

Jack Pintchik Medal

*March 26, 2004, 0745 hours
Maspeth Avenue/Morgan Avenue, Brooklyn*



EMT Timothy E. Dluhos



EMT Hanforft Bautista

Timothy E. Dluhos was appointed to EMS on December 8, 2000. Assigned to Station 22. He is enrolled at the College of Staten Island. Member of North Shore Rescue Squad. He resides on Staten Island and is engaged to be married.

Hanforft Bautista was appointed to EMS on February 11, 2000. Assigned to Station 35. He resides in Brooklyn with his wife, Jessica, and their newborn daughter, Kailyn.

On the morning of March 26, 2004, EMTs Timothy Dluhos and Hanforft Bautista were assigned to 35E2, covering the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn.

At 0745 hours, they were assigned to a trauma call at Maspeth and Morgan Avenues, in Greenpoint. On arrival, the two EMTs encountered an overturned construction crane with its boom down in a pit. On closer investigation, they discovered that a construction worker was injured in the pit. The boom had struck him. The worker was sitting in mud, covered in blood and holding his arm. The EMTs immediately called the dispatcher for additional resources.

With his tech bag over his shoulder, EMT Dluhos climbed 20 feet down into

the pit on an unstable wooden ladder. EMT Bautista remained on top to assist his partner with necessary equipment to treat the patient. After assessing the patient, EMT Dluhos discovered the victim had been seriously injured with a fractured arm, multiple lacerations and a possible skull fracture.

EMT Dluhos needed a long board, cervical collar and splints, which EMT Bautista lowered down into the pit with a rope. EMT Dluhos obtained a set of baseline vital signs and bandaged the bleeding lacerations. Additionally, he instructed one construction worker to hold manual stabilization of the patient's c-spine, while another worker held manual stabilization to the patient's fractured arm.

With the arrival and assistance of additional Paramedics and Firefighters, the patient was successfully extricated from the pit in a stokes basket.

Due to the swift and selfless actions of EMTs Dluhos and Bautista, the injured construction worker was safely transported to Bellevue Hospital Trauma Center. Without regard for their personal safety, working toward the best interests of the patient, these EMTs operated in an unsafe environment.

For their exemplary performance, EMT Timothy E. Dluhos and EMT Hanforft Bautista are commended, honored and presented with the Jack Pintchik Medal for 2004.--WB