

## PROTECTING THE SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC & OUR MEMBERS

Contrary to popular firefighting wisdom, the winter doesn't always bear bad news. Consider this: Through the first quarter of 2004, the number of fire fatalities decreased by 36 percent from the previous year. From January to March of 2003 there were 44 fire deaths; from January to March of 2004 there were 28 such fatalities. In fact, we only saw one fire fatality during March. I think all of us would be hard pressed to recall another month like that.

What do these numbers mean? Like any statistical analysis, it's important we keep these numbers in perspective. Every year has periods of fluctuation and one particularly deadly incident can misrepresent the success of a much longer period of time.

Fortunately, this year's early downturn appears to be a continuation of a broader trend in lower fire fatality rates. We experienced a record-breaking low in 2002, when there were 97 fire fatalities. Then, the following year, there was some concern when fire fatalities increased by more than 20 percent. Yet, if you look at the past five years, you will see that we are living in the lowest period of fire fatalities since the 1930s, even though the city's population has grown by more than 3 million people since then.

It all goes to show that, despite the complex rebuilding after the tragedy of the World Trade Center attacks and despite some of the media's attempt to depict us as otherwise, we are dedicated to our central mission. We are committed to protecting all New Yorkers, to preventing fires before they even start and to rescuing those in harm's way once they do. And we are succeeding.

As I have often said, I have never before worked with a

more skilled and dedicated group of professionals. The daily acts of bravery and compassion exhibited by all of our firefighters and EMS personnel continues to inspire the City.



Commissioner's  
Message

I hate to put too much emphasis on statistics because they can only tell a small part of the story. They don't measure many of the important facets that dictate success in our field. But the consistently low incidence of fire fatalities and the decrease so far this year clearly illustrates the competence and expertise of all members. Keep up the great work.

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The health and safety of our members has always been a major concern in the Fire Department. It is one of the six priorities included in the recently released Strategic Plan and it is at the forefront in every operational and administrative decision we make. The FDNY is a family, and we protect our own.

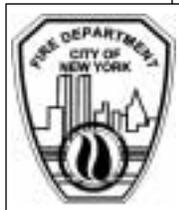
There has been a lot of discussion and debate in the media and within the Department regarding alcohol and drug abuse among our ranks. Accounts differ; opinions vary. Whether such abuse is prevalent or restricted to a small portion of the Department, it remains a serious problem for whoever is involved. We will help our members who are committed in overcoming their addictions.

The Bureau of Health Services has developed a number of programs to assist those members who are trying to cure drug or alcohol addictions. Such programs have been proven to work. The only requirement is that the patient must be willing to accept help. I want to stress that anyone who volunteers for these programs will be treated confidentially, without any risk of penalty or punishment.

If you suffer from an addiction, I encourage you to get checked out. Your family, friends and peers will appreciate it. This is not just a problem you face, but one that everyone shares. And if you know someone else who suffers from an addiction, I hope you would encourage them to get help. We are all in this together.

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Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor, City of New York  
Nicholas Scoppetta, NYC Fire Commissioner

## Operation United Response

A device explodes in Shea Stadium. An unknown number of civilians are injured and the threat of more attacks is uncertain.

Thousands of first responders shift into action. Fire, EMS, Police, Port Authority and Health officials smoothly change gears to respond to the potential of mass casualties and injuries, subsequently creating the largest multi-agency, emergency response field exercise ever held in New York City.

The drill, held on March 15, simulated a weapons of mass destruction attack in the stands of the New York Mets' ballpark. It was coordinated by the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management and ran in conjunction with the federal Department of Homeland Security. A variety of city agencies and private organizations participated in the simulation, including the Department of Environmental Protection, the Health and Hospitals Corporation, Parks and Recreation, the

Medical Examiner's Office, KeySpan, the American Red Cross of Greater New York, Salvation Army, the FBI and the Regional Emergency Medical Services Organization. The outcome of the multi-agency response will be evaluated by City officials as well as the Department of Homeland Security.

"Our emergency service agencies, public hospital system and our partners in State and Federal Government are constantly working to keep New Yorkers safe and prepared for any emergency—great or small," say New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg.

