

June 9, 2015

The Honorable Daniel Nigro  
Commissioner  
New York City Fire Department  
9 Metrotech Center  
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: Request for placement of a new squad company on Staten Island

Dear Commissioner Nigro:

We hope this letter finds you well.

We would like to begin our letter with certain presuppositions that are indisputable:

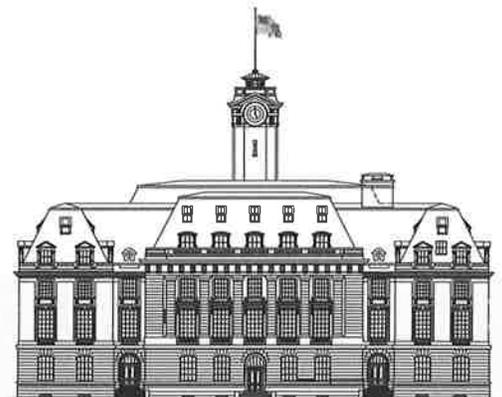
1. Staten Island has grown, continues to grow, and will continue to grow;
2. Staten Island has never had a squad company; and
3. While there are seven squad companies citywide, Staten Island is the only borough that does not have one.

We are writing to respectfully request that, in the year we celebrate the FDNY's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we make history by assigning Staten Island's first squad company.

It is our understanding that every time there is an "All Hands" alarm on Staten Island, Squad 1 responds all the way from Park Slope, Brooklyn. They also cover their own first, second, and third due boxes in their own neighborhood. This demonstrates that Squad 1 is already very busy in their own area, which is not closely accessible to Staten Island, and it is not a readily available resource to Staten Island.

Staten Island currently has two specialized units protecting its citizens – Rescue 5 and HazTech Engine Company 165 – but it continues to lack a critical squad company. Furthermore, it is our understanding that Rescue 5 is often over the Verrazano Bridge responding to calls in Brooklyn, times when our borough is without any personnel with special operations rescue training. The answer to this problem is clearly the addition of a new squad company.

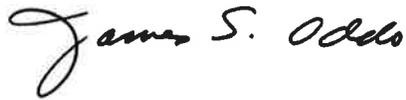
To be clear, we are not asking you to build a new firehouse; the beauty of this proposal is that there is room at several existing firehouses that have easy highway access to house a specialized squad company unit.



As with every decision that you make, we acknowledge that this request would cost money, but it would be money well spent better protecting Staten Islanders, and is a small sum when compared to both the overall city and FDNY budgets. We believe the time to right an inequity that has existed for far too long is now. We are ready to work with you to make history.

Thank you for your time, courtesy, and consideration.

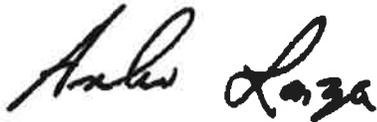
Very truly yours,



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