF	James J. Glynn	E-89	11/1/58	10/21/70	5/8/97
FF	Henry J. Wasiak	LSS	3/1/37	4/1/54	6/21/97
FF	Francis J. Lavin	L-7	6/1/38	2/29/60	6/18/97
FF	James Myerjack	L-19	9/26/66	1/4/95	6/21/97
Lt.	Arthur V. Mauro	E-151	6/16/57	11/8/91	6/22/97

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FF	Joseph A. Valente	E-47	1/13/79	Active	6/27/97
FF	Nils C. Falk	LSS	3/1/37	7/16/54	6/15/97
BC	Thomas J. Barry, (4)	DOT	7/1/42	7/31/73	6/25/97
FF	George F. Cassidy	L-108	11/10/55	8/31/90	6/26/97
Capt.	William J. McCann	L-31	10/10/59	8/5/78	6/27/97

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<b>RANK</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>UNIT</b>	<b>APPOINTED</b>	<b>RETIRED</b>	<b>DECEASED</b>
Lt.	George A. Nichols	E-33	1/24/59	10/15/79	9/10/94
FF	Mario Romagnoli	LSS	7/1/41	1/18/69	9/7/94
FF	Severin W. Addison, Jr.	E-70	10/16/54	7/27/85	9/10/94
FF	Richard H. Worth	E-163	11/16/55	7/30/86	9/2/94
FF	Richard P. Powers	E-231	6/2/62	9/8/72	9/8/94
Lt.	Michael Hicks-Beach, Jr.	E-58	3/1/37	5/1/57	9/9/94
FF	Howard Cunniff	E-216	7/1/37	4/5/58	9/4/94
FF	Edward J. Pries	L-109	1/8/38	10/1/58	9/10/94
FF	Patrick J. Killeen	L-144	10/21/92	Active	9/16/94
FF	Douglas MacMillan	E-205	1/1/39	1/2/74	9/12/94
FF	Carl F. Ambrose	E-261	9/1/39	12/16/63	9/9/94
Capt.	Ferdinand W. Hellmer	L-149	8/1/38	1/9/67	9/7/94
Capt.	Thomas J. McLinden	D-16	6/1/51	12/24/69	9/13/94
FF	Anthony R. Pandolfo	L-44	4/1/39	4/2/74	9/15/94
FF	George Swanson	E-278	7/1/39	2/24/61	9/18/94
FF	Leonard P. Wanglund	E-164	10/10/59	10/18/80	9/16/94
FF	Richard J. Cotter	LSS	7/1/37	7/16/52	9/5/94
FF	Randel R. Ryan	L-116	5/1/38	2/16/59	8/21/94
FF	Harry M. Irwin, Jr.	Med. Div.	10/1/49	5/31/58	9/2/94
FF	John Scott	L-162	10/1/49	7/2/73	9/19/94
FF	Thomas E. O'Brien	E-264	11/26/57	12/19/77	9/18/94
Capt.	William Yara, Jr.	Bn-36	10/1/36	7/21/59	9/22/94
Lt.	Edward T. Malone	D-6	11/1/38	10/4/69	9/6/94
FF	Paul G. Bach	E-44	7/1/39	7/5/74	9/15/94
FF	Harold R. Swartout	LSS	7/1/39	7/1/59	9/21/94
Capt.	Howard Bierweiler	LSS	12/15/41	9/14/59	9/15/94
Capt.	Wayne E. Smith	L-136	5/19/79	Active	10/4/94
Lt.	Joseph J. Leto	Training	3/16/57	11/10/90	10/3/94
Lt.	Harry Donovan	Bn-33	7/16/54	6/2/77	9/24/94
FF	Albert R. Scherwenik	LSS	7/1/37	4/19/48	8/9/94
FF	Frederick G. MacLean	LSS	7/1/41	9/16/61	8/30/94
FF	John B. Finocchio	E-34	10/1/49	10/23/74	9/28/94
FF	Kevin D. Keenaghan	E-315	8/1/55	1/22/72	10/2/94
Lt.	John P. Bonanno	Bn-54	8/4/62	Active	10/5/94
FF	Henry M. Voelbel	L-154	8/1/38	10/7/58	9/27/94
FF	Anthony F. Dandola	E-331	5/21/60	11/26/81	9/30/94
FF	Ralph M. Cassandra	L-152	6/16/53	7/17/86	10/11/94
FF	Schuyler C. Slater	Water Tower-1	5/1/37	7/2/54	9/30/94
FF	Frank F. Travaglianti	MSU	7/1/39	7/2/74	10/6/94
FF	William L. Koppas	L-107	5/21/60	7/23/80	10/10/94
BC	Louis Squassoni	Bn-31	11/1/50	7/21/85	10/7/94
FF	Thomas P. Halloran	E-293	1/1/47	1/4/67	10/5/94
FF	Richard A. Tardio	L-61	6/1/59	3/3/87	10/16/94
FF	James V. Grieco	Personnel	9/1/39	3/16/61	12/16/94

<b>RANK</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>UNIT</b>	<b>APPOINTED</b>	<b>RETIRED</b>	<b>DECEASED</b>
FF	Donald K. Smith	L-154	10/29/60	7/19/89	9/28/94
FF	George A. Wodicka	L-55	3/21/70	3/22/90	10/10/94
Capt.	Philip N. Maida	L-142	6/16/53	2/3/77	10/18/94
FF	Harold Bader	L-23	11/1/38	1/1/59	10/16/94
FF	Howard W. Hanek	LSS	11/1/47	7/31/61	9/27/94
FF	Anthony Ciaccio	LSS	12/14/57	1/2/71	10/20/94
Lt.	John J. Guarnieri	LSS	6/16/53	10/20/79	10/22/94
FF	Thomas M. Dean	E-314	4/30/60	2/14/85	9/11/94
FF	Louis B. McIntosh	E-201	8/1/55	7/4/81	10/31/94
FF	Patrick Keena	E-267	7/1/37	1/3/58	10/28/94
FM	Max J. Herer	BFI	7/1/37	1/16/71	10/27/94
FF	August O. Kothe	E-52	9/1/36	9/1/71	10/25/94
Lt.	Philip J. Gaudino, Sr.	L-8	3/1/38	12/30/58	10/31/94
Mar. Eng.	George A. Wein	E-223	9/1/37	4/5/58	10/22/94
FF	Alfred F. Donner	L-138	12/22/25	1/22/46	10/4/94
FF	Joseph F. Shannon	L-104	3/1/37	7/2/59	11/3/94
BC	Philip J. Curran	Bn-12	11/30/68	Active	11/11/94
BC	Joseph F. Sumperer	Bn-32	3/16/36	3/16/71	10/17/94
Lt.	Peter H. Carrol	Fire Prev.	1/1/47	1/4/78	11/4/94
FF	Stephen J. Walsh	E-240	6/16/57	9/5/77	11/13/94
FF	Frank N. Valenza	E-330	6/10/63	1/3/91	11/9/94
Lt.	Addison Howell	E-213	5/4/38	6/26/58	10/24/94
FF	George Roche	L-170	7/1/37	10/3/57	10/31/94
FF	George E. Collier	E-266	9/16/42	8/31/81	10/26/94
FF	Gustave F. Mille	Med. Div.	12/1/47	6/27/60	10/1/94
FF	Anthony J. Garbarczyk	L-162	8/1/48	3/11/79	11/10/94
FF	John F. Nolan	P & A	3/1/37	3/1/73	11/21/94
FF	John J. Hagens	E-301	1/1/53	1/28/82	11/8/94
FF	Edward J. O'Donnell	CFC-131	9/16/46	9/16/77	11/23/94
FF	Charles J. Prevot	L-36	4/16/54	7/4/74	11/23/94
FF	John E. Duggan	L-31	3/25/90	Active	12/1/94
Lt.	Charles A. Pessoni	L-47	3/1/38	3/1/69	12/1/94
FF	William H. Loesch	M-1	5/1/35	12/24/65	11/24/94
BC	John P. Grogan	Bureau of Fire	7/16/47	10/1/81	12/5/94
DC	Michael J. Connelly	D-13	6/17/26	8/19/66	12/2/94
Lt.	Ferdinand R. Beck	LSS	9/15/27	10/1/47	11/27/94
Lt.	Thomas J. McNulty	LSS	11/24/30	10/10/67	11/30/94
Lt.	Robert C. Raia	L-130	4/30/60	7/18/90	12/6/94
Lt.	George R. Schleier	LSS	3/9/36	11/9/59	11/14/94
FF	Richard Ulrich	L-170	9/1/39	9/6/59	11/28/94
Lt.	Thomas A. Rogers	E-39	9/16/42	3/31/76	12/10/94
FF	Edward F.C. Ribbe	L-150	3/1/38	8/4/63	11/22/94
FF	Joseph D. Brocker	E-14	4/16/56	8/3/88	12/12/94
Lt.	Joseph Gannon	E-95	7/16/54	10/6/74	12/9/94
FF	Joseph A. Parise	LSS	5/1/37	9/1/49	11/14/94
FF	James M. McGrath	D-4	7/1/37	7/10/90	12/5/94
FF	Donald J. Walsh	E-91-1	10/26/63	1/4/74	11/16/94
Lt.	Bernard M. Devine	Fire Comm.	3/1/38	12/6/60	12/4/94
FF	Edward I. McGovern	Fire Comm.	10/16/41	10/23/61	10/14/94
FF	Harold R. Nolan	E-329	9/16/42	8/29/74	9/13/94
Capt.	James D. Rogers	R-1	1/6/68	Active	12/20/94
BC	James H. McSorley	Bn-42	11/21/42	7/18/73	12/16/94
FF	Alexander Ewen	L-122	9/1/39	12/1/50	12/11/94

