

Report of Meritorious Act

24 December 1996

1. Box: 7051 Borough: Queens Date: 24 December 1996 Time: 1749 Hours

2. Performed By: Firefighter Anthony Mussorfiti Haz-Mat 1

3. Did any other member participate directly in this act? YES

Firefighter Anthony Confessore Haz-Mat 1

Firefighter Richard Ting Haz-Mat 1 (assigned Engine 41)

Is Meritorious Act Report being forwarded for participating member? YES

4. Location of Meritorious Act:

Overpass of the Long Island Expressway (L.I.E.) at 69th St. on the east side of bridge, over westbound traffic. At this point the L.I.E. has four full lanes with no shoulder.

5. Person(s) aided:

Name	Unknown
Address	Unknown
Age-Sex	30's / Male
Rescue Breathing	NO
External Cardiac Massage	NO
Resuscitator Applied	NO
Hospitalized	YES

Name of Hospital	Elmhurst General Hospital
Diagnosis	Unknown
Length of Hospitalization	Unknown

6. Member performing act: Did he receive any emergency treatment? NO

7. Was member alone? NO

8. Names of two members who actually witnessed act

Rank	Name	Unit
Lieutenant	Vincent J. Doherty	Haz-Mat 1
Firefighter	Joseph Iovino	Haz-Mat 1
Firefighter	John Larocchia	Haz-Mat 1
Firefighter	George Hough	Haz-Mat 1
Firefighter	Thomas Nouza	Haz-Mat 1

9. Name of two civilians that witnessed the act? N/A

10. Where was victim removed from?

A precarious position on a bridge.

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11. Description of act:

On December 24, 1996, at 1745 hours, E-288 and Haz-Mat1 recieved a verbal alarm for a possible jumper on the 69th St. overpass of the L.I.E. The location was one block east of quarters and upon receipt of alarm, Lt. Doherty, FF Confessore, FF Mussorfiti and FF Ting(E-41, detailed to Haz-Mat), responded on foot while the remaining members, FF Nouza, FF Iovino, FF Larocchia and FF Hough turned out with the two pieces of apparatus to the scene followed by E-288.

Upon arriving at the scene, Lt. Doherty FF Mussorfiti, FF Confessore and FF Ting, found a man, John Doe, precariously hanging to an eight foot chain-link fence on the expressway side of the overpass, above rapidly moving westbound traffic of the L.I.E. The man was obviously distraught and emotionally unstable a was only worried about his lone friend, a dog, that was also on the scene. Haz- Mat members, FF Mussorfiti and Confessore, under the supervision of Lt. Doherty, reassured the man of the dog's welfare while simultaneously stalling him. During the exchange, the man began to release one arm from the fence and dangle one leg over the edge apparently getting ready to jump into the traffic below. While FF's Mussorfiti and Confessore continued to stall the man with talk about his dog, they noticed FF Ting climbing through a hole in the fence toward the man. The man turned toward the approaching help dangling more of his body above the traffic. FF Ting with no regard for his own safety, and dangling in a precarious position, grabbed the man from his rear while holding on to the fence a pinned him against the fence. This allowed FF's Mussorfiti and Confessore to jump up onto the fence from the street side and pull the man to safety. FF Ting then made his way, still in a precarious position, back to the hole in the fence and safety.

FF Ting acted in the great traditions of this job and without regard for his own personal saftey, sprang quickly into action, refusing to allow this man to die on this, the holiest of nights, and saved the innocent drivers below from the danger that this incident could have created. FF Ting deserves the gratitude of many unaware citizens of this city by preventing a catastrophe that could have lead to great physical and mental anguish for many more victims. Therefore I recommend FF Ting for this Meritorious Act.

12. Diagram of area from which victim was removed:

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13. Signature of officer preparing report:

Rank	Name	Unit	Date
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14. Battalion Chief Endorsement: I was _____ at scene, observed act.
_____ at scene, did not observe act but investigated at scene
_____ not at scene, investigated.

Conclusion regarding facts of the Meritorious act.

15. Deputy Chief Endorsement: I was _____ at scene, observed act.
_____ at scene, did not observe act but investigated at scene
_____ not at scene, investigated.

Conclusion regarding facts of the Meritorious Act:

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Recommendation: Class I _____ Class II _____ Class III _____

Service Rating A _____ B _____ File _____

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