The drill lasted four hours and involved

more than 1,000 emergency responders and 1,000 volunteers acting as victims. More than 60 public and private area hospitals assisted in the exercise. Plans for future tabletop discussions and field exercises are in the works.



## FDNY RECEIVES GRANT FOR POST 9/11 HEALTH MONITORING

Fire Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta and U.S. Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton announced in early April the award of \$81 million in grants from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

The eight grants will fund a five-year health-screening program of rescue workers involved in the rescue and recovery efforts at the World Trade Center. Of the total grant amount, the Fire Department will receive \$25 million to monitor fire and EMS personnel.

The other grant recipients for non-FDNY rescue workers include the Long Island Occupational and Environmental Health Center, the Mount Sinai Center for Occupational and Environmental Medicine at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, the NYU School of Medicine, the City University of New York's Queens College and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey's Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

"The ability to screen the long-term health of individuals who participated in the rescue and recovery effort at the World Trade Center is critical. Without this grant and the support of Senator Clinton, we would not have financial resources for this undertaking," said Fire Commissioner Scoppetta. "Those individuals who selflessly dedicated themselves in the days and months after September 11th can rest assured that we will be able to identify any signs or symptoms that may indicate long-term illness as a result of their work."

"This is a tremendous step toward fulfilling our promise to the firefighters, emergency workers and volunteers who labored at Ground Zero," said Senator Clinton. "Emergency response workers and volunteers risked their own lives to help save others on September 11th. This is evidence that America has not forgotten and a true expression of our moral obligation to the people who took care of us, on that terrible day and in the days that followed."

The funding will provide free, long-

term medical monitoring of rescue workers who participated in the rescue and recovery work at the World Trade Center. The goal of the program is to identify any potential symptoms, injuries, or conditions that may indicate a long-term illness as a result of those operations. The Fire Department will provide in-house clinical evaluations to FDNY firefighters and EMS personnel including retired FDNY members. The remaining funding will go to the other grant recipients to monitor non-Fire Department personnel in a variety of locations throughout the metropolitan area.

HHS also awarded an additional grant of \$9 million to the Fire Department and Mount Sinai to develop and establish data centers that will coordinate between the various clinical sites performing the examinations. This information will help determine the ongoing needs and priorities of the health-screening program.

The agencies receiving funding from the grant will begin clinical evaluations later this year.

## Lending a Helping Hand

### Drinking: How Much is Too Much?

Alcohol dependence, also known as alcoholism, is a disease that must be handled seriously. While it cannot be cured, it can be treated. There are several programs offered by the Department to help members who may be struggling with alcohol dependence. The Counseling Services Unit (CSU) has professional substance abuse counselors and social workers available to discuss any concern you might have about alcohol. These discussions are confidential and our counselors recognize the value and necessity of anonymity.



There are four symptoms to watch for:

- **Craving:** a strong need or urge to consume alcohol
- **Loss of Control:** the inability to stop drinking once drinking has begun
- **Physical Dependence:** experiencing withdrawal symptoms such as nausea, sweating, shakiness and anxiety after stopping drinking
- **Tolerance:** a need to drink great amounts of alcohol to get "high"

If you or someone you know displays these symptoms there are ways to get help within the Department. The CSU offers in-house Day Treatment Programs that are held Monday through Friday and are open to any FDNY employee struggling with a substance abuse problem. There are also several in-patient detoxification and out-patient program options as well. The CSU can also refer you to support groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous. The cost of these programs is covered through grants provided by Project Liberty and funding from the Fire Department.

No one should hesitate to come forward if they believe they have a substance abuse problem. The Department is here to help those members who willingly seek help from our counseling services.

**The Counseling Services Unit**  
can be reached at:  
(212) 570 1696/1693

## OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION LAUNCHES DIGITAL NEWS DIGEST FOR FDNY MEMBERS

[www.fdneyinsider.com](http://www.fdneyinsider.com)

The FDNY recently unveiled its latest addition to the Internet. It's called the FDNY Insider and it provides the most exciting, up-to-date and accurate news and information about the Fire Department. This is an area that has been created and developed exclusively for all active and retired members. Among the site's regular features are "Back to the Box" a look back at some of the most memorable fires and disasters in New York City history, and "FDNY Hot Shots," the best photography of our firefighters, EMTs and Paramedics in action. The web site also includes access to Department Orders, the Civilian Bulletin, exclusive content from WNYF and an archive of FDNY press clippings from news agencies around the city.

