



SEPTEMBER 11 SPECIAL AWARDS CEREMONY

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**POLICE
MEDAL OF HONOR
(Individual)**

MEDAL OF HONOR (POLICE)

POSTHUMOUS OR MISSING SINCE SEPTEMBER 11

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Kathy Mazza, Captain
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Walter A. McNeil, Police Officer
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James Nelson, Police Officer
Alfonse J. Niedermeyer, Police Officer
James W. Parham, Police Officer
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Bruce A. Reynolds, Police Officer
Antonio J. Rodrigues, Police Officer
Richard Rodriguez, Police Officer
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John P. Skala, Police Officer
Walwyn W. Stuart, Police Officer
Kenneth F. Tietjen, Police Officer
Nathaniel Webb, Police Officer
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THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY

MEMORANDUM

TO: Joseph Morris, Chief of Department/Acting Superintendent of Police
FROM: Lawrence Fields
DATE: January 3, 2002
SUBJECT: **RECOMMENDATION – MEDAL OF HONOR**

COPY TO: M. Scott, T. Farrell, R. Caron, W. Hall, T. L Fornabai PBA, SBA, File

Name: William Jimeno
Title: Police Officer
Shield: 1117
DOB: November 26, 1967
Address: 46 Olympia Street Clifton, N. J.
Appt. Date: August 07, 2000

RECOMMENDATION:

On the basis of the provisions set forth by the Executive Director in P.A.I. 20-1.05, Port Authority Medal Awards, Section III, Paragraph A, I recommend that Police Officer William Jimeno be awarded the Medal of Honor.

CIRCUMSTANCES:

On September 11, 2001, at approximately 08:45 hours, two commercial passenger jets took off from Boston's Logan Airport, Flight #11 and Flight #175. Both jets were in route to Los Angeles, CA. when members of Osama bin Laden's Al Qaeda network hijacked them while in flight. As a result of the hijackings, both aircraft changed their flight courses for the purpose to attack New York City. A short time later one of the aircraft was directed as a missile into the side of One World Trade Center.

The Bus Terminal Command immediately mobilized police personnel upon news of the crash. Police personnel in police vehicles commandeered a USA Coach Bus and within minutes 22 members of the Bus Terminal Command were en route to the World Trade Center Complex. Among them was Police Officer William Jimeno.

Within minutes the Bus Terminal Command arrived at Barclay and West Broadway. At this point Sergeant McLoughlin discussed the best approach to Tower One with his Commanding Officer (Inspector Fields). Recognizing the magnitude of the event, which included cascading bodies, tumbling metal and glass, a plaza entry was ruled out. The Inspector and Sergeant concurred that Sergeant McLoughlin would obtain additional equipment at the WTC police desk and rendezvous in Tower One.

The Sergeant solicited volunteers who were trained in the use of self-contained breathing apparatus. One of the officers who stepped forward was Officer William Jimeno. A four-man team, including Officer Jimeno entered the WTC Police Desk and equipped themselves to fight a fire, treat the injured and rescue as many people as possible.

As the team advanced through the concourse on their way to Tower One, they directed people to safety. They were en route to obtain additional equipment from the emergency room in Tower Two when they heard a loud crash and roar. The ceiling of the concourse began to collapse. Sergeant McLoughlin directed his men to run for the freight elevator entrance. Realizing this area was compromised by the building collapse, they attempted an escape to Tower Two. Large amounts of debris began to fall, striking them on the head. Officer Jimeno had donned a safety helmet and was holding onto it as debris struck his head and shoulders. The collapsing debris became so intense that it knocked his helmet off and threw officer Jimeno onto his back, trapping him and his fellow officers under tons of concrete and steel. After a few moments, Officer Jimeno realized his legs were pinned by the concrete and steel. The officer also experienced difficulty breathing due to the dust of the crushed building and smoke from burning fires. Although suffering great pain in his legs he remained conscious and answered Sergeant McLoughlin's call for a head count. The only two officers to respond to the head count were officers Jimeno and Pezzulo who reported being trapped by the concrete and steel. As they lay trapped, in addition to the worry that the rescuers above would not be able to find his team and dig them out, Officer Jimeno and the remaining two officers experienced the death of one of the remaining team members and were helpless to provide any assistance.

After some time, Officer Dominic Pezzulo was able to free himself and attempted to free Officer Jimeno. Officer Jimeno advised Officer Pezzulo to attempt to dig his way out of the debris through one of two openings. The opening was above and behind his head, one on the right and one on the left. They were small openings, however light was observed coming through them. Concerned about his friend and fellow officer, Officer Pezzulo disregarded this advice and without concern for his own personal safety continued to remove debris from Officer Jimeno. Suddenly the team heard a second loud roar. The concrete and steel began to shake and rumble as the roar became deafening. At this time Officer Pezzulo was struck and crushed by a large piece of concrete sustaining mortal injury. Even after enduring this tragedy Officer Jimeno offered encouragement to Sergeant McLoughlin.

Approximately ten hours after their entrapment, the two remaining men heard a voice calling out, "United States Marine Corps is anyone here?" Despite the physical difficulty

Officer Jimeno gathered the strength and shouted enabling the rescuers to pinpoint their location.

Putting others before himself and being concerned for Sergeant McLaughlin's life, Officer Jimeno implored the rescue workers to extricate the sergeant first. However, this was impossible and after two hours of desperate digging and cutting of steel, Officer Jimeno was removed leaving Sergeant McLoughlin alone pinned alive. Only after being removed from the debris and passed through hundreds of rescue workers hands did he realize the extent of the carnage. After being buried 12 hours Officer Jimeno was removed from the scene with life threatening injuries and raced to Bellevue Hospital by police escort for life saving medical treatment.

JUSTIFICATION:

Police Officer William Jimeno was one of three officers who volunteered for that assignment which placed his personal safety in peril. Utilizing his training from the Police Academy he donned a self-contained breathing apparatus and advanced towards a major disaster, the scope of which has never been experienced in this Country. Officer Jimeno knowingly advanced into harm's way for the sole purpose of rescuing people despite exposing himself to great peril. As a result of his efforts he was buried under tons of debris and sustained life threatening injuries to his legs. Officer Jimeno exemplified extraordinary bravery and courage in the face a disaster that caused thousands of injuries and claimed thousands of lives.

CONCLUSION:

I recommend that Police Officer William Jimeno be awarded the Police Medal of Honor.

Lawrence Fields
Police Inspector
Central Police Pool

THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY

MEMORANDUM

TO: Joseph Morris, Chief of Department/Acting Superintendent of Police
FROM: Lawrence Fields
DATE: January 3, 2002
SUBJECT: **RECOMMENDATION – MEDAL OF HONOR**

COPY TO: M. Scott, T. Farrell, R. Caron, W. Hall, T. L Fornabai PBA, SBA, File

Name: John McLoughlin
Title: Police Sergeant
DOB: February 09, 1953
Address: RD3 Box 443D, Reservoir Road, Goshen N.Y. 10924
Appt. Date: April 07, 1980

RECOMMENDATION:

On the basis of the provisions set forth by the Executive Director in P.A.I. 20-1.05, Port Authority Medal Awards, Section III, Paragraph A, I recommend that Police Sergeant John McLoughlin be awarded the Medal of Honor.

CIRCUMSTANCES:

On September 11, 2001, at approximately 08:45 hours, two commercial jet planes took off from Boston's Logan Airport, Flight #11 and Flight #175. Both jets were en route to Los Angeles, CA. when they were hijacked in midair by members of Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda network. As a result of the hijacking, both aircraft made changes in their flight pattern to California by abruptly changing course to attack New York City. A short time later one of the aircraft was directed as a missile into the side of One World Trade Center.

The Bus Terminal Command immediately mobilized police personnel on news of the crash. Police personnel in police vehicles commandeered a USA Coach Bus and within minutes 22 members of the Bus Terminal Command were en route to the World Trade Center Complex.

Among them was Sergeant John McLoughlin, responding in the lead police vehicle. With lights and sirens activated he navigated through heavy traffic with the commandeered bus in tow. He cleared a path through traffic, warned pedestrians and cleared intersections, which enabled a quick response by the Bus Terminal Command. Within minutes the Bus Terminal Command arrived at Barclay and West Broadway.

