

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

On Saturday, January 22, 2022 at approximately 1500 hours, Firefighter Dana Robinson of Ladder 28 was shopping at the South Shore Plaza with his wife when he heard gunshots coming from an adjacent store. Occupants in the mall immediately became frantic and started fleeing the scene. Firefighter Robinson noticed a woman and child crying and screaming for help. The woman was on the floor holding a man in her arms with a gunshot wound to his head. Firefighter Robinson immediately got his wife into a store as it went into lockdown and then went to render aid to the wounded man and the woman and child.

While unsure if the shooter was still in the area, and before police had secured the mall, Firefighter Robinson put himself at extreme personal risk when he left cover to provide medical attention to the gunshot victim. Firefighter Robinson directed a panicked bystander to obtain clothing from a store and applied direct pressure to the victim's wound while also trying to calm and comfort the woman and child. As police arrived to secure the scene, Firefighter Robinson identified himself as a Boston Firefighter and continued providing medical attention until responding medics arrived.

Though the victim did not survive, the actions of Firefighter Robinson displayed great courage and dedication to the mission of the fire service. He chose to place himself in danger to render medical attention and to protect a woman and child.

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 Dana M. Robinson**  
*Ladder Company 28*