In addition, a new feature will allow both active and retired members of the Department to subscribe to an e-mail notification service that will alert them whenever new information is posted on the FDNY Insider page. The e-mail notification will contain a hyperlink that automatically directs the user to the FDNY Insider login page. Only those with login/password information will be able to access the FDNY Insider page. Sign up now and get the inside scoop.

**The site was officially launched  
on March 31, 2004**

### RESOURCES NOW AVAILABLE

Department Orders  
Civilian Bulletins  
Employee Benefit Programs  
Employment Information/Opportunities  
Family Assistance Services  
Counseling Services  
Fire Commissioner Messages  
Official FDNY Press Releases

### FEATURES NOW AVAILABLE

WNYF Special Articles  
FDNY History Profiles  
FDNY Photos  
Official Department Newsletters

### UPCOMING FEATURES

Continuing Medical Education  
(CME) for FDNY Paramedics.

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**April 12, 2004**

### **Dear Commissioner Scoppetta:**

My granddaughter and I cruised on the *Norwegian Sky* from March 21 to 28, and on a shore excursion to St. Lucia I was thrown from my horse when it was attacked by dogs on the beach. I lost consciousness for 15 minutes and sustained severe strains and bruising covering most of my body.

The most traumatic part was the anxiety, apprehension and torture experienced by my 12-year-old granddaughter, who thought I was dead during my state of unconsciousness. Luckily for us, there were two good Samaritans that were experienced with medical emergencies

and willing to step forward to assist me: Mr. Kevin Hogan, a New York Firefighter/EMT and Ms. Carolyn Szabo, a RN from Ohio. Firefighter Hogan did not hesitate to assist me with my numerous injuries even though he had no previous knowledge of me. Mr. Hogan continued to check on my progress throughout the balance of our cruise. Firefighter Hogan should be commended for his unselfish actions and for comforting my granddaughter.

It is my hope to meet him again some day. I am a police officer with the Englewood Department of Safety Services in Colorado.

Sincerely,  
Nancy A. Peterson  
Denver, Colorado

# FDNY YOUTH OPPORTUNIT

## NEW FDNY HIGH SCHOOL OPENING IN BROOKLYN

The FDNY is going back to school. Come September, a new high school — the FDNY High School for Fire and Life Safety — will open its doors in Brooklyn. The high school is one of four small, focused specialty high schools that will be located in a portion of Thomas Jefferson High School in East New York, Brooklyn. The educational environment within the FDNY High School will be nothing short of unique: its culture, curriculum and core values will be infused with FDNY and emergency response themes.

In addition to receiving a comprehensive and rigorous education, students who attend the school will study a math, science and humanities curriculum that teaches them the skills they need to respond to complex emergencies. They will practice FDNY drills and operations, and assist the FDNY in improving the safety of their communities. They also will receive guidance and mentoring from FDNY personnel.

The FDNY sees this high school as an important vehicle for introducing students from diverse backgrounds - many of whom would not ordinarily have considered a career in emergency services and civil preparedness - to the rigors, discipline, challenges and rewards of FDNY careers. Graduating seniors will earn not only a diploma, but also

an EMT certificate. The high school is also creating a bridge program with local colleges to ensure graduates can access the college credits they need to become firefighters, if they so choose.

While the Department hopes that many of the students who graduate from this school will become EMTs, firefighters and paramedics, the high school will provide all students with the knowledge, problem solving skills and moral character they need to succeed in any career they choose.

Annette Palomino, who is currently an assistant principal at August Martin High School in Jamaica, Queens, will become the principal of the FDNY High School for Fire and Life Safety. Ms. Palomino worked with FDNY representatives from the Recruitment and Training Units, Intergovernmental Affairs as well as uniformed representatives from Fire Prevention and EMS in developing the grant proposal and the academic curriculum.

