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WELCOME TO THE FDNY FOUNDATION FALL 2023 NEWSLETTER

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The FDNY Foundation funds programs that advance the FDNY's goals, which include maintaining operational excellence, reaching out to the community with an array of fire and life safety programs, and ensuring that our firefighters and EMS personnel have the best available training and equipment.

Thank you for supporting us.



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EVENTS**

PROMOTING LITHIUM-ION BATTERY SAFETY



Fires caused by lithium-ion batteries have increased dramatically in New York City with deadly consequences. These rechargeable batteries are found in electric bikes and scooters, cars, laptops, tablets, phones and common household devices. Lithium-ion battery fires have caused deaths, serious injuries and devastating damage to property around the city.

In addition to public outreach and training initiatives aimed at addressing lithium-ion battery fires, the FDNY Foundation has teamed up with food delivery companies to teach and educate New York e-bike drivers about the dangers of knock-off lithium-ion batteries.

We thank Uber Eats, Grubhub, and DoorDash for their generous support which will help increase fire safety messaging, education and outreach in NYC, saving lives and protecting property.

Vital Statistics

Top Causes of Fatal Fires

- Lithium-ion batteries
- Electrical
- Cooking
- Smoking
- Incendiary
- Open Flames

70% of fire deaths occur in homes where there are no working smoke alarms. Having a working smoke detector doubles the chances of escaping a house fire safely. For more information and safety tips, visit fdnysmart.org.



New Partnerships Formed



Thursday, May 11
FDNY EMS Academy at Fort Totten

#SharingSafety

The FDNY Foundation and Kiddie donated 4,500 smoke detectors through the “Cause For Alarm” campaign. The alarms were distributed to eight departments located in Pennsylvania, Connecticut, New Jersey, and New York. These departments help give out and install the alarms throughout their communities, and serve low income, elderly, and at-risk populations.

Virtual Reality to Promote Fire Safety

The FDNY Foundation welcomed FEMA’s Ready Campaign, the U.S. Fire Administration, META, and the Ad Council, to the FDNY FireZone in New York City to launch a new virtual reality experience that promotes fire awareness. The Escape Plan is a Fire Safety XR experience for VR, Mobile and Desktop. It lets users safely practice their escape skills on their own time so they can prepare for future fire hazards.



Tuesday, May 16
FDNY Fire Zone

The FDNY Fire Zone is New York City’s state-of-the-art fire-safety learning center.

Plan your visit by going to fdnysmart.org

ANNUAL FDNY SEARCH & RESCUE FIELD MEDICINE SYMPOSIUM (SRFM)



May 4 – 7, 2023

FDNY Fire Training Academy at Randall's Island

The future of emergency rescue medicine was on full display at the FDNY Search & Rescue Field Medicine Symposium (SRFM). The annual event is the conference that military, federal, state and local medical responders attend to share their experiences, best practices and innovative ideas.

New this year, attendees were immersed in a special live, wide-area disaster scenario using drones to find patients, use aerial triage methods and collect important information that will allow for safe, efficient, and prompt medical care and transport.

The FDNY Foundation is committed to ensuring the FDNY has access to cutting-edge tools, resources and procedures to aid the members of the Department in their lifesaving mission and is innovating search and rescue operations for the fire service worldwide.



Enhancing Preparedness

The FDNY Fire Academy at Randall's Island will soon complete the construction of an airplane crash simulator to train its members and first responders for some of the most complicated rescues. The Deputy Chief Raymond M. Downey All Hazards Disaster Training Site was generously funded by the FDNY Foundation.



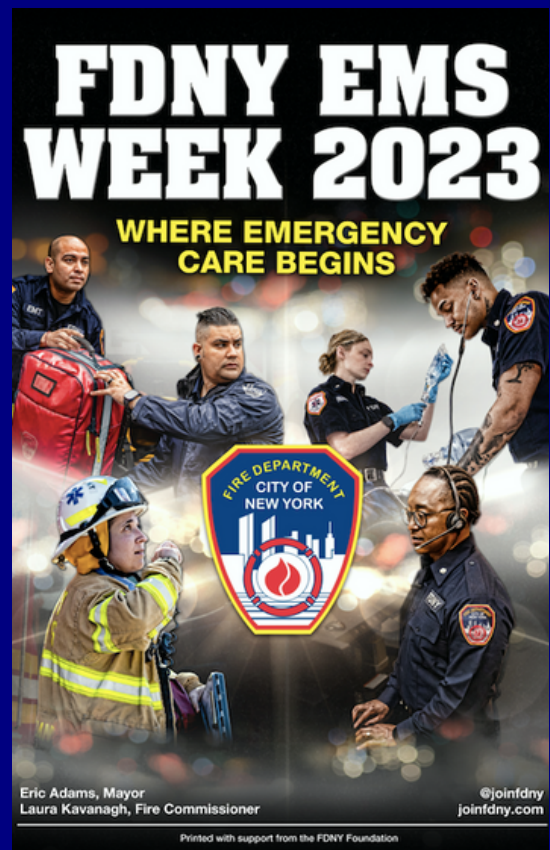
May 21 – 27, 2023
FDNY EMS Academy at Fort Totten



