

Commissioner's Unit Citation

On November 8, 2022 at 1840 hours, Box 2617 was struck for 3927 Washington Street, Roslindale. Upon arrival there was heavy fire showing from the rear of the building extending into the second and third floor landings, with reports of people trapped on the second floor. Firefighter Matthew Marian stopped the apparatus in front of the building and gained access to the roof on the Charlie side to begin vertical ventilation. Fire Lieutenant Jay Gormley and Firefighter William Malcomb of Ladder Company 16 then proceeded to the second floor to conduct a primary search for the trapped residents. Firefighter Malcomb made his way through the smoke filled apartment to the rear bedrooms near the fire and found three residents trying to evacuate the building. Firefighter Malcomb then led the residents through the apartment to safety outside via the front stairway. Fire Lieutenant Gormley was conducting a search of the front rooms of the second floor and assisted Firefighter Malcomb by clearing the stairway for the victim's removal. Firefighter Nicholas Santangelo of Ladder Company 29 (Detailed to Ladder Company 16) proceeded to the Bravo side of the building and noticed the area was obstructed by high walls and that fire was extending to the exposures. Firefighter Santangelo made his way into the building to assist with rescue and forcible entry. These actions were all conducted prior to having a charged line in place.

Fire Lieutenant Gormley, Firefighter Malcomb and Firefighter Santangelo then proceeded to the third floor to conduct a primary search and ventilate the building. There they encountered heavy fire and high heat but thankfully no other people requiring rescue. All members continued to operate in extinguishing the fire and overhauling the building.

Without the quick actions and teamwork of the members of Ladder 16 in locating and removing the victims from the second floor of the burning structure, they may not have escaped.

Therefore, the Fire Commissioner/Chief of Department, acting on the recommendation of the Board of

**Fire Lieutenant
Jay R. Gormley**

Ladder Company 16

**Firefighter
William J. Malcomb**

Ladder Company 16

**Firefighter
Matthew P. Marian**

Ladder Company 16

**Firefighter
Nicholas A. Santangelo**

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