

Fleet Spotlight: Mark Aronberg, FDNY Fleet

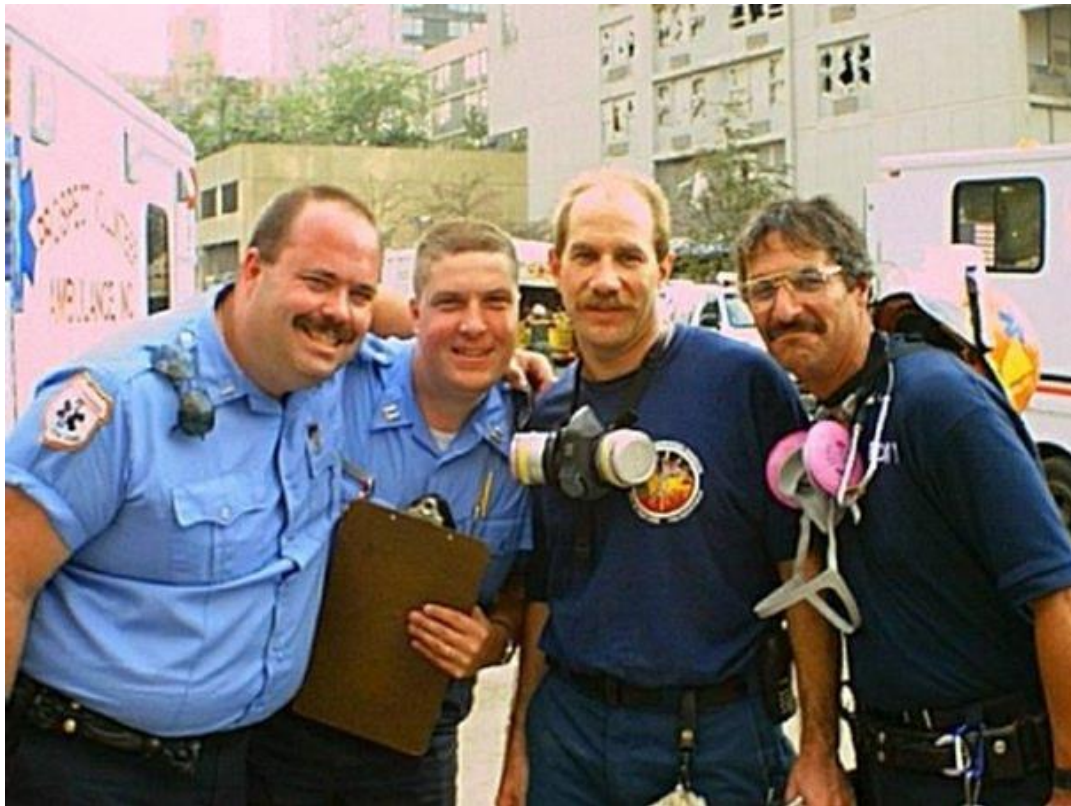
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This week's newsletter spotlights Assistant Fire Commissioner of Fleet Services at the FDNY Mark Aronberg. Commissioner Aronberg began his City career working as an EMT/paramedic for New York City EMS in 1982 and has since progressed through the ranks at the FDNY, working in the medical, fire, logistics, equipment & technical and fleet divisions. In August 2023, with over four decades on the job, Commissioner Aronberg will be retiring from public service. Over the past 41 years, he has been consistently recognized for his experience, skills and passion in the field of being a responder.



FDNY Assistant Fire Commissioner of Fleet Services Mark Aronberg.

Commissioner Aronberg has received multiple decorations, including the NYC EMS Medal of Honor, two lifesaving medals and the Chief of Department's Medal for his actions while on the job. As a responder on both local and federal levels, he has responded to and provided support at multiple national disasters and events, including the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center, Hurricane Katrina (Mississippi & Louisiana), Hurricane Gustave (Massachusetts) and Hurricane Sandy (New York). He was also a survivor and responder of the attacks on September 11th, 2001, at the World Trade Center, spending months working and supporting the site afterwards. Commissioner Aronberg has held his current NYS Paramedic certification for over 40 years, keeping to his roots.



