



## Ambulatory Imaging Center

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## A Commitment to Firefighters

After his own home burned, Frank Yuppa, MD, Chairman of Radiology, SJRMC, and Director of the St. Joseph's Ambulatory Imaging Center, made a commitment to give back to the firefighters who save lives every day.

With an original objective of reaching out to the 300 professional firefighters who protect Paterson, Dr. Yuppa is in the midst of a series of City firehouse lectures. During these presentations, Dr. Yuppa shares basic heart health information and explains that by virtue of their jobs, firefighters have a 130% greater risk of heart attacks on the job compared to the baseline population. He also explains how a painless coronary calcium scoring test, the best predictor of coronary artery disease, can readily diagnose heart disease in just 5 to 10 minutes. If detected, heart disease can be medically managed. Dr. Yuppa also invites the firefighters to take advantage of the coronary calcium scoring tests available at the St. Joseph's Ambulatory Imaging Center in Clifton, and distributes discount coupons for the low cost procedure.

St. Joseph's Edward Milman, MD, Gail Delia Fave, RN, Dale Gellis, RT, and other team members at the Ambulatory Imaging Center are assisting Dr. Yuppa in fulfilling his commitment to the firefighters. Those firefighters who need follow-up medical care will be referred to a physician on staff at St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center.

Dr. Yuppa's Paterson-based objective has been so heartily embraced by area firefighters that he has been asked to

address more than 500 firefighters at the monthly meeting of the New Jersey State Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association (NJSFMBA) on October 10<sup>th</sup>. This is the first time that a physician has been invited to address the NJSFMBA. The presentation is especially relevant in lieu of the recent deaths of firefighters from myocardial infarction and cardiovascular disease.

Dr. Yuppa and his outreach to Paterson firefighters have been featured on WCBS-TV News, News 12 New Jersey, WNET/Channel 13 News, and New Jersey Network (NJN) News.



*Paterson firefighters, Frank Calamita from the 850 Madison Fire House (seated) and Gene Kretkowski from the Getty Avenue Fire House (standing, right), are two of the many firefighters who have benefited from Dr. Y*

*uppa's firefighter initiative. After attending presentations by Dr. Yuppa (center) and Dr. Milman (standing, left), both firefighters visited the St. Joseph's Ambulatory Imaging Center for coronary calcium scoring tests.*

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