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Fire Commissioner



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Anthony Bergamo  
Chairperson  
Federal Law Enforcement Foundation, Inc.  
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Dear Mr. Bergamo:

On behalf of the FDNY/EMS, I commend the Federal Law Enforcement Foundation and its dedicated Board of Directors for the tireless work they do to protect those who protect us. It is an honor to join you again this year to celebrate both the federal law enforcement community and your 21 years of service to it.

I also congratulate Supervising Fire Marshal John Holohan, who is being recognized by the Law Enforcement Foundation. SFM Holohan has had a long and distinguished career keeping New Yorkers safe from arsonists. He played a major role in the development of a database that has greatly enhanced the abilities of our Bureau of Fire Investigation, including aiding the case against a member of the Bonnano crime family. It is a great honor, both for SFM Holohan and the entire Department, to be recognized by the Foundation.

Few understand the dangers faced by New York City better than the men and women of the Fire Department. For that reason, they have a deep appreciation of the work done by law enforcement officers across the nation to keep us all safe.

The thoughts and prayers of New York City's firefighters, emergency medical technicians and paramedics are with you.

Sincerely,  
  
Nicholas Scoppetta



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Fire Commissioner, Fire Department of New York

Mayor Michael Bloomberg appointed Nicholas Scoppetta the 31st Commissioner of the Fire Department of New York in January 2002. Commissioner Scoppetta heads a 16,000 member department with a budget in excess of a billion dollars. The department encompasses fire services and Emergency Medical services.

Mr. Scoppetta is the former Commissioner of the Administration for Children's Services (ACS) where he served from 1996 through 2001. His six year tenure was three times the average tenure of Child Welfare Administrators in New York City. During his tenure from 1996 to 2001, ACS engaged in a comprehensive reform of the City's child welfare system which won praise from national child welfare experts and the media.

Mr. Scoppetta is also a former Deputy Mayor and Commissioner of Investigation for the City of New York. He has served as Associate Counsel to the Knapp Commission, as Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, as Assistant District Attorney for New York County, and as the Deputy Independent Counsel in the investigation and prosecution of a former Special Assistant to the President of the United States.

Mr. Scoppetta was born on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. When he was five years old he was placed in foster care and lived in various institutions until he was twelve. He attended public schools in Manhattan. After serving two years in the Army, he attended Bradley University on the G.I. Bill and graduated in 1958 with a degree in Engineering. He attended law school at night on a New York State Regents Scholarship and worked in the criminal courts during the day assisting in the investigation and prosecution of cases in which children had been abused or neglected. Upon graduation from law school he was appointed an Assistant District Attorney in New York County.

In 1978 Mr. Scoppetta left public service and joined the faculty of New York University School of Law where he was a Professor of Law and Director of the Institute of Judicial Administration. In 1980 he founded the law firm of Scoppetta & Seiff, where he engaged in the private practice of law until his return to public service in 1996.

In January 1996, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani announced the creation of the Administration for Children's Services and appointed Mr. Scoppetta the agency's first commissioner. ACS is the City's first independent agency devoted entirely to services for children, with a commissioner reporting directly to the Mayor.

Mr. Scoppetta is a past President and former Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Children's Aid Society, a not-for-profit social service agency which annually serves more than 200,000 needy children in New York City. He was a member of that Board for sixteen years. He also founded, and is President of the Board of New Yorkers for Children, a not-for-profit agency which funds and supports programs for children in Foster Care.

He has served on numerous boards of other not-for-profit institutions and is a past member of the Executive Committee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. From February of 1994 to January 1996, he was Chairman of the five-member Commission to Combat Police Corruption which was created by Mayor Giuliani to monitor the New York City Police Department's anti-corruption efforts.

He lives in New York City with his wife. They have two grown children, Andrea and Eric.