Mark Aronberg working at Ground Zero after 9-11.

He has also spent the last two decades teaching and training others in the skills he's learned as an instructor for both medical and emergency-related fields. He partnered with the Department of Homeland Security to provide training to hundreds of law enforcement and first responder personnel on prevention and detection methods relating to radiological and nuclear incidents. Commissioner Aronberg is also a senior clinical instructor of basic, pediatric and advanced cardiac life support programs. He is a charter member of FDNY's Incident Management Team and helped develop the team's equipment cache for future

emergencies. For the last 20 years, the commissioner has also been an active member and officer, volunteering for the Manhasset-Lakeville Fire Department in Long Island.



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In 2012, Commissioner Aronberg was appointed as the assistant fire commissioner of fleet services, becoming responsible for 2,500 vehicles, comprising of fire apparatuses and ambulances as well as specialty, officer and support vehicles. He was also in charge of the 350 uniformed and civilian staff at seven different facilities. Under his purview, multiple initiatives have been put in place to improve the fleet at the fire department, such as converting the entire ambulance fleet to four-wheel drive. He also endeavored to make the vehicles safer for employees through initiatives such as introducing replaceable seat covers to battle cancer risk caused by carbon from fire response.

The entire ambulance fleet has been retrofitted with battery retrofits from *Stealth Power*, allowing operators to continue running the on-board electronics while idling with the engine off to reduce noise and air pollution from the loud biodiesel exhausts on ambulances. One hundred of these ambulances have also been fitted with solar panels on their roofs to provide continuous power during long shifts. To help save the department money and reduce out of service rates, Commissioner Aronberg has worked to streamline the design of fire apparatuses to make it easier and quicker for mechanics to perform repairs.

When off the clock from FDNY, Commissioner Aronberg spends his time as an active assistant scoutmaster in Long Island, volunteering in his daughter's troop. He recently watched her join the rank of eagle scout alongside her three brothers. In the scouts, he teaches the first aid and lifesaving merit badges as well as accompanies them on camping outings, events and national trips. He is also an avid runner, completing multiple NYC marathons over the past few years. All three of his sons have followed in Mark's footsteps by working on an ambulance, with two of them still currently working as paramedics for Northwell.



Mark running the 2016 NYC Marathon.

“My father has been my hero, mentor and guide throughout both my personal and work life. He has been my role model and inspiration, helping me to get where I am today,” states Matthew Aronberg, director of the Fleet Office of Real-Time Tracking at DCAS Fleet.



Mark with his wife, three sons, and daughter.

“Mark Aronberg epitomizes all the best of public service: expertise, commitment, longevity, bravery and heart,” states DCAS Deputy Commissioner Keith Kerman. “His contribution to NYC, FDNY and fleet has been extraordinary. We will miss him greatly. All of us at fleet and DCAS thank and congratulate him on his lifetime of service.”

When asked about his plans for retirement, Commissioner Aronberg stated that he plans to continue teaching emergency management courses and looks forward to spending more time with his three grandsons.

NYC Fleet Manual

The NYC Fleet Manual and Drivers Handbook has been updated. Please see the updated version at [NYC Fleet Manual and Drivers Handbook](#).

New York City Vision Zero Fleet Forum



This year's New York City Vision Zero Fleet Forum will be held on Thursday November 2, at the Queens Theatre in Flushing Meadows Corona Park

This annual event co-hosted this year by *Together for Safer Roads* will highlight the power and promise of building partnerships to solve our nation's roadway safety crisis, the safe system approach, and how vehicle design and technology plays a vital role in saving lives.

[View the event flyer](#) to learn more. Updated information like the event agenda and registration links will be posted on the DCAS Fleet Management webpage in the coming weeks. You can also [email fleet](#) for more information.



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