Team Award of Valor – Ocean City, New Jersey

Lacey Township Police Department: Police Officer Anthony Sarno and Police Officer Christopher Meyler
Forked River Fire Department: Firefighter Edward Barker, Jr. and Firefighter Robert Anderson

Officer Meyler was the first of the four to arrive on the scene of a fully engulfed garage fire where an 81-year-old woman was trapped. He broke through a side window, but the garage soon had zero visibility, which made the situation extremely dangerous. Officer Sarno arrived moments later, along with the two firefighters. Firefighter Anderson remained outside to provide back up, while Officer Sarno and Firefighter Barker entered the garage through the same window Officer Meyler had come through. Together, they attempted to lift the woman to safety, but her legs became stuck in debris. In the end, Officer Sarno had to jump through the window first to pull her out the other side. It was quite a remarkable rescue.