# TAKING UP...

April 1, 1997 to June 30, 1997

## DEPUTY CHIEFS

George J. Bauer Division 14  
Richard P. Vono Division 15

## BATTALION CHIEFS

William F. Biesty Battalion 33  
John M. Cunniff Battalion 51  
Michael E. Gallagher Battalion 28  
Arthur J. Kelly Battalion 53  
Ralph M. Koplar Battalion 38  
Joseph J. LaForgia Battalion 11  
John W. McElroy Battalion 17  
Manuel Mina, Jr. Battalion 18  
Ronald D. Ohirok Battalion 47  
Francis M. Scollan Battalion 18  
Joseph M. Smithwick Battalion 33

## CAPTAINS

Francis J. Bernard Engine 83  
Dominick J. Cassano Ladder 164  
Vincent DiPippo Engine 97  
Joseph M. Eppolito Division 8  
Eldred M. Heffron Ladder 25  
Louis Maffeo Ladder 83  
George T. Mayerhofer Engine 40  
James P. McDermott Ladder 52  
Martin W. Nasadowski Engine 320  
Daniel Sheridan Division 6  
Andrew M. Trabanco Ladder 11

## LIEUTENANTS

Fred E. Arnold Ladder 20  
George W. Butler Bureau of Health Services  
William C. Gartner, Jr. Battalion 33  
Alfred H. Geloewski Engine 167  
Robert M. Hauss Ladder 170  
Robert A. Johnson Engine 53  
Drew C. Kelly Engine 155  
Matthew J. Kiernan Engine 257  
John E. Mahoney, Jr. Battalion 23  
Anthony F. Minichello Engine 331  
Walter A. Nicholson Engine 73  
Kenneth J. Reilly Engine 165  
Gary T. Travers Engine 251

## FIRE MARSHALS

Anthony Coaxum Manhattan  
Thomas B. Garvey Special Services  
Charles C. Huskiewicz Manhattan  
Gerard H. Killenberger Manhattan  
Joseph M. Lonergan Bronx  
Nicholas J. Reres Social Club Task Force  
Kenneth F. Rubinetti Queens  
Julius O. Salas Social Club Task Force

## MARINE ENGINEER

Luther M. Wright Marine 1

## FIREFIGHTERS

George E. Ambery Engine 209  
Mark J. Anderson Ladder 22  
Angelo J. Augello Engine 253  
John A. Braunagel Ladder 48  
Henry Bray Engine 42  
Richard L. Brown Ladder 6  
James Calano Ladder 56  
David J. Colgan Ladder 131  
John P. Cuomo Division 7  
Michael J. Cushing Training  
Raymond A. DeCandia Ladder 84  
Steve Degado Engine 24  
Calvin C. Devonish Engine 312  
John T. Dilks Engine 70  
Thomas J. Dorrian Engine 251  
James N. Errico Engine 263  
Richard Esposito Engine 64  
John E. Foster Rescue 5  
Dominick A. Fuina Engine 63  
Anthony Giancola Engine 320  
Steven Giuffrida Engine 210  
Martin J. Hernon Ladder 164  
Heinz K. Hilmer Marine 1  
Stephen J. Hlubik Engine 81  
Paul S. Jorgensen Fire Prevention  
Charles J. Keshecki Engine 279  
Joseph T. Kohlepp Ladder 146  
Brendan W. Laide Ladder 22  
Robert A. Landau Engine 14  
Richard J. Larkin Ladder 61  
Harry J. Latuga Engine 331  
James A. MacEntee Engine 67  
Joseph D. Madden Engine 39  
Ignacio F. Manieri Engine 323  
John J. Mannino Engine 242  
Walter R. Manthey Ladder 167  
James F. Matthies Ladder 160  
James M. McIntyre Engine 28  
Michael J. McNamara Engine 70  
James H. Moerschel Forensic Unit  
Michael Monahan Engine 36  
Joseph J. Murphy Engine 299  
Michael Nuzzo Engine 157  
Robert W. O'Brien Marine 9  
Gerald V. O'Mara Engine 225  
Michael J. Otero Engine 89  
Sherman G. Robinson Ladder 162  
Emilio J. Roman Marine 6  
Kenneth W. Roy Battalion 48  
Dennis J. Rubano Ladder 160  
Raymond A. Rudolph Ladder 149  
Lesley O. Satterfield Engine 205  
Roy C. Savastano Ladder 2  
Joseph L. Savino Engine 275  
John D. Schaefer Engine 70  
Bruce F. Schempp Ladder 162  
Robert D. Schleicher Ladder 143  
Lawrence Schneider, Jr. Engine 71  
Gerard J. Speer Special Operations Command  
Thomas W. Spencer Engine 53  
James E. Stout Engine 156  
John J. Taddeo Engine 156  
Rudolph J. Tegoni Engine 15  
Joseph Tierney Engine 331  
James P. Toolan Ladder 162  
Robert A. Wanner Engine 88  
James J. Ward Ladder 173  
Paul T. West Engine 299  
William R. Westfield Engine 74

**FIREFIGHTERS cont.**

Malcom A. Williams Engine 302  
 Stanley R. Wisniewski Division 14  
 William J. Yard Ladder 153  
 Andrew Yturraspe Battalion 50