EMS WEEK 2023

This May, the FDNY Foundation was honored to fund EMS Week 2023 as a small gesture of our thanks, gratitude, and appreciation to all our FDNY EMTs and Paramedics for their remarkable service and dedication to always keeping New York City safe.

EMS Week is designed to promote public safety among all New Yorkers, attract potential EMS recruits, and celebrate the more than 4,400 members of FDNY's Emergency Medical Service and their life-saving work.



The theme for EMS Week 2023 was
Where Emergency Care Begins.

CPR TRAINING LEADS TO SECOND CHANCES



In celebration of National EMS Week 2023, the FDNY held its annual Second Chance Ceremony. This special event reunited 10 patients who survived cardiac arrest with the Paramedics, Emergency Medical Technicians, FDNY EMS Officers, Firefighters, Dispatchers, bystanders, and other first responders who helped save their lives.

Several of this year's survivors received cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) from bystanders before on-duty FDNY members arrived. Immediate CPR, coupled with defibrillation within the first few minutes after sudden cardiac arrest, can greatly increase a victim's chance of survival.

Wednesday, May 24
Liberty Warehouse, Brooklyn

CPR SAVES LIVES

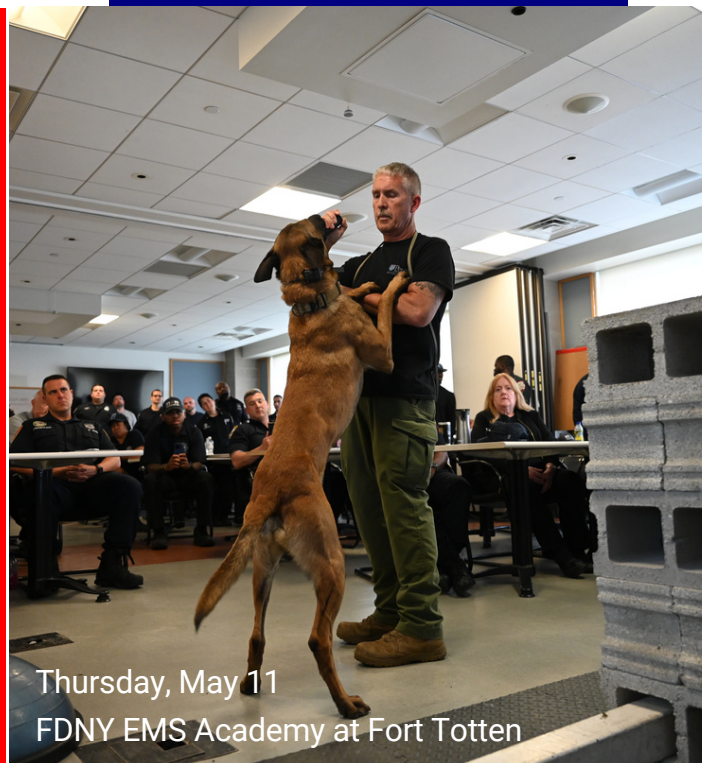
The FDNY CPR Training Unit, which is made possible thanks to the FDNY Foundation, offers free compressions- only CPR training throughout the city and has trained more than 200,000 New Yorkers to perform bystander CPR, including more than 80,000 high school students.

FDNY K-9 Unit Enhances Canine Wellness

In June, the FDNY Fire Academy hosted a K-9 medical first aid course for handlers from the United States Police Canine Association Region 7. Representatives from 70 state, federal, and local agencies were in attendance, including FDNY Fire Marshals and their K-9s, to learn how to make sure their K-9s stay in good shape and how to handle medical emergencies should they become sick or injured.

"We are the first line of defense of protection for our dogs so learning how to diagnose serious issues and save your dog's life in the event of heat stroke, or some kind of impalement or shooting is really important," said Fire Marshal Chris Cuccaro. "They demonstrated the canine fitness program, which is important because our K-9s are athletes. And it also extends the career of the dog and extends the health of the dog and the life expectancy."

