WE NEED YOUR SIGNATURE!

Please help us pay tribute to the heroism and selflessness of 9/11 hero, FF John G. Chipura, by signing the petition to name a new S.I. Ferry Boat in his honor. Go to bit.ly/JohnChipura

FF John G. Chipura (E219/L105) died serving the city on 9/11 along with too many other first responders in the FDNY, NYPD and PAPD.

It's time one of the most iconic boats, integrally tied to the WTC, honors one of those who sacrificed their lives by saving thousands of people the day the Twin Towers collapsed.

Join the groundswell of support to name one of the new Staten Island ferry boats in the new Michael Ollis class for John "Chip" Chipura, a Staten Islander. John's life is uniquely deserving of this honor because of his life-long dedication to his community, city and country.

Starting as a young man in the Boy Scouts of America and continuing until his death as a firefighter, John lived to serve and protect.

When the planes hit the World Trade Center, Chipura was responding to his second terrorist attack. The first was when terrorists bombed the US Marine barracks in Beirut, Lebanon in 1983. Chip was US Marine serving his country. He was knocked unconscious by the blast, but survived.

When he returned home, he bravely served his borough and city as an NYPD police officer rising the rank of Detective before joining the FDNY.

Fire Commissioner Daniel Nigro hailed the idea of having a ferry named in Chipura's honor. "John Chipura bravely served his borough, city and country; and gave his life on September 11th trying to save others. A tribute to John's courage would be well deserved."

"John died in service of this city," Chipura's brother FDNY Capt. Gerard Chipura said. "Wouldn't it be nice that, posthumously, John can still service the city by taking people back and forth to work as well as servicing the visitors to our great city?"

To show support with a signature, go to bit.ly/JohnChipura
or
Go to Change.org and search for Chipura