



Cemal Cengiz

EMT

FDNY EMS

Brooklyn, NY

End of Service: 10/19/2019

Circumstances: Cardiac Event

Cemal's Contributions in Life:

Cemel "Java Joe" Cengiz immigrated to NY later joining the FDNY EMS. He served for over 29 years. He was a first responder at the WTC, spending many months at the site during the Rescue and Recovery period. Joe was promoted to Lieutenant. With his easy-going attitude and demeanor, Joe became a mentor to countless members of EMS throughout the years. "Java Joe" was the nickname given to him because he was a Barista at heart. He loved gardening and could be seen around the station planting flowers. Four months after his retirement, Joe passed away from a heart attack.

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