**PAST TAKING UP...****March 30, 1994 through April 1, 1996****LIEUTENANTS**

Richard V. Ahern	Ladder 39	Raymond I. Czajkowski	Engine 284
Alphonse P. Alimonti	Engine 268	Samuel Decesare	Ladder 115
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William J. Baaden	Engine 97	Philip E. DeNegri	Ladder 41
Robert J. Bachman	Ladder 142	Leonard R. Deszcz	Engine 309
Manfred F. Baiker	Engine 206	Salvatore DeVito	Engine 304
Lawrence E. Barnett	Ladder 155	Jospeh J. DiBartolo	Bureau of Training
Michael P. Barone	Rescue 5	Paul S. DiLeo	Engine 306
James T. Basile	Ladder 111	Anthony S. DiSalvo	Engine 52
Ronald T. Bass	Engine 292	Hugh J. Doherty	Engine 264
Robert M. Batus	Ladder 12	Kenneth G. Dolan	Ladder 167
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John R. Bush	Technical Services	Robert M. Fleming	Ladder 50
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Louis Capone	Engine 295	Thomas J. Gallahue	Ladder 77
Armondo Carames	Engine 253	John E. Garvey	Engine 303
Neil N. Carcaterra	Engine 62	John H. Gavigan	Ladder 108
Gerard S. Carmosin	Battalion 45	Peter J. Geraghty	Ladder 158
Paul T. Carosotto	Engine 233	Richard C. Ginocchio	Engine 167
Francis J. Carraher	Ladder 61	Frederick Gless	Ladder 158
Frank P. Carroll	Engine 270	Allen Goldberg	Engine 74
Kenneth W. Carroll	Ladder 43	William D. Golding	Engine 224
Stephen J. Casani	Rescue 1	John Gorman	Battalion 42
James A. Castello	Maintenance	John K. Graf	Ladder 176
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Vincent A. Cavalieri	Engine 154	Ronald N. Greene	Marine 9
Joesph P. Ciaravino	Engine 254	John G. Griffin	Ladder 50
Christopher J. Cioffo	Engine 273	George E. Grossman	Engine 230
John K. Clarke	Marine 6		
Michael R. Cogan	Rescue 3		
Jeremiah P. Collins	Ladder 157		
John W. Collins	Ladder 136		
Arthur F. Connelly	Rescue 2		
Edward A. Connelly	Battalion 17		
Roy Conner, Jr.	Division 15		
Michael J. Connolly	Ladder 54		
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## ALL HANDS

### 1st Division

by FF Dan Porter, L-5

Does anyone know why Chief Hession D-1 throws rocks at passing dog catcher vehicles?... Is there anyone FF Tony Salerno E-24 cannot mimic?... FF Mike "Doctor" Zagami E-24 refuses to go to chauffeur school, but swears he'll be the first ambulance driver on the job!... I'm so sorry, Harry... Welcome to the fish-bowl, FF John Stringile L-5 or is it "Nappy," and the new secret weapon FF Gary Jacobsen E-24, who can tear the cover off the softball... Diaper derby in the fearless first: FF Jimmy Hyland L-12; FF Ray Going L-12; FF Manny Diaz L-12; FF Jim "Purple" Hayes L-8; FF Tom "Bad Boy" Flynn L-8; and any day now, FF Kevin "Dinks" Dinkins L-8 and FF Antonio "Crouch" Carracciolo L-8... Lafayette Street congratulates FF John "Muzzy" Murray L-20 on his promotion to Lieutenant and FF Tommy "Dutchboy" Willoughby L-20 on his family addition... FF Bruce "Swami" Beschner L-20 should be back from Calgary with the FDNY Basketball Team and, hopefully, with the gold!... I'm so sorry, Harry... FF Mike "Bill Martin" Toal L-20 has thrown in the towel as coach of the softball team and his only comment was, "Youse guys [are somewhat deficient in the skills that make a good softball team]" (Editor's translation)... Don't look now but "The V" is back and the "V" means Vengeance... Best of luck to Capt. Ron "Ex Tupac" Kemly and FF Paul "Bleve" Albrecht E-24 on their quest for higher ground... Hey, Kids, don't forget to stop by the Fire Museum and then swing by E-24's quarters and meet FF Aaron, the oldest messenger on the job!... Farewell to FF Jimmy "Goober" Rice E-3, now known as IKE of L-120... FF Dorsey E-3 to HazMat-- No matter how you cut it, he still has the most OT on the job... FF Jim "The Chin" Cooney D-1 with a "must see" performance... Harry, I'm so sorry!... E-24 and L-5 Luau--great time

had by all... E-24 says, "This is it--this is the one!"... FF Rob "Hi Yo Silver!" Gelling E-24 "THIS CLOSE" to getting a detail to a truck company as that vacancy remains ever elusive--stay tuned... WOW! During a recent stay over at Sixth Ave., did E-33 really spill the beans on why they are the company of the year and not their counterparts? What a scoop!... Well, this about wraps it up for now and if you don't see anything in here about your company, guess what, you never sent anything in... Until next time, remember fin, fi fi La Pew and cu-cu-cachoo.

### 3rd Division

by Gene Maguire, L-2

Congratulations to Capt. Dennis "No Sweat" Collopy L-26 on his recent promotion to Batt. Chief. Good things must be shared... Also Lt. Frank Ciociola L-26 to Capt. and FF Tom Henri L-26 to Lt.... Members of L-26 welcome Lt. "Squid" Calamari aboard... Congrats to new dads: FF Bob Lopez L-26, Lt. Joe Hands E-58 and FF Tom Reilly L-26... Engine 58 continues their dynasty at the annual softbrawl game... Congrats to FF John Colon L-43 on winning the Henry Bookman Medal. The Colon family just shows up every other year... Good luck to FF Tom "Cardinal" O'Connor, Eng. 53's new regular chauffeur... Best of luck to FF Jimmy "Yak" Yakimovich L-43 on his promotion to Lieut.... Kudos to new fathers Lt. Greg Prial L-43 and daughter Brigid and FF Vinny Cirino E-53 and daughter Marisa... Retirements in Eng. 53 include FF Tommy "Grand Pubah" Spencer--not too durable, only 36 yrs., Lt. Bob "Silver Fox" Johnson, coolest man under fire, ever, FF Mike Monahan, FF Frank Straub and FF Chris Ramos--all of RAC 1 "Harlem"... Welcome to Capt. "Gentleman" John Crawbuck, Eng.

53's new leader. Maybe he can teach covering Lt. Bob Dorritie how to spell... Members of Eng. 47 would like to thank FF Lizzul for a great job done on their company dance at the Thayer Hotel... Also, a 2nd thanks to FF Buser on a great fishing trip; all had fun... Eng. 47 is glad to see Lt. Browne doing well... Farewell to our swaps at Eng. 47--enjoy your next stop and welcome FF Russell and FF Cured... The softball team of E-47 & E-91 would like to thank all who showed up and made it possible to have a great season, with a special thanks to FF Crilly E-91 for doing a great job running the team. Thanks, Larry, we will miss you... A special hello to our guys on the road from E-47, FF Beirne, FF Murphy and FF Buser. One more year and you'll be home... Eng. 21 says congrats to FF Fred "The Squealer" Sanicola and his wife and FF Dan "Danbo" O'Connor and his wife on the births of their daughters. Also to Mr. & Mrs. Jonas "Call Me Pete" Adams on the arrival of their son. After all, like Dave "Pony Boy" Amon says, "It takes a man to make a man"... FF "Alvin" Timlin E-21--All the sailors from fleet week would like their hats back... FF Zack E-21--Any luck with the love lines?... Is FF Jim "Long John" Foley E-21 the healthiest man in Manhattan?... Good luck to Lt. "Wild Bill" Dudley E-21 on his promotion to Capt... Bill, we're still waiting on those answers!... Good luck to FF Vinny "the V-Man" MacMahon and Lt. Rappe in their new houses... The gang on 85th St. would like to welcome B.C. Moore to the chiefs training program; first rotation detail to Bn-10... The members of E-22 & L-13 welcome Capt. Don "The Donald" Striffler. We wish you the best of luck... The results of the match race between FF Joe "Graz" Graziano L-13 & FF Greg "The Bro" Stajk L-13 are in: Joe finished in 30 seconds flat and the last time we checked, Bro was still running... The members of the softball team would like to thank FF Ed

**"The Head" Duignan** L-13 for maintaining the purity of the team....A special thanks to all of the members of E-22 & L-13 who helped build the T.V. room and the study hall. Your efforts were deeply appreciated; ribbon-cutting ceremony will be Sept. 28 at 0900 hrs....How come whenever **FF Bill Kuhens** E-8 drives, he has to ask the officer if he may change lanes....Commissary man of Engine 8 **FF Bill Holland** has found a new use for the garbage can in the kitchen; holy cow, it holds water...

