



City of Long Beach

New York's First State-of-the-Art Fire Hydrant Installed in Long Beach; Tamper Free, Stainless Steel Sigelock Spartan Donated in Name of former Fire Chief Garret Rooney

November 17, 2011 – Long Beach, NY - About one hundred people attended a fire hydrant installation today in Long Beach, commemorating ex fire chief and former Assistant City Manager, Garret Rooney. Sigelock Systems, the company that manufactures the newly designed, Spartan hydrant, donated the apparatus in Rooney's memory, with the City's Water Transmission Department installing it on the street where he and his family have lived for many years.

In attendance were the Rooney family, City Manager Charles T. Theofan, NYS Assemblyman Harvey Weisenberg, friends and coworkers, along with George Sigelakis of Sigelock the maker of the hydrant, which is the first to be installed in New York State. (A second hydrant, located at the Long Beach LIRR station was also donated to the City.)

"As a firefighter Garret advocated for safety on the job, and I know he would be proud to be part of this innovative technology," said the City Manager who worked with and was a close friend of Rooney's. "This device is tamper free and reduces the risks of injuries to fire fighting personnel and the public."

Sigelakis, who designed the hydrant, provided a demonstration of the Spartan's patented locking system which employs the use of a special wrench, preventing unauthorized usage, and safeguarding water supplies from contamination or event potential terrorist acts.

"The Spartan is American-made, has stainless steel parts and has been given Underwriters Laboratories (UL) security clearance," said Sigelakis, who is a former New York City firefighter. He added that the design of typical cast iron hydrants has not been changed in over 100 years and they are in constant need of repair. The Spartan is virtually maintenance free and has a warranty of 20 years.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Theofan thanked Water Transmission Superintendent Chris Windle and Assistant Superintendent John Mooney along with Sigelakis for "remembering Garret and initiating this project to honor him."

Below are photos from this event.











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