

# THE PRIDE OF THE HEIGHTS

## ENGINE 67 1898 - 1998

During the Revolutionary War, George Washington built a fort on a ridge of land facing the Hudson River where today is Fort Washington Avenue from W. 181st to 186th Streets. He also built several other forts in the area to protect this section on Manhattan. All of these forts were captured and used by the British Forces during the War. Because of the rocky land the area remained a poor farming community and was known as Harlem Heights. By the early 1800's most of New York's wealthy had large country estates and by 1870 the area was known as Washington Heights. In the early 1900's, some of the estates were being sold for development but the area was still rural. In 1904 the railroad lines had been extended up to W. 157th Street and by 1906 extended through the entire area. Washington Heights then started to grow.

As an area grows, the citizens require more city services, water, sewers, and paved streets and fire protection. The Secretary for the New York City Fire Department submitted a bill that was introduced by the New York State Senate for bonds to be used for the erection of a new firehouse on W. 170th Street near 10th Avenue (now Amsterdam Avenue). The bond was issued in late 1895. A lot had been purchased on November 9, 1893, for \$4,750.00 from Marcus L. Stiegletz and his wife. The lot measures 25 feet wide and 95 feet deep. The architect chosen for designing this house was Ernest Flagg and Walter Chambers. Construction of the building was started on October 5, 1897 and completed on June 30, 1898. The dimensions for the four-story building are 25 feet wide and 80 feet deep. The cost to build this new house was \$22,000, the lowest bid, with the highest bid being \$25,729.

Engine 67 was organized on August 21, 1898 in the new house at 518 W. 170th Street. This company was the northern most company in Manhattan at the time. The closest company to the south was Engine 38 at W. 155th Street, which was a combination company. The year of 1898 was a special year for the City of New York. It was the year that Manhattan, which included The Bronx at that time, merged with the City of Brooklyn, Long Island City, the western part of Queens County and Staten Island to create the City of Greater New York. Engine 67 was one of five fire companies established during the year of consolidation. Placed in service on June 4 were Engines 65, & 66, and Engine 68 and Ladder 23 went in service on August 23.

The first floor had room for a steam engine and hose wagon. To the left of the apparatus doors was the house watch and just behind it were stairs to the second floor. On the right side was a hose tower that went from the basement to the fourth floor. Along each sidewall were three stalls for the horses. In the rear was a room where the hay, feed, and straw were kept for the horses. The second floor front had the office for the Company Commander and a bathroom. Also on this floor was a reading room, bunkroom and bathroom for the firemen. The third floor was the locker room and another reading room. The fourth floor, which was used as an attic, is only twenty feet deep.

The first members of Engine 67 were, Foreman Louis L. Siegman, Assistant Foreman Michael J. Fitzgerald, Engineers of Steamer Patrick Doyle, and John W. Gartland, and Firemen John H. Link, Michael Mahoney, Michael Wall, Peter H. Ward, Arthur McCooney, Frank Cavanagh and George J. Volze.

The work chart was easy to remember and there was no worrying about a mutual partner. The life of a fireman was a hard one, both physically and on one's personal life. A fireman worked 24 hours a day with three 24-hour leaves per month, plus two 12-hour leaves that could not be added to the 24 hour leave. He could go home for meals each day for three hours in any combination of three one-hour breaks, or two, one and one half-hour breaks or one, three hour break.

The horses were kings in the fire department during this time. On a cold winter's night after fighting a fire for five or six hours, the first thing a fireman would do once back at quarters would be to take care of the horses. They would be watered, rubbed down, dried down, and fed before any fireman would change his wet clothes. The horses had an ambulance many years before the firemen did.

Engine 67's first apparatus was an 1898 LaFrance 4<sup>th</sup> size steamer, which could pump between 300 and 500 gallons per minute. The hose wagon was a new Sebastian 3<sup>rd</sup> size four wheel tender. Three horses for the steamer and two horses for the wagon pulled these rigs. The fire horse was the biggest and smartest of their kind. Some could count the bells and know the boxes on which the company would respond. Most could walk up the stairs and that was why the circular stairs were installed.

The horses were replaced on May 12, 1919, with a new 1918 American LaFrance 700-gpm pumper. Throughout the country, when the horses were replaced, many firemen would transfer to another company with horses or they retired. That showed how much the men loved the horses.

The fire service was and still is a very dangerous job. Early in Engine 67's history, one of its members was killed while performing his duty. Lieutenant Daniel Sheehan was killed while fighting a fire at 284 St. Nicholas Avenue. Lieutenant Sheehan had relieved the officer of Engine 37 for breakfast on November 5, 1905. Five minutes before being relieved by the officer of Engine 37, Box 778 was transmitted. The company responded and started laying hose lines and attacking the fire. A boiler on the fifth floor of this fire story building exploded blowing out 30 feet of brick wall. Lieutenant Sheehan and four of his men were entering the cellar through the airshaft when the wall came down on them. It took over ten minutes to dig the men out. Lieutenant Sheehan was killed instantly while the other four men received various injuries.

Every time a firefighter enters a burning building, he should receive a medal just for going into the building. Several members have earned medals for going beyond the call of duty. Fireman 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Robert W. Jackson earned the Thomas A. Kenny Memorial Medal for rescuing a woman from the third floor on May 13, 1960. Lieutenant James E. Shugrue, Jr., Firefighters Thomas E. Donnelly #2 and Joseph DiGilio earned medals for a building collapse at 501 W. 172<sup>nd</sup> Street on January 29, 1982. The night crew of December 25, 1997, Lieutenant William Welsh, and Firefighters Gilbert Gomez, Lee Fuchs, Jason Goldsmith, and William Staudt all received the New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation Medal. They were the first company to arrive at 501 W. 164<sup>th</sup> Street to find smoke pushing out of the second and third floors. They earned this medal for being aggressive on the third floor after the hose line burst.

