



Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor

Message From **The Mayor of New York City**

It is a pleasure to join with you today in honor of the EMTs and Paramedics of the FDNY's Emergency Medical Service who have gone above and beyond the call of duty. Today's Medal recipients have saved lives, rescued civilians and created innovations that now are used throughout the EMS system.

The FDNY EMS is recognized as one of the best pre-hospital emergency care systems in the world. Important parts of that success are the expertise and dedication of the 2900 men and women who fill the EMS ranks. My administration remains focused on providing the best possible training, equipment and facilities so that all New Yorkers receive high-quality emergency care.

Last month, we opened a new EMS Station at Kings County Hospital, which will alleviate overcrowding at nearby stations and keep our EMTs closer to the communities they serve. In the near future, we will be opening new facilities across our City, including Springfield Gardens, Queens General Hospital, Bellevue and Harlem Hospital. Of course, these facilities would mean nothing without the dedicated members of the FDNY EMS, who protect our great City 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

On behalf of the City of New York, I congratulate all of you on your outstanding efforts. Because of your work, New York remains the safest large city in the country. In particular, I extend my thanks to the EMTs and Paramedics who are being honored here today and have raised the bar for their peers. Their work sets an example for us all. Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable afternoon and continued success.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael R. Bloomberg".