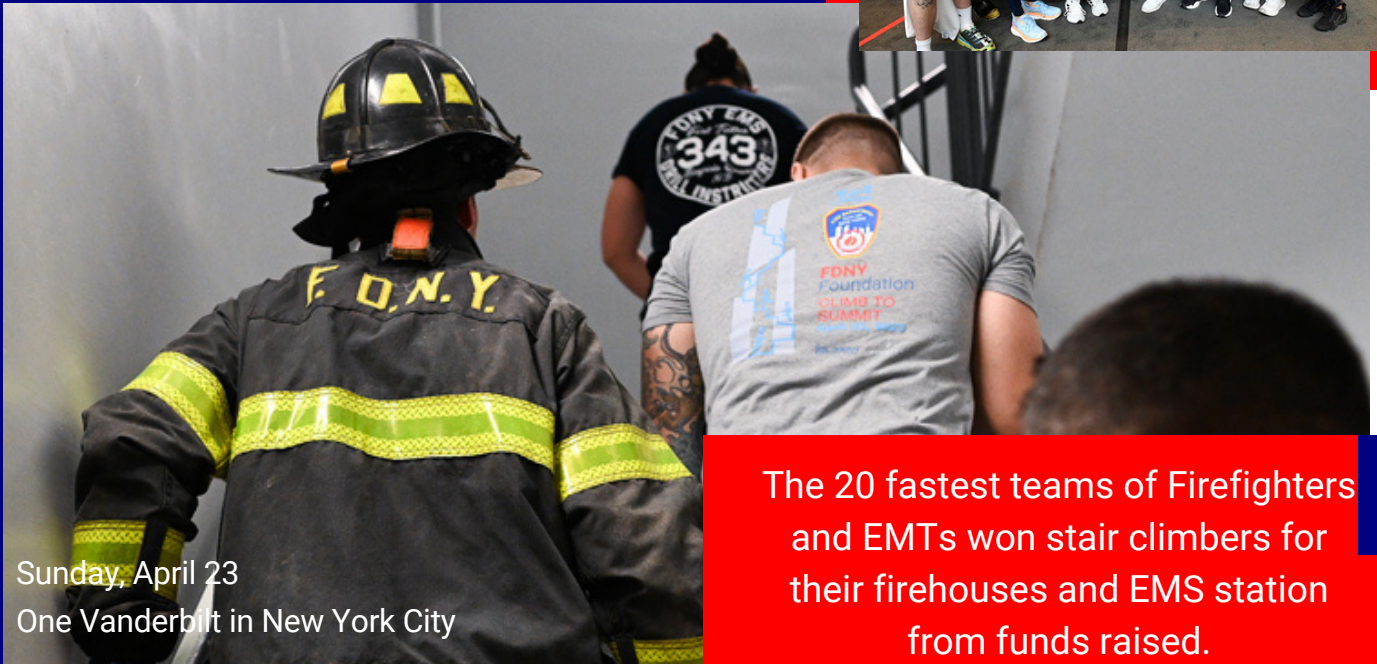
This multi-agency event was made possible thanks to support from the FDNY Foundation.



Thursday, May 11
FDNY EMS Academy at Fort Totten



STAIRCLIMB TO SUMMIT



Sunday, April 23
One Vanderbilt in New York City

Beyond preparing for the difficult tasks FDNY members perform every single day, our Foundation strives to ensure their long-term health and readiness.

Late April, the FDNY Foundation hosted the First Annual FDNY Foundation Climb To SUMMIT with support from SL Green Realty Corp. at the iconic One Vanderbilt in New York City. The climb was a tremendous success! More than 300 climbers from firehouses, EMS stations, corporations and individuals participated to help raise funds for FDNY members' health, fitness and wellness.

The 20 fastest teams of Firefighters and EMTs won stair climbers for their firehouses and EMS station from funds raised.

Engine 245	Squad 288/Hazmat 1
Ladder 25	Engine 220/Ladder 122
Engine 298/Ladder 127	Engine 281/Ladder 147
Engine 28/Ladder 11	Ladder 3
Engine 75/Ladder 33	Engine 59/Ladder 30
Engine 24/Ladder 5	Engine 255/Ladder 157
Engine 47	Engine 156
Bureau of Training	Engine 280/Ladder 132
Engine 155/Ladder 78	Engine 315/Ladder 125
Engine 69/Ladder 28	Engine 206



Generously Donated

The FDNY Foundation donated nearly 20 cardiovascular machines to the FDNY Fitness Unit. Given the rigorous demands of first responders' jobs and increased risk for cardiac events, keeping gym equipment in good working order ensures the safety and physical wellness of members to carry out their lifesaving mission.