In 100 years of service over 400 firefighters have passed through these doors and every one of them had one thing in common, protecting Washington Heights from the "Red Devil". No matter what the alarm was, a raging inferno, auto accident, lockout or today's EMS calls, Engine 67 has always been ready to roll out the door. As we progress into the next Century Engine 67 is looking forward to the next 100 years.

## **IN THE NEWSPAPERS**

**August 21, 1898**

The day is Sunday with a temperature of 76 degrees.

Many of the Nations Governors are asking the Federal Government to discharge the troops. Other Governors claim the men enjoy serving the country and want to stay in the service.

Colonel Teddy Roosevelt left Camp Montauk for Oyster Bay for four days of furlough. He is reported to say he does not want the nomination for Governor but he would not decline it either.

The Republican State Committee met yesterday at the 5th Avenue Hotel and decided to hold the State Convention in Saratoga, on September 27. Governor Black's friends are rallying support for his nomination.

Admiral Sampson's Squadron was sighted off Highlands's yesterday morning. The fleet of battleships *New York, Iowa, Indiana, Massachusetts, Oregon, Texas*, and the cruiser *Brooklyn* sailed up the North River at 8 knots to Grants Tomb. Each ship once opposite the tomb fired a 21-gun salute and turned around to anchor at Tompkinville, Staten Island.

Mrs. Christensen, the wife of a balloonist was killed at Jamaica Bay by falling from the balloon, 200 feet above the water.

The first mail sent to Spain since the beginning of the War with Spain left New York aboard the French Lines Steamship *La Normandie* yesterday.

The New York Giants beat the Cleveland team yesterday 4 to 3. They scored 2 runs in the top of the 9th inning. New York is in 5th place, 59 -44. Boston is in front place with a record 69 - 35. The team is off today.

"If you own a lot I will build you a nine room detached with all of the latest improvements for \$16.50 a month, total cost \$2,500," says Charles C. Manger, the largest builder of houses in the Country, 187 World Building, corner of Washington & Johnson Streets, Brooklyn.

102 W. 93rd Street; Elegant apartments overlooking the Park, "L" station near by, marble halls and stairways, hallman, steam heat and hot water, rents for \$40 to \$60 a month.

The Hotel St. Lorenz at 72nd Street & Lexington Avenue has fully furnished rooms at all prices. A parlor, bedroom, and bath for \$50.00 to 5 bedrooms and bath \$160 a month. Adults can add \$10.00 and a child \$8.00 a week for complete meals.

Grocery prices at Siegel Cooper & Co. located on 6th Avenue between 16th and 15th Streets: Chuck Steaks \$.08 a pound, Jersey Sweet Potatoes \$.40 for a bushel basket, butter 5 pound pail \$1.00, can of ripe tomatoes \$.09 a can, cocoa \$.35 a pound, fresh lemon crackers \$.05 a pound, NY State picked pea beans, 10 pounds for \$.25, Old Crow Whiskey \$.73 a bottle, and Cook's Rye Whiskey \$1.80 per bottle.

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK.

BUREAU CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT

New York August 20th, 1898

General Orders,  
No. 4

By direction of the Commissioner, Eng. Co. No. 67 will be organized to take effect from 8 A. M. on the 21st instant, equipped with a Steam Fire Engine and Hose Tender, and located on the south side of 170th Street between Audubon and Amsterdam Avenues, and assigned to the 12th Battalion. The Company District will be as follows:

North River, 165th Street, to Harlem River, to Spuyten Duyvil, to North River. The Company will be assigned to duty as follows:

First Alarm Stations: 2-155, 2-156, 2-162, 2-163, 2-165, 2-167, 2-171, 2-173, 2-176, 2-181, 2-183, 2-185, 2-188, 2-192, 2-195, 2-198, 2-214, 2-216, 2-217, 2-219, 2-223, 2-227, 2-229, 2-232, 2-233, 2-238, 2-239, 2-244, 2-247, 2-249, 2-257, 2-263, 2-264, 2-265, 2-267, 2-431, 2-452, 2-491, 2-492, 2-512, 2-551, 2-552, 2-554.

Second Alarm Stations: 2-133, 2-142, 2-147, 2-148, 2-157, 2-168, 2-178, 2-268, 2-272, 2-273, 2-274, 2-275, 2-277, 2-279, 2-281, 2-282, 2-284, 2-286, 2-287, 2-288, 2-292, 2-294, 2-295, 2-296, 2-297, 2-298.

Third Alarm Stations: 751, 752, 761, 762, 763, 781, 782, 786, 2-121, 2-123, 2-124, 2-135, 2-151, 2-184.

Fourth Alarm Stations: 752 and 2-129.

Note. Stations underscored (\_\_\_\_) first due and for fuel.

Special Building Signals. 3-565, 3-571

By Order of  
HUGH BONNER  
Chief of Department.

