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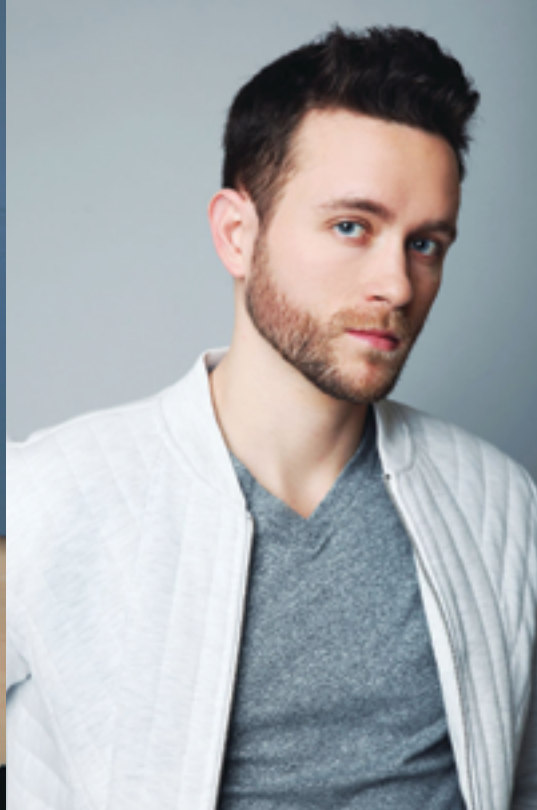
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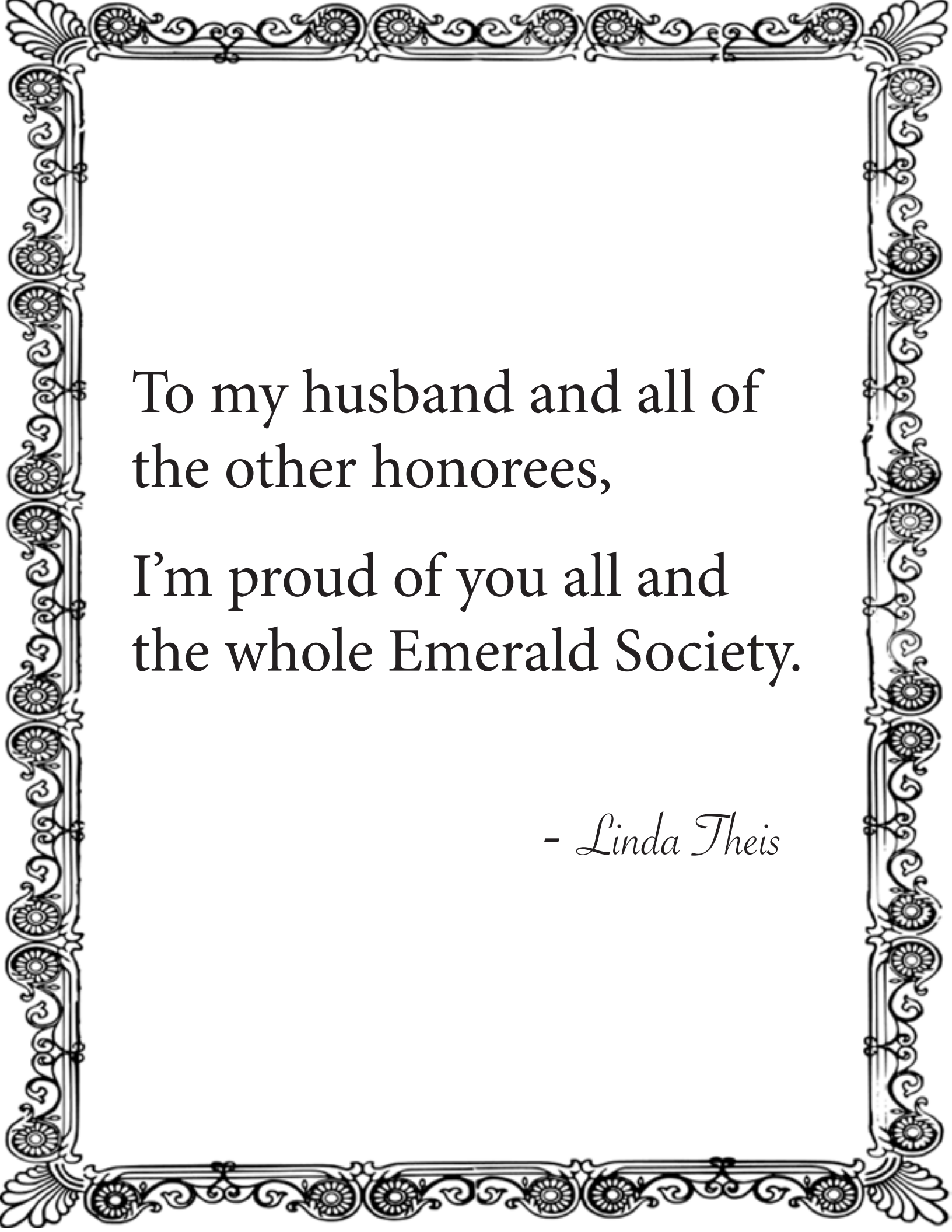
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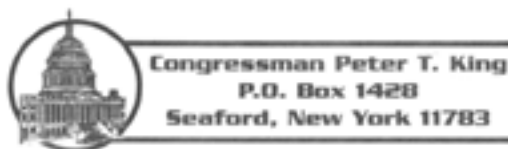


