

# 6 chairs to be empty at FDNY graduation

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From the minute Charlie Anaya entered the Fire Academy on May 2, he was planning the graduation bash he would have when he finally got his FDNY diploma six months later.

"He kept telling me, 'Hon, when I graduate from this, it's going to be a big thing,'" Anaya's wife, Marie, said yesterday. "He wanted a big celebration. He spent his whole life wanting to be a fireman, and my husband was the type of guy who always got what he wanted."

Tomorrow, Marie Anaya and her three children, Brendan, 6, Kristina-Marie, 8, and Rebecca, 18 months, will be among the families applauding the newest FDNY recruits at a 10 a.m. graduation at Brooklyn College.

But Charlie Anaya will not be there for his own party.

Neither will Michael Cammarata or Richard Allen or Andrew Brunn or Anthony Rodriguez or Michael D'Auria.

The six probationary firefighters entered the academy May 2 and were among the 343 FDNY



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personnel killed at the World Trade Center. As part of their training, they were assigned to rotating stints at various fire companies.

They will be honored at tomorrow's graduation ceremony along with the 92 surviving members of their Fire Academy class. Six chairs will be kept empty.

"I'm proud they are going through with this graduation, and I'll be honored to accept Charlie's diploma with the other outstanding men he loved," Marie Anaya said. "People need to know this is what America is about."

Charlie Anaya, at 35, was the oldest firefighter in his class. Two tours with the Marines, in-

cluding a stint in the Middle East during Operation Desert Storm, qualified him for a waiver of the usual cutoff age of 30.

He quickly became the class squad leader and the butt of practical jokes — often at the hands of Michael (The Face) Cammarata.

Cammarata, 22, a hockey standout at Wagner College whose nickname came courtesy of his movie-star good looks, was the youngest firefighter to die at the Trade Center.

"My brother got the highest possible score on the fire test, 105 on the written and 105 on the physical. If he had gotten one wrong on the test, he would be alive right now," said his brother,

Joe, 23, a Staten Island police officer who is leaving the NYPD in January to join FDNY.

Cammarata had been awed enough by his job while working a rotation at Ladder Co. 11 on the lower East Side that one night he wrote out what would become his last will and testament. His mother, Linda, found the letter in his drawer:

"If anything ever happens to me ... 1. Take care of Jenna. [Cammarata's girlfriend of seven years.] 2. Don't mourn as this is the career I chose. 3. Make my spirit live on. 4. Remember I love you all and will be waiting for you upstairs."

He signed his name and FDNY badge number — 1138.