*The Department Order placing Engine 67 in Service on August 21, 1898.*

# 100 YEARS OF RUNNING

## RUNS & WORKERS

1898	12	4	1931	580	74	1965	1314	331
1899	29	9	1932	570	60	1966	1457	415
1900	24	8	1933	409	42	1967	1676	549
1901	38	13	1934	431	50	1968	2103	761
1902	22	6	1935	370	51	1969	2241	769
1903	41	16	1936	372	66	1970	2412	768
1904	37	12	1937	345	79	1971	2542	784
1905	80	29	1938	334	64	1972	2718	910
1906	51	18	1939	393	85	1973	2600	1051
1907	51	20	1940	325	77	1974	2932	1075
1908	41	14	1941	380	118	1975	3129	1327
1909	74	25	1942	297	81	1976	3628	1588
1910	115	69	1943	421	102	1977	3963	2107
1911	126	85	1944	550	130	1978	4524	2871
1912	150	75	1945	490	127	1979	2972	1503
1913	88	28	1946	545	151	1980	3777	2368
1914	103	42	1947	488	156	1981	3092	1827
1915	84	17	1948	471	165	1982	3079	1814
1916	113	31	1949	637	173	1983	2887	1673
1917	70	17	1950	628	158	1984	3059	1774
1918	119	33	1951	673	191	1985	3081	1777
1919	109	29	1952	774	234	1986	3036	1775
1920	118	39	1953	775	252	1987	3318	1850
1921	230	30	1954	988	238	1988	3459	1951
1922	224	45	1955	637	174	1989	3453	1913
1923	263	49	1956	677	216	1990	2310	1624
1924	289	46	1957	712	244	1991	3933	1985
1925	294	47	1958	695	201	1992	3920	2131
1926	335	63	1959	781	255	1993	3783	1977
1927	353	53	1960	809	234	1994	3371	1732
1928	392	59	1961	947	256	1995	3430	1762
1929	459	57	1962	1002	258	1996	3304	1876
1930	514	51	1963	1392	451	1997	3365	1970
			1964	1294	391			

**Total runs 126,108 and 57,331 workers in 100 years**

## **THE APPARATUS OF ENGINE 67**

1898 LaFrance 4th size steamer, 300-500 gpm, #400  
1895 LaFrance 3rd size steamer, 500-700 gpm, #335  
    1898 Sebastian 3rd size hose wagon  
    1898 Rumsey 2nd size hose wagon  
1918 American LaFrance, 700 gpm pumper, #2489  
1926 American LaFrance, 700 gpm pumper, #5604  
    1941 Mack, 1000 gpm pumper, #1025  
    1958 Mack, 750 gpm pumper, #1016  
    1970 Mack, 1000 gpm pumper, #MP7042  
    1979 Mack, 1000 gpm pumper, #MP7953  
1984 Mack/Ward 79, 1000 gpm pumper, MP8417  
1993 Seagrave, 1000 gpm pumper, SP9373

# ROLL CALL 1898 - 1998

**1898**

Foreman Louis L. Siegman  
Assistant Foreman Michael J. Fitzgerald

## Engineers of Steamer

Patrick Doyle

John W. Gartland

## Firemen

John H. Link  
Michael Mahoney  
Michael Wall  
Peter H. Ward

Arthur McCooley  
Frank Cavanagh  
George J. Volze

**1998**

Capt. Thomas Kavanagh

Lt. Dennis Gilhooly

Lt. Francis  
Occhiogrosso

Lt. William Welsh

## Firefighters

FF. Scott Batterberry  
FF. George Brady  
FF. Robert Coffey  
FF. Robert Dugan  
FF. Richard Fellegara  
FF. Daniel Florenco  
FF. Lee Fuchs

FF. Gilbert Gomez  
FF. William Hanley  
FF. John Holzapfel  
FF. Jack Kelly  
FF. Matt Madtes  
FF. James Mara  
FF. Michael Minnock

FF. Larry Muccini  
FF. Norberto Pratts  
FF. Abdu Salim  
FF. William Staudt  
FF. James Sullivan  
FF. Joseph Vogelsang  
FF. Michael Willman

## PASSING THRU ON ROTATION

FF. James Brown  
FF. David Carpenter  
FF. James Deering

FF. Jason Diaz  
FF. Mike Gatto  
FF. Jason Goldsmith

FF. Bill Maurer  
FF. Paul Patsos  
FF. Otto Rodriguez

## CAPTAINS

CAPT. LOUIS L. SIEGMAN 1898  
1900  
CAPT. PATRICK FOLEY 1900  
1900  
CAPT. LOUIS L. SIEGMAN 1900  
1904  
CAPT. PATRICK FOLEY 1904  
1908  
CAPT. CHARLES SCHURINBERSKY  
1908 1909  
CAPT. JAMES J. FLAHERTY  
1910 1911  
CAPT. CORNELIUS J. DUGGAN  
1911 1922  
CAPT. WILLIAM H. GRADY 1922  
1928  
CAPT. RUDOLPH WOLKEN 1929  
1938  
CAPT. PATRICK G. GRIFFIN  
1938 1943  
CAPT. FRANCIS G. FREDERICK  
1943 1954  
CAPT. DAVID J. FLYNN (2) 1954  
1955  
CAPT. JERMON B. SINGER 1955  
1963  
CAPT. FRANCIS W. VOOSSEN  
1955 1955  
CAPT. JOSEPH A. HENNING  
1963 1964  
CAPT. THOMAS R. CLEMENTS  
1964 1965  
CAPT. JAMES McCOSKER 1965  
1968  
CAPT. FREDERICK W. WEIGOLD, JR.  
1965 1965  
CAPT. CHARLES L. BEHERNS  
1968 1970  
CAPT. VITO PUZZIFERRI 1970  
1974  
CAPT. WILLIAM F. BOWLER  
1974 1976  
CAPT. JOHN J. DENNING 1976  
1980  
CAPT. PATRICK HIGGINS 1980  
1982  
CAPT. RICHARD J. RITTMAYER  
1982 1987  
CAPT. DONALD D. BORTHWICK  
1987 1992  
CAPT. ANDREW F. HARDING  
1993 1994  
CAPT. ROGER J. GAGNON 1994  
1995  
CAPT. THOMAS P. KAVANAGH  
1996 ACT

