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City Fire Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta and Mayor Michael Bloomberg swear in Joseph Cammarata, Brian Stack and Tim Riches as probationary firefighters yesterday. Joseph Pansini, left, also was sworn in. All 4 had relatives, below, killed in the Sept. 11 attacks.

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Asked about Sept. 11, he said: "It changed my life, my father's . . ." and his voice trailed off.

The four spoke only briefly to reporters before they were whisked back into the auditorium to continue filling out paperwork on their first day.

The oath of office was administered by the new fire commissioner, Nicholas Scoppetta, and the Bible was held by Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

"You are joining the greatest firefighting force in the world, and my commitment to you is we will provide the resources even in tough economic times," Bloomberg said in addressing the class.

"In memory of the 343 we lost, I want to say thank you, my personal thanks," the mayor said.

Scoppetta also referred to the firefighters killed in the trade center, telling the recruits: "You are sworn in today in the shadow of giants."



Michael Cammarata



Larry Stack



James Riches



Paul Pansini