## 7th Division

by *FF Peter Krebs, L-38*

Greetings from the Eagles and Swine. E-45 & L-58 welcome the **Prince, Capt. Joe Principio**, to L-58. Hopefully, he will not turn into a frog...Just when **Capt. Mike Keenan** E-45 learns everyone's name, he gets promoted to B.C....Congrats and good luck! Good luck to **Capt. Bill "Patton" Mulcahey** L-58. Good luck to **Mike Broderick** L-58 on your retirement...We are sorry it had to be so soon...So long to **Lt. Ed Calo**; wish your stay could have been longer...Engagements--**Brendan McKiernan** L-58, **Rick Rodriguez** L-58...Tying the knot...**Dan Purcell** E-45, **Keith Scharfenberger** E-45 and, finally, **Jack Urbino** L-58...Congrats to **E-45** for receiving the Burn Center Medal...Job well-done. After Medal Day ceremonies, **Phil Pelet** E-48 was signing autographs and promoting his new video, "Backdraft II--The Phil Pelet Story"...**Vin Hubner** L-58 was comforted by medal winner **Keith Medalburger**, who said, "Some day, kid, you'll get one of these." Stepping up is **Bill Connolly** E-45, donating bone marrow to leukemia patient **Nancy Johnson**. He continues the tradition of excellence and service of the Eagles. Hey, **Frank Casalino** L-58, there's a new sheriff in town and his name is **Bill Riccardulli** E-45...Joe **"Bob Ross" Drexler** L-58 wants to turn the racquetball court into an art gallery...**Frank O'Rourke** L-58 stopped studying, started playing the guitar and soon is reuniting with "Culture Club"...Good job to **Dan Purcell** for E-45 & L-58's successful rafting trip...The **"Capt's. Boy" Doug Barferbury** L-58 was the only casualty...Since Jim

**McKeon** L-58 took over the commissary, MTREX and Power Bars are the only things in the closet...**Chris "Hang 'Em High" O'Connell** E-45 back from jury duty...Outstanding job on the new Eagles' Nest; we haven't seen **Jerry Hart** E-45 since! Watch and feed the dogs? I thought you said starve and eat the dogs! New arrivals to **Frank Giaccio** L-58, **Jim Cintron** and **Mike Beatty** E-45, **Glen Rohan** and **Joe Patriciello** L-58. Congrats, **Daddy!** To our friend and brother, **Dave Berg**, we miss you so much...May you rest in peace...E-72 wishes **Capt. Joe Kelly** the best on his retirement after 37 years. Welcome to **FF Mike Irwin**... **"Fearless" Lt. Ed Fealy** has returned to the friendly firehouse...Welcome aboard new skippers: **Capt. Steve "Free Parking" Byrne** E-66 and **Capt. Joe "Mr. Neat" Sullivan** L-61. New truckies: **FF John "Boris" Murray** L-61 and from E-66 **FF John "The Man JC" Curtin** L-61, who needed a wheelbarrow to transfer his personnel folder across the floor. **FF Brian "BS" Shea** returned to L-61 after two years with the Arson Posse. Congrats to **FF Mike "Sybil" Moran** L-61 on his promotion to Lt. We understand he is now teaching seven different classes out at the Rock. **FF Mike "Dartman" Leddy** L-61 passed the 35-year mark in February and the Legend continues. CO-OP City is having its own baby boom with the following arrivals:

Boys for **FF Chas. "Mr. Mom" Gabarini** L-61, **FF Dan "Subway Sheriff" O'Sullivan** L-61, **FF Larry "Mr. Happy" McGee** E-66, **FF Mike "Mercury" Morris** E-66, **FF Mark "Smurf" Munley** E-66, **FF Tony "The Ant" Sicil** E-66. Girls for **FF Drew "Knish" Kinash** E-36 on loan to L-61, **FF Dave "Carp" Carpenter** E-83 on loan to L-61, **FF Brian "Smiley" Jones** E-66 and **Mike "Sonny-Boy" Killen**, E-66. Kudos to **FF John "The Bone" D'Attore** L-66 for his super effort in getting a new fence for Quarters and a stove for **FF Bob "History Man" Mattini's** E-66 friend. **Lt. John "TB" Mahoney** L-61 and **FF Deighton "Frisbee" Taylor** L-61 are having some lively discussions of late concerning flying saucers. **FF Donny "I Got It" Cloud** L-61 had an operation recently. He now has a new set of legs. Many, many congrats to our hero **FF Larry "Old Puck" McGee** E-66 for scoring one goal and four assists in defeating the cops 7-4 in the Annual FD-PD Hockey Classic. Fond farewell to **FF Rich Larkin** L-61 upon his retirement. The seat was adjusted quickly by **FF John "Homer" Rudge** L-61. Thank you to all for the turnout at the plaque dedication for our past **Capt. George Newman** of Ladder 61. One last note-- Does anybody know if **Lt. Rich "Invisible Man" McKenna**, assigned to E-66 since 1994, really exists? That's all from the Kibbutz in CO-OP City...Engine 81

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and Ladder 46 would like to welcome aboard **Probie Tim "Spider Man" McCarville** to Ladder 46. Give a big hand to **Tom "Did I do that?" Brusca** L-46 for introducing salad in a sink. Good luck to **Dave "EMS" Wiener** L-46 on his retirement. Congrats to **John "All I need is work" Usai** E-81 on a baby girl. We would like to thank **Jim "Reverend" Basile** E-81 on running this year's canoe trip. A big hand to **Chris "Does he or doesn't he" Boyle** L-46 on receiving the Uniformed Fire Officers Association Medal. And, let's hear it for **Steve "The Captain's little buddy" Archambault** E-81, who, even with great pain from a line-of-duty injury, still managed to stand uniform inspection.

### 8th Division

by *William D Ketelsen Jr., L-79*

RAF bids a tearful good-bye to your beloved brother **John O Martinson**; may he rest in peace... Retirements for **Jack Sullivan, Michael Marceda, Rich Hansen**... Who in God's name are **Stinky, ET, Steelhead, Maddog and Bubble Butt?**.. Hey, **Lamazza**, why ask why **Lt. Fleschner** is going deeper and deeper?... **"Flat top" Flynn** has challenged the U Mass wrestling team... Will **John Dunn** ever shut up?... Congrats to **Jim Smith** and **Tim Quinn** on their new teeth... How did **Joe Saladis** vote on this contract?... Did **Doug Jantz** actually climb that fence in Boston?... L-86 has added "Depends" to the tool list for **Tim Quinn**... **Glenn Pillarella** has some new friends at the DA's office and **Mike Ajello** is taking notes... **Lt. Fleschner** thanks the 166/86 volunteers at the **Ronaldson Run**... **Kevin O'Brien** and his buddy **Billy Joel** did a great job at the **Ronaldson Golf outing** and again, the **RAF boys** turned out to volunteer... Congrats on the births to **Jensen, Schell** and **Smith**.....On Saturday, Sept. 6, 1997, the **Marty Celic Four Mile Run** was held at **Clove Lakes Park**. This was the 20th anniversary of **Marty's** death in 1977... Engine 158 has the following members: **Big Bird, The Head, Cranky Frankie, Curry, Howdy Doody, Counterfeit Christian, The Quiet Man, ET** and **Bobbo**--what a nice bunch of guys... E-158 welcomes aboard **Lts. Rice** and **Barone**... Congrats to **Fred**

