



# John Mondello

EMT

FDNY EMS

Queens, NY

End of Service: 04/24/2020

Circumstances: Suicide

## **John's Contributions in Life:**

John was just 23 years old when he entered the FDNY EMS academy at Fort Totten in Bayside, Queens. He was assigned to a Tactical Response Unit in the Bronx, and in this case, he was thrust into the grim early months of the pandemic soon after he left the EMS academy. The work took a heavy toll on him. He expressed his feelings to his mom that he had a hard time facing the families of people who had “coded” in their home, and that he couldn’t bring them back, that’s not what he learned in the Academy. He learned how to save lives. That’s what was really bothering him. Fellow FDNY EMS Academy graduates described Mondello as always peppy and very happy.

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