

3. Case of Ladderman Thomas J. Cooney, Ladder Co. 29, Still Alarm, 5:16 P. M., March 3, 1942, Scarboro Pond, Franklin Park.

Upon arrival of department apparatus at the above location, it was found that two boys had broken through the ice on Scarboro Pond. One boy had already disappeared and the other was in the water, hanging onto the edge of the ice by one arm. Members of Ladder Co. 29 and Rescue Co. 2 pushed a ladder toward the boy, but he was unable to grasp it because of his weakened condition. Ladderman Thomas J. Cooney of Ladder Co. 29 crawled over the ladder to where the boy was located and pulled him onto the ladder. As members of the department were drawing them to shore, the ladder sank through the soft ice, submerging Ladderman Cooney to his chin. Despite this, Ladderman Cooney clung to the boy, holding his face out of the water, until both were pulled to shore. Ladderman Cooney was highly commended by the Fire Commissioner in General Orders No. 18, Series of 1942.

Because of his quick action and the great personal risk to which he exposed himself during this rescue work, the Board recommends that the name of Ladderman Thomas J. Cooney, Ladder Co. 29 be placed on the Roll of Merit.