**Cippolitti** for Firefighter of the Month and **Capt. Joe Colacino** on his grab... Speedy recovery to **FF Vin "Medical Man" Deforte**... Hey, ET, how about those **Mets?**... E-161 would like to welcome again their **Capt. Jim "The Chief put your arms up" Edwards**... A hardy hello goes out to **Lt. Roy "Dimmie" Barbarino**... E-161 would like to pay tribute to **Joe G. Giardano** and **Peter Legari**--loved you; we will miss you... Congrats go out to **Roy "Dimmie" Barbarino** on the birth of his daughter... Best wishes to **Tony "T-bone" Castellano** on his wedding... Hey, **Jon "Lover Boy" Franzone**, stay off the Internet... Congrats to **E-241/L-109 Basketball team** for winning the **Brooklyn Championship**. Also to the **Softball Team** for winning the **Memorial Pete Patinella**... Congrats to **Joe "The Last Angry Man" Arcuri, Jimmy Schmidt** and **Joe "Boarshead" LaPointe** on their marriages... Congrats to **Pat "Commander" and Lynn Barry** on the birth of their son... Congrats to **Bobby "You got the seat" DeSandis**... Prayers and best wishes go out to **Jimmy Lane** and family... Welcome to **Capt. John Molly** and **Probie Chris "Sourpuss" Conley**. Fond farewell to **Capt. Bob "Shecky" Spellman**--you WILL be missed, especially by **Danny "Chubby" Earlesteen**... Whew, only a few, minor injuries at **Richie "Rico" Loret's Roof Party**... Not much longer and **Lt. Mike Ajello** gets his life back... Hey, **"Uncle Dom" LaForgia**--sing the **Chicken Dance Song** just one more time... **Capt. Jerry "Lucky Charms" Maloney** wonders how many ways can be left for the truck to make chicken--sing it, **Dom!**.. **Chef Andres'** quote of the week --"She Knows Me"... L-114 --Look at this bunch: **Bug Man, The "Z" man, The Kid, Ho-Tentials, Ho-Hos, Lumpasaurus, Swayzee, Journey, Jobs**--nice bunch... **Tallyho Centennial** held on **Sept. 14, 1997**... Good luck, **Johnnie Feehan** on **CO rotation**... Stay safe, brothers!... **Tallyho!**... E-321 stork visit: Congrats to the **Napolis** and **Mascias** on the births of their sons, **John** and **Christopher**. Also the **Breivogels** on the birth of their third daughter, **Caitlin**... Bestwishes to **"Red Man"** at **L-113**--we'll miss those shoes... Congrats to **Joey** for being named "Air Historian" at his model plane club--we're soooooo proud of you!... A sincere Thanks to all who participated at

our annual **"Tom Raferty" Golf Outing**... Who are **Ricco, Max-Cool, The Lid, Curly, Caesar, Chumley, Lugs** and **Hesh?**.. The end of the line... E-245/ L-161/Bn-43--100 Years Old!!!!!! Thanks for all the support... **Joe**, hear anything on the buy-out?... **Peterson** is King... Welcome and good luck to all the new probies and transfer students... **Serano** got the disc!... Nice contract?????... E-253 welcomes **Probie Pacifico**; now please wake up!... **Kudos** to the 28 members who got booted out of **Yankee Stadium** on a recent **"Bensonhurst Bravest Bus Trip"** --We've been thrown out of better ballparks!... Get well wishes go out to **FF Vento**. Stay strong, brother... Will **FFs Lotito** and **Gentiluomo** get over the **Rangers** losing the playoffs?... **Ronnie "Arms" Calcago** showing true company spirit with company patch permanently affixed to his leg... Congrats to **John Kroon**, medal winner and Firefighter of the year in **Bayridge**.. Good work, brother.. The stork was busy on **18th Ave.**: **FF Curatolo, D'Addessa, Nustazio, Masucci** and **Rodriquez**... New probies: **John "The tank" Wedlock, John "Haulins" Engel, Anthony "I can curl 100 lbs. with one arm" Papagni, "Silent" John Pessolano** and **Jeff "Fragile" Abrams**... Retirements: **FF Schmidt** and **Bruschi, Chiefs Smith, Biamonte** and **Meyerhoff**... Congrats to **E-243/L-168 Basketball team B Division champs**, sponsored by **Aspen Tree Service**--Thanks, **Silly Billy**... **Cosmo**, come home... Good luck, **Tibbs** and **Freddy**... Promotions for **Capt. Partenope** and **Chief Leonard**... Engagement for **Chris O'Donnell**... **"Always 10-8 in the Borough" Farrell** and **Charles "Scanner Boys" WBUF FM 154.370** on your dial... Hello, **Newman** and **Batman**... Congrats to 2nd place in **Lt. Williams' Volleyball Tournament--L-79/Bn-22**... Congrats to **John "New boy" Guriffado** on the birth of a new child... Thanks for the ceiling fans... **Vinnie "Chief" Tummino**, be careful in **TV room** with new fans... Thanks for the new roof, **Steven "Doc" Fenley**, the guy with the license... Congrats to all the brothers who adopted **Prasanna Ramtenki** from **India**--thanks, **William Jones**... **Dennis "Dog" Stagliano** hates insurance companies... Who repaired the leaking water fountain? Nice job!...

Congrats to **Mike "Jerky boy" Edwards** to Lt...Good luck, Mikey... **Jimmy "LT" Rocco** is losing more hair over this test....Hope he doesn't miss it.

## 11th Division

by FF Tom L. Bohn, L-108

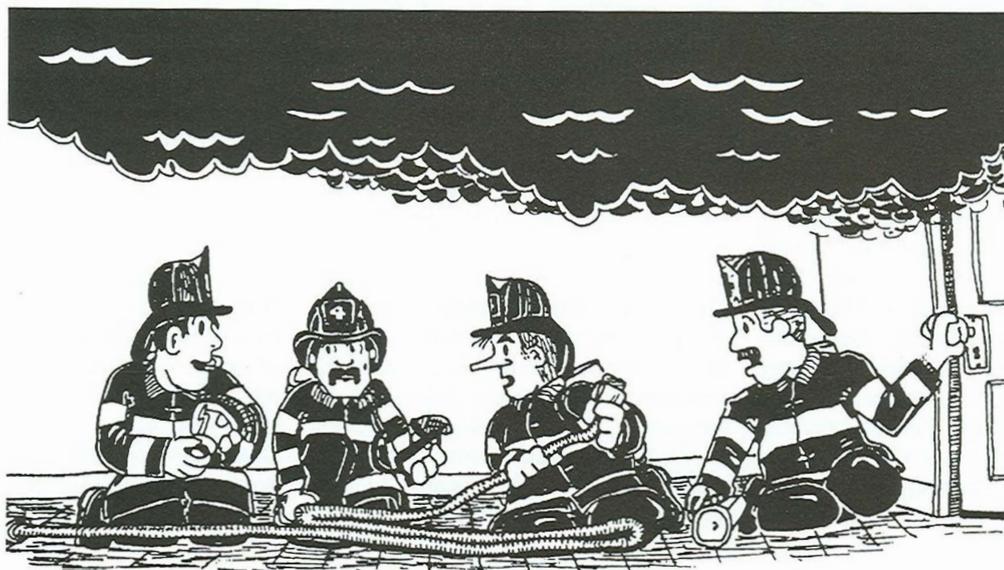
L-124 (THE TONKA TRUCK) bids farewell to **Lt. Tom Cleary**. A finer man and fire officer can't be found. Always there in the Heat of The Battle. Always there to teach the brothers. But most of all, there with his kind, golden heart and great spirit. You've taught us much to carry with us! From the brothers at 124 and all the brothers of this great department who had the HONOR to work with "THE BIG GORILLA": Thanks, Lt. CLEARY. News from L-124 by "**Woody**," literary master..Since it's been a while since our last column, congrats to **Pat & Cathy Schweiger** on the birth of son, **Michael**, and congrats on son, Michael, coming onto the Fire Dept. Welcome to L-124 to Lt. "**Kojak**, I have to give someone a beating" **Fortunato**, FF **Pat Giblin**, "**Gypsies**" **Bob**, "**Chef**" **Wallen**, **Phil "Space Cadet" Senra** and **Tony "Mirror Boy" Senra**. Good luck on promo to exalted rank of Capt.. For Terry "I grew up

