

# Edward H. Hommel, M.D. Medal of Honor

At approximately 0710 hours on Sunday, July 17, 2022, Fire Alarm transmitted Box 3835 for a building fire in a 2-story, wood-frame, duplex dwelling at 22 Norton Street, District 10. Initial 911 callers reported a large fire in the rear of the building.

Firefighter Daniel Loring of Engine 7, off-duty at the time and the owner/occupant of the attached unit, became aware of the fire. Knowing that the residents were likely home at that early hour, and disregarding his own safety, he immediately entered the attached apartment where he found the unit heavily involved in fire and untenable. Firefighter Loring encountered a disoriented man in the house who he directed outside. Before he could complete a full primary search for others, he was forced to back out of the structure by the extreme heat and smoke. Upon exiting, he heard screaming from a window in the rear of the building. A woman and her child were trapped on the second floor, above the fire, with no means of escape and calling desperately for help. Firefighter Loring positioned himself under the window and urged the mother to drop the child to him which she did, and he safely caught the child without injury. The mother then jumped from the window to escape the flames. Firefighter Loring helped the injured mother and child get to a safe location where he assessed the mother's injuries and rendered first aid until more help arrived.

Firefighter Loring performed these actions at great personal risk and with extreme heroism. He entered a structure, heavily involved in fire without any personal protective gear to save the lives of a young family. He single-handedly rescued and moved to safety a mother, father, and young child. But for the actions of Firefighter Daniel Loring, the victims may likely have perished.

Therefore, the Fire Commissioner/Chief of Department, acting on the recommendation of the Board of Merit, hereby orders the Edward H. Hommel, M.D. Medal of Honor be awarded to:



**Firefighter Daniel W. Loring**  
*Engine Company 7*