

Air Compressor Unit

by Battalion Chief John A. Calderone

The Department recently placed a new Air Compressor Unit into service. This new apparatus is assigned to the Special Operations Command (SOC) and is quartered at SOC Headquarters, 750 Main Street, on Roosevelt Island.

The new vehicle is a 2005 Ford chassis with an open-style Reading body. It is equipped with a Sullair 250-cfm air compressor, two air hose reels--each of which is equipped with 100 feet of air supply hose--plus additional outlets for air-supplied tools. It is capable of supplying air-operated tools for extended periods. Four flexible and two rigid tubes are mounted in overhead racks extending over the cab roof. The tubes are used with Con Edison vacuum trucks.

The Air Compressor Unit responds to all incidents requiring the response of a Collapse Rescue Task Force, 10-60 signals and



The SOC Air Compressor Unit can be special-called by the IC or the Rescue Operations Battalion Chief.

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trench rescues. It also can be special-called by the Incident Commander (IC) or the Rescue Operations Battalion Chief.

This is not the first time the Department operated truck-mounted air compressor units. Two were purchased in 1939, mounted on International chassis. Both of these were destroyed while operating at the *Grace Line* pier fire in 1947. These apparatus had been driven out onto the pier to

supply pavement breakers that were being used to cut through the concrete pier deck to access the fire. Rapid fire spread beneath the pier deck resulted in destruction of the pier, dropping both rigs into the river.

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- Members are urged to read the following WNYF articles:
- "Buried in a Barge," by Deputy Chief James D. Daly, Jr., in the 3rd/2003 issue.
 - "Special Tools Used at Trench Operations," by Battalion Chief Joseph R. Downey, in the 1st/2005 issue.

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