

HALL OF ACHIEVEMENT

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CRAIG J. STADELMAN

Class of 1977

Two teachers that were instrumental in Craig's life are Mr. Friedman and Mr. Schaub. Over the years he has remained in contact with both men.

Craig began working as a phlebotomist at Brunswick Hospital and became so experienced that many patients would request him because he was able to perform a venipuncture on the smallest and most difficult veins. In 1989, he moved into the hematology lab and learned to perform all types of lab work. Presently he is employed by the New York Blood Center as a donor specialist. His co-workers have him do the difficult "sticks" because of his skills with phlebotomy and his ability to find a vein. He has functioned as a preceptor for many current employees of the blood center and is currently one of the senior donor specialists at the Long Island division of the New York Blood Center.

Craig has been a member of the Copiague Fire Department since 1979 and has held every rank with the department, including Chief. He has been an EMS instructor, a teacher of first aid, CPR, EMT and EMT-CC classes and was named EMS Educator of the Year for Suffolk County and for New York State. Craig has saved many lives over the years; however, his proudest achievements have been the three babies that he assisted in delivering each offering a unique challenge. As a member of the Suffolk County REMAC committee, one of his major contributions to the EMS protocols was the piloting of and later implementation of the intubation of individuals in the field who had stopped breathing. On 9/11, he was in the city and responded heroically and assisted FDNY-EMS as a triage officer. He was also on active duty during Superstorm Sandy, patrolling south of Montauk Highway for any individuals who had not evacuated.

Today Craig serves as a Fire Coordinator for the Town of Babylon and assists Fire Chiefs at the scenes of a major structural fires. He is also a detective with the Suffolk County Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Craig is married to Alaine and they have 2 children, Robert and Lynn. He is also "Grandpa" to Mikey and Ashby.

***"Don't Tell People How to do Things, Tell Them What to do and Let Them Surprise
You With Their Results." George S. Patton, Jr.***