## LIEUTENANTS

LT. MICHAEL J. FITZGERALD 1898  
1899  
LT. PETER ANDREW JR 1899  
1901  
LT. FRANCIS Mc GUNIESS 1901  
1902  
LT. DANIEL J. SHEEHAN 1902  
1905  
LT. WILLIAM J. FOSTER 1906  
1907  
LT. GEORGE TRITENBACH 1906  
1916  
LT. PATRICK J. SULLIVAN #5 1916  
1920  
LT. FRANK R. CASEY 1920  
1935  
LT. ARTHUR ROONEY 1920  
1922  
LT. MICHAEL J. POWERS 1936  
1937  
LT. JOHN A. CALLAHAN 1937  
1948  
LT. HENRY DONAGHY 1938  
1943  
LT. DAVID L. GARRICK 1938  
1939  
LT. JOHN J. LOFARO 1938  
1938  
LT. WILLIAM J. VON GONTEN 1939  
1941  
LT. ALFRED P. MENDY 1941  
1942  
LT. MAURICE RATNER 1942  
1943  
LT. STANLEY W. CALDER 1943  
1944  
LT. GEORGE J. McGINN 1943  
1945  
LT. WILLIAM R. McDONOUGH 1946  
1959  
LT. THOMAS F. CROSSIN 1947  
1954  
LT. AUSUSTINE HALLEY 1948  
1950  
LT. BERNARD M. DEVINE 1950  
1951  
LT. WILLIAM F. DOLAN (1) 1950  
1960  
LT. WILLIAM H. MORRISON 1951  
1953  
LT. JAMES E. SCHUBERT 1954  
1956  
LT. BERNARD M. DEVINE 1955  
1955  
LT. THOMAS ANDERSON 1956  
1958



LT. JAMES H. MAYERS	1957
1958	
LT. FRANCIS J. BERINATI	1958
1971	
LT. GEORGE J. O'CONNOR	1958
1961	
LT. OTTO W. FREIERMUTH	1960
1973	
LT. CHARLES N.ELLIOTT	1961
1976	
LT. WESTON L. BIGGS	1971
1976	
LT. FREDERICK FUCHS	1973
1979	
LT. VINCENT DIPIPPA	1976
1977	
LT. JAMES G. RATTIGAN	1976
1977	
LT. WILLIAM A. GRAZIER	1977
1984	
LT. LOUIS M. INFUSO	1977
1986	
LT. JAMES E. SHUGRUE	1977
1987	
LT. KENNETH J. CONNELLY	1983
1989	
LT. GEORGE W. BUTLER	1986
1992	
LT. THOMAS VAN DORAN	1989
1994	
LT. THOMAS J. FLYNN	1988
1991	
LT. THOMAS GIORDANO	1990
1991	
LT. STEPHEN C. BYRNE	1991
1994	
LT. DENNIS RYAN	1992
1996	
LT. DENNIS M. GILHOOLY	1994 ACT
LT. FRANCIS OCCHIOGROSSO	1994 ACT
LT. WILLIAM WELSH	1996 ACT

**ENGINEERS OF STEAMER**

ENG.PATRICK DOYLE	1898
1903	
ENG.JOHN W. GARTLAND	1898
1904	
ENG.PATRICK GLYNN	1903
1904	
ENG.CORNELIUS J. DUGGAN	1904
1907	
ENG.FERNANDO A. HANNESSON	1904
1906	
ENG.PATRICK GLYNN	1906
1907	
ENG.WILLIAM B. WATTS	1906
1908	

ENG.JOSEPH H. WHITE	1906
1906	
ENG.JOSEPH J. PAUL	1907
1908	
ENG.HENRY SNYDER	1907
1917	
ENG.PATRICK GLYNN	1908
1908	
ENG.PATRICK J. MARRON	1908
1911	
ENG.HARRY M. SIEGEL	1911
1912	
ENG.THOMAS A. CAMPBELL #1	1912
1915	
ENG.FRANK E. SMITH	1915
1917	
ENG.PHILIP E. HOWE	1917
1920	
ENG.EDMUND A. MAY	1917
1926	
ENG. JACOB ULLRICH	1921
1925	

**FIREMEN**

FF. FRANK CAVANAGH	1898
1909	
FF. JOHN H. LINK	1898
1901	
FF. MICHAEL MAHONEY	1898
1902	
FF. ARTHUR McCOOEY	1898
1906	
FF. GEORGE J. VOLZE	1898
1912	
FF. MICHAEL WALL	1898
1903	
FF. PETER H. WARD	1898
1903	
FF. SAMUEL G. WARREN	1899
1900	
FF. JOHN DOUGLAS	1901
1903	
FF. CLARENCE E. McNEILIE	1901
1901	
FF. ARTHUR H. WOOLEY	1901
1905	
FF. JOHN P. BARRETT	1902
1902	
FF. FREDERICK J. BLUMMERT	1902
1904	
FF MICHAEL MAHONEY	1903
1905	
FF. PATRICK J. CLARKE #1	1903
1908	
FF. WILLIAM MOCLAIR	1903
1907	
FF. MICHAEL WALL	1903
1906	