around" **Fretto**...Wish you could've been with **Tonka** longer. Congrats to **Chief Ganci** on Chief of Operations--may all your surgeries be successful!! E-209 & L-102 **Bedford Express** bid farewell to **George Ambery**, 40 years in E-209. Best wishes from everyone on **Bedford Ave**. Congratulations to **Don Leo L-102** and **Pat Brady L-102** on promotion to lieutenant. FF **John Giuffrida E-209** transfers to Staten Island, moving on to greener pastures. Welcome to Probies **Tom "Spaceman" Mooney L-102** and **Leif "Garett" Kreusher E-209**. The over-zealous Probie. The stork visits **Bedford Ave**...**Steve Browne L-102** and wife, **Gina**, baby girl...**Jim Martin E-209** and **Christine**, baby girl...**John Giuffrida** (formerly of E-209) and wife, **Jackie**, also a girl. Congratulations to you all. Warm cheers for **Kenny "I'm really not Polish" Sinkevitch** and his new bride, **Donna**, on their St. Patrick's Day weekend wedding...another one bites the dust. Greetings from the **Southside E-221** and **L-104**...Congrats on new additions for families of FFs **Williams**, **Hogan** and **Spitzbarth** and on wedding bells for **McDade** and **Kapetanacis**. **Southside** wishes a fond farewell to FF **Tony Cavalino**, en route to R-5, as well as **Cpts. Kobes** and **Helmke** on their re-

tirements. A warm welcome to new bosses, **Cpts. Flynn L-104** and **Lindahl E-221**. Welcome aboard to **Chris "Don't touch me" Egan** and **Mike "My pinky hurts" Smith**, who are finally full duty. Congrats to **Southside hockey squad Division I** champs, especially "**Iron Mike Herold**," the noodle in the net. Attention details to E-221 and L-104. Be sure to say hello to **Anthony**...It has been awhile since the "**Happy Hookers**" E-279 and L-131 have contributed to this column. Many remember **Jim "The Perk" Perkins** and **Harry Gillen** as probies at the time. To more recent events. Sad adieus to our leaders on **Lorraine St.**, **Capt. Mike "Spandex" O'Brien**, **Lt. John "Beach Boy" McNamara**, **Lt. Jorge "The Colombian Cowboy" Palacio** and **Lt. Tom "Street Repair" St. Pierre**, all in the engine. We're still waiting for word in the truck...Rumor has it "**Uncle Joe**" and **Phil "The snake"** both have in for it. Retirements abound: **Charlie "I'm an ex-cop" Kesheck** in the engine, **John "Salmon Steak" Seiler**, **Dave "Ewok" Colgan**, "**Phil Where's the ice?**" **Martin** and **Ed "Eduardo" Lorme** in the truck. **Charlie "Der Fuhrer" Migan** has everyone in **Bn-32** fooled by his quiet demeanor and pleasant personality. **Tom "The Weezer" Schweizer** has ev-

## BACK TO BASICS

by Captain Peter Hart



"I THOUGHT YOU HAD THE NOZZLE...."

Illustration by FF Paul Hashagen

everyone believing he has a medical degree from Mexico. Some nights, he is the only one assigned to CAR 32. Farewell to **Capt. Jim Walker** L-101 and welcome aboard **Capt. Tom Giodano**. Farewell to **John "Shakedown" Curley** to L-107...Good luck. Nice try on the 32 Battalion golf outing to **Mike "It wasn't my fault" Ogorman** and **Graig Gutkes**...E-202 welcomes aboard **Capt. Jim Strouse** and **Lt. Clarence McLean**. Has anyone seen **Frank "I don't do holidays or weekends" Lobue**?...It was awful hot at the St. George fire; right, **Frank**? Why is it **Artie Fitz** and **Ray Diaz** insist on cleaning the ladders on Saturdays? Congrats to **Swal** and **Francine Calaboro** on the birth of their son, **Daniel**...also to **Lou** and **Laurann Rufrano**, a son, **Frankie**. Now hot off the press is **Ladder Nine**, written and acted by **Mickey "Shakey" O'Gorman**. A lot of new options. Why would **Tom Kennedy** put in for a house in Staten Island when he lives on Long Island? Is it because it's the better island? Rumor has it "**Big Joe**" **Gulickson** has been attending **Weight Watchers**...Keep up the good work, **Joe**. P.S., your 24 partner likes you the way you look. To our good friend, **Randy Lotz** in S.I.: Don't worry about the 15 mutuals you owe. E-239 and L-122...Our condolences to **FF Neil Malone** and his family on the loss of his father. Congratulations to **FF Jim Marion Finnegan** on his promotion to husband. A sad farewell to **Lt. Craig "Griz" Grimes** on his transfer to E-251. We are gonna miss ya. Atta boy to the members at the **Calgary Olympics**. **FF Kevin "Gonzo" Burns** and **Chris Fisher**--you've made us proud. To the **Salty Dogs** softball team that loses only three games and then stops showing up to play...Way to go, guys. E-219 and L-105 welcome probies **Scott "The Moon Man" Quinlan**, **Steve "The quiet man" Peteley**, **Nat "Conan" Conanan**, **Marc "Burn baby" Anderson**, **Glen "Porkchop" Fisher**, **Joe "Pointhead" McAllister** and **Keith "Where did the truck go?" McTarsney**. Also welcome rotation **FF Eric "Erkle Quasi" Lynch**. Congrats to **Mike Brady** on birth of his daughter, **Erin**, and **Joe Ferrante** on his new baby, **Grant**. Welcome to L-105 from E-219 **Arty "The Herlihy"** and **Patty "CPO Sharky" Mitchell**. Welcome to E-219 **Lt. John "The Pirate"**

**Atwell** and **Lt. Steve Balkunas**...Welcome to L-105 **Lt. Vinny Brunton** and to everyone's pleasure, welcome back **Capt. Moriarty**. Promotions: **Lt. Bob Baumann** to Captain, **FF Brian Becker** to Lt., **Bob "McNasty" Strafer** to Lt...**Bob Pesce** and **Jack Burke**, both who led by example with the utmost professionalism, will be missed...Good Luck being Lts. With more than 30 years on the job, L-105's **Bob Mazurek** retired, leaving behind a career of quiet determination and firefighting skills that we could only hope to match. L-105 would like to thank **Tom "I got the doors" Hill** for the renovations to their bucket. **Tom "Callaway" Callahan**--please take some swimming lessons. **John Gorman**, keep working on your puppet act...**Fisher** found out the hard way that the **Halligan** is not eatable. **Kevin "Flipper" McDowell**--glad you are OK. **Paddy Mitchell**, the chief scored your dive a 9.5. E-211 and L-119--Rest in Peace, **Lt. Mike Detrano**. We miss you! Congrats to new papas, **Ed Miller** and **Tom Gale**, with girls, and **Dom Muschello** and **Dave Lewis**, with boys. Good luck to **Kevin Reilly** at L-43 and **D.J. Martin** at L-27. Welcome back, **Kevin Reilly**. How was your week in Harlem? Welcome to new probie **Bill Ligarzewski**. Congrats to **Charlie Vella** on promotion to Capt.. Atta boy to **Bill McCarthy** for a terrific fishing/canoe trip and **John Kelly** for getting a perfect score at the Rock. E-230 is happy to announce **Stork** visits to **Lt. Murphy** with **Emma Jean** and **Danny Connolly** with **Liam**. Welcome "**Danny Dice Man**" **Cunniff**; best wishes to your daughter. **Honorary Deputy Chief** and super buff **Al Donchin** is celebrating his 55th year at E-230. With regrets, we mention the passing of **Joe Russo**, former member and true gentleman. He proudly served his entire 33 years in 230. **Ernistine Keating**--next time you're on the rig, check who's driving. No acrobatics, please! Super student and little rascal, **Spanky Johnson**, enhanced our skills with his practical drills on the Stang, forcible entry, shoelaces and animal sensitivity. Thanks to you, **Mr. Happy** has grown fangs. Wait till **Provincetown**, where, by the way, it's rumored the flounder king will be dethroned. Congrats to incumbent commissar, **Steve Mendolia**, after an unsuccessful coup attempt. As for the op-

