

Daniel A. Nigro became the 33rd Commissioner of the New York City Fire Department on June 9, 2014. As Commissioner he led a workforce of more than 17,000 uniformed and civilian members. Prior to his appointment as Fire Commissioner, he served for nearly 33 years as a uniformed member of the Department. A native and life-long resident of Queens County, New York City, he entered the Fire Department in 1969 and quickly and steadily rose through the ranks from firefighter to lieutenant, captain, battalion and deputy chief. He was appointed a staff chief in October of 1994. His vast experience includes service in the boroughs of Manhattan, Queens, Bronx and Brooklyn as well as various administrative positions. As Assistant Chief of Operations he worked toward instituting a Certified First Responder Program which brought, for the first time, fire units into New York City's Emergency Medical Response. He was instrumental in the merger of EMS and FDNY and became the first FDNY Chief of EMS in 1996.

As Chief of Operations (the second highest uniformed rank) from 1999-2001, he oversaw the daily management of all FDNY Units. It is in that capacity that he responded to the tragedy of September 11th, assisting in the Incident Command, surviving both collapses and, upon the death of Chief of Department Peter J. Ganci Jr., assuming the role of Incident Commander that afternoon. As Chief of Department, Chief Nigro held the highest uniformed position in the Department during its most difficult days and helped to get the Department back on its feet, ready to protect the citizens of this city. He retired from the Department in September of 2002.

During his tenure as Fire Commissioner, he worked to diversify the Department, enhancing opportunity for all qualified men and women. He also led the Department through the worst days of the COVID-19 pandemic.

During Chief Nigro's career he earned the Fire Commissioner's Award for Outstanding Service and the Leon Lowenstein Award. He has been recognized for outstanding service and performance by the governments of New York City, New York State, The United States, Italy (The Order of Merit of the Republic – *Cavaliere*), France (The Legion of Honor - *Chevalier*) and the City of Venice (Cavaliere di San Marco).

Chief Nigro was born in New York City on October 11, 1948. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration (1971) from Baruch College. He has lectured at NYU Stern College of Business, Columbia University Graduate Program and has been a speaker at many other venues. He resides in Whitestone, New York with his wife of 54 years, Lynn. Daughters Lisa and Lori are both married to members of the Department and Dan and Lynn are proud grandparents of four grandchildren ages 12 to 22.