

# Within Ninety Minutes

## 49 EMS personnel, from multiple agencies, died on September 11

MAURICE BARRY \* ROBERT CIRRI \* JOHN COUGHLIN \* JAMES COYLE \* MICHAEL CURTIN \* JOHN D'ALLARA \* VINCENT DANZ \* JEROME DOMINGUEZ \* STEPHEN DRISCOLL \* KEITH FAIRBEN  
 ANDRE FLETCHER \* RODNEY GILLIS \* LAUREN GRANDCOLAS \* LINDA GRONLUND \* MOHAMMAD SALMAN HAMDANI \* JOSEPH HENRY \* GEORGE HOWARD \* STEPHEN HUCZKO \* ANTHONY INFANTE  
 KARL JOSEPH \* MICHAEL KIEFER \* RONALD KLOEPFER \* THOMAS LANGONE \* DAVID LEMANGE \* CARLOS LILLO \* JAMES LYNCH \* KATHY MAZZA-DELOSH \* BRIAN McDONNELL \* YAMEL MERINO  
 JAMES PAPAGEORGE \* RICHARD PEARLMAN \* KEVIN PFEIFER \* RICARDO QUINN \* RICHARD RODRIGUEZ \* MARIO SANTORO \* MARK SCHWARTZ \* JOHN SKALA \* JEFF SIMPSON \* FRANK SPINELLI  
 MARC SULLINS \* KENNETH SWENSON \* SEAN TALLON \* PAUL TALTY \* CLIVE THOMPSON \* HECTOR TIRADO \* SANTOS VALENTIN \* JOSEPH VIGIANO \* MITCH WALLACE \* WALTER WEAVER \* ZHE ZACK ZENG



**Keith Fairben, EMT-Paramedic, NY Presbyterian Hosp:**  
 The 6-foot-3, 240-pound medic loved helping people. "It was Keith's passion," said his father, who called him on his cell phone minutes after the second plane struck. His son answered and said: "Dad, I'm really busy... can't talk now." His father replied, "Be safe son."



**Mario Santoro EMT-Paramedic, NY Presbyterian Hosp:**  
 "For the rest of my life, I will want Mario to come home for a meal. Even just one more meal," said his widow Léonor Ramos-Santoro. Missed by Mario's brother, "Never forget our heroes."



**Yamel Merino (24) of Yonkers EMT-Paramedic, Metrocare / Montefiore Medical Center:**  
 "EMT of the Year;" awarded by her company in 1999. Dispatcher Dianna Ramirez sent Merino out every day on 911 calls. "Oh she was the sweetest thing...the sweetest voice." Tuesday morning Merino answered one of those calls after the first tower had been hit. Yamel was helping the injured when tower 1 collapsed.



**Marc Sullins EMT-Paramedic, Cabrini Medical Center:**  
 Marc took two patients to the hospital, one severely injured. On his third run into the building, Sullins did not return. His wife recalls, "Marc loved the strenuous work. He would pack Matchbox cars and Barbie figurines in his trauma bag to calm his younger patients."



**Mark Schwartz, EMT Hunter Ambulance:**  
 Killed in the collapse of Tower 2:  
 "'Uncle Marc' had a huge heart and loved to help others. He was more than a fantastic boss...he was your friend. I can't even count the number of times I went into his office just to talk, and sometimes to cry. We Love You Mark, may you rest in peace." His daughter, Jennifer Schwartz added, "It was just like a thrill, he'd get so excited when he was going to help somebody. It's just hard because my dad went to work that day...just so someone else could come home."



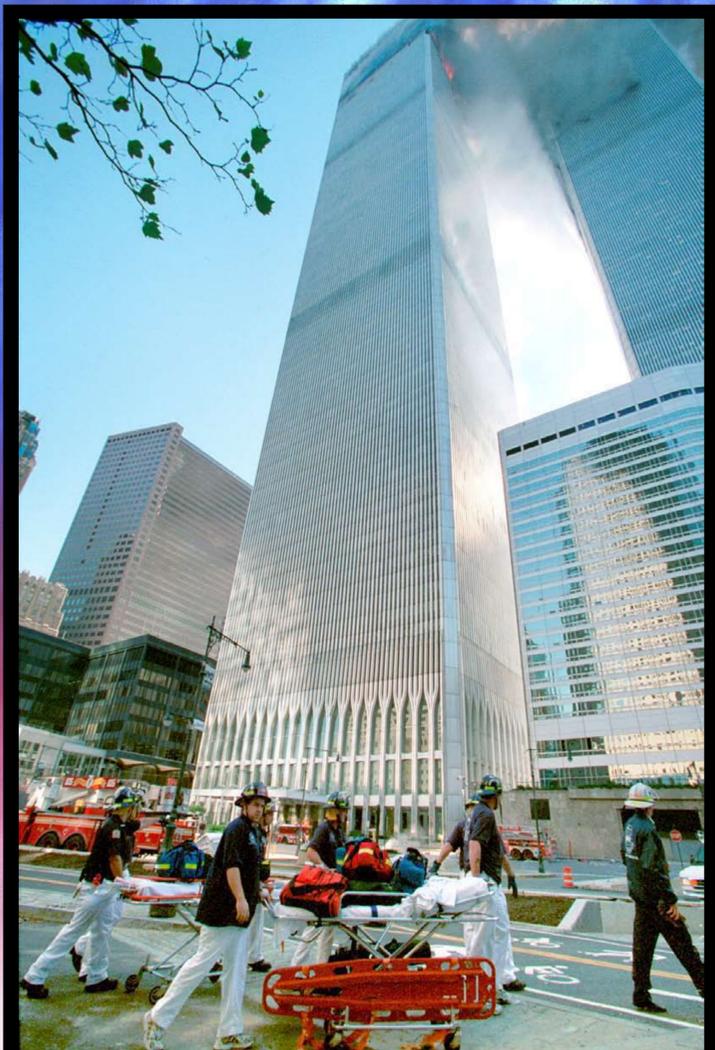
**Lt. Ricardo Quinn EMT-Paramedic FDNY:**  
 The family car never came home the night of 11 Sept. The phone did not ring. Richard ran into the Tower 2. He stopped to bandage a fellow medic who had been hit by falling debris. Then he helped load another patient into an ambulance. Then Ricardo went back inside the burning building. "I know he went in thinking of helping people," Mrs. Quinn said, "The world is missing a good, good person." She paused, "Well, 3,000 of them."



