Dedication of Engine 266

Good morning, Mayor Flanagan, Chief Sylvia, Msgr. Harrington and many other guests whom I do not know. Thank you for being here for a special event.

 Thanks to so many people, a special thanks to Glenn who made it possible for project to move forward. He started this project with Tom Michaels, Bob Camara along with many volunteers whom I do not know. There are so many people that helped to make this restoration possible, that to leave a name or company out, would be unfair, so a Thank You to all that made this possible.

This Engine is dedicated today, to my brother, District Fire Chief Gerald W. Nadeau, who died on October 24, 2002 in the Line of Duty, after serving this great city of Fall River. Gerry loved his job and this city. I can remember him taking me to the fire sites of burned out buildings. I would always say we had a bigger one, in New Bedford, and he would say “YA RIGHT”. I wanted his memory never to be forgotten and this engine to be a “memorial to all fallen heroes”.

I would like to mention to you that we have an artifact from the World Trade Center, which is a piece of steel. We also have the badge of Fr Mychal Judge who was the first recorded casualty of 911. He was the Chaplain of the New York Fire Department, and is known as The Saint of 911.

I have Fr Mychal’s badge with me, and if any of you would like to hold it see me later. Everyone that holds it feels something different, so I invite you see and hold it.

At this time I would like to invite Msgr. Harrington, to bless the engine, and for Diane and Gerry’s family, along with Glenn and all the volunteers that helped, along with Mayor Flanagan and Chief Silvia for the ribbon cutting.

We will have the blessing of the helmets.

Our family and I know that Gerry is watching, and we want to Thank You for making today a special day.