

# Chief James Scullion Medal

*September 6, 2004, 1610 hours  
246 Covert Street, Brooklyn*



**EMT Ellis Williams**



**EMT Jerry Bond**

*Ellis Williams was appointed to EMS on August 30, 2001. Assigned to Station 44. He attended Kingsborough College. He resides in Brooklyn.*

*Jerry Bond was appointed to EMS on April 15, 1996. Assigned to Station 44. He attended Aeronautics College. He is the recipient of the Excellent Duty with Merit award. He resides in Brooklyn.*

On a bright, sunny Monday afternoon, September 6, 2004, EMS unit 37A3 was just coming off the first assignment of its tour in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn. EMTs Ellis Williams and Jerry Bond were off on what they thought would be a routine day of work.

On their way back to their area of response, the crew noticed a large plume of smoke about a block from their location. EMTs Williams and Bond alerted the Brooklyn dispatcher of a possible fire and responded to the scene. They were confronted with a heavy volume of smoke and visible flames engulfing the three-story multiple dwelling. Civilians alerted the EMTs that a man and child possibly

were trapped inside the building.

EMS members are not routinely trained to operate in these kinds of dangerous environments. They do not have the protective equipment or the advanced training that would allow them to work at scenes with serious life hazards that often are associated with fires, such as intense heat, flames, smoke and other dangerous conditions.

With no firefighting personnel on-scene and without regard for his own safety, EMT Williams ran into the building. Following the sounds of the victim's pleas for help, he crawled to the second floor and began searching. Within a few minutes, the intense heat and heavy smoke forced the EMT back out to the street, where his partner

informed him that the trapped victim had jumped from the burning building.

Outside the fire building, EMT Bond already had begun to treat patients at the scene, while EMT Williams assisted the other victims from an adjoining building as they fled the heavy smoke condition.

Without the selflessness, rapid action and teamwork displayed by EMTs Williams and Bond, the outcome might have been far worse. Only one civilian patient suffered a minor injury and did not even have to be transported to the hospital. For their exemplary actions, EMTs Ellis Williams and Jerry Bond are presented with the Chief James Scullion Medal for 2004.--JO