

"I made a promise to the families that 9/11/2016 would be the last anniversary that names of those lost as a result of their work on 9/11 and its aftermath would be absent from the memorial dedicated to their memory."

-BP ODDO

**BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S
DIRECT CONNECT SUNDAY**

AT THE PETRIDES SCHOOL



HEALTH & WELLNESS QUALITY OF LIFE DEVELOPMENT TRANSPORTATION SAFETY JOBS RECREATION EDUCATION TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE

When they cried out for help, Borough President James Oddo was listening. Their loved ones were first responders, and although they survived that awful day, they eventually succumbed to the illnesses they contracted as a result of their heroic efforts in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks.

Several years ago, then-Borough President James Molinaro commissioned a First Responders Memorial to be located along the Promenade, just beside the Postcards Memorial. A series of delays and bureaucratic issues left families with a memorial that was devoid of any names. Many families reached out to the Borough President for help, desperate to see their loved ones memorialized on the marble.

BP Oddo met with family members and city agencies to assess the situation and was absolutely determined to find a path forward. He promised the families that 9/11/2016 would be the last anniversary that the names of those lost would be absent from the memorial. He kept his word, with the help of the City's Economic Development Corporation, DSNY, the Port Authority, NYPD, and FDNY.

The memorial was officially dedicated by the Borough President and Mayor de Blasio at a ceremony on October 1st, 2017. With the sun shining and the skies a perfect clear blue, uniformed officers of the NYPD, FDNY, and DSNY unveiled the monument, which currently bears the names of 67 Staten Islanders who have died from 9/11-related illnesses. The monument is thoughtfully engraved with the names, titles, departments, and dates of death of each brave first responder.



The Staten Island 9/11 First Responders Memorial