At this point Sergeant McLoughlin discussed the best approach to Tower One with his Commanding Officer (Inspector Fields). Recognizing the magnitude of the event, which included cascading bodies, tumbling metal and glass, a plaza entry was ruled out. The Inspector and Sergeant concurred that Sergeant McLoughlin would obtain additional equipment at the WTC police desk and rendezvous in Tower One.

The Sergeant solicited volunteers who were trained in the use of self-contained breathing apparatus. Three officers stepped forward, Officer William Jimeno, Officer Antonio Rodriguez and Officer Dominic Pezzulo. Directed by Sergeant McLoughlin, the four-man team entered the WTC Police Desk and equipped themselves to fight a fire, treat the injured and rescue as many people as possible.

As the team advanced through the concourse on their way to Tower One, they directed people to safety. They were en route to obtain additional equipment from the emergency room in Tower Two when they heard a loud crash and roar. The ceiling of the concourse began to collapse. Sergeant McLoughlin realized the extent of the collapse and directed his men to run for the freight elevator entrance. Realizing this area was compromised by the building collapse, they attempted an escape to Tower Two. Large amounts of debris began to fall, striking them on the head and shoulders knocking them to the ground, trapping them under tons of concrete and steel. After a few moments, Sergeant McLoughlin realized his legs were pinned by the concrete and steel. The Sergeant also experienced difficulty breathing due to the dust of the crushed building and smoke from burning fires. Although suffering great pain in his legs he immediately thought of his fellow officers well being and conducted a head count of his team. Only two of the three officers responded, officers Jimeno and Pezzulo reported also being trapped by the concrete and steel. As they lay trapped, in addition to the worry that the rescuers above would not be able to find his team and dig them out, Sergeant McLoughlin and the remaining two officers experienced the death of one of the remaining team members and were helpless to provide any assistance.

Officer Dominic Pezzulo after time freed himself and attempted to free Officer Jimeno. While attempting to free Officer Jimeno, the team heard a second loud roar that quickly became deafening. At this time Officer Pezzulo was struck and crushed by a large piece of concrete sustaining mortal injury. Even after enduring this tragedy Sergeant McLoughlin offered encouragement to his remaining team member, Officer Jimeno. Through the dark, cold, fire and dust Sergeant McLoughlin and Officer Jimeno encouraged each other.

Over the next 10 hours Sergeant McLoughlin attempted radio transmissions until his battery went dead. Throughout he continued to reassure Officer Jimeno. Approximately ten hours after their entrapment, the remaining men heard a voice calling out, "United

States Marine Corps is anyone here?" despite the physical difficulty Officer Jimeno gathered the strength and shouted enabling the rescuers to pinpoint their location.

After two hours of desperate digging and cutting of steel, Officer Jimeno was removed leaving Sergeant McLoughlin alone pinned alive. NYPD Emergency Truck # 1 personnel at the scene knowing Sergeant McLoughlin from previous emergency drills at the World Trade Center remained. John was removed 24 hours later from the rubble with life threatening injuries and raced to Bellevue Hospital by police escort for life saving medical treatment.

JUSTIFICATION:

Police Sergeant John McLoughlin utilizing his training, expertise in emergency services, as well as his patrol experience from his previous World Trade Center assignment advanced towards a major disaster, the scope of which has never been experienced in this Country. The sergeant knowingly advanced into harms way for the sole purpose of rescuing people despite exposing himself to great peril. As a result of his efforts he was buried under tons of debris and sustained life threatening injuries to his hip and legs. Sergeant McLoughlin exemplified extraordinary bravery and courage in the face a disaster that caused thousands of injuries and claimed thousands of lives.

CONCLUSION:

I recommend that Police Sergeant John McLoughlin be awarded the Police Medal of Honor.

Lawrence Fields
Police Inspector
Central Police Pool

**POLICE
COMMENDATION AWARD
(Individual and Team)**

**SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 SPECIAL AWARDS PROGRAM
NOMINATION FORM**

Nominee Name: Police Officer Frank Accardi

Department: Police-Central Police Pool

Award Category: Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

PO Accardi responded to the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 from the JSTC in Jersey City, NJ.

Officer Accardi immediately drove the Port Authority Command Post vehicle to the intersection of West and Vesey Streets, as close to VIP Drive as possible, and established a base of operations for other responding Port Authority units.

As the situation deteriorated it became evident to him that that location was extremely dangerous and he was able to maneuver the Command Post Bus to a safer area. When the South tower of the World Trade Center collapsed the Command Bus was engulfed in a horrendous cloud of dust and debris. Officer Accardi assisted victims into the safety of the Command Post and distributed surgical masks so that they could breath.

Police Officer Accardi repeated this process when Tower One fell, again bringing distraught victims into the Command Bus and began administering water and oxygen to victims.

Police Officer Accardi actions exemplified extraordinary bravery and exceptionally good judgment in face of circumstances which could have led to highly undesirable consequences had he not taken decisive steps to avoid further injuries.

Police Officer Accardi's leadership, decisiveness, and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. His conduct clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Police Commendation Medal.

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**SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 SPECIAL AWARDS PROGRAM
NOMINATION FORM**

Nominee Name: Detective Officer Wilfred Barriere

Department: Police-Detectives

Award Category: Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

Detective Wilfred Barriere responded to the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 from Kennedy Airport.

Detective Barriere ran into One World Trade Center lobby and immediately began evacuating people at the base of the escalator on the concourse level. Detective Barriere remained at that dangerous location, risking his own safety for the safety of others, sending countless victims through the concourse and to safety.

While at that critical location Two World Trade Center collapsed casting Detective Barriere into total darkness. He had difficulty breathing and was totally disoriented.

Detective Barriere was finally able to regain his senses and called out for other victims. Detective Barriere was able to negotiate the perilous terrain and safely lead three individuals outside in the vicinity of VIP Drive.

Police Officer Barriere actions exemplified extraordinary bravery and exceptionally good judgment in face of circumstances which could have led to highly undesirable consequences had he not taken decisive steps to avoid further injuries.

Police Officer Barriere's leadership, decisiveness, and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. His conduct clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Police Commendation Medal.

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**SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 SPECIAL AWARDS PROGRAM
NOMINATION FORM**

Nominee Name: Police Officer Anthony Basic

Department: Police-World Trade Center

Award Category: Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

Police Officer Anthony Basic was working at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 when the first terrorist aircraft crashed into the North Tower.

Officer Basic immediately reported the fire to the Police Desk and began evacuating people away from the devastation.

In the very early moments of the attack Officer Basic played a crucial role in assisting Sergeant Devona handle the logistics of staging officers in critical areas of the Facility. As fellow officers were arriving from various Police Commands he ensured they had the necessary emergency equipment they needed and positioned them along the various escape routes within the complex.

Police Officer Basic's decisiveness and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. Is conduct clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Police Commendation Medal.

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**SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 SPECIAL AWARDS PROGRAM
NOMINATION FORM**

Nominee Name: Police Officer Richard Beatty

Department: Police-George Washington Bridge

Award Category: Police Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

Police Officer Richard Beatty responded to the World Trade Center on September 11, 2002 from the George Washington Bridge where he was working the 7x3 tour.

As he neared the conflagration that was the World Trade Center, it was clearly evident to Officer Beatty that he was entering an area of extreme danger.

Risking his own life, Officer Beatty responded into the lobby of Tower One and, as part of a rescue team, climbed up the "B" Staircase of One World Trade Center to the twelfth floor and searched for, and effectively assisted in evacuating hundreds of innocent victims to safety, demonstrating exceptionally good judgment which resulted in saving uncounted lives. Officer Beatty and his team became trapped in the staircase when Two World Trade Center collapsed causing debris to block the exit. Climbing into the dark unknown his team was finally able to discover an alternate escape route.

On a day of when uncommon valor was commonplace, Officer Beatty's actions exemplified extraordinary bravery in face of circumstances which could have led to grave personal injury or death in the line of duty.

Police Officer Beatty's decisiveness and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. His conduct clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Police Commendation Medal.

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**SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 SPECIAL AWARDS PROGRAM
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Nominee Name: Police Officer Gregory Brady

Department: Police-World Trade Center

Award Category: Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

Police Officer Gregory Brady was on duty working the 6x2 tour at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

Officer Brady was in charge of Police Desk operation when the first aircraft struck One World Trade Center. He made crucial notifications ensuring rapid response of emergency rescue workers and additional Port Authority Police from all P.A. facilities. From his critical post Officer Brady coordinated the logistics of the rescue operation and kept field supervisors informed on the ever changing situation.

