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## FDNY Commemorates September 11



**O**n Sunday, September 11, 2016, the FDNY commemorated the 15th Anniversary of September 11, 2001 with events around New York City. To view more photos, visit the FDNY Flickr album at <http://bit.ly/2cKwgmd>.





# Meet 'Probie' Gregory Shepherd



Join FDNY caught up with Engine 315 Probationary Firefighter Gregory Shepherd on July 26 while he was helping to recruit future Firefighters on DeKalb Avenue in bustling downtown Brooklyn. Check out what the 30-year-old had to say about his new amazing career.

**Join FDNY: We can see it's not easy recruiting on a hot summer day like today, but you're here. What does recruiting mean to you?**

**Gregory Shepherd:**

Recruiting is about giving back. I try to give back to the community and give others that warm feeling about potentially becoming a New York City Firefighter by asserting myself as a recruiter for the job. I also try to recruit the young men and women from my old neighborhood in Flatbush, Brooklyn as much as I can. Recruiting is important to me and it helps educate people about the great careers we have here.

**FDNY Probationary Firefighter Gregory Shepherd was one of 295 "Probies" who graduated from the Fire Academy on November 6, 2015.**

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# FDNY Hosts More Mobile Academy Events



The FDNY's Mobile Academy Event made stops in Brooklyn, Inwood, Harlem, The Bronx, Queens and Staten Island during Summer 2016. In addition, many of the latest sessions were held in conjunction with the Department's Summer Block Parties.



During each event, aspiring New York City Firefighters spent the afternoon training with our members to learn more about serving as one of New York's Bravest. Want to attend the next one? Call (718) 999-FDNY (3369) and ask to complete a Firefighter Expression of Interest Form, which will enable you to be contacted about upcoming Firefighter outreach events. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to learn all about the best job in the world.



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**Probationary Firefighter Gregory Shepherd said serving as a recruiter in the Department is another way for him to give back to the community.**

**JF: Did you always want to work as a New York City Firefighter?**

**GS:** Yes. It pretty much started when I was in middle school in Flatbush and we took a class trip to Engine 249. I will never forget how those quarters looked and how it felt to be on the rig for the first time. It was exciting. That childhood curiosity for the FDNY only grew a couple years later when there was a fire in the

building that I lived in and the Engine 249

Firefighters came to help us. I just remember there being so much smoke and us being in complete darkness in the middle of the night. Till this day, I can still remember the images of the Firefighters coming to make sure that nobody was hurt. Even though I was only 13, I knew I wanted to help people like that someday.

**JF: We heard you met your Firefighter Candidate Mentorship Program Mentor Aaron Gardner before you worked here?**

**GS:** Yes, that's true. He recruited me while I was working as a mortgage analyst and he later became my Mentor when I started the hiring process here. As a Mentor, he helped me learn so much about this job. He gave me

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# FFCMP Hosts Third Annual Day in the Park

The FDNY Firefighter Candidate Mentorship Program hosted its Third Annual Mentor-Mentee Day in the Park at Ward's Meadow Field on Randall's Island on Aug. 6. In addition to enjoying some FDNY family fun with great food, music and games, the Mentees were able to spend time with their Mentors to learn about the responsibilities of a New York City Firefighter. View more photos at: <http://bit.ly/2aDtpg1>. **#FFCMP**





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tips about getting in shape and preparing mentally for the Fire Academy and taught me about the firehouse culture, which is very important. He also invited me to his firehouse on many occasions, so I could improve my practical skills. Having him as a Mentor really allowed me to see that working for the FDNY is like being part of a family.

### JF: What's the best part about your new career?

GS: Being able to help people each day. Quite frankly, I don't see another career being as rewarding, challenging, fun and leaving such a positive impact on others. I just really feel forever indebted to this Department as it has afforded me an option to provide for my family in such a noble way. This is a great job and I'm happy to be working here.

## Firefighter 101:

### Thermal Imaging Camera



**D**uring Probationary Firefighter School, all “Probies” will learn about the Thermal Imaging Camera, which is a valuable tool that can be used for many operations. The camera may be especially helpful in the low visibility environment of structural firefighting and it provides a pictorial representation of temperature differences that are unaffected by smoke. In addition, the camera provides a new perspective of the fire ground that can be beneficial. When the images presented are properly interpreted, operators may utilize the information to assist in making decisions, especially in the instances of firefighting, firefighter accountability and directing interior operations. **Read more about this topic in the Probie Manual: <http://on.nyc.gov/1q3oFVj>.**



# FDNY Members March in Heritage Parades

The FDNY continued its participation in New York City's heritage parades this summer, which featured our members marching in diverse communities in Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens and The Bronx. View our photo albums at: <http://bit.ly/2cNIauT>.

