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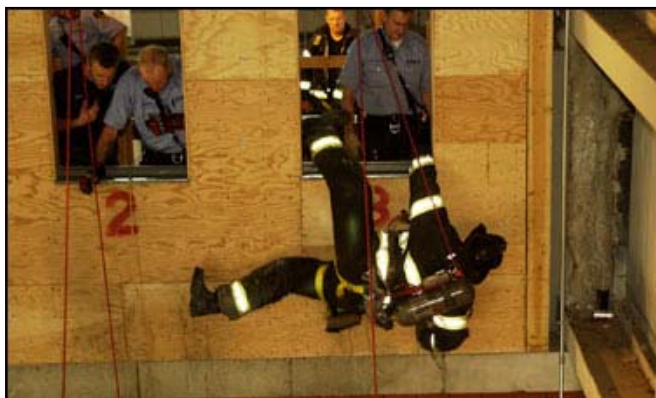
 **New York City Fire Department**  

## Fire Department Personal Safety System Named Best Invention by Time Magazine

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The Fire Department's Personal Safety System (PSS) is named one of Time Magazine's "Best Inventions of 2006" in its November 13 issue.

The self-evacuation system enables a firefighter to quickly escape through a window should he or she become trapped by fire.

The lightweight system attaches to a firefighter's bunker pants and includes a forged steel hook, thermal and abrasion resistant rope, descent control device and harness bag.

It was developed by FDNY fire officers and firefighters in response to the tragic deaths of two firefighters on January 23, 2005. Lieutenants Curtis Meyran and John Bellew, along with four other firefighters, were forced to jump from the fifth floor of a burning building after they became trapped by fire in an illegally subdivided apartment.

You can find the Time Magazine story at:

<http://www.time.com/time/2006/techguide/bestinventions/inventions/safety2.html>