A decorative border with a repeating pattern of stylized floral and scrollwork motifs, framing the text.

To my husband and all of  
the other honorees,  
  
I'm proud of you all and  
the whole Emerald Society.

- *Linda Theis*

Congratulations to  
**Billy Theis**  
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# Suffolk County Firefighters Emerald Society 2016 Awards Dinner – Dance

Presenting valor and achievement awards  
to the following honorees:

### *Irishman of the Year*

Ex-Captain William “Billy” Theis  
Terryville Fire Department

### *The Larry Williams Award for Valor*

1st Assistant Chief Kieran Murphy  
Bellport Fire Department

### *The Brennan – Shrang Award for Valor*

Firefighter Matthew Monahan  
Commack Fire Department

### *The Harold Lally Lifetime Achievement Award*

Ex-Captain James Mahoney  
Northport Fire Department

# harold lally lifetime achievement award

Jim was sworn into membership of Northport Fire Department on Thursday, July 5, 1973 by Chief John “Artie” Berglund. He was assigned to Hook & Ladder Co. 1 and quickly took charge of the department’s “Fire Prevention Education Committee”. Jim developed the department’s, now quite extensive, educational programs aimed at our community’s children in both public and parochial schools as well as our community’s senior members at area Senior Citizen clubs and area adult homes.

After six months in the department, Jim joined the department’s Rescue Squad and in the year 1974 completed his studies earning his New York State Emergency Medical Technician certificate. This is a certification he has held continuously, recertifying every three years, for the past 42 years. He retired his EMT certification in 2016 after 42 years of active certification and service with Rescue Squad 3.

In 1978, Jim was elected 1st Lieutenant of the Rescue Squad and held that position until 1980 when he was elected Captain. Jim has always had the unquestionable respect of his fellow Rescue Squad members as evidenced by their electing him Captain again in 1996 & 1997, and yet again promoted to Captain in 2000 & 2001 to cover elected Captain Dave Cross’ medical leave. Jim is a 6 year Captain of Northport Fire Department Rescue Squad.

He has served as Chairman of the Fire Prevention Committee since 1973.

He has taken what was a National Safe Kids program, redefined and structured it to suit our region and leads the “Safe Kids” Program at our local schools. Jim’s program has had great success and has reduced the number of unintentional injuries to our local youngsters.

Jim recognized the need to address some of the fears held by children younger than those of school age. Jim developed the “Meet Your Friend the Firefighter” program. This program is geared for children aged 6 years and younger. The program is intended to introduce the young children to firefighters as they might appear if responding to an actual fire or emergency. The children get to first



**2016 Harold Lally  
Lifetime Achievement Award  
Ex-Captain James Mahoney**

meet the firefighters in “regular” clothing, then they are shown each piece of the firefighter’s personal protective equipment and watch as the firefighter dons each of the items. Ultimately, the children will see the firefighter fully garbed in PPE including boots, bunker pants, turnout coat, self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) mask and tank, helmet and gloves. The firefighter interacts with the children and then begins removing the items in reverse order thus ensuring comfort to the children that there is nothing to fear of a person in firefighting protective gear. Children are also introduced to the inside of an ambulance and are shown the many items within that are intended to assist ill or injured patients. The children are given the opportunity to feel, hold and even “try on” some of the items. Items such as cervical collars, bone splints, bandages,

blood pressure cuffs and such are presented to the children so as to familiarize them with the item should they ever require use of same, again, to alleviate any fears during an actual emergency. For many years this program has, and continues to be, a great hit with the youngsters and their parents.

Jim is the author of “SAFETY NEWS from the NORTHPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT”, a monthly news column printed in one of the community’s newspapers. The column has been written for more than 15 years and covers a vast amount of personal safety and health safety topics. His articles have offered invaluable advice and safety tips for people of all generations.

Professionally, Jim is an educator – retired after more than 30 years an elementary school teacher and Principal of one of the largest elementary schools in New York State.

Civically, Jim’s roles are numerous. As a Republican Committeeman, he has been a longtime fixture at the 113th election district’s polling place at Laurel Avenue School. He can also be seen at local school board elections/budget votes and at the local Library Budget votes. Jim has long provided the trusted explanations for all local voters, both new and seasoned, regardless of their registered party or belief.



He is also a Veteran of the US Army and is an active Life Member (and two-time Past Commander) of Northport American Legion Post 694. He serves on the Congressman's interview committee for the selection of candidates to the United States' West Point, Annapolis, Air Force, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine Academies. Jim also serves on the interview and selection committee for the American Legion's Boys State & Girls State programs.

He has helped organize the Great Cow Harbor 10K Run and several of Northport's annual parades, including the Memorial Day, Cow Harbor Day and the Pearl Harbor Day Memorial Parades.

Jim Mahoney has been a longtime member of the Suffolk County Firefighters' Burn Center Fund, Inc. He has served as a Board Member and is a Past President of the Burn Center. Jim and his late wife Sophie have raised more than \$150,000.00 for the Burn Center through the Annual Doll & Teddy Bear Show directed by Sophie.

He is a Charter Member of the Northport St. Baldrick's Committee. With Jim's knowledge and assistance for the past 12 years, the Northport St. Baldrick's Committee has been very successful and has raised more than \$ 5.1 million to fund pediatric cancer research.

Firematically, Jim Mahoney has worn many caps and assumed many responsibilities. In addition to the afore mentioned, Jim was Chairman of the Northport Fire Department's 100th Anniversary Committee and over saw a multitude of events to commemorate the department's centennial year. Most notably as the editor of the written history of our department (authored by the late Dr. Mary 'Wini' Warren) and the department's 100th Anniversary Parade & Celebration.

And for 8 years, Jim served as Chairman of Northport's 125th Anniversary Committee. Jim and the Committee produced great events and memorable items for the department's members and for the Northport community during the 125th year of Volunteer Service, including the 125th Anniversary Parade and the "Next 25 Years – History of the Northport Fire Department 1989-2014"; a written history book (authored by Firefighter Robert Lahey) intended as a complimentary addition to the first centennial history book.

Jim has amassed an impressive amount of awards and accolades. Jim has been named;

Schaefer Fireman of the Year – 1977

Rescue Squad Fireman of the Year – 1977, 2003 & 2016

VFW Fireman of the Year – 1977

Northport FD Fireman of the Year – 1991 & 2002

Hook & Ladder Company Fireman of the Year – 1991

FASNY Fire Service Achievement Award – 2002

Scott Health & Safety Firefighter of the Year – 2002

National Volunteer Fire Council's Award –

United States Firefighter of the Year – 2002

New York State's Veteran's Hall of Fame - 2005

Suffolk County Firefighters' Burn Center –

"Robert Lyon Award" for Distinguished Service – 2013

In 2015, the Board of Fire Commissioners for the Incorporated Village of Northport established a new award, the first of its kind from the Board of Fire Commissioners. The Commissioners present this award to any individual that possesses and demonstrates a driven passion to serve his/her fellow man in a way that fosters a sense of peace and safety and nurtures growth of knowledge and community spirit. These are attributes of a famous person in our history, one of our Nation's forefathers and the Father of our Nation's Volunteer Fire Service – Benjamin Franklin.

It is fitting that the first recipient of this award so happens to possess all of those attributes. It is also fitting that this award is dedicated in his name. The FIRST recipient of the "Captain James Mahoney Volunteer Service Award" was presented to Ex-Captain James Mahoney.

I'm sure there is much more on Jim's list of activities and accomplishments that I have failed to mention here. But one point will not be missed. The following words are an excerpt from a speech, words that are well worth repeating here;

In an address to the Senate, New York State Senator John Flanagan stated, "...Jim Mahoney has demonstrated the brilliance of his individual performance, leadership and dedication to his Department, his Village, this State and this Country..."

Yes, the Senator's words are well worth repeating.



past harold lally  
award recipients

2013 – Jack McLoughlin  
2010 – Richard Moran  
2008 – Salvatore Formica &  
Robert Jinks

2006 – Walter C. Reutlinger  
2004 – Dan Coffey

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*On behalf of the Board of Fire Commissioners of  
the Commack Fire District & Staff and  
the Commack Fire Department and its  
members, we would like to congratulate*

*Matthew Monahan*

*on being named by the Suffolk County Volunteer  
Firefighters' Emerald Society  
as the 2016 recipient of the Brennan - Shrang  
Memorial Valor Award for his heroic actions  
for saving a life on March 8, 2014.*

*Congratulations Matt!*





# CONGRATULATIONS

Suffolk Firefighters  
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2016 Honorees



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# *Congratulations*

## Billy Theis

## 2016 Irishman of the Year

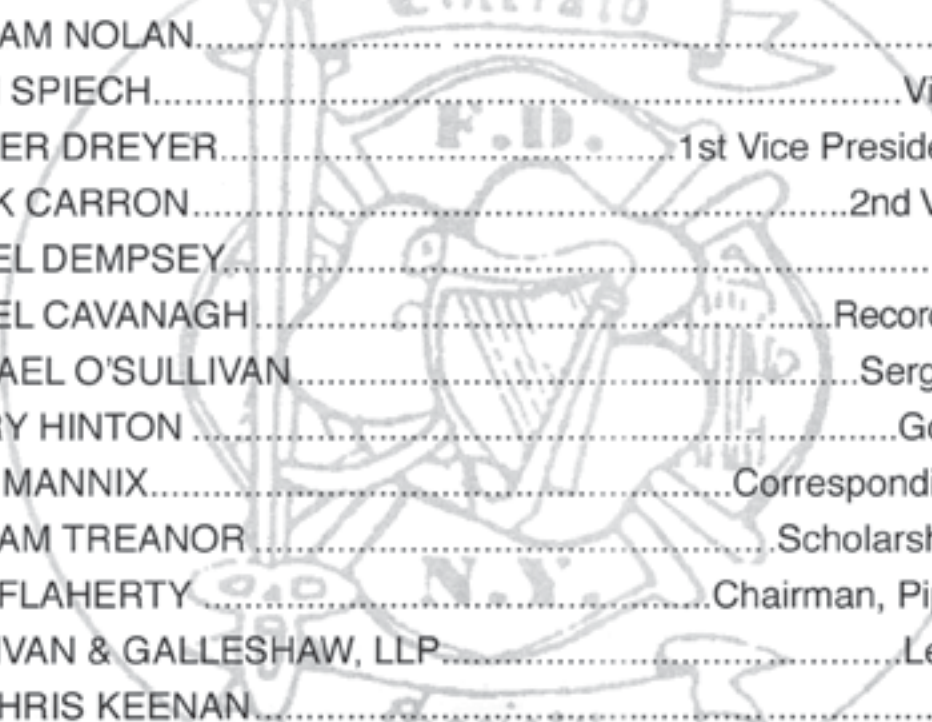
Yours,

*Billy Nolan*  
President



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Congratulations to  
Firefighter Matthew Monahan  
The Brennan - Shrang Award for Valor  
November 19, 2016



From your Brothers & Sisters of the  
Commack Fire Department

Andrew Babajko  
Chief Of Department  
Commack F.D.

John Bicocchi  
Dept. President  
Commack F.D.



# Brennan-schrang valor award

While driving to his home in Commack on Saturday, March 8, 2014 at approximately 0140 hrs, firefighter Matthew Monahan, of the Commack Fire Department, came upon the scene of a single car motor vehicle accident on west bound route 347 just east of the 454 interchange. He saw that a car was sitting on its side and fire was coming from the engine compartment. At this time he was informed by witnesses that there was someone trapped inside the vehicle. Matt approached the vehicle, which was lying on the driver's side. The victim, who was trapped in the driver's seat, had multiple injuries including a compound fracture of her ankle. Matt reassured the young lady that he would get her out. As Matt tried to break out the windshield, he noticed a fire in the engine compartment was intensifying.

A second bystander, Joseph Moscato, arrived with a fire extinguisher and held back the flames as Matt climbed onto the vehicle and forced open the passenger side door.

He helped the injured woman stand and was able to reach under her arms and lift her out of the vehicle just as the flames started to spread to the interior of the vehicle. Matt then helped the woman to a safe distance from the vehicle and tended to her injuries until medical help arrived. Within minutes of extricating the victim from the car, it was fully involved.

There is little doubt the victim would have suffered serious, if not fatal injuries, had firefighter Monahan not rescued her from the burning vehicle.

## past recipients

2013 – Kevin Bader, James Deutch, Christopher Rodriguez, Daniel Desoiza  
2010 – William Brown  
2008 – John Ipolito Jr., Edward Kunz Jr.  
2006 – Rick Gimbl  
2004 – Bryan Butler, Edward Smith



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and thank you  
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# **Congratulations to the Suffolk County Firefighters Emerald Society 2016 Honorees**



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*Congratulations Billy!*

# *Congratulations* *Billy Theis*

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CONGRATULATIONS KIERAN!!  
FROM YOUR BROTHERS AT THE  
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# LARRY WILLIAMS VALOR AWARD

**O**n June 6, 2014 at 1409 hours, the Bellport Fire Department received a call for an EMS assist for a victim hanging.

Second Assistant Chief Kieran Murphy was first to arrive on the scene. Hearing screams of help coming from the victim's husband in the rear yard, Chief Murphy took his halligan tool and a knife and ran to back yard. Upon seeing the female victim hanging from a swing set with her husband frantically trying to hold her up by her waist, Chief Murphy jumped over the fence into the backyard, where he immediately encountered an attacking pit bull. This pit bull already attacked and bitten a Suffolk County police officer who had responded to the scene. Chief Murphy used his halligan tool to fend off the pit bull as he ran to the swing set. Chief Murphy was able to avoid the attacking dog and cut the victim down. After getting the victim to the ground, Chief Murphy along with First Assistant Chief Anthony Pino and members of the South Country Ambulance initiated Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation to the victim and then transported her to Brookhaven Memorial Hospital.

Chief Murphy's initial decision to grab his halligan tool and knife, his ability to scale the fence, fight off an attacking dog to cut the victim down and then perform CPR, resulted in saving the woman's life.


## past recipients

- 2013 – Stephen Rogoski, Michael Kampf,  
Rodney Pierson, Matthew Shimkus,  
Alfred Callahan, Nicholas Aldrich
- 2010 – Raymond Germaine, Thomas Kriklava
- 2008 – Brian O'Neill, Joseph Barbara
- 2006 – David Robrecht
- 2004 – William Nichols
- 2002 – William Waldron Jr., Peter Brennan,  
James Cummings, Robert Souhrada,  
Daniel Boucher
- 2000 – Jamie Dobbs, Richard Huttie,  
Thomas Mattos, Richard Templeton
- 1998 – Patrick Molloy, Peter Collie,  
Paul Campson
- 1996 – Douglas Mulholland, Kenneth T. Jones,  
William Pyne III
- 1994 – Robert A. Miller, Donald Miller,  
Peter Baretsky, Robert Pettigrew,  
Jack Parrett
- 1992 – Kelly Lopreto
- 1991 – Charles Cunningham
- 1989 – Michael McMahon

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On Being Named The  
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**2016 Irishman of the Year**

The Officers and Members of the  
Hauppauge Fire Department

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# *Thank You*

To all the charter members who started our Society 25 years ago...

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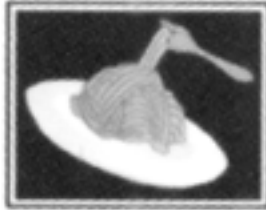
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The Chiefs, Officers, and Members  
of the Bay Shore Fire Department,  
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Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighters Emerald Society  
on it's many years of dedicated service.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO

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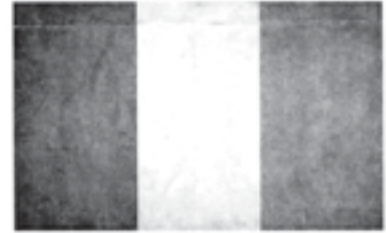
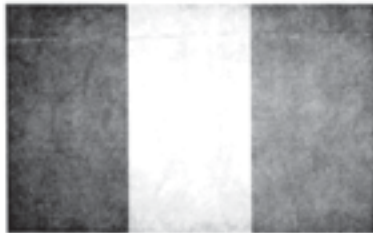
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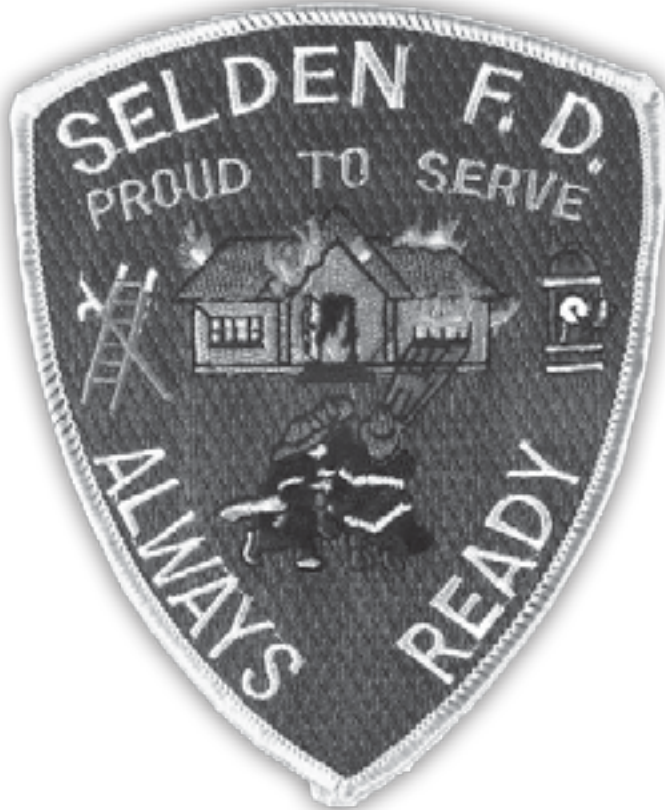
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