FF. TIMOTHY J. GAYNOR 1906	1904	FF. JOHN J. FLANAGAN #2 1923	1915
FF. WILLIAM G. McCLINTOCK 1905	1904	FF. WILLIAM J. LECHER 1917	1915
FF. EDWARD A. SMITH 1910	1904	FF. MICHAEL C. McAULIFFE 1936	1915
FF. THOMAS J. BRADY 1908	1905	FF. PATRICK J. CLARKE #1 1918	1916
FF. ARTHUR CARROLL 1913	1905	FF. JOHN A. FITZPATRICK (1) 1941	1916
FF. HENRY DECKERT 1905	1905	FF. THOMAS W. O'NEILL 1920	1916
FF. PATRICK H. HALPRIN 1906	1905	FF. ALFRED SOUTHWOOD 1916	1916
FF. F. J. LEOPOLD 1905	1905	FF. JOHN L. MILLER 1918	1917
FF. MICHAEL MAHONEY 1905	1905	FF. EDWARD P. BRADY 1919	1918
FF. JAMES F. McKIERNAN 1907	1905	FF. THOMAS B. BRENNAN 1929	1918
FF. CORNELIUS F. BOHEN 1908	1906	FF. ARTHUR D. BROWN 1920	1918
FF. WILLIAM H. BROOKS 1913	1906	FF. THOMAS J. FARRELL #1 1927	1918
FF. FRANCIS J. HURLEY 1908	1906	FF. JAMES E. SULLIVAN 1920	1919
FF. JOHN C. HUSSEY 1913	1906	FF. ROGER C. ANDREWS 1937	1920
FF. JAMES E. KAVANAGH 1915	1906	FF. JOHN J. BAIN 1929	1920
FF. THOMAS LANG 1914	1906	FF. ARTHUR J. MALONEY 1943	1920
FF. MICHAEL MAHONEY 1906	1906	FF. JAMES J, McGOVERN 1931	1920
FF. THOMAS A. McGUINNESS 1906	1906	FF. EUGENE J. O'KEEFE 1920	1920
FF. JOHN J. CAFFERATA 1919	1907	FF. MORTIMER C. SULLIVAN 1944	1920
FF. PARTICK J. CLARKE #1 1916	1908	FF. WILLIAM H. RANKIN 1926	1921
FF. ALBERT E. HOVOKA 1915	1909	FF. WILLIAM J. SILBERNAGEL 1933	1922
FF. AUGUST. BONA 1911	1910	FF. JOHN STROUT 1924	1923
FF. LOUIS HARRIS 1915	1910	FF. ALBERT MINCH 1942	1924
FF. WILLIAM J. SILBERNAGEL 1913	1910	FF. MICHAEL J. FITZGERALD 1937	1926
FF. PATRICK FINN 1918	1911	FF. WILLIAM O'SULLIVAN 1930	1926
FF. JOHN J. TIERNEY 1915	1911	FF. ROBERT F. THOMSULIN 1926	1926
FF. HENRY J. SAUERBREY 1944	1913	FF. PATRICK KILKINNY 1947	1928
FF. JAMES E. SULLIVAN 1917	1913	FF. DENNIS D. MANNIX 1932	1928
FF. HENRY ACKER 1926	1914	FF. WILLIAM O'KEEFE 1930	1929

FF. JAMES J. CURRAN 1933	1930	FF. RAYMOND E.F. FARMER 1959	1940
FF. JAMES L. QUINN 1933	1930	FF. WILLIAM J. NORTON 1950	1941
FF. JOHN J. SHIELDS 1935	1930	FF. DAVID SPEISER 1947	1941
FF. WILLIAM P. MEEHAN 1934	1931	FF. JOHN G. WALSH 1945	1941
FF. PATRICK J. BRENNAN #2 1939	1933	FF. CHARLES W. WIPPER 1942	1941
FF. GUSTAVE RAFFY 1941	1933	FF. JOSEPH S. YOUNG 1942	1941
FF. MICHAEL J. O'LEARY 1940	1934	FF. HOWARD W. CUMME 1965	1942
FF. MICHAEL J. SHALLEY 1942	1934	FF. JOJI FURUYA 1943	1942
FF. DENIS J. DONNELLY 1937	1935	FF. HARRY T. JOHNSON 1942	1942
FF. HARRY R. DANIELS 1941	1936	FF. STEPHEN KRUMM 1942	1942
FF. JOHN M. GLEASON 1938	1936	FF. RICHARD MacCLAVE 1956	1942
FF. MARTIN F. JORDAN 1937	1936	FF. FRANK PANELLA 1945	1942
FF. WILLIAM O'KEEFE 1939	1937	FF. ISADORE ROSENSHEIN, JR 1942	1942
FF. JOHN J. BARCKLOW 1948	1938	FF. FRANCIS J. RYAN 1951	1942
FF. ROBERT H. BRITTING 1939	1938	FF. REGINALD A. BERNARD 1944	1943
FF. JOSEPH J. CALANDRILLO 1942	1938	FF. STEPHEN F. COOK 1945	1944
FF. CHARLES F. FOLLINI 1942	1938	FF. FRANCIS J. O'BRIEN 1963	1944
FF. ANTHONY J. FRANKLIN 1939	1938	FF. BERNARD KAUFMANN 1951	1945
FF. HOWARD M. HILD 1939	1938	FF. ISAAC SUCHMAN 1951	1945
FF. HAROLD E. JONES 1941	1938	FF. CHARLES J. ABARNO 1948	1946
FF. RUSSELL S. KELLER 1944	1938	FF. WALTER P. BEKISZ 1948	1946
FF. PHILIP K. KIRIEWSKY 1945	1938	FF. WILLIAM P. DOBBINS 1957	1946
FF. JOHN W. MONAHAN 1949	1938	FF. EDWIN J. FIELD 1953	1946
FF. VINCENT M. SODEN 1943	1938	FF. TIMOTHY J. FOLEY 1946	1946
FF. EDWARD J. WAZETER 1939	1938	FF. JOJI FURUYA 1950	1946
FF. ANDERS C. MAHER 1946	1939	FF. GEORGE E. McCARTHY 1948	1946
FF. JOHN MAURO 1942	1939	FF. CHARLES M. SCHWARTZ 1975	1946
FF. GEORGE E. McCARTHY 1944	1939	FF. CHARLES J. STEPHANS 1946	1946
FF. JAMES N. SHEEKEY 1964	1939	FF. JACOB A. URIG 1946	1946