position leader, that's the most work and enthusiasm you've shown since coming onto the job. Turn any beds over after a CFR run lately? The jowl jaw toner is on its way for the needy. **Pepe 1**, where are the cabinet doors? **Diet Pepe** is walking on air or is it the **Pepsi** or **M.J.**? **Mike**, easy with the **Iron Lungs**. **Carlos** has a bodyguard in **Stevie "Do you want a piece of me" Luby**. Alright there, tough guy. Be well to all the brothers. From the nice boys at E-282 and L-148, we would like to welcome our new members: **Pat Weir**, **John Harrington**, **Dennis Bracket** and **Lt. Steve Auciello** and, on the three-year program, the eating machine, **Edgar Atilis**. Speaking of the three-year program, the members have a nice bucket of water for **Brian Gorman** upon his return and another for **Bob Shea** when he returns from light duty. Congratulations to **Mike Galletta** and **Mike Murphy** on their promotions to Lt. and **Dan Ogara** on his promotion to Captain. We would like to wish good luck to members **Pete Conelli** and **John Harrington** on their recent weddings. We would like to add **Kayla Ryan**, **Nicholas J. Scollan**, **Richard Mahon**, **Brianna Brackett** and the **Molino** twins to our happy family. **Dave Zdanok** would like to thank **Capt. O'Gara** for giving him a helping hand on the canoe trip. Thanks go out to **John Pecora** for running our upcoming dinner dance, boating trip and golf outing and, hopefully, **Gary Rishell** won't hit anybody. Congratulations to **Mike Quilty** for getting a medal on Medal Day. Finally, we would like to wish good luck to **Capt. Phil Laudati** on his transfer to Staten Island and the boys would like to welcome his UFO replacement, **Capt. Bobby Baumann**. Like the new sign on L-148's rig says... "IT AIN'T EASY"...**Union Ave.** sends congrats to **Bob Hillery** on the birth of **Logan Patrick** and **Derek Brogan** on the birth of **Kelly**. Really bored? Visit the Internet at [www.Pal.com](http://www.Pal.com). March 8th was declared **William Whelan Day** by the Queens Boro President. **Bill** was honored as the **Irish Man of the Year** at the **Pipes and Drums Dinner Dance**. **Firefighter "I don't cheat" Smith** seen on the golf course cleaning up his swing and eraser. Officers of both companies don't appear as smart now that so many of the firefighters are in the books. Why

is the Captain of L-108 telling most of the students to stay on the rig when he goes into the buildings on B.I.? It's amazing to see how important B.I. becomes when a lieutenant's test is on the horizon. E-216, L-108 and Bn-35, job well-done on the retirement and promotion party for **Mike Higgins** L-108 and **Larry Naddeo** E-216. Congrats to **John Shatzle** E-216 and his bride on the birth of their daughter. From all the members on Union Ave...Nothing but the best to **Larry Bagnasco** "One Hundred and Eight" on his retirement...Love Ya, Man.... "Oh Yeah" **Westman** didn't get promoted yet....Psych...From the North Side...Good luck to **Capt. Lindal** and **Capt. Ryan** on their new assignments to E-221 and "F"-Troop. Also Tom "Who goes on what" **McKenna** on detail to L-108...Now that summer is here, look out at Jones Beach for John "Wave King" **Tiska**. Welcome to Tim "Bare Feet" **Maloney** and Joe "Just Dishes" **Weidel**...Congratulations to **Mike "G.I. Joe" Guglielmo**, who passed his 31st year on the job. Also to Nick "The Greek" **Falatico** on his "hookup" with **Susan Johnson** (daughter of "TJ" Johnson)...While at 212, visit our new "Big Daddy" **Tassiello** Cigar Room and Cafe with a "river running through it." That's all, folks!

### 14th Division

by **Joe O'Brien**, E-319  
and **Roger Huml**, L-144

Congrats to **Lt. Wojcik** E-287 and **Lt. Albertelli** L-136... Bad News: "Rigatoni" **Holfester** to L-31?...We miss you, Vinny--Come back! Love, **Risso** and Da Boys... 90 days for **Spike!!** Ouch!!...**Cowan** will be coming back to L-136 someday... "That depends on him"...**Lt. Grabher** AKA "Lt. BF-4" removed **Spike** from riding list...Good News: New family additions for the **Pences**, **O'Donnells**, **O'Deas** and **Schaafs**--All doing fine--Congratulations!...Attention! L-136 is now conducting Salvage Classes. Instructors: **Garvey**, **Nocella** and **Coyle** at quarters of E-292--plenty of parking on sidewalk!...Get well soon to "Pops" **Dellano** and **Tommy Harrington!**...E-262 wishes "good luck" to **Joey "Lasagna" Cutaia** in E-233...Open house at **Kebbe's** in the Hamptons--for directions, call E-262 and ask for "The Shiek"--free falafel to first 100... Valet

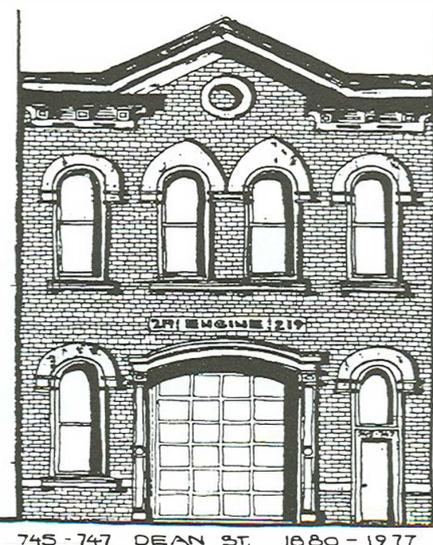
parking by **Declan** at Shea...Watch out E-228, L-52, L-48, L-101, E-239... **James "Curly" Bohan**, Probie no more --Hey now!... Financial wiz **Bob Weiber** says, "Give me \$5 and I'll pay all your bills"...Attention **John Hunt**--The diamond exchange called; the ring is ready... **Ken "Can't stand ya" Dash**--Keep smiling--The sun will come out tomorrow...**Bobby Brown**, congrats on your new addition... **Lt. Walsh**--congrats on your marriage. **Bob "Kojak" Daly**--Nice collar!... The Officers and Firefighters of D-14 extend their condolences to the family of **FF Jimmy Myerjack** and to the members of Engine 50 and Ladder 19 on their loss. **Jim's** influence and caring for the job will extend far into the next century... Engine 319 says so long to **Lt. Denis O'Connor** on his transfer to E-251. His experience and wit will be missed... **Lone Wolf** welcomes aboard **Capt. Charlie Feyh**... Until next time--Stay low!

### Special Operations Command

by **Dennis Maher**, SOC

Special Operations Command would like to wish **Lt. Brian Malone** all the best on his return to the field...A special thanks to **Capt. Lafamina** for his expeditious work on the new stove...and to **Paul Jaeger** for the barbecue grill called "Paul's" Place...All the best to **Bill Morea**, **Bill Sliwa** and **Wallace Oliver** on their retirements...Another special thanks to all the Rescue members who make the SOC All Hands column pos-

sible: **FF Tim Kelly** R-1, **FF Mike Quinn** R-2, **FF Doug Hantoush** R-3, **FFs Ralph Williams & Ed Zeelman** R-4, **Lt. Rimondi** R-5, **FF Joe O'Donnell** SQ-1, **Joe Gandel** E-41, **Lt. Brown & Lt. Neligan** MSU, **Dennis Wayne** M-1, **Lt. Gouldin** M-6 and **Joe Gaglardi** M-9...Get well to **FF Paul Baldwin** R-1...He's on his last leg...Also **FF Tom "Sully" Sullivan** R-1, for making an ash of himself, but he will be back soon. ...Welcome aboard to R-1's newest whip, **Lt. Michael** "did you see the D.O." **Pena**...43rd St. may be the new home of the Big "G" with the addition of **FF Mike "G" Gazzillo**. Another new tool is "Thor" **Johnson** from L-17. Welcome aboard...Wait. Hold your horses...**FF Warren "Woody" Forsyth** R-1 is going to chauffeur school. Good luck... Which new member of Rescue 3 brought back cooked rabbit instead of bagels on his first official morning in the company?... A Big Blue welcome aboard to the following new members: **Cliff Stabner** (formerly R-1), **Stan Sussina** (formerly R-1), **John Bernie Conroy** (formerly L-44), **Garnett Lindgren** (formerly Sq-1) and **Tommy Clair** (formerly E-257)... Marine 6 tenders a fond farewell to **FF Heinz Hillmer** upon his retirement from Marine Operations. Remember **Heinzy**, **Lt. Guldner** will act as your guide for the Germany trip!... A good day was had by all at the recent M-6 fishing trip--The fish were especially happy about not being caught!... Atta boy to all the members of M-6 who rescued several victims after a pier collapsed in Brooklyn...Is it true that **BC Garvin** sent his best man to Staten Island to do facepieces? ...Since doing mask training film, **FF Ron Reis** now has an agent, throat spray and sunglasses. ...Why is **FF Sudbrink** looking at the sky and **FF Ward** looking at the ground? Good luck to all new Squad members, even though they shouldn't be here...Congrats to **Hugh Lynch** and **Joe Mlyarczyk** on the new additions to their families...Has Joe changed a diaper?... Thanks to Engine 252 for finally sending us a step-up member... DMV is waiting for **Capt. Ellison** to return his R-1 license plate... Good luck to **Kevin O'Rouke**, who left Union Street for the House of Hate...Has anybody seen **Kenny Kaasman**?...Thanks to **Capt. Phil Ruvolo** for making our summer a more RIG-orous one ...Squad members are looking for MXs to attend "Jack the