Officer Brady was subsequently engulfed in the horrendous cloud of smoke and debris as Two World Trade Center collapsed sending tons of steel and concrete just yards from his location. He was submerged into total darkness and choking smoke. Officer Brady, with the cooperation of six other Port Authority police officers, assisted in providing a path for shocked victims and led them out of the area and to safety.

Officer Brady's actions exemplified extraordinary bravery in face of circumstances which could have led to grave personal injury or death in the line of duty.

Officer Brady's, decisiveness and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. His conduct clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Police Commendation Medal.

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**SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 SPECIAL AWARDS PROGRAM
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Nominee Name: Police Officer Eric Bulger

Department: Police-PATH

Award Category: Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

Police Officer Eric Bulger responded to the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 from PATH Exchange St. Station.

Police Officer Bulger responded into the Lobby of One World Trade Center and assisted in first aid and evacuation of countless victims. Officer Bulger traversed the World Trade Center, risking his own safety for the safety of others, aiding numerous victims through the concourse and to safety.

Officer Bulger was overcome by smoke and debris while he was at the World Trade Center Police desk when the first tower collapsed. Officer Bulger acted within a team of at least six other officers to lead a group of people thirty people to safety from the area near the police desk and out through Boarders Books Store.

After the second tower fell Officer Bulger continued his rescue mission by commandeering an ambulance, which was abandoned on the street, and transported two heart attack victims to Beekman Downtown Hospital.

Police Officer Bulger actions exemplified extraordinary bravery and exceptionally good judgment in face of circumstances which could have led to highly undesirable consequences had he not taken decisive steps to avoid further injuries.

Police Officer Bugler's leadership, decisiveness, and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. His conduct clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Police Commendation Medal.

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**SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 SPECIAL AWARDS PROGRAM
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Nominee Name: Police Officer Anthony Croce

Department: Police-Central Police Pool

Award Category: Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

Police Officer Anthony Croce responded to the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 from PATH Journal Square Station.

Officer Croce was assigned to assist with the evacuation in the lobby of One World Trade Center. He immediately began evacuating people at the base of the escalator on the concourse level. Officer Croce alternated between that dangerous location and the mezzanine level, risking his own safety for the safety of others, sending countless victims through the concourse and to safety.

While at that critical location Two World Trade Center collapsed casting Officer Croce into total darkness. He had difficulty breathing and was totally disoriented.

Officer Croce was able to orient himself and shine his flashlight calling numerous survivors to his light. Officer Croce along with Lieutenant Kassimatis and Inspector Fields were was able to negotiate the perilous terrain and safely lead these victims outside to West Street and away from potential death.

Police Officer Croce actions exemplified extraordinary bravery and exceptionally good judgment in face of circumstances which could have led to highly undesirable consequences had he not taken decisive steps to avoid further injuries.

Police Officer Croce's leadership, decisiveness, and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. His conduct clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Police Commendation Medal.

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**SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 SPECIAL AWARDS PROGRAM
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Nominee Name: Sergeant Alan DeVona

Department: Police-World Trade Center

Award Category: Police Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

On September 11, 2001 Port Authority Police Sergeant Alan DeVona was the Patrol Sergeant at the World Trade Center.

At 8:48 AM just seconds after American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into Tower One of the World Trade Center, after making a crucial assessment of what had occurred, he directed a call to New York City for FDNY and EMS respond to the World Trade Center for major injuries. At 8:50 AM he began the process of evacuating WTC Tower One. At 8:51 AM he directed the Port Authority Central Police Desk to immediately begin a job-wide manpower mobilization. These actions set into motion an instantaneous commencement of the largest life saving evacuation (25,000 people) in American history.

Sergeant DeVona responded directly to Fire Starters Desk in the lobby of One WTC and instituted a Command Post as a base of operation to coordinate the efforts of the Port Authority, NYPD, FDNY, EMS and the NYC Office of Emergency Management.

At 8:59 AM Sergeant Devona made a critical decision ordered an immediate evacuation of WTC Buildings 1 and 2 "until we find out what caused this".

For the next sixty-two minuets Sgt. Devona remained in the lobby of WTC Building 1 and coordinated the rescue and evacuation efforts, staging of Port Authority personal, acted as liaison between NYPD, FDNY, EMS and OEM, and maintained constant communication with World Trade Center Police Desk while the impossible situation deteriorated into the most stunning catastrophe in American history.

Through Sergeant DeVona's calm, strong leadership untold thousands of people were safely ushered through the massive complex from imminent death or severe injury. Sergeant Devona remained at his assigned post risking his own life for the lives of others, and when, he himself, was trapped in the debris of the initial building collapse, continued to lead others to safety by mustering all those he could find and lead them to safety.

Sergeant Devona's decisive leadership and his commitment to duty resulted in the savings of thousands of lives on September 11, 2001.

Sergeant Devona's actions exemplified extraordinary bravery in face of circumstances which could have led to grave personal injury or death in the line of duty.

Sergeant Devona's leadership, decisiveness, and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. His conduct clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Police Commendation Medal

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**SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 SPECIAL AWARDS PROGRAM
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Nominee Name: Police Sergeant Martin Duane

Department: Police-PATH

Award Category: Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

Police Sergeant Martin Duane was on patrol in the PATH B-2 Level at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

Sergeant Duane immediately instructed the PATH Police desk to suspend all service in an out of the World Trade Center. At the direction of Captain Anthony Whitaker Sergeant Duane took responsibility for the area of PATH Square. Sergeant Duane and his team of officers expeditiously evacuated thousands of victims out of the World Trade Center to the safety of the streets away from the complex. Sergeant Duane remained at his assigned post, risking his own safety for the safety of others, aiding numerous victims through the concourse and to safety.

Sergeant Duane was overcome by smoke and debris while he was behind the PATH escalators adjacent to the Gap Store.

Sergeant Duane quickly gathered a group of six or seven individuals and instructed them to join hands and follow him to safety. It took eight to ten minutes for Sergeant Duane to locate an exit.

Sergeant Duane was treated in Beth Israel Hospital for high blood pressure and released.

Sergeant Duane's actions exemplified extraordinary bravery and exceptionally good judgment in face of circumstances which could have led to highly undesirable consequences had he not taken decisive steps to avoid further injuries.

Sergeant Duane's leadership, decisiveness, and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. His conduct clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Police Commendation Medal.

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**SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 SPECIAL AWARDS PROGRAM
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Nominee Name: Sergeant Michael Edwards

Department: Police-Police Academy

Award Category: Police Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

Sergeant Edwards responded to the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 from the PATC in Jersey City, NJ.

As he neared the conflagration that was the World Trade Center, it was clearly evident to Sergeant Edwards that he was entering an area of extreme danger. Ignoring his own safety he pressed forward, entering One World Trade Center through VIP Drive.

Sergeant Edwards assisted in the evacuation directing of hundreds of innocent victims to safety, demonstrating exceptionally good judgment which resulted in saving of uncounted lives.

Sergeant Edwards and Police Officer Andrew Rodriguez carried a woman who was burnt and having difficulty breathing out of the building just as Two World Trade Center collapsed engulfing them in a horrendous cloud of choking smoke and debris.

Sergeant Edward's actions exemplified extraordinary bravery in face of circumstances which could have led to grave personal injury in the line of duty.

Sergeant Edward's leadership, decisiveness, and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. His conduct clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Police Commendation Medal.

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**SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 SPECIAL AWARDS PROGRAM
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Nominee Name: Police Officer Robert Essex

Department: Police-World Trade Center

Award Category: Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

Police Officer Robert Essex responded to the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 from his home on Staten Island, New York.

Officer Essex arrived at the World Trade Center at 9:30 AM and immediately reported to the Police Desk in Building Five. As he was securing emergency equipment the South Tower collapsed just a short distance from his location. The Police Desk lost all electrical power and Officer Essex, along with other responders, was overcome by choking smoke and debris.

Utilizing his flashlight Officer Essex was able to lead a team of at least six other police officers and group of thirty civilian victims to safety from the devastation at the police desk, and out to the relative safety of Church Street, through Borders Book Store.

After escaping potential injury Officer Essex again risked his own life by returning to Austin Tobin Plaza to search for additional victims of the catastrophe. Just seconds before the fall of the North Tower Officer Essex evacuated the area, saving a photographer from certain death. As the tower fell Officer Essex was forced to take cover in a bank lobby under a desk to avoid serious personal injury.