FF. ANDERS C. MAHER 1959	1947	FF. BERNARD T. McCONNELL 1976	1957
FF. JAMES J. McKEON 1948	1947	FF. JOSEPH C. SHORT 1964	1957
FF. EDWARD P. MURPHY 1951	1947	FF. ADOLPH A. CALMBACHER 1967	1960
FF. MILTON RATNER 1948	1947	FF. THOMAS D. DUNN 1971	1960
FF. EUGENE A. REDMOND 1957	1947	FF. JOHN F. McCARTHY (1) 1961	1960
FF. JOHN J. SANTANTONIO 1947	1947	FF. EDWARD A. O'MALLEY 1975	1960
FF. JOHN A. DERENTHAL 1962	1948	FF. THOMAS P. ZAMBRANO 1974	1960
FF. ALBERT KOCH 1961	1948	FF. VICTOR H. ABBOTT, JR. 1964	1961
FF. MATTHEW B. MURTHA 1955	1948	FF. MATTHEW P. MURTAGH 1966	1961
FF. JOHN F. LILLER 1954	1949	FF. JAMES H. HARRISON 1965	1961
FF. PAUL BAILEY 1960	1950	FF. ALFRED E. KING 1989	1961
FF. JOHN W. CHAMBERLIN 1960	1950	FF. OSCAR C. LINDENBERG 1961	1961
FF. VALENTINE F. GEIB, JR. 1968	1950	FF. HERBERT L. PURNELL 1971	1961
FF. KARL A. WOLERT 1960	1950	FF. LOUIS J. RIOS 1966	1961
FF. WILLIAM E. WRIGHT 1962	1950	FF. LOUIS M. INFUSO 1963	1962
FF. JOHN F. BYRNES 1953	1951	FF. CHARLES K. KELLY 1965	1962
FF. JACK METTHAM 1957	1951	FF. JOHN B. LESSER 1966	1962
FF. JOHN M. CLANCY #2 1976	1953	FF. DANIEL M. MAYE 1975	1962
FF. SEYMOUR FEDEROFF 1962	1953	FF. CHARLES VISLOCKY 1970	1962
FF. JOHN F. HILLIN 1958	1953	FF. JOHN BYRNES 1966	1963
FF. ROBERT W. JACKSON 1961	1953	FF. EDWARD T. HANAHOE 1964	1963
FF. SANTIAGO MARTIN 1954	1953	FF. WILLIAM A. SCHULTZ ????	1963
FF. ANTHONY J. MONTESANO 1974	1954	FF. JAMES M. SHEEHAN 1964	1963
FF. CHARLES Z. WADE 1955	1954	FF. JAMES T. CAVANAGH 1966	1964
FF. BERNARD L. HENEGBRY 1959	1955	FF. JOHN P. RYNNE 1965	1964
FF. JOHN C. BLACK 1962	1957	FF. MARION F. CAMPBELL 1995	1965
FF. WILLIAM M. BRANNELLY 1957	1957	FF. EDWARD G. KING 1979	1965
FF. JOHN J. COOGAN 1960	1957	FF. JOSEPH L. LASSEK 1987	1965
FF. JAMES J. DOWNEY (2) 1961	1957	FF. BERNARD P. Mc VEIGH 1966	1965

