

## Rio de Janeiro Fire Department travels to New York with Magirus

*Winners of the 2015 International Conrad Dietrich Magirus Award hosted by FDNY / Competition for "2016 Fire Department Team of the Year" starts 2 July*

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"The City That Never Sleeps" places great demands on its fire department. For a few days, the world-famous New York Fire Department (FDNY) shared a personal, up-close experience with members of the Rio de Janeiro Fire Department. The trip to the Big Apple was the main prize for the "2015 International Fire Department Team of the Year", which the South American brigade won for its successful fighting of a major fire in a shopping centre.

### Close contact with the FDNY

Ten firefighters from Rio de Janeiro embarked on their journey to North America to enjoy their victory prize. The trip will remain unforgettable for Renato Neves and his colleagues. "Although we all have the same goal, we reach it by very different means. The professional exchange with our colleagues gave us much that we can use for our work. We were especially happy about the warm welcome we received from the New York firefighters where we each expressed our complete solidarity."

In addition to meeting their FDNY colleagues, the Brazilians also visited the famous Fire Academy on Randall's Island – the training centre where all New York firefighters start their careers. Every day, firefighters practice subway rescues, ABC exercises, firefighting and driver safety training here. Especially moving for the Brazilian brigade was the visit to the 9/11 memorial including the impressive museum. But the winners of the Conrad Dietrich Magirus Award also had enough time left over for sightseeing – they were especially fascinated by the magnificent 360° view of Manhattan from the platform of the Rockefeller Centre, but a walk through Central Park and a stop in Times Square were also important items on the agenda.

The Conrad Dietrich Magirus Award is supported by the renowned companies in the firefighting industry: ENDRESS Power Generators, DÖNGES and LUKAS/VETTER

### On the hunt for Brazil's Successor: the 2016 Fire Department Team of the Year

Once again this year, fire departments from around the world have the chance to win the "Fire Department Team of the Year" title and visit the FDNY in New York. The application period begins on 2 July at [www.magirusgroup.com/award](http://www.magirusgroup.com/award). The competition is open to professional fire departments as well as volunteer fire brigades, plant, company and public fire departments. Any technically

demanding missions can be submitted, as can innovative strategies, exemplary teamwork or unusual rescue operations.

**About the Conrad Dietrich Magirus Award**

*The Conrad Dietrich Magirus award was first announced in Germany in 2012 and has been organised on an international level since 2013. The competition is named for a pioneering firefighter who remains a role model for those in the profession no matter where in the world they work: Conrad Dietrich Magirus. The Ulm-based fire-fighter set his sights on making his job safer for himself and his peers. One of his many revolutionary inventions was the "Ulm turntable ladder", which attracted worldwide attention. He founded Magirus 150 years ago. The company continues to place the work of firefighters in the foreground and give them the special recognition they deserve with the Conrad Dietrich Magirus Award.*

**About Magirus**

*Passion and precision, high-tech and craftsmanship. Since 1864, Magirus has combined innovation and tradition to assist firefighters throughout the world. With a comprehensive range of state-of-the-art, reliable fire engines, turntable ladders, rescue and equipment vehicles, special solutions, pumps and portable pumps, Magirus is known globally as one of the largest and technologically leading providers of firefighting and disaster control technology.*

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