**Wack's** wedding ...Good luck, **John Flatley** ... DMV is waiting for **Capt. Ellison** to pick up his license plates...**Bob Mannerino** can now put on his Squad patch--welcome back...The Squad is looking for former R-2 members who remember seeing **FF (now Lt. ) Mike Espo** in the proper uniform... Somebody, please tell **P.C.** that 10 to six is not early relief.. **Capt. Hayde** wants to thank **Pete** for going all out for our Roco drills.. **Tim Rogers** is doing a terrific job in the rac...

## Retirees

by *James R. (Jim) King*

Winding down for the summer and with our "snowbirds" returning home from wherever last meetings, functions and picnics were held. S.I. Retirees annual picnic in June featuring **Frank Baldassar's** famous clam chowder, sausage & peppers, etc., and last, but not least, "**Cookbook**" **John Sennino's** famous rice pudding... Medal Day ceremonies at City Hall well attended by Retirees, also the Vulcan Society's Annual dinner dance and how about that FDNY Viking Association's Boat Parade!...The RMA held its last meeting prior to the summer at Brother **Joe Donovan's** Restaurant in Bayside. Reports on legislation and matters affecting Retirees were discussed. In attendance was **Gene Loewy**, Pres. of the NY Police 10/13 Association. Gene also serves as V.P. of the NY State Alliance of Public Employees on matters affecting Police and Fire Retirees. Brother **Frank Cull** also was present and was presented a plaque for his more than 20 years as chairman of the biennial "Old Timers Reunion." I get tired of those lectures on exercise. Yes, I get tired of all these good-looking young people, who are good looking and young looking, because they're good looking and young looking, telling us how to stay good looking and young, when we're not good looking and young. It doesn't work! If we're old and ugly, we're old and ugly and I don't care how many times we bend or sit up, we're going to finish old, ugly--and sweaty! **Rev. Everett J. Wabst** (active) firefighter now assigned to L-80 in S.I. recently has been elected Chaplain of the

N.Y. State Honorary Fire Chiefs Association. Rev. Ed also serves as Chaplain of the Retired Men's Association, the Staten Island Retirees, the FDNY Viking Association, the United Retired Firefighters Association and the FDNY St. George Association. The indefatigable man of God is everywhere--Conducting weddings, funerals, visiting the sick and injured in hospitals, the Burn Center and at homes. Counseling the families of our deceased, conducting 12-step programs with FDNY Chaplain **Mychal F. Judge** and attending all meetings and functions. On behalf of all retired and active Brothers and Sisters--Thank you, Rev. Wabst, and may God bless. Whether active or retired, firefighters never stop serving. Retired **FFs John Markey, Brian Lyons** and **Tom Paynter** recently were honored by and presented a Certificate of Merit award by Nassau County Executive **Thomas Gulotta**. As members of Amvets Post 88's Veteran Service Committee, they visit Northport Veterans Hospital monthly, bringing a little joy to disabled veterans confined to the nursing home and letting them know that they are not forgotten. This info was sent to us by **Bob Mazze** of the Nassau County Retired Firefighters. **Markey, Paynter** and **Lyons** are members of that organization and are examples of what Brotherhood is all about. Squad 6 reunion is in the planning stages. Contact **Frank Martinez** for information. There are more than 14,000 retirees out there. To keep our column interesting, let's hear from you. Send info to: **Jim King**, 352 Harbor Dr., Centre Island, N.Y. 11771 (516) 922-5221.

## BEMS 11th Division

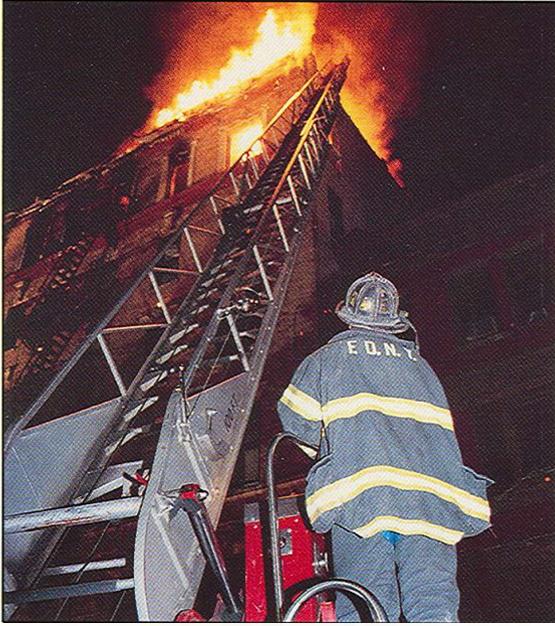
by *Walter Odinowkow, Jr., Robert Portilla, Kathy Gonczi*

WNYF welcomes to the All Hands column BEMS members assigned to the Cumberland and Williamsburg Stations. Members from the Williamsburg Station (Bn-35) enjoyed themselves on the "high seas" during a fishing trip, June 23, 1997. A great time was had by all. It was a night fishing trip out of Sheepshead Bay. Catching blues all night were **Ralph "Sushi" Carmine**, **Rob "The party master" Portilla**, **Kathy "The boss" Burns**, **Stewart "What can I say" Wolf** and **Robert "Is the boat rocking" Felts**. Cumberland Station members, represented by **Mike "The Sheriff" Musto**, **Kathy "The farmer" Gonczi**, "**Mack" McNeil** and **Jimmy "The dresser" Hazeton**, noted that their members held another outstanding party somewhere near the Brooklyn Bridge. Rumor has it that all those who attended had a great time. Congrats to **Steve "I need the OT" Turcotte** and his wife on the birth of a baby boy, 7 lbs., 9 oz., and to **Evelyn Ford** and **Lubron "The twin,"** whose babies are due some time soon. Until next time, keep em pumpin!



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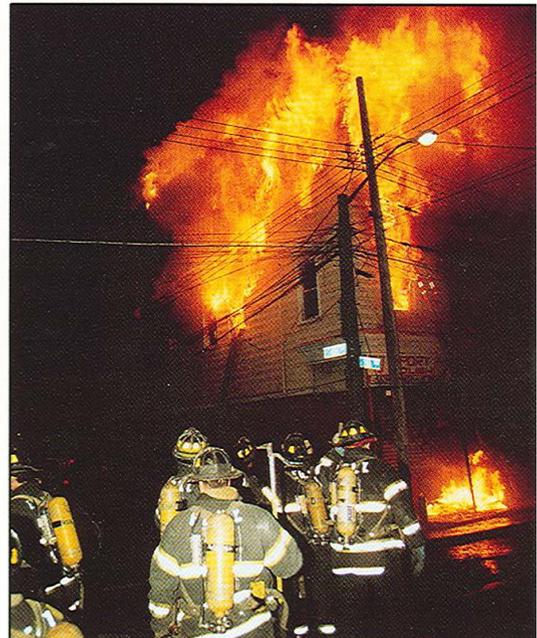
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