



# Uniformed Firefighters Association of Greater New York



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## Statement by Steve Cassidy, UFA President on Mayor Bloomberg’s Naming 20 Community Fire Companies To be Closed:

“Today Mike Bloomberg willfully abdicated responsibility for protecting the safety of New Yorkers with his proposal to close 20 fire companies. 20 closed fire companies will affect at least sixty communities and the city as a whole,” **said Uniformed Firefighters Association president Steve Cassidy.** “After nine FDNY cuts including, 7 fire companies closed (2003/2009) and Engine Company staffing reduced (2011) by Mike Bloomberg, the last 7 years have been the busiest in FDNY history. The mayor has been saying that New Yorkers must do more with less and that is just what New York City Firefighters have been doing all along.”

### **FDNY Fast Facts Related to Firehouse Cuts:**

#### Key FDNY Statistics Show:

1. Since 2001 FDNY emergencies are up 16%;
2. Post 9-11 the FDNY is first responder to chemical, radiological, biological and nuclear threats (CRBN).
3. The FDNY now has 900 less firefighters than before the 9-11 attacks.
4. Since 2003 the mayor has closed 7 fire companies;
5. In February 2011 the mayor reduced staffing in engine companies from 5 firefighters down to just 4;
6. According to FDNY statistics, 2010 was the busiest year in the 145-year the history of the Fire Department;
7. FDNY Emergencies are up 539% since 1960.

#### **FDNY Emergencies up 16% Since 2001:**

2010 – 507,430 Total Alarms **(2010 busiest in FDNY history)**  
 2009 – 473,024  
 2008 – 473,335  
 2007 – 490,767  
 2006 – 484,954  
 2005 – 485,702  
 2004 – 456,689  
 2003 – 443,988  
 2002 – 426,542  
 2001 – 437,021

#### **FDNY Emergency Up 539% Since 1960**

2000 – 444,148  
 1995 – 393,383  
 1990 – 358,713  
 1985 – 311,529  
 1980 – 389,703  
 1975 – 400,096  
 1970 – 263,659  
 1965 – 142,711  
 1960 – 94,135

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