

Medal for Valor



**LIEUTENANT
KEVIN GALLAGHER**
Narcotics Borough Brooklyn South

On the evening of March 27, 2006, Lieutenant Kevin Gallagher of Narcotics Borough Brooklyn South was off-duty. Shortly before midnight, he was traveling home in a private car with a fellow officer when they noticed two men approaching two other males in a suspicious manner. The officers pulled over, and when they exited the car, Lt. Gallagher observed that one of the suspicious men had a firearm. Taking cover between two parked cars, Lt. Gallagher identified himself and ordered the man to drop his weapon. At that point he noticed that both men were armed with guns. The men did not comply and fled the scene. Lieutenant Gallagher and his partner took up the chase. As they ran, one of the gunmen pointed his weapon at Lt. Gallagher. Fearing for his life, Lt. Gallagher fired once, causing the perpetrator to turn away. The foot pursuit continued, and as Lt. Gallagher closed the distance between them, the gunman turned and again pointed the gun at the lieutenant, who dove for cover behind a parked car, then immediately got up and fired a second time. The chase resumed over several blocks. Attempting to conceal his whereabouts, Lt. Gallagher continued the chase from the other side of the street and managed to call 911 with his cell phone. After observing the gunman run into a licensed premise, Lt. Gallagher flagged down an arriving patrol car. As additional units arrived, an apprehension plan was formulated and the gunman was captured trying to effect an escape by blending in with the crowd. The gunman's firearm was recovered hidden in the bathroom, and his accomplice was apprehended by additional officers a short distance away. Both men were sentenced to 3-5 years in prison.



**SERGEANT
MICHAEL GAUDIO**
44 Precinct



**POLICE OFFICER
EDWARD CANTALOUPE**
44 Precinct

On December 23, 2006, Sergeant Michael Gaudio and Police Officer Edward Cantaloupe were assigned to the 44 Precinct. At approximately 8:10 p.m., while patrolling in uniform and a marked police car with two other officers, the team observed several males huddled together in front of a building. Believing the individuals might be engaged in graffiti, the officers stopped to investigate. As the officers approached, one of the individuals attempted to flee into the building. Police Officer Cantaloupe tried to intercept him and a violent struggle ensued, prompting all four officers to engage the suspect. Suddenly, Sergeant Gaudio realized the individual was armed with a gun and alerted the rest of the officers. The gunman then pressed the weapon up against the sergeant's abdomen. Fearing his fellow officer could be mortally wounded at any moment, Police Officer Cantaloupe drew his service weapon and fired four times, ending the threat. The gunman was subsequently transported to the hospital where he succumbed to his wounds.