Ms. Palomino and several members of the FDNY's Recruitment and Training Units are recruiting current eighth graders at several school fairs around the City. The school will start in September with approximately 100 students enrolled in 9th Grade. It will expand by one grade per year until 2007, when it will include a complete 9th through 12th Grade.

*The New York City Fire Department in collaboration with the NYC Department of Education is proud to announce the opening of a new high school focused on lifesaving careers.*

### FDNY HIGH SCHOOL FOR FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY

400 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE -- BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11207

#### WHAT IS OUR MISSION?

The FDNY High School for Fire and Life Safety will partner with the New York City Fire Department (FDNY) to identify, prepare and graduate a student body that can meet the intellectual, physical and moral demands of emergency response in the 21st Century. It will establish and uphold the highest academic standards, require thorough physical fitness training, and demand exemplary character in each student. Graduates will possess a commitment to service and the knowledge and skills necessary to contribute to the safety and moral character of our nation.

#### WHY IS THIS SCHOOL UNIQUE?

##### A SPECIAL PURPOSE

Students will dedicate themselves to the core values of the FDNY - service, bravery, safety, honor, dedication and preparedness. They will learn in an environment --more structured than in most other high schools -- that emphasizes discipline, personal sacrifice and responsible conduct. In return, students will discover the rewards of emergency response, including camaraderie, the respect and admiration of the community and the unquantifiable value of saving lives.

##### UNIQUE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Training in CPR and first aid
- Training in fire safety and prevention
- Mentoring and tutoring from FDNY personnel
- Physical Education that teaches students skills needed for FDNY careers
- Team Building and Project Challenge
- An advanced science curriculum, including chemistry, biology and physics
- Access to FDNY facilities and equipment
- Training in formal debate techniques

# IES / FDNY RECRUITMENT

## FDNY EXPANDS EXPLORERS PROGRAM CITYWIDE

*Excerpts from the FDNY Recruitment Unit  
Explorer Program Brochure*

### YOU CAN BECOME AN FDNY FIRE-EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES EXPLORER

The Fire and Emergency Medical Services Exploring Program is part of the Greater New York Council's Exploring Program. Exploring gives high school students, ages 14 to 20, the opportunity to gain insight into a fire and emergency medical service career and develop a road map for their futures. Students interact with Firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and Paramedics and gain experience in a work environment. Explorer Post Advisors offer students advice on the skills, responsibilities and educational requirements for fire and emergency medical services careers.



**CALL NOW TO JOIN**  
FDNY Recruitment and Diversity Initiatives Unit  
(718) 999-FDNY

For more information, visit our web site at  
<http://www.nyc.gov/fdny>

### A CAREER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Exploring provides experiences to help young people mature and become responsible and caring adults.

High school students enrolled in the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Exploring Program will:

- Gain insight into FDNY careers such as Firefighter, EMT, Fire Marshal, Inspector, and Dispatcher.
- Develop the tools necessary for a successful school-to-career and school-to-higher-education transition.
- Develop potential contacts which may broaden students' employment options at FDNY.

### YOUTH BENEFITS

- Stimulate interest in continual career information; provide insight into future vocation.
- Positive alternative to negative youth activities, such as drug abuse and involvement with gangs.
- Safe environment for adult-like activities.
- Opportunities to participate in practical, real and meaningful hands-on experiences.
- New career and personal skills.
- Opportunities to try leadership roles and develop new skills.
- Cooperative relationship between adults and youth.
- Service to others.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF WHAT EXPLORERS DO

- Attend a meeting once a week.
- Perform a community service assignment.
- Take a field trip to a firehouse and/or EMS station.
- Receive instruction in the operation of FDNY equipment.
- Meet with other agency Explorers to exchange ideas.
- March (in uniform) in various parades.
- Attend Fire and Emergency trade shows.
- Compete in the following: ladder raise, hose advance, search & rescue, first-aid techniques, (packaging for) non-ambulatory transports and more.

### EVERYONE WINS WITH EXPLORING

- Receive training in CPR.
- Learn basic first aid.
- Receive scholarships and awards.
- Receive classroom training in study and test-taking skills.
- Participate in physical training, such as basketball, handball and swimming and health & nutrition education.

