

FALLEN FINEST

DETECTIVE FIRST GRADE ANASTASIOS TSAKOS Highway Unit No. 3



On Tuesday April 27, 2021, then-Police Officer Anastasios Tsakos was struck and killed by a drunk driver while he assisted at the scene of a previous fatal car accident.

In the earlier crash, which occurred on the Long Island Expressway, near the Fresh

Meadows section of Queens, officers arrived to find a vehicle on fire after crashing into a utility pole. One of the passengers did not survive.

Officer Sakos responded to scene to assist with the investigation. Just before 2:00 am, while he was diverting traffic from the highway, a 2013 Volkswagen driven by a 32-year-old woman veered into Officer Tsakos and struck him head-on.

The driver was intoxicated and driving with a suspended license. Initially, she drove away from the scene but was pursued by officers who stopped her a short time later. She was arrested on multiple charges in connection with Tsako's death.

Officer Tsakos was transported to New York Presbyterian Hospital (formerly known as Booth Memorial Hospital) where he succumbed to his injuries.

Described by Police Commissioner Dermot Shea as a "highly regarded member" of the NYPD, Tsakos was posthumously promoted to the rank of Detective First Grade.

Detective Anastasios Tsakos was a 14-year veteran of the service and was 43 years old. He was survived by his wife Irene; his children Jenny and Steve; his parents Anna and Stavros; and his siblings Katina and Teddy.

