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