FF. JOHN J. RUDDY 1977	1965	FF. SALVATORE F. CALABRETTA 1973	1973
FF. MICHAEL C. LOUGHRAN 1971	1966	FF. FRANK J. MUSUMECI 1975	1973
FF. TERENCE McKINNEY 1967	1966	FF. WILLIAM O'MEARA 1974	1973
FF. JOHN F. MULVEY 1970	1966	FF. ISMAEL J. PEREZ 1975	1973
FF. MICHAEL D. POUST 1970	1966	FF. THOMAS C. PUMA 1975	1973
FF. THEODORE T. QUARG 1967	1966	FF. HERMAN SLOVITSKY 1978	1973
FF. THOMAS A. RIZZUTO 1979	1966	FF. GEORGE C. ANDERSON 1975	1974
FF. CHRISTOPHER SULLIVAN 1967	1966	FF. EMIL R. BARBER 1974	1974
FF. JOHN J. BRADY 1970	1967	FF. JOHN J. BRENNAN 1975	1974
FF. PETER J. BURKE 1978	1967	FF. CHRISTOPHER CALLENDER, JR. 1974	1975
FF. JAMES E. CURRAN 1973	1967	FF. ROBERT P. O'TOOLE 1975	1974
FF. CHARLES E. FRICKE, JR. 1968	1967	FF. JAMES W. SULLIVAN 1975	1974
FF. JOSEPH E. MEIER 1969	1967	FF. CHARES L. DAVID 1980	1975
FF. RALPH V. CARUSO ????	1968	FF. EUGENE J. HAYES 1976	1975
FF. ROBERT H. PAOLICELLI 1971	1969	FF. ALFRED J. LANG 1975	1975
FF. JAMES P. BELTRAMI 1973	1970	FF. JORGE W. RIVERA 1977	1975
FF. PETER R. CARBONE 1970	1970	FF. THOMAS S. VASILA 1976	1975
FF. STUART E. DEVLIN 1973	1970	FF. THOMAS P. ZAMBRANO 1978	1975
FF. THOMAS E. DONNELLY, JR. 1989	1970	FF. ARTHUR J. FESSIA 1988	1976
FF. EMMANUEL HANSEN 1972	1970	FF. RICHARD FOLTZ 1976	1976
FF. THOMAS J. LUNNEY 1973	1970	FF. ISMAEL J. PEREZ 1979	1976
FF. JAMES A. Mac ENTEE 1981	1970	FF. JAMES W. SULLIVAN FF. JOSEPH P. ATTANASIO 1981	1976 ACT 1977
FF. CHARLES F. SINERI 1971	1970	FF. WALTER S. FEIT 1981	1977
FF. THOMAS J. BRAWLEY 1972	1971	FF. FRANK R. SMOCK 1977	1977
FF. PAUL D. FITTIPALDI 1974	1971	FF. ANTHONY P. VARRIALE 1981	1977
FF. MICHAEL J. GRAY 1994	1971	FF. ANTHONY F. WIEGAND 1989	1977
FF. WILLIAM A. KOFFER 1971	1971	FF. JAMES D. ENGLISH 1992	1978
FF. WILLIAM P. LIBASCI #2 1975	1971	FF. RICHARD J. PLATE 1979	1978
FF. JAMES P. BARRY 1974	1972	FF. NORBERTO PRATTS	1978 ACT

FF. ROBERT SAPIERZA 1979	1978	FF. ROBERT D. WOLF 1994	1981
FF. GEORGE E. BRADY FF. WINSTON M. CAINES 1980	1979 ACT 1979	FF. JOHN J. MEARA, JR. 1995	1982
FF. JOSEPH E. CARRAHER, JR. 1981	1979	FF. WILLIAM A. STAUDT FF. ROBERT M. BERGHORN 1989	1982 ACT 1983
FF. THOMAS P. COLLINS, JR. 1981	1979	FF. WILLIAM P. HANLEY FF. JAMES A. Mac ENTEE 1997	1983 ACT 1983
FF. CHARLES DEVER 1981	1979	FF. RICHARD D. WATTS 1987	1983
FF. GERARD J. GOLDEN 1984	1979	FF. CHARLES DEVER 1986	1984
FF. JOHN J. HALPIN 1984	1979	FF. ZAIDA I. GONZALEZ 1994	1984
FF. ABDU L. SALIM FF. MICHAEL A. TELESKA 1981	1979 ACT 1979	FF. KEVIN F. Mc DERMOTT 1989	1984
FF. JOSEPH DI GILIO 1988	1981	FF. MICHAEL T. MINNOCK FF. ROBERT T. DUGAN	1986 ACT 1987 ACT
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FF. GILBERT GOMEZ FF. MICHAEL LIZZO 1994	1981 ACT 1981	FF. LEE A. FUCHS FF. MICHAEL P. KILKER 1997	1989 ACT 1989
FF. ARTHUR J. Mc CROSSEN 1986	1981	FF. JAMES A. MARA FF. JOSEPH VOGELSANG FF. ROBERT COFFEY	1989 ACT 1989 ACT 1990 ACT
FF. PATRICK M. MONTGOMERY 1982	1981	FF. SCOTT BATTERBERRY FF. JACK KELLY	1995 ROT 1995 ROT
FF. THOMAS J. SKEADOS 1990	1981	FF. MATTHEW J. MADTES FF. JAMES MESSMER	1995 ROT 1995 ACT
FF. DOUGLAS D. TRIPKEN 1990	1981	FF. LAWRENCE MUCCINI FF. WILLIAM J. OCTTINGER 1996	1995 ROT 1995
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		FF. JAMES DEERING 1997	1996
		FF. OTTO RODRIGUEZ 1997	1996
		FF. MIKE GATTO 1997	1996
		FF. JAMES BROWN 1998	1997
		FF. DAVID CARPENTER 1998	1997
		FF. JASON GOLDSMITH 1998	1997
		FF. BILL MAURER 1998	1997
		FF. PAUL PATSOS 1998	1997
		FF. DANIEL C. FLORENCO FF. MICHAEL P. WILLMAN	1998 ACT 1998 ACT
		FF. JOHN HOLZAPFEL	1998 ACT

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Headquarters Fire Department  
Office Chief of Department

N.Y Nov. 8th, 05

Special Order #115

It is with feelings of deepest regret that the announcement is made to the department of the death of Assistant Foreman Daniel J. Sheehan, Eng. Co. 67 from injuries received while in the discharge of his duty, at the fire, # 284 St. Nicholas Ave., Station 778 on the 6th instant.

The Funeral will take place from his late residence #1270 Second Ave. at 9:30 o'clock on the 9th instant, interment at Calvary Cemetery.

## **DEBRIS BURIES FIREMAN; ONE CRUSHED TO DEATH**

**Assistant Foreman Daniel  
Sheehan Killed in a Harlem  
Blaze.**

**Four Others Entombed**

**Ten Minutes Work Required to Dig the  
Men from Under Tons of Brick and  
Mortar.**

While fighting a stubborn fire in the five-story flathouse 284 St. Nicholas Avenue yesterday, Daniel Sheehan, Assistant Foreman of Engine Company No. 67 and four of his men were struck by a falling and buried unto tons of brick and mortar.

