

Award to Greek-American Police Officer Irene Prentzas by Dimitris Tsakas - January 9, 2025

NEW YORK, NY – The first meeting of the year for the 19th Community Council was filled with emotions as it took place on the evening of Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at the auditorium of Hunter College in Manhattan.

This was because the council president, Nicholas Viest, and the commander of the 19th Police Precinct, Neil W. Zuber, provided a recap of 2024 and awarded the “2024 Top of the Year Award” to Greek-American Police Officer Irene Prentzas.

Both the commander and the council president spoke of Irene’s unparalleled heroism, her passion for maintaining order, protecting property, and ensuring the safety of citizens.

The commander recounted several incidents in which Irene displayed her talent and bravery, emphasizing that some of these incidents resembled movie scripts.

The ceremony was attended by her parents, Konstantinos and Kiki (Grammatiki) Prentzas, and her sister Sofia-Chrysoavalantou, who received congratulations from the commander and the council president for their daughter/sister’s achievements.



The Greek-American police officer Irene Prentzas and Commander Neil W. Zuber.

Photo: Courtesy of Kostas Prentzas



Kostas Prentzas with his wife Kiki (Grammatiki) and their daughters Irene (honoree) and Sofia-Chrysoavalantou.

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