## New Appointments

**CHIEF OF TRAINING / CHIEF OF FIRE PREVENTION**

**A**fter 27 years of service to the FDNY, Assistant Chief Thomas Galvin was recently designated as the Chief-in-Charge of the Bureau of Training. Before assuming his current position, Chief Galvin served as the Commander of the 44th Battalion, Division 3 Commander, Deputy Borough Commander of Manhattan and the Brooklyn Borough Commander. He has also served as an instructor and moderator at the battalion Chief Incident Command Course at the Fire Academy.

Chief Galvin is looking forward to continuing and improving the extensive training that the Department has implemented since 9/11. He will focus on decentralizing the field training and improving basic skills tactical training. As he strives to achieve these goals, he will work closely with Battalion Chief Nick Santangelo of the Fire Academy, Chief J.P. Martin of the EMS Academy and the Bureau's Executive Officer, Lt. Robert Higgins, all of whom have been instrumental in developing the many training programs offered by the bureau.

**I**n March 2004, Assistant Chief James Jackson was promoted to Chief of Fire Prevention after serving the Department in a variety of capacities for the last 31 years.

Chief Jackson believes his position will provide him with many challenges and opportunities as he learns more about fire prevention and begins to supervise a large uniformed and civilian staff. "I look forward to the learning process of being chief of fire prevention and working with everyone in my bureau," he said.

Currently, the Bureau of Fire Prevention is focused on making the necessary recommendations for applying the International Building Code to New York City. Over the next 12 to 18 months Jackson will form technical committees to review and prepare for the adoption of the new fire code.

Chief Jackson's career in the FDNY began in 1973 and has included tours in every borough except Staten Island. Before coming to MetroTech, he served in the Safety Battalion, as Division Commander of the 11th Division in Brooklyn and as Deputy Borough Commander in the Bronx. He was appointed to Staff Chief in June 2003.



ASSISTANT CHIEF  
**THOMAS GALVIN**



ASSISTANT CHIEF  
**JAMES JACKSON**

**MAYOR APPOINTS FORMER FIRE COMMISSIONER TO HEAD OEM**

Hon. **Joseph F. Bruno**

**J**oseph F. Bruno was appointed Commissioner of the New York City Office of Emergency Management by Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg in March 2004.

Commissioner Bruno's distinguished career in public service began in 1971, when he joined the City Law Department as a trial attorney. He served in various Law Department posts, including Chief of the General Litigation, Consumer Protection, and Tort Divisions, until 1983.

In 1983, he went to the Fire Department, where he served as its First Deputy Commissioner. After a stint with the City's Parking Violations Bureau, which Bruno successfully resurrected from scandal, Bruno returned to the Fire Department in 1987 to serve as Commissioner. Under Bruno's leadership, the Fire

Department developed a major fire safety education campaign for New Yorkers, with particular emphasis on children and senior citizens.

After a year in the private sector at Urbitran Associates, Bruno was elected in 1991 to the Civil Court of the City of New York and assigned to the Criminal Court. As a trial judge in the Criminal Court, he conducted a significant number of jury trials.

In 1996, Bruno was elevated to Acting Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Kings County, where he conducted jury trials in both the criminal and civil areas. Bruno was re-elected to the Civil Court in 2001 and elected as a Justice of the Supreme Court in 2002. While serving as a Supreme Court Justice, Bruno acted as chair and representative of the Administrative Justice of Kings County on a variety of committees and projects.

Commissioner Bruno is the second Commissioner appointed since the Office of Emergency Management was established as a Mayoral Agency.

# FDNY CELEBRATES NATIONAL EMS WEEK

**N**ational Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week, which is being held this year from May 16 to 22, celebrates the lifesaving work that more than 750,000 emergency medical professionals provide to millions of Americans.

Over the course of a year, paramedics, EMTs, and first responders provide emergency medical care to New York City residents and visitors more than 1.3 million times - or about 3,000 times a day. Often, the training and skills of our EMS professionals mean the difference between life and death.

