



## Professional Firefighters Association of New Jersey International Association of Fire Fighters AFL-CIO-CLC

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President

### *A Message from Donna Buscio*

Dear Friends,

My late husband Captain Dominick Buscio was a dedicated fire captain of the Jersey City Fire Department. Dom was a wonderful husband, father, brother and son to his family, and a true friend to all who knew him. At age 39, his life was unexpectedly taken when he suffered a heart attack during our ski vacation. Dom was a picture of health. In fact, the results of a complete physical he had only 19 months before his death were normal, except for the presence of a moderately high cholesterol level. Since he was found to be healthy at that time, he decided not to return for his annual physical the following year. While many people at his age make the same decision to not seek regular checkups, in this case, it has resulted in an inconceivable loss to all of us.

I am sharing our experience with others because I have found that my husband's death was not a rarity. Heart attacks are the largest single killer of firefighters. For that very reason, I created the program "A Gift from Captain Buscio", which began in Jersey City and now spans across the State of New Jersey to offer strictly confidential, comprehensive medical evaluations with no out-of-pocket cost to all firefighters and officers. These annual examinations are provided by the medical director, Manmohan Patel, M.D., and other board-certified cardiologists and pulmonologists who have generously offered firefighters medical care that is specific to their profession.

My intention is not to instill anxiety. On the contrary, it's to provide an opportunity for peace of mind. I'm quite certain that this program would have had Dom's full support, given the current limited opportunities for firefighters to obtain physicals.

For me, this program, which was founded in Dom's memory, is an attempt to keep your occupational risk limited to fighting fires.

Sincerely,

**Donna Buscio**

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The program offers two sites. Our North Jersey site is conveniently located at Newark Airport Medical Office. Our south Jersey site is located at Deborah Heart & Lung Center. See address and directions below:

#### **Newark Airport Medical Office**

Bldg. 340  
2nd Floor Room 203  
340 Airis Drive  
North Area  
Newark, N.J. 07114  
**For appt. call (201) 216-3055**

#### **Deborah Heart & Lung Center**

200 Trenton Road  
Browns Mills, New Jersey 08015.  
**For appt. call 1(800) 555-1990**  
**Directions go to:**  
<http://www.deborah.org/patient/dir.html>

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