ENHANCING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT & PIPELINE PROGRAMS



FDNY Officers Management Institute

On June 27, 2023, the FDNY Officers Management Institute (FOMI), graduated 16 FDNY members at a ceremony in Brooklyn. Developed by Columbia University and funded by the FDNY Foundation, FOMI helps make the FDNY more resilient and stronger by giving high-ranking members a solid foundation in management principles and leadership strategies which are essential to the Department's continued operational success.

Since its inception, the FDNY Foundation has invested over \$5 million in FOMI, which was developed based on a recommendation in the McKinsey Report done in the wake of September 11, 2001.

FDNY High School

On Friday, June 23rd, the FDNY Foundation joined the FDNY at a graduation ceremony for the 16th graduating class of the Capt. Vernon A. Richard High School for Fire and Life Safety.

The Capt. Vernon A. Richard High School for Fire and Life Safety and FDNY Youth EMS programs are largely funded by the FDNY Foundation. We are proud to continue to support these great programs! The High School aims to reach talented, dedicated young men and women, many of whom are looking for a career with the FDNY.

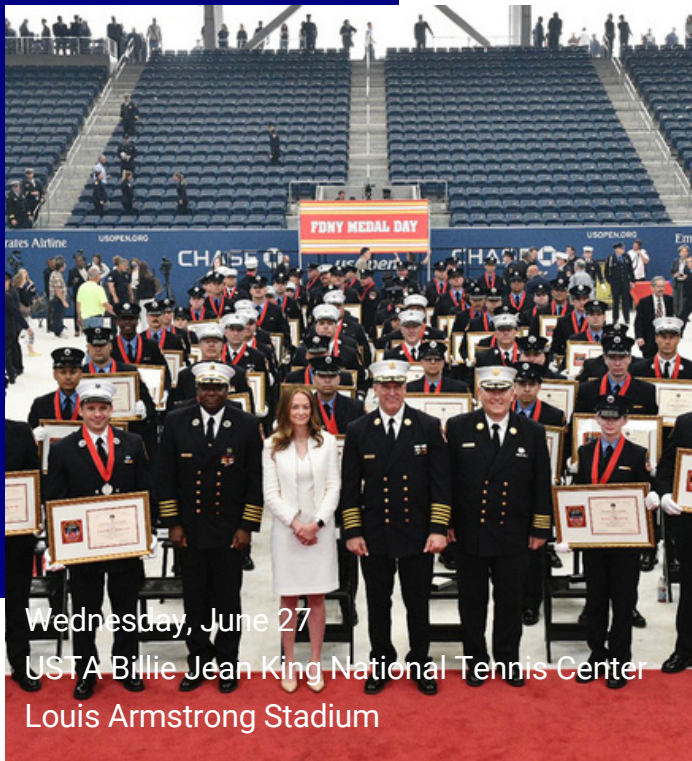
These students have successfully completed a challenging academic program that focuses on leadership and strength as core values, as well as the academic and physical skills necessary for emergency responders.



Friday, June 23

FDNY Fire Academy at Randall's Island

This past school year, the FDNY Foundation allocated more than \$200,000 in scholarship funding to aid FDNY uniform members pursuing college degrees to promote their rank within the Department.



Wednesday, June 27
USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center
Louis Armstrong Stadium

Medal Day

The FDNY Foundation congratulates all of the recipients from this year's Medal Day ceremony. We thank them for their commitment, service, and dedication, and for going above and beyond the call of duty to always help keep New Yorkers safe.

The FDNY Foundation is proud to continue to support FDNY Medal Day and the publication of the 2023 Medal Day Book!

FDNY Foundation Associate Board Hosts "FDNY Night in the Bowery"

In May, the FDNY Foundation Associate Board hosted "FDNY Night in the Bowery" at FDNY Engine 33/Ladder 9 on Great Jones Street in Manhattan. We thank the officers and members of E33/L9 who provided demonstrations and tours of this landmark firehouse to our associate board members and their guests.

The FDNY Fire Safety Education Unit and Mobile CPR Unit were also on hand to provide fire and life safety information.



Wednesday, May 17
FDNY Engine 33/Ladder 9

The FDNY Foundation Associate Board, which is chaired by Michael Corbi and Sheba Jafari, is made up of young professionals who are helping to raise funds and awareness for our mission to promote fire and life safety education and help the FDNY save lives and better protect New York.

A special thanks to the FDNY Foundation Associate Board for their excitement and support of the FDNY and FDNY Foundation.