The theme of this year's EMS Week is "EMS: Ordinary People, Extraordinary Heroes," illustrating the commitment and courage of the FDNY's Emergency Medical Service Command. The EMS Week features several events to educate the public and reach out to potential recruits interested in careers as public service professionals dedicated to saving lives and helping others.

## EMS MEDAL DAY

EMS Medal Day is, of course, the highlight of the week and honors Fire Department EMTs and paramedics whose life-saving actions - often without regard for their own personal safety - went above and beyond the call of duty. Members of the EMS Command are honored for their actions in 1999, 2000, 2002 and 2003. Medals for year 2001 have already been issued by the Department honoring the actions of FDNY members (both Fire and EMS) for the heroism and dedication exhibited during, immediately after and following the World Trade Center attacks on September 11, 2001.

## SECOND CHANCE BRUNCH

The annual "Second Chance Brunch" reunites cardiac arrest victims with the FDNY EMTs, paramedics and firefighters who saved them. In celebration of the 10th Anniversary of this extraordinary event, several "second chance" alumni and their rescuers return to share their extraordinary stories once again.



## EMT/PARAMEDIC COMPETITION

EMS Command members can show off their skills at the Department's annual EMT/Paramedic Competition. For the fourth year in a row the competition, which is held in the MetroTech Commons, provides the winning teams with trophies, citywide bragging rights and the opportunity to represent the Department at the International EMT/Paramedic Competition held each year in Orlando, Florida. Good luck, and may the best team win!



## **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

**BRONX ENGINE 45**  
"The Eagles"  
125TH ANNIVERSARY

**BRONX ENGINE 43**  
"Sedgwick Slashers"  
CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

## FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FDNY FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION FUND HOST FUNDRAISING BLACK TIE DINNER



Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg and Fire Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta welcome students from P.S. 121 in the Bronx at the 2004 Fire Commissioner's Humanitarian Awards Dinner. The annual dinner at the NY Hilton Grand Ballroom recognizes the Fire Department's most devoted supporters and celebrates the achievements of the Fire Safety Education Fund, which has given money to the FDNY to purchase radiation detection equipment, integrated PASS alarms and driving simulators.

This year, P.S.121 in the Bronx won the School Safety Award for their commitment to fire safety education. The FDNY Emerald Society Pipes and Drums was also recognized for their contributions during the many memorial and funeral services that followed 9/11.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT & FDNY FIRE ZONE LAUNCH FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION CAMPAIGN IN WASHINGTON HEIGHTS

This year marks the start of a collaborative fire safety education initiative by various bureaus of the Fire Department and the FDNY Fire Safety Education Fund's Fire Zone. The campaign, which is called "Fire Zone on the Road," began with various inspectors, fire safety educators and field members blitzing Washington Heights in northern Manhattan during a two-week period from March 21st to April 2nd. Washington Heights was recently identified by the Fire Department as a City community most prone to civilian fire fatalities.

The planning and implementation of the program included FDNY staff from several departments and bureaus including the Office of Fire & Life Safety; FDNY Fire Safety Education Unit; the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs/Community Services Unit; and the Bureau of Fire Prevention. In addition, retired firefighters currently on staff at the FDNY Fire Zone joined in this coordinated effort to get the message of fire safety out to the community.

The public awareness campaign focused on at-risk target groups, principally seniors and children. Educators and FDNY staff made presentations on home fire safety at local elementary schools, hospitals, childcare centers and senior community centers. A public safety expo also was held in the quarters of Battalion 13 on W. 181st Street. The event included such favorites as "Hot Dog" - the official FDNY fire safety children's mascot - the Fire Safety Hazard House, smoke detector giveaways and balloons.

During the two-week program, extensive fire safety literature and materials in both English and Spanish were distributed throughout the community. Washington Heights is predominately a Dominican community with many residents who speak only Spanish. The FDNY Bureau of Fire Prevention inspectors also circulated nearly 4,000, eight-page bilingual educational pamphlets on fire safety in multiple dwellings itemizing fire safety regulations of the recently enacted Local Law 10 of 1999.

FDNY and the Fire Zone hope to build on the success of the Washington Heights program and use it as a model for similar fire safety outreach programs in at-risk communities citywide.



NEWSLETTER OF THE NYC FIRE COMMISSIONER

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