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Downtown Alliance Honors Five Community Members with Exceptional Service Awards



Left to right: Douglas Adams (NYC Mayor's Office of Capital Project Development), Leroy Perkins (Bowery Residents Committee), Peter Cagnini (Con Edison), Superintendent Gregg A. Sheridan (Department of Sanitation), Lieutenant Salvatore Accardi (NYPD) and Jessica Lappin (Downtown Alliance)

NEW YORK (May 16, 2017) – The Alliance for Downtown New York presented Exceptional Service Awards to five outstanding members of the Lower Manhattan community this morning at The Down Town Association. The honorees were recognized for their efforts to improve the lives of residents, workers and visitors in the neighborhood.

Downtown Alliance President Jessica Lappin presented the awards noting that: "Lower Manhattan is far more than a geographic location - it's a dynamic place, driven by special people, around the clock. These five honorees are exemplary stewards of our neighborhood and today we recognize their extraordinary contributions."

The 2018 Exceptional Service Awards recipients include (*in alphabetical order*):

NYPD Lieutenant Salvatore Accardi, Patrol Borough Manhattan South - Scooter Task Force — Lieutenant Accardi has been with the NYPD for more than two decades and works closely with the Alliance's Public Safety department on quality-of-life issues facing the community from deterring illegal vendors and helping the homeless to increasing street safety and decreasing crime.

Douglas Adams, Program Manager, NYC Mayor's Office of Capital Project Development

— Adams has been an effective public servant and government partner for The Alliance and for Lower Manhattan. In his present role he helped coordinate the city's participation in the committee we convened to develop a design proposal to revive the Stock Exchange District.

Peter Cagnini, Senior Specialist for Construction Business Services, Con Edison —

A Con Ed employee for 12 years, Cagnini currently serves as a liaison between Con Edison and all City and state agencies, helping to ensure projects meet their target completion dates. His communication with the Downtown Alliance keeps the community apprised of any Con Ed work that impacts public spaces and he is quick to help resolve neighborhood requests.

Leroy Perkins, Team Leader, Bowery Residents Committee —

Perkins has been with BRC since 2002 and oversees a team that canvases Lower Manhattan to help get homeless people into housing and to connect them with any special services they may need. His work helps our communities most vulnerable to begin rebuilding their lives.

Gregg A. Sheridan, District 1 Superintendent, New York City Department of Sanitation —

On the job for over 30 years Superintendent Sheridan has been in charge of helping our district on all sanitation needs for the past eight years. He is known for always being responsive, dependable and dedicated. He is a valued ally in our war on grime.

Each year, the Downtown Alliance recognizes unique individuals from both the public and private sector who have provided exceptional service to advance the goals of the Downtown Alliance and Lower Manhattan.

More photos of the event are available at: <https://flic.kr/s/aHsmi3JEup>

The mission of the Alliance for Downtown New York is to provide service, advocacy, research and information to advance Lower Manhattan as a global model of a 21st century Central Business District for businesses, residents and visitors. The Downtown Alliance manages the Downtown-Lower Manhattan Business Improvement District (BID), serving an area roughly from City Hall to the Battery, from the East River to West Street. For more information visit www.downtownny.com

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