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PROBY PAVILION DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF THOSE LOST



June 1

FDNY Fire Academy at Randall's Island

On Thursday, June 1st, the FDNY Foundation joined the FDNY at the FDNY Fire Academy for a Proby Pavilion Dedication.

Funded by the FDNY Foundation, the Proby Pavilion was dedicated to the memory of the FDNY Probationary Firefighters who were killed in the line of duty while assigned to the Fire Academy. It is a memorial that was constructed by Firefighters remembering eight Firefighters, six of whom were killed on 9/11/01. Those members are Richard D. Allen, Calixto Anaya Jr., Michael D. D'Auria, Andrew C. Brunn,

Michael F. Cammarata and Anthony Rodriguez. Jamel Sears died while at training in November 2008, and Vincent Malveaux died doing the same in December 2021.

The FDNY Foundation joins the FDNY in honoring and remembering the eight FDNY Probationary Firefighters who were killed in the line of duty while assigned to the Fire Academy. They will never be forgotten.



**FDNY Firefighter
Anthony N. Mauro
Ladder Company 109**



**FDNY Firefighter
Mark Batista
Engine 226**



**FDNY Firefighter
John Patrick Morgan
Ladder Company 80**

The FDNY Foundation joins the FDNY in mourning the passing of FDNY Firefighters Anthony N. Mauro, Mark Batista and John Patrick Morgan.

The FDNY Foundation has set up scholarship funds for their children. To make a donation, please go fdnyfoundation.org and select the appropriate fund. Our Foundation donates \$10,000 to each of these children's scholarship funds.

We will never forget their service and dedication to the FDNY and the City of New York.



Classic New York City Block Parties

Once again, the Department opened its doors to welcome New Yorkers to meet the FDNY members who bravely serve our city. The summer block parties are made possible by generous support from the FDNY Foundation.

At each event, FDNY members held interactive demonstrations, offered free fire and life safety education, and conducted tours of FDNY apparatus. The events also offered a chance to explore rewarding careers with the FDNY. All children who attended could meet the FDNY Fire and Life Safety Mascots, Hot Dog and Siren.



This year, locations were chosen in neighborhoods that are significant to the 50th anniversary of Hip Hop.

FDNY FOUNDATION HOSTS ANNUAL HUMANITARIAN AWARDS DINNER



The FDNY Foundation sends our sincere thanks and gratitude to Mr. Cohen, our dedicated board members, generous donors, Mr. Azaria, and the FDNY for making this such a great event.

On Thursday, September 7, 2023, the FDNY Foundation hosted its annual Humanitarian Awards Dinner. The event took place at the FDNY Fire Academy on Randall's Island. This year's event has raised more than \$3.3 million and supports the FDNY Foundation to help provide training, equipment, and education to FDNY members, fire and life safety education programs and much more. Emmy Award winning actor Hank Azaria served as the emcee for the night.

The FDNY and FDNY Foundation honored longtime friend and supporter, Steven A. Cohen, Chairman, CEO and Owner of the New York Mets and Chairman, CEO and President of Point72 Asset Management.

The FDNY Service Recognition Award was presented to the FDNY Lithium-ion Battery Task Force. With generous support from the FDNY Foundation, the Task Force is the premier harbinger of safer, comprehensive practices addressing the dangers posed by improperly handled micro-mobility devices. This multi-faceted task force comprised of the Bureau of Fire Investigation (BFI), Bureau of Fire Prevention (BFP), Fire Safety Education Unit (FSEU) and HazMat, is equipped with the latest information, tactics, and emergent methodologies to prevent devastating lithium-ion battery related damage to property around the city and help save lives.



2nd Annual



FDNYFoundation

CLIMB TO SUMMIT

April 21, 2024

Brought to you by SL Green Realty Corp.

Stay tuned for more information on how you
can register and participate in fundraising.

Attendance will be limited.



SAVE THE DATE

The FDNY Foundation is proud to partner with SL Green Realty Corp. for the 2nd Annual FDNY Foundation Climb to SUMMIT at One Vanderbilt in New York City on Sunday, April 21, 2024. Climbers will race up 1,100 feet in the sky to SUMMIT One Vanderbilt to highlight the importance of physical fitness for the brave FDNY firefighters, EMTs and paramedics who are always ready to respond at a moment's notice. Funds raised will help purchase stair climbers for FDNY firehouses and EMS stations.

Stay tuned for more information on how you can register and participate in fundraising.



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The FDNY Foundation is the official non-profit organization of the New York City Fire Department.

Your support directly assists the men and women of the FDNY To Better Protect New York.

When you make a donation, you are making New York City safer.

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