Officer Essex's actions exemplified extraordinary bravery and exceptionally good judgment in face of circumstances which could have led to highly undesirable consequences had he not taken decisive steps to avoid further injuries.

Inspector Essex's decisiveness and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. His conduct clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Police Commendation Medal.

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**SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 SPECIAL AWARDS PROGRAM
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Nominee Name: Inspector Lawrence Fields

Department: Police-George Washington Bridge

Award Category: Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

On September 11, 2001 then Police Inspector Lawrence Fields responded to the World Trade Center from the Port Authority Bus Terminal.

As he was approaching the raging fires at the Trade Center Inspector Fields was acutely aware he was entering an area of extreme danger. He organized rescue teams and assigned them to search and evacuate the North Tower.

Inspector Fields then positioned himself in One World Trade Center on the Plaza Level opposite the 'C' staircase and directed victims out toward PATH Plaza. He remained at that critical location, risking his own life for the lives of others, until Two World Trade Center collapsed just yards away from him. The hurricane force winds and debris knocked the Inspector to the ground and made breathing nearly impossible. He sustained injuries to his leg and shoulder.

After a short time Inspector Fields was able to reorient himself and call other victims toward him. He, along with Police Officer Croce and Lieutenant Kassimatis were able to negotiate the perilous terrain and safely lead these victims outside to West Street and away from certain death.

Inspector Fields' actions exemplified extraordinary bravery and exceptionally good judgment in face of circumstances which could have led to highly undesirable consequences had he not taken decisive steps to avoid further injuries.

Inspector Field's leadership and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. His conduct clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Police Commendation Medal.

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**SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 SPECIAL AWARDS PROGRAM
NOMINATION FORM**

Nominee Name: Police Officer Edward Finnegan

Department: Police-World Trade Center

Award Category: Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

Police Officer Edward Finnegan was on duty at the World Trade Center 7x3 tour, Plain Clothes Assignment, on September 11, 2001.

Officer Finnegan was on the PATH Concourse in the arrest processing area when the first terrorist airplane struck One World Trade Center. Officer Finnegan immediately responded up to the Plaza level and began assisting in the largest evacuation in American history. Officer Finnegan was subsequently assigned to the main concourse level to assist civilians being evacuated from the two towers of the World Trade Center. Working in conjunction other Port Authority Police Officers, under the direction of Sergeant Martin Duane, he directed and effectively ushered thousands of innocent victims to safety from the stricken buildings, demonstrating exceptionally good judgment which resulted in saving lives.

Officer Finnegan was subsequently engulfed in the unspeakable cloud of smoke and debris as Two World Trade Center collapsed while he was directing victims in the area of the PATH Square. He was thrown off his feet and submerged into total darkness and choking smoke sustaining a severe laceration to his arm. In the dark eerie abyss Officer Finnegan and other officers used a flashlight to gather other victims to themselves and, forming a human chain, assisted in leading a contingent of four other victims to safety.

On a day of when uncommon valor was commonplace, Officer Finnegan actions exemplified extraordinary bravery in face of circumstances which could have led to grave personal injury or death in the line of duty.

Officer Finnegan's decisiveness and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. His conduct clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Police Commendation Medal.

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Nominee Name: Police Detective John Fitzgerald

Department: Police-Detectives Inspector Generals Office

Award Category: Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

Police Detective John Fitzgerald was on duty at the World Trade Center, assigned to the Inspector Generals Office, on September 11, 2001.

Detective Fitzgerald was with his partner Detective James Wheeler in a vehicle driving southbound on West St., just opposite VIP Drive, when the first terrorist aircraft struck One World Trade Center.

Detective Fitzgerald immediately took cover, assessed the situation and began a simultaneous rescue and criminal investigation.

Without hesitation Detective Fitzgerald personally ordered security managers in office complexes in the area to evacuate all personal from their buildings. Risking his own safety, he coordinated with NYPD officers on the scene in directing hundreds of terrified victims away from certain injury or death.

Following the second terrorist aircraft striking Tower Two, while he was continuing to evacuate people away from danger, Detective Fitzgerald located a cameraman who had captured that event on video. Detective Fitzgerald secured the evidence and returned it to the Police Desk to enhance the ongoing criminal investigation.

Detective Fitzgerald was on Church and Fulton Streets when Tower Two collapsed. Diving for cover in a subway entrance, he was overtaken by choking smoke and shrapnel laden debris. He continued to assist other victims returning inside Five World Trade Center, searching for victims, following the collapse of the North Tower.

Detective Fitzgerald's actions exemplified extraordinary bravery in face of circumstances which could have led to grave personal injury or death in the line of duty.

Detective Fitzgerald's decisiveness and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. His conduct clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Police Commendation Medal.

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**SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 SPECIAL AWARDS PROGRAM
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Nominee Name: Police Officer Shawn Fitzpatrick

Department: Police-World Trade Center

Award Category: Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

Police Officer Shawn Fitzpatrick was on duty at the World Trade Center 7x3 tour on September 11, 2001.

Officer Fitzpatrick was processing an arrest on the B-4 Level when the first terrorist airplane struck the North Tower of the Trade Center. Officer Fitzpatrick received permission to release his prisoner and responded up to the Plaza level and began assisting in the largest evacuation in American history. Officer Fitzpatrick traversed the Plaza and concourse directing victims to safety. He was subsequently assigned to the main concourse level in the area adjacent to PATH Square assisting and directing civilians who were being evacuated from the two towers of the World Trade Center. Working in conjunction other Port Authority Police Officers, under the direction of Sergeant Martin Duane, he directed and effectively ushered thousands of innocent victims to safety from the stricken buildings, demonstrating exceptionally good judgment which resulted in saving of untold lives.

Officer Fitzpatrick was subsequently engulfed in the unspeakable cloud of smoke and debris as Two World Trade Center collapsed while he was directing victims in the area of the Banana Republic clothing store. He was thrown off his feet by the high winds and submerged into total darkness and choking smoke. In the dark eerie abyss Officer Fitzpatrick was able to use his voice and flashlight to gather other victims toward him. Officer Fitzpatrick, despite injuries to his eyes, right knee and right shoulder, was subsequently able to lead three injured civilians through the debris and out of the building to safety minutes before the second tower fell.

On a day of when uncommon valor was commonplace, Officer Fitzpatrick actions exemplified extraordinary bravery in face of circumstances which could have led to grave personal injury or death in the line of duty.

Officer Fitzpatrick's decisiveness and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. His conduct clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Police Commendation Medal.

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**SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 SPECIAL AWARDS PROGRAM
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Nominee Name: Police Sergeant John Flynn

Department: Police-Special Operations

Award Category: Police Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

On September 11, 2001, Port Authority Police Sergeant John Flynn was enroute to Port Newark. At approximately 0930 he responded to a call for assistance to the World Trade Center. As he neared the conflagration that was the World Trade Center, it became painfully clear that he was entering an area of significant danger and unprecedented trauma.

Upon arrival at the scene Sergeant Flynn quickly evaluated the circumstances and formulated a plan. Sergeant Flynn began to organize the response and ensure the accountability of the arriving officers. At that location, his decisive actions and firm leadership resulted in the successful evacuation of hundreds of victims from that stricken building.

At 9:59 AM when Two World Trade Center collapsed Sergeant Flynn was engulfed in the tremendous cloud of smoke and debris. In spite of the suffocating air he was able to crawl to an open fire hose, decontaminate himself and bring other victims toward him to assist them in decontamination and direct them to the safety north of the World Trade Center.

Sergeant Flynn's personal bravery, devotion to duty and decisive actions were instrumental in the saving of many lives. His conduct brought credit to himself, his command and the Port Authority Police Department. Any miscalculation on his part or faltering of his leadership would have certainly resulted in his own death and that of his team, as well as many civilians. On a day when uncommon valor was commonplace, Sergeant Flynn exemplified the highest level of service.

Sergeant Flynn's decisiveness and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. His performance clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Police Commendation Medal.

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**SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 SPECIAL AWARDS PROGRAM
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Nominee Name: Sergeant Dennis Frederick (Retired)

Department: Police-PATH

Award Category: Police Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

Sergeant Frederick responded to the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 from the PATC in Jersey City, NJ.

