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## **Orange County Deputy Fire Coordinator Nationally Recognized** *Local Physician Honored for Volunteerism*

GOSHEN - Orange County Deputy Fire Coordinator Dr. Raymond Basri of Middletown, NY recently received the 2011 Oscar E. Edwards Memorial Award from the American College of Physicians in San Diego, CA. The award is bestowed upon a physician who has initiated, been involved in volunteer programs or has provided volunteer service that is medically related but not necessary for the completion of training.

Orange County Executive Edward A. Diana said, "In addition to volunteering here in Orange County Dr. Basri has helped in the aftermath of the September 11 tragedy, Hurricane Katrina, US Airways Flight 1549 landing on the Hudson, and most recently, the earthquake and tsunami in Japan. His selfless actions are an example to us all."

Deputy Fire Coordinators are volunteer personnel who assist the Deputy Commissioner of Fire Services in carrying out his mission. They respond to emergency incidents where the services of firefighters are needed and assist the Incident Commander in obtaining and coordinating needed resources. They also act as a liaison between the fire service and other emergency services at an emergency scene.

John Horan, Deputy Commissioner of Orange County Fire Services said, "Dr. Basri is an excellent asset to the office of the Fire Coordinator."

Appointed an Orange County Deputy Fire Coordinator in 1992, Dr. Basri began his volunteer fire fighting career in 1987 when he joined the Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company in Middletown. He is on the Federal Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT NY-4), is a senior Physician Aviation Medical Examiner for the Federal Aviation Administration, and has worked with the FDNY as a treating physician for the World Trade Center Monitoring Program.

Dr. Basri is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine at New York Medical Collage in Valhalla, NY, a consultant in cardiology at The Valley Hospital in Ridgewood, NJ, and an attending physician at Orange Regional Medical Center. He authors a regular health and wellness column for *Firehouse Magazine* and has been a speaker at the prestigious Firehouse Expo held annually in Baltimore, MD. Currently, he is Chief Physician for Health & Safety Specialists in Medicine, PC, which does onsite medical examinations for the fire service, and is a consultant to Firephysicals.com.

For more information please contact Orange County Fire Services Deputy Commissioner John Horan at (845) 374-1900 or visit [www.orangecountygov.com/fire](http://www.orangecountygov.com/fire).