It took fully ten minutes to dig the men out. Sheehan, who had been hit by the main part of the wall, was found lifeless with almost every bone in his body crushed. The other men were unhurt except for a few cuts and bruises, their bodies having been protected by a piece of steel cornice that fell with the wall.

The fire was discovered by Dr., Markowitz, a physician, of 1520 Madison Avenue. Running to the corner of 124<sup>th</sup> Street he rung in an alarm and as he was about to enter the burning building he was joined by Patrolman Hogan. Going to the third floor, they carried to the street

Mrs. Keany, an invalid and assisted several other women and children to leave the building. By this time dense smoke was pouring from the cellar and filling the halls. Finding it was impossible to reach the street by way of the halls some of the tenants became panic stricken, and climbed out on the fire escapes, called for help. Hook and Ladder Company No. 14 raised ladders and took the frightened women to the street in safety.

While the fire was at its height and dozens a stream of water were being played on the flames, a boiler on the top floor exploded with the sound like that of a canon. The boiler tore away a thirty-foot section of the south wall. This mass of bricks and mortar fell down the airshaft at the moment which was Assistant Foreman Sheehan leading his four men into the cellar with a line of hose.

A second alarm was rung in, and the work of rescue was done by a dozen men. One by one the men, Reilly, Whalen, Gethus, and Curtis were dug out and attended to by Dr. Bartram of the J. H. Wright Hospital. Sheehan's body was finally reached. Dr. Bartram said death had been instantaneous.

The fire was contained to the fourth and fifth floors. It was caused by hot ash being raised on the dumb waiter.

While the fire was in progress Frank Simons, chauffeur for Issac N. Seigelman was arrested for running over a hose. He was fined \$5 by Magistrate Brech.

*Above the Department Order and the New York Times article on the death of Assistant Foreman Daniel Sheehan.*

## **THE BRAVEST OF THE BRAVE**

Fireman 1st grade Robert W. Jackson earned the Thomas A. Kenny Memorial Medal for rescuing a lady from a burning apartment at 514 W. 170th Street on May 13, 1960. The fire was reported verbally to Engine 67, located next door to the firehouse. Fireman Jackson went up to the third floor after being told a lady was trapped in the fire apartment. Making his way into the fire apartment, he was forced down to the floor by the heat and smoke. Crawling through the apartment he was unable to find the woman and retreated to the hallway where members of Engine 67 were waiting for water. Jackson re-entered the apartment after hearing screams coming from the inferno. Following the cries for help Jackson found Mrs. Lely Strauss in the kitchen. Refusing to leave, Jackson had to drag the terrified woman to the hallway and safety. Fireman Jackson collapsed once in the hallway and was taken to the hospital, along with Mrs. Strauss. Both received first and second degree burns on the hands and face.

On January 29, 1982, Engine 67 responded to ERS Box 1715. A "no voice contact" response is a single engine until a second call is received. Engine 67 arrived in front of what was the corner building at 172nd Street and Amsterdam Avenue. What they found was a partial collapse of a five-story apartment building, containing 20 families. Lieutenant James E. Shugrue asked the box to be transmitted and entered the building along with Firemen Joseph DiGilio and Thomas E. Donnelly. Racing to the second floor the trio started banging on the doors alerting the residents. All of the doors had been jammed shut by partial collapse and had to be kicked open. Panic-stricken residents were directed to the safest exit. While this was going on, the building was making groaning and crackling noises. These sounds were familiar to Lieutenant Shugrue, who was caught in a collapsing building before. Racing to the third floor, he gave a warning to DiGilio who was on the fourth floor and Donnelly who was in Apartment 3B, that it was time to get out of the building. Just at that time, the building came down. Lieutenant Shugrue dove over the banister into the stairs, while DiGilio dove off the fourth floor landing to the stairs and Donnelly seeing daylight across the hallway dove into Apartment 3D as the floor dropped from under him. Meanwhile, the front of the building, all the A & B apartments from the fifth floor to the street, collapsed. Miraculously the three rescuers were not injured and they continued searching the building for trapped occupants. Lieutenant James E. Shugrue received the Hispanic Society Memorial Medal, Firefighter 1st grade Thomas E. Donnelly (2) received the Holy Name Society Medal, Brooklyn and Queens Branch, and Firefighter 3rd grade Joseph DiGilio received the Steuben Association Medal for going above and beyond the call of duty in rescuing trapped citizens of this great City.

The night crew of December 25, 1997 earned the New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation's Medal for operating at Manhattan Box 1693. The crew consisting of Lieutenant William Welsh, firemen Gilbert Gomez, Lee Fuchs, Jason Goldsmith and William Staudt arrived in front of 501 W. 164th Street to see children being dropped from the windows of the fire building. With the front lobby and stairwell involved in flames, Lt. Welsh ordered water to be supplied from the booster tank. A quick knockdown was made of the fire in the lobby and stairs. Lieutenant Welsh and firemen Fuchs, Goldsmith and Staudt advanced the line up the stairs to the third floor. Just after Firefighter Gomez announced that he now had hydrant water, the hose line burst on the second floor. The fire in a second floor apartment had burnt through the hose in two places. The members of Engine 67 backed down to the second floor and attacked the fire, putting it out before advancing to the third floor again and attacking the fire leading to the fourth floor stairwell. The report on the fire states "Engine 67 displayed a high degree of aggressiveness, initiative and team work under extreme conditions while simultaneously extinguishing the fire and preventing loss of life."