As he neared the conflagration that was the World Trade Center, it was clearly evident to Sergeant Frederick that he was entering an area of extreme danger. Ignoring his own safety he pressed forward, joining a rescue team of seven other Port Authority Police Officers to the 22nd floor of Tower One.

Sergeant Frederick assisted in the evacuation of hundreds of innocent victims to safety, demonstrating exceptionally good judgment which resulted in saving of uncounted lives.

Sergeant Frederick narrowly escaped death himself, emerging from One World Trade Center moments before it collapsed.

Sergeant Frederick's actions exemplified extraordinary bravery in face of circumstances which could have led to grave personal injury or death in the line of duty.

Sergeant Frederick's leadership, decisiveness, and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. His conduct clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Police Commendation Medal.

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Nominee Name: Police Officer Aaron Greenstein

Department: Police-Lincoln Tunnel

Award Category: Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

Police Officer Aaron Greenstein responded to the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 from the Lincoln Tunnel.

Officer Greenstein was directed by his supervisor to assist with the evacuation in the concourse level below Building 5. He immediately began evacuating people at the base of the escalator on the concourse level to the safety of the streets above. Officer Greenstein remained at that critical position, risking his own safety for the safety of others, directing countless victims up the motor stairs and to safety.

While at that critical location Two World Trade Center collapsed casting Officer Greenstein into total darkness. He had difficulty breathing and was totally disoriented.

Officer Greenstein was able to climb the escalator and exit the complex through Borders Bookstore. He immediately went to his vehicle, secured rescue equipment and reentered the World Trade Center in search of other victims.

Police Officer Greenstein actions exemplified extraordinary bravery and exceptionally good judgment in face of circumstances which could have led to highly undesirable consequences had he not taken decisive steps to avoid further injuries.

Police Officer Greenstein's decisiveness and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. His conduct clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Police Commendation Medal.

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**SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 SPECIAL AWARDS PROGRAM
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Nominee Name: Police Officer James Hall

Department: Police-CPP/CVI

Award Category: Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

Police Officer James Hall responded to the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 from the Port Authority Bus Terminal.

As he neared the raging fires at the World Trade Center, it was clearly evident to Police Officer Hall that he was entering an area of extreme danger. Ignoring his own safety he pressed forward, acting in concert with a team of four other Port Authority Officers to the 15th floor of One World Trade Center.

Officer Hall and his team and searched for, and effectively evacuated hundreds of innocent victims, demonstrating exceptionally good judgment which resulted in saving of untold lives. He slowed his own dissent, thereby further risking his own life, assisting in carrying a heavyset fellow Port Authority employee down numerous flights of stairs to safety.

Officer Hall narrowly escaped One World Trade Center moments before it collapsed and was able to save his own life by diving through a broken window in the Customs House, as tons of steel and concrete were falling all around him.

As the hours wore on Officer Hall performed whatever tasks deemed necessary by his immediate supervisors, acting within a team to do whatever he was called on to do in order assist in the recovery.

Police Officer Hall's decisiveness and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. His conduct clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Police Commendation Medal.

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**SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 SPECIAL AWARDS PROGRAM
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Nominee Name: Captain John Kassimatis

Department: Police-George Washington Bridge

Award Category: Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

On September 11, 2001 then Police Lieutenant John Kassimatis responded to the World Trade Center from the Port Authority Bus Terminal.

As he was approaching the raging fires at the Trade Center Lieutenant Kassimatis was acutely aware he was entering an area of extreme danger. After conferring with Command Staff he responded to the Plaza level of the North Tower and directed fleeing victims down to the concourse and out to safety.

Lieutenant Kassimatis remained at that critical location, risking his own life for the lives of others, until Two World Trade Center collapsed just yards away from him. The hurricane force winds and debris knocked the lieutenant to the ground and made breathing nearly impossible.

After a short time Lieutenant Kassimatis was able to reorient himself and call other victims toward him. He, along with Police Officer Croce and Inspector Fields were able to negotiate the perilous terrain and safely lead these victims outside to West Street and away from potential death.

Lieutenant Kassimatis' actions exemplified extraordinary bravery and exceptionally good judgment in face of circumstances which could have led to highly undesirable consequences had he not taken decisive steps to avoid further injuries.

Lieutenant Kassimatis' leadership and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. His conduct clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Police Commendation Medal.

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**SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 SPECIAL AWARDS PROGRAM
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Nominee Name: Police Officer Susan Keane

Department: Police-Port Authority Bus Terminal

Award Category: Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

Police Officer Susan Keane responded to the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 from the Manhattan Criminal Court.

As she neared the conflagration that was the World Trade Center, it was clearly evident to Officer Keane that she was entering an area of extreme danger. Ignoring her own safety she pressed forward, positioning herself in the Lobby of Building One directing victims out of the staircase and to safety.

Officer Keane remained at that location fighting choking smoke and debris that made it nearly impossible to breathe. She was assisting an elderly gentleman to safety when she realized debris was blocking the exit door to a critical staircase preventing officers and civilians from exiting. Officer Keane was able to clear the obstruction and continued to climb up another six stories directing people out and search for additional victims.

Officer Keane, along with other NYPD and FDNY units, guided groups of victims across the Plaza evading falling bodies and debris to the safety of Buildings Five and Six.

Police Officer Keane's decisiveness and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. Her conduct clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Police Commendation Medal.

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Nominee Name: Police Officer Kurt Kellinger

Department: Police-CPP/CVI

Award Category: Police Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

Police Officer Kurt Kellinger responded to the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 from the George Washington Bridge.

As Officer Kellinger approached the towers it was clearly evident that he was approaching extreme danger.

Without hesitation Officer Kellinger continued his response, putting his own safety at risk, assisting countless victims who were running away from the World Trade Center toward him as he continued to run forward to the peril in front of him.

Risking his own life, Officer Kellinger responded as part of a rescue team up to the 19th floor of One World Trade Center and searched for, and effectively evacuated hundreds of innocent victims to safety. He demonstrated exceptionally good judgment which resulted in saving uncounted lives.

Police Officer Kellinger's decisiveness and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. His conduct clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Police Commendation Medal.

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**SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 SPECIAL AWARDS PROGRAM
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Nominee Name: Sergeant Conrad Krueger

Department: Police-Police Academy

Award Category: Police Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

Sergeant Krueger responded to the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 from the PATC in Jersey City, NJ.

As he neared the conflagration that was the World Trade Center, it was clearly evident to Sergeant Krueger that he was entering an area of extreme danger. Ignoring his own safety he pressed forward, leading a rescue team of two other Port Authority Police Officers to the 14th floor of Tower One.

Sergeant Krueger accomplished the evacuation of hundreds of innocent victims to safety, demonstrating exceptionally good judgment which resulted in saving of uncounted lives.

Sergeant Krueger narrowly escaped death himself, emerging from the Plaza Level of One World Trade Center moments before it collapsed. Sergeant Krueger was able to seek refuge along side inner wall of Building Six as the debris from One World Trade Center fell around him. Sergeant Krueger was treated for broken toes and eye injuries.

Sergeant Krueger's actions exemplified extraordinary bravery in face of circumstances which could have led to grave personal injury or death in the line of duty.

Sergeant Krueger's leadership, decisiveness, and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. His conduct clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Police Commendation Medal.

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**SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 SPECIAL AWARDS PROGRAM
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Nominee Name: Police Officer David LeClaire

Department: Police-Police Academy

Award Category: Police Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

Police Officer David LeClaire responded to the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 from the PATC in Jersey City, NJ.

As approached the raging fires at the World Trade Center, it was clearly evident to him that he was entering an area of extreme danger. Ignoring his own safety he pressed forward, entering One World Trade Center through VIP Drive.

Officer LeClaire was primarily positioned in the vicinity of PATH Square and the hallway leading to the 'A' Train. He assisted in the evacuation by directing of hundreds of innocent victims to safety, demonstrating exceptionally good judgment which resulted in saving of uncounted lives.

At 9:59 AM when Two World Trade Center collapsed Officer LeClaire was picked up by the force of the wind and hurled across the concourse slamming into a wall. As he recovered from this catastrophic event he was able to shine his flashlight and call out to others to come toward him. Forming a human chain he led an unknown number of victims to safety by finding an exit through the subway entrance.

On the first landing of the entrance to the subway Officer LeClaire found a NYPD Officer lying on the ground with a severe knee injury. Police Officer LeClaire picked up the officer and brought to an ambulance out on the Church Street.

Officer LeClaire's actions exemplified extraordinary bravery in face of circumstances which could have led to grave personal injury in the line of duty.

Officer LeClaire's leadership, decisiveness, and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. His conduct clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Police Commendation Medal.

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**SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 SPECIAL AWARDS PROGRAM
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Nominee Name: Police Officer David Lim

Department: Police-CPP K-9

Award Category: Police Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

Police Officer David Lim was working at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 with his K-9 partner Siris.

As soon as he felt the explosion he immediately secured Siris and began to investigate what had happened.

Without hesitation Officer Lim responded upstairs and found victims in need of his assistance. He continued his response, putting his own safety at risk, climbing up the 'B' Staircase evacuating people from each floor and directing them out of the tower to safety.

On or about the 40th floor Officer Lim joined group of FDNY firemen who were assisting a distraught woman down the staircase. When they reached the 5th floor One World Trade Center came crashing down around them. Officer Lim dove on top of the woman to protect her from the debris. Miraculously the building fell around them and spared all their lives.

The group was trapped for an extended period of time. As the smoke and debris cleared they realized the magnitude of what has occurred.

Officer Lim and his team were eventually able to climb through the fires and debris to safety.

Police Officer Lim's decisiveness and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. His conduct clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Police Commendation Medal.

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Nominee Name: Police Officer Patrick Lucas

Department: Police-Lincoln Tunnel

Award Category: Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

Police Officer Patrick Lucas responded to the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 from the Lincoln Tunnel.

As he neared the conflagration that was the World Trade Center, it was clearly evident to Police Officer Lucas that he was entering an area of extreme danger. Ignoring his own safety he pressed forward, acting in concert with a team of four other Port Authority Officers to the 24th floor of One World Trade Center.

Officer Lucas and his team searched for, and effectively evacuated hundreds of innocent victims, demonstrating exceptionally good judgment which resulted in saving of untold lives. He slowed his own descent, thereby further risking his own life, assisting in carrying a heavyset fellow Port Authority employee down numerous flights of stairs to safety.

Officer Lucas was able to safely exit One World Trade Center moments before it collapsed. In that time he continued to assist victims away from impending catastrophic injury until he was finally overcome by the smoke and debris of the falling North Tower.

Police Officer Lucas' decisiveness and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. His conduct clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Police Commendation Medal.

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Nominee Name: Police Officer Stephen Maggett

Department: Police-World Trade Center

Award Category: Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

Police Officer Stephen Maggett was on duty working the 7x3 tour at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

Officer Maggett was in the Police Desk area handling the Property Clerk Detail when the first aircraft struck One World Trade Center. He immediately responded to the lobby of Building Five and assisted in evacuating hundreds of people out of the complex. Officer Maggett ultimately returned to the Police Desk to assist with emergency communications and coordination of arriving Port Authority police from other commands.

At 9:59 AM Officer Maggett was engulfed in the horrendous cloud of smoke and choking debris as Two World Trade Center collapsed. He gathered victims together and worked with a team of officers to lead them to safety through Boarders Bookstore.

Officer Maggett's actions exemplified extraordinary bravery in face of circumstances which could have led to grave personal injury or death in the line of duty.

Officer Maggett's, decisiveness and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. His conduct clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Police Commendation Medal.

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**SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 SPECIAL AWARDS PROGRAM
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Nominee Name: Police Detective Thomas McHale

Department: Police-Detectives

Award Category: Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

Police Detective Thomas McHale was on duty at One Police Plaza in lower Manhattan on September 11, 2001.

Detective McHale responded to the World Trade Center moments after the first aircraft struck One World Trade Center. He assisted in evacuating victims from the Austin Tobin Plaza and then responded to the Police Desk to assist in the criminal investigation.

Detective McHale was subsequently engulfed in the horrendous cloud of choking smoke and debris. As soon as he was physically able he went back toward the devastation and assisted in the continuing evacuation. He later was a part of the rescue team which was finally able to extricate Police Officer Will Jimeno from the debris many hours after the fall of the North Tower.

Detective McHale's actions exemplified extraordinary bravery in face of circumstances which could have led to grave personal injury or death in the line of duty.

Detective McHale's decisiveness and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. His conduct clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Police Commendation Medal.

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Nominee Name: Police Officer Sharon Miller

Department: Police-Lincoln Tunnel

Award Category: Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

Police Officer Sharon Miller responded to the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 from the Port Authority Technical Center in Jersey City, N. J.

As she neared the conflagration that was the World Trade Center, it was clearly evident to Police Officer Miller that she was entering an area of extreme danger. Ignoring her own safety she pressed forward, acting in concert with a team of five other Port Authority Officers to the 24th floor of One World Trade Center.

Officer Miller and her team and searched for, and effectively assisted in evacuating hundreds of innocent victims, demonstrating exceptionally good judgment which resulted in saving of untold lives. Officer Miller was with her team on the 27th floor when the evacuation order came for all emergency responders to evacuate the building.

Officer Miller was able to safely exit One World Trade Center moments before it collapsed.

Police Officer Miller's decisiveness and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. Her conduct clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Police Commendation Medal.

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**SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 SPECIAL AWARDS PROGRAM
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Nominee Name: Chief of Department Joseph Morris

Department: Police-Headquarters

Award Category: Police Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

On September 11, 2001 then Port Authority Police Inspector Joseph Morris was on duty as the Commanding Officer at LaGuardia Airport.

At 8:55 AM upon learning of American Airlines Flight 11 crashing into Tower One of the World Trade Center, Inspector Morris immediately called for a mobilization of all available manpower to respond to the scene. These actions were crucial to the most successful life saving evacuation (25,000 people) in our nation's history.

As he neared the raging fires at the World Trade Center it was clearly evident to Inspector Morris that he was entering an area of extreme danger. Ignoring his own safety he pressed forward, taking control of responding personal from all twelve Port Authority commands.

From the moment he arrived on the scene, and continuing through the entire event, the Inspector assessed and directed rescue and evacuation efforts from a staging area at the base of One World Trade Center.

As the situation continued to deteriorate Inspector Morris made constant reassessments which resulted in his crucial decision to prevent additional rescue workers from entering the complex. Guided by experience, expert knowledge of the facility, and training, he staged rescue workers at the Command Post until a comprehensive plan of attack could be formulated. This decision undoubtedly saved over fifty Port Authority Officers from certain death.

Inspector Morris' actions exemplified extraordinary bravery in face of circumstances which could have led to grave personal injury or his own death in the line of duty.

Inspector Morris' command presence, decisiveness, and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. His conduct clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Commendation Medal.

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**SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 SPECIAL AWARDS PROGRAM
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Nominee Name: Chief Joe Morris

Department: Public Safety

Award Category: Medal of Valor (Police)

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

Following the collapse of 2 World Trade Center, Chief Morris was instrumental in corralling and ordering more than 200 Port Authority Police, FDNY, NYPD into the Borough of Manhattan Community College auditorium. This diverse group just wanted to respond to the WTC and the Chief had to use some pretty tough language and tactics to gain order and begin having them assemble into search teams. Meanwhile he sent Chief Hall, Alan Reiss, Capt. Whitaker and Carla Bonacci as a team to assess the condition of One WTC. During their assessment, 1 WTC collapsed.

Chief Morris's extraordinary leadership that day prevented potentially more than two hundred additional uniformed officers from perishing that day. He exhibited extraordinary valor and demonstrated exceptionally good leadership that resulted in saving lives and is hereby recommended for the Medal of Honor.

Alan Reiss

**SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 SPECIAL AWARDS PROGRAM
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Nominee Name: Police Officer Raymond Murray

Department: Police-World Trade Center

Award Category: Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

Police Officer Raymond Murray was on duty working the 7x3 tour at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

Officer Murray was in the Police Desk area and immediately began assisting Desk Officer Brady when the first aircraft struck One World Trade Center. He made crucial notifications ensuring rapid response of emergency rescue workers. Officer Murray assisted in coordinating logistics and keeping field supervisors informed on the situation.

Officer Murray was subsequently engulfed in the horrendous cloud of smoke and debris as Two World Trade Center collapsed sending tons of steel and concrete just yards from his location. He was submerged into total darkness and choking smoke. Officer Murray, with the cooperation of six other Port Authority police officers, assisted in providing a path for shocked victims and led them out of the area and to safety.

Officer Murray's actions exemplified extraordinary bravery in face of circumstances which could have led to grave personal injury or death in the line of duty.

Officer Murray's, decisiveness and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. His conduct clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Police Commendation Medal.

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Nominee Name: Police Detective Ronald Nafey

Department: Police-Detectives PATH

Award Category: Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

Police Detective Nafey was on duty at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

Detective Nafey responded to the Police Desk and assisted with injured victims immediately after the first aircraft struck One World Trade Center. He was interviewing witnesses and gathering information when Two World Trade Center collapsed just a short distance from his location.

Detective Nafey was subsequently engulfed in the horrendous cloud of choking smoke and debris. Detective Nafey in unison with six other Port Authority police officers gathered all civilian victims with them and formed a human chain and evacuated the area. Detective Nafey assisted a woman who was extremely upset and disorientated. He used the "buddy" breathing method from his ScottAir Pac to calm her and lead her to safety.

Detective Nafey's actions exemplified extraordinary bravery in face of circumstances which could have led to grave personal injury or death in the line of duty.

Detective Nafey's decisiveness and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. His conduct clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Police Commendation Medal.

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Nominee Name: Police Inspector Timothy Norris

Department: Police-PATH

Award Category: Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

Police Inspector Timothy Norris responded to the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 from the Journal Square Transportation Center in Jersey City, New Jersey.

Inspector Norris responded into the Lobby of One World Trade Center and directed and assisted in the evacuation of countless victims. Inspector Norris conferred with other supervisory staff members on duty inside the World Trade Center and developed an evacuation plan of escape for thousands of innocent victims exiting the burning inferno. Inspector Norris traversed the complex, risking his own safety for the safety of others, aiding numerous victims throughout the concourse and directed them to safety.

Inspector Norris was overcome by smoke and debris while he was setting up a Command Post at the World Trade Center Police Desk when the Two World Trade Center collapsed. Inspector Norris directed a team of at least six other police officers who lead a group of thirty people to safety from the devastation near the Police Desk, and out to the relative safety of Church Street, through Borders Books Store.

After escaping the potential injury Inspector Norris again risked his own life by returning inside the World Trade Center to search for additional victims of the catastrophe. Just moments before the second collapsed Inspector Norris discovered a victim's bloody arm under the pile of debris in the corridor leading to Building 4. He, along with four other rescue workers, dug the victim out of the debris and carried him outside just as One World Trade Center was falling.

Inspector Norris actions exemplified extraordinary bravery and exceptionally good judgment in face of circumstances which could have led to highly undesirable consequences had he not taken decisive steps to avoid further injuries.

Inspector Norris' leadership, decisiveness, and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. His conduct clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Police Commendation Medal.

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**SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 SPECIAL AWARDS PROGRAM
NOMINATION FORM**

Nominee Name: Police Detective Richard Paugh

Department: Police-Detectives WTC

Award Category: Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

Police Detective Richard Paugh was on duty working the 7x3 tour at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

Detective Paugh was entering the Police Desk when he heard and felt the effects of the first terrorist airplane striking One World Trade Center. He immediately assisted the injured victims who had walked to the police desk in need of immediate aid.

Detective Paugh was assisting in gathering information and securing evidence for the criminal investigation into the event when Two World Trade Center collapsed, causing power outages and debris to overwhelm the entire police desk area.

Detective Paugh was subsequently engulfed in the horrendous cloud of choking smoke and debris. Detective Paugh, in unison with six other Port Authority police officers, gathered all civilian victims with them and formed a human chain and evacuated the perilous area, through Boarders Books, and out to Church St.

Detective Paugh's actions exemplified extraordinary bravery in face of circumstances which could have led to grave personal injury or death in the line of duty.

Detective Paugh's decisiveness and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. His conduct clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Police Commendation Medal.

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**SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 SPECIAL AWARDS PROGRAM
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Nominee Name: Police Officer Barry Pikaard

Department: Police-Lincoln Tunnel

Award Category: Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

Police Officer Barry Pikaard responded to the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 from the Lincoln Tunnel.

As he neared the conflagration that was the World Trade Center, it was clearly evident to Police Officer Pikkard that he was entering an area of extreme danger. Ignoring his own safety he pressed forward, acting in concert with a team of four other Port Authority Officers to the 15th floor of One World Trade Center.

Officer Pikaard and his team and searched for, and effectively evacuated hundreds of innocent victims, demonstrating exceptionally good judgment which resulted in saving of untold lives. He slowed his own dissent, thereby further risking his own life, assisting in carrying a heavysset fellow Port Authority employee down numerous flights of stairs to safety.

Officer Pikaard narrowly escaped One World Trade Center moments before it collapsed. He continued to evacuate victims north on West Street and share the air from his ScottAir Pac with individuals having difficulty breathing.

Police Officer Pikaard's decisiveness and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. His conduct clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Police Commendation Medal.

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**SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 SPECIAL AWARDS PROGRAM
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Nominee Name: Police Officer Juan Rivero

Department: Police-CPP/CVI

Award Category: Police Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

Police Officer Juan Rivero responded to the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 from the Port Authority Bus Terminal.

As Officer Rivero approached the towers it was clearly evident that he was approaching extreme danger.

Without hesitation Officer Rivero continued his response, putting his own safety at risk, assisting countless victims who were running away from the World Trade Center as he continued to run forward to the peril in front of him.

Risking his own life, Officer Rivero responded as part of a rescue team up to the 20th floor of One World Trade Center and searched for, and effectively evacuated hundreds of innocent victims to safety. He demonstrated exceptionally good judgment which resulted in saving uncounted lives. Officer Rivero personally carried an elderly woman down the stairwell and out to a waiting ambulance.

Officer Rivero was returning to the World Trade Center in a vehicle driven by Police Officer George Howard when the second tower fell just escaping certain death.

Police Officer Rivero's decisiveness and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. His conduct clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Police Commendation Medal.

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**SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 SPECIAL AWARDS PROGRAM
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Nominee Name: Police Officer Andrew Rodriguez

Department: Police-Police Academy

Award Category: Police Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

Police Officer Andrew Rodriguez responded to the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 from the PATC in Jersey City, NJ.

As he neared the raging fires at the World Trade Center, it was clearly evident to him that he was entering an area of extreme danger. Ignoring his own safety he pressed forward, entering One World Trade Center through VIP Drive.

Officer Rodriguez assisted in the evacuation directing of hundreds of innocent victims to safety, demonstrating exceptionally good judgment which resulted in saving of uncounted lives.

Sergeant Michael Edwards and Officer Andrew Rodriguez carried a woman who was burnt and having difficulty breathing out of the building just as Two World Trade Center collapsed engulfing them in a horrendous cloud of choking smoke and debris.

Officer Rodriguez actions exemplified extraordinary bravery in face of circumstances which could have led to grave personal injury in the line of duty.

Officer Rodriguez's decisiveness and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. His conduct clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Police Commendation Medal.

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**SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 SPECIAL AWARDS PROGRAM
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Nominee Name: Police Officer Joseph Szczepanski

Department: Police-PATH

Award Category: Police Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

Police Officer Joseph Szczepanski was on duty at the PATH 7x3 tour, Post 5, on September 11, 2001. He responded for a call for assistance at the World Trade Center at 9:00 AM, by commandeering a New York City taxi cab from his post at 33rd Street in Manhattan with Police Officer Kenneth Tietjen.

Officer Szczepanski was assigned to the main concourse level to assist civilians being evacuated from the two towers of the World Trade Center. Working in conjunction other Port Authority Police Officers under the direction of Sergeant Martin Duane he directed and effectively ushered hundreds of innocent victims to safety from the stricken buildings, demonstrating exceptionally good judgment which resulted in saving lives.

Officer Szczepanski was subsequently engulfed in the unspeakable cloud of smoke and debris as Two World Trade Center collapsed while he was aiding victims in the area of the Gap Store. He was thrown off his feet and submerged into total darkness and choking smoke. In the dark eerie abyss Officer Szczepanski used his flashlight to gather other victims to him and, forming a human chain, assisted in leading a contingent of four other victims to safety.

On a day of when uncommon valor was commonplace, Officer Szczepanski's actions exemplified extraordinary bravery in face of circumstances which could have led to grave personal injury or death in the line of duty.

Officer Szczepanski's decisiveness and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. His conduct clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Police Commendation Medal.

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**SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 SPECIAL AWARDS PROGRAM
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Nominee Name: Police Detective James Wheeler

Department: Police-Detectives-Inspector Generals Office

Award Category: Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

Police Detective James Wheeler was on duty at the World Trade Center, assigned to the Inspector Generals Office, on September 11, 2001.

Detective Wheeler was with his partner Detective John Fitzgerald in a vehicle driving southbound on West St., just opposite VIP Drive, when the first terrorist aircraft struck One World Trade Center.

Detective Wheeler immediately took cover, assessed the situation and began a simultaneous rescue and criminal investigation.

Without hesitation Detective Wheeler personally ordered security managers in office complexes in the area to evacuate all personal from their buildings. Risking his own safety, he coordinated with NYPD officers on the scene in directing hundreds of terrified victims away from certain injury or death.

Following the second terrorist aircraft striking Tower Two, while he was continuing to evacuate people away from danger, Detective Wheeler located a cameraman who had captured that event on video. Detective Wheeler secured the evidence and returned it to the Police Desk to enhance the ongoing criminal investigation.

Detective Wheeler was on Church and Fulton Streets when Tower Two collapsed. Diving for cover in a subway entrance, he was overtaken by choking smoke and shrapnel laden debris. He continued to assist other victims returning inside Five World Trade Center, searching for victims, following the collapse of the North Tower.

Detective Wheeler's actions exemplified extraordinary bravery in face of circumstances which could have led to grave personal injury or death in the line of duty.

Detective Wheeler's decisiveness and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. His conduct clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Police Commendation Medal.

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**SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 SPECIAL AWARDS PROGRAM
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Nominee Name: Police Captain Anthony Whitaker

Department: Police-World Trade Center

Award Category: Police Commendation Medal

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

On September 11, 2001 Port Authority Police Captain Anthony Whitaker was on duty as the Commanding Officer at the World Trade Center.

At 8:48 AM just seconds after American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into Tower One of the World Trade Center, after making a crucial assessment of what had occurred, Captain Whitaker took charge of the situation and deployed his manpower to strategic areas throughout the World Trade Center complex. These actions set in motion the most successful life saving evacuation (25,000 people) in our nation's history.

At 9:00 AM Captain Whitaker made the critical decision to begin the immediate evacuation of the entire World Trade Center Complex. This decisive action directly resulted in the safe exodus of thousands of people who worked at, and visited the World Trade Center.

At the outset of this terrorist act, and continuing through the entire event, the Captain assessed and directed rescue and evacuation efforts while the impossible situation deteriorated into the most stunning catastrophe in American history.

As a direct result of Captain Whitakers' quick thinking and strong leadership untold thousands of people were safely ushered through the massive complex away from imminent death or severe injury. He repeatedly traversed the complex risking his own life for the lives of others, while supervising hundreds of emergency rescue workers in a concerted effort to save lives.

As the situation continued to deteriorate Captain Whitaker made constant reassessments which resulted in his crucial decision to withdraw rescue workers as the stability of the towers became evident to him. Guided by experience, expert knowledge of the facility, and training, he prevented additional Police Officers from entering the complex. This decision undoubtedly saved over fifty Port Authority Officers from certain death.

Captain Whitaker's decisive leadership, command presence, and his commitment to duty resulted in the savings of thousands of lives on one of the darkest days in American history.

Captain Whitaker's actions exemplified extraordinary bravery in face of circumstances which could have led to grave personal injury or his own death in the line of duty.

Captain Whitaker's leadership, decisiveness, and personal courage reflect the highest traditions of Port Authority Police Service. His conduct clearly satisfies both the criteria and spirit of a Port Authority Commendation Medal.

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**SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 SPECIAL AWARDS PROGRAM
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Nominee Name: Numerous

Department: Airborne Services Unit 116

Award Category: Award For Exceptional Service (Team)

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

The following individuals should be recognized for their selfless contribution and support services in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 tragedy.

Thompson Chase	24094	Helicopter Pilot
Paul Esposito	26882	Flight Operations Chief
Chuck Howard	29387	Helicopter Pilot
Alan Leigh	28813	Flight Dept. Chief
Michael Pignataro	27853	Helicopter Pilot
Donald Schultz	36000	Helicopter Mechanic
Steven Strollo	36317	Technical Inspector

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Nominee Name: John Paczkowski/Capt. Ron Styker

Department: Office of the Chief Operating Officer/Public Safety Department

Award Category: Team Commendation Award

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

The recovery of the Port Authority's operations following the events of 9/11 was due to the actions of a large number of people giving unselfishly of themselves. However, these individuals and group actions would not have been effective without an effective Emergency Operations process.

Even before 9/11 John Paczkowski and Ron Styker, with the help of colleagues such as Ezra Aviles, who was among those killed on that fateful day, had been working steadily towards the creation of an Emergency Management System, which would guide the Agency's actions in the event of an emergency.

This team not only had established contact and working protocols with the New Jersey Disaster Planning and Coordinating Council, which included state and local emergency organizations, but the N.J. State Police and Coast Guard. They had also established working relationships with the NYC Office of Emergency Management and the NY State Office of Emergency Management.

The preparations made prior to 9/11 were instrumental in providing the Agency with a model of organization to deal with this unexpected crisis.

Beyond these preparations however, the individuals displayed remarkable courage, determination and skill in implementing the Emergency Management Operation. Lacking a fully developed Emergency Operations Center, they were able to convert first an interim center at Journal Square, and while still in the midst of the crisis, move that center to the Port Authority Technical Center without missing a beat.

Together, they marshaled the support and coordinated the efforts of all the operating departments including Public Safety as we sought to manage the crisis internally as well as serving as the key contact and communications source with all the emergency services

outside the Agency. This team was available and operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week for months providing the core of our emergency and operations communications.

For their unwavering display of excellence, perseverance, innovativeness under pressure and overall skill the team of John Paczkowski and Ron Stryker are nominated for a Team Commendation.

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NOMINATION FORM (Revised)

Nominee Name: Numerous

Department: Retired Police Employees

Award Category: Award for Exceptional Service (Retired)

Description of Extraordinary Act/Contribution:

The following retired Port Authority Police employees gave of themselves unselfishly at various facilities including the World Trade Center Rescue and Recovery Site.

Chief Frank Fox	Dep. Insp. Steven Brown	
Dep. Insp. Francis Tabert	Lt. Claude Haynes	
D/Sgt. Carmine Spano	Lt. Anthony Zeoli	
Sgt. Peter Cantilina	Lt. Chester Weekes	
PO Kenneth McCabe	Lt. Eugene Smith	
PO John Soltes	PO Dominick Ricigliano	
PO Kenneth Cordo	PO Richard Radoian	
PO Joseph Audino	PO Tyrone McCall	
PO William Haubert	PO Lawrence Ayers	
PO Sandor Drucker	Captain John Collins	
Captain Michael Harrington	Lt. William Desmond	
Lt. Robert Campion	Lt. Michael Vergura	
Lt. Henry Deppert	Sgt. Henry Drew	
D/Sgt. William Albach	Sgt. William Callahan	
Sgt. Joseph Carella	Det. August Colendenski	
PO Anthony Latacz	PO Richard Barker	
Lt. Donald Serpico	PO Joseph Nigro	
PO James Billia	PO Jack Giordano	
Sgt. Jack O'Connor	Lt. Domenick Varricchio	
PO Peter McTiernan	Sgt. Joseph Sroka	
Det. Barbara Mahon	PO Leon Bienkowski	
Lt. Deloss Raymond	Lt. George Kelly	
Sgt. Gennaro Aprile	Sgt. Thomas Cierzo	
Lt. William Hoover	D/Sgt. John Apel Jr.	
D/Sgt. Kenneth Campbell	D/Sgt. Daniel Karas	
D/Sgt. Charles Pidgeon	PO Jose Tapia	
PO Michael Horton	Sgt. Joseph Giardina	
Sgt. Robert Szakacs	Sgt. Richard Pavlick	
Lt. Michael Cibenko	PO Frank Garcia	
PO Jose Serrano	PO Frank Madonna	
D/Sgt. Richard Canale	PO William Lynch	
PO Robert Stelze	PO Michael Barry (PATH)	
PO Steven Vitale	PO Richard Howell	
PO John Miller	PO Peter Smircich	
Lt. Michael Carnevale	PO Jonathan Boags	
PO David Bosco	Sgt. Patrick DiBenedetto	

They should be commended for their tireless, extraordinary level of service and accomplishment in the aftermath of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center.

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