

FDNY's New Class Follows A Legacy

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The city swore in 305 new firefighters yesterday, including four who had a firefighter in their families killed in the World Trade Center attack.

"My brother's always been an inspiration to me, even though he was younger," said Joseph Cammarata, whose brother, probationary Firefighter Michael Cammarata, 32, was 15 months younger.

"I feel that my brother, in my eyes, is the bravest, and I want to be just like my brother. I want to be the bravest, too," he said.

Brian Stack lost his father, Battalion Chief Larry Stack. Timothy Riches lost his brother, Firefighter James Riches. Joseph Pansini lost his brother, Firefighter Paul Pansini.

The new class of probationary firefighters was sworn in at the Fire Department training academy on Randall's Island.

Riches, Stack and Cammarata went to the stage of the auditorium and took the oath on behalf of the class, who are starting 8 to 10 weeks of training.

Pansini did not go to the stage.

"It was bittersweet," Pansini said after the ceremony. "I miss my brother."

Stack spoke softly and responded to questions mostly in monosyl-

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