**Carlos Lillo EMT-Paramedic FDNY:**  
 Carlos was treating patients, stretched in a line on Church Street, facing the North Tower. Manuel Delgado (FDNY) remembers... "My wife is in there," Carlos cried.  
 But Carlos Lillo would never survive to know that his wife, Cecilia, made it safely out of the North Tower. She worked for the Port Authority on the 64th floor. Newlyweds, they met at a New Year's Eve party in 1997. "We spent three beautiful years together," says Cecilia, "I would give anything have one more year with Carlos."



**Richard Pearlman, Law Clerk and Forest Hills EMT:**  
 Mr. Pearlman was attending a meeting at 1 Police Plaza where he learned of the attacks. He raced down to Ground Zero to work alongside three police officers. "Richard dreamed of becoming a paramedic," said his Mother, Dori Pearlman, who finally saw her son in a rescue photo captured earlier that day. "He used to always say, 'I'm going to be a famous person one day, Mom. I'm going to help save the world. You'll see!'" Richard was enrolled in emergency medical classes for October. His sister Lisa adds, "Richie, We all miss and love you very much. You are my very special angel."



Seconds after this photograph was taken...  
 WTC South Tower collapsed and all EMS personnel above were buried alive. Miraculously, all survived.



*On the wings of angels, the lives you've saved  
 You will not be forgotten...  
 In our hearts you will stay  
 For you gave all of your tomorrows...  
 For all of our todays*

**Jeff Simpson EMT, Dumfries Triangle Volunteer Rescue:**  
 Jeff was in lower Manhattan on routine business on behalf of his employer, the Oracle Corporation. Instead of leaving, Jeff rushed to the scene to offer assistance just as the collapse occurred.



**Kenneth Swenson, EMT Chatham Volunteer Emergency:**  
 VP of Cantor Fitzgerald and volunteered on Saturdays like his father before him. "Kenneth was a loving husband, and great father to our two sons. Frequent camping trips," recalled his wife Leslie, "On the morning of September 11th, he was not only the Vice President but also an EMT."



**Mohammad Salman Hamdani EMT, NYPD Cadet:**  
 Born in Karachi, Pakistan, Mohammad moved to America at 13-months old. September 11 began as any other day for the 23-year-old New Yorker. He boarded the train for his research job at Rockefeller University, but was never seen from again. Six months later, on March 20, 2002, his remains were positively identified at Ground Zero. It is believed that the part-time ambulance driver, police cadet and medical student heard about the attack on his way to work, and immediately rushed to help. "That's him," his mother, Talaat, reports. "No matter where he was, even if he were in California, he would have flown down to help."



**Frank Spinelli, EMT, Dumfries-Triangle Volunteer Rescue:**  
 Frank worked for Cantor Fitzgerald on the 105th floor of WTC #1. His life was dedicated to his family - cheering with his wife Michelle at soccer, lacrosse, track and football games of their three children. On Sept 11 he called home and left a message, "A plane had struck the building and I'm going to try and help." The message ended, "I love you and I'll see you later." Frank used his EMT training to help co-workers and strangers in need.



**Clive "Ian" Thompson, EMT, Volunteer Summit NJ:**  
 Ian joined the squad in 1994, took CPR and first aid classes and became a certified Emergency Medical Technician. He worked on the Friday night crew for 6-1/2 years and in early 2001 was promoted to the rank of Crew Chief. Ian had a unique way of making the best of any rough situation, especially with children. He worked in the WTC offices of EBI. Many believe he helped others escape when the tower collapsed. Just like he did during the 1993 WTC bombing.



**Zhe "Zack" Zeng, EMT, Brighton Volunteer Ambulance:**  
 Zack was born in Canton, China. He immigrated to the United States with his parents in the late 1980's. They settled in Brooklyn. Zack attended the University of Rochester, graduating in 1995. While there, Zack trained as an Emergency Medical Technician. On that beautiful early fall morning of September, Zack was on his way to work at the NY Bank on Barclay Street. He saw the first plane strike the towers from his subway stop. Zack gathered all the first aid kits he could find and raced to help injured victims. Images aired on FOX TV, showed Zack helping an injured woman on a stretcher before the South Tower collapsed.



**Linda Gronlund, Greenwood Lake, NY, EMT, UAL93:**  
 Magna cum laude graduate of South Hampton College Long Island, Linda graduated from American University law school in 1983. She joined BMW North America in 1990 and rose to the position of manager, environmental compliance. Her varied interests included sailing, scuba diving, karate, gardening, medicine, and racing cars. She treated an injured passenger aboard Flight 93.



**Lauren Grandcolas, EMT, Flight 93:**  
 Pregnant with her first child, Lauren Grandcolas was returning from her grandmother's funeral in New Jersey. She was a saleswoman for Good Housekeeping magazine and also involved with multiple charities: United Way, March of Dimes, Project Open Hand, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, Breast Cancer Awareness, and Glide Memorial. "She was just a very, very kind and loving person. Enjoyed life," said her brother-in-law Mark Grandcola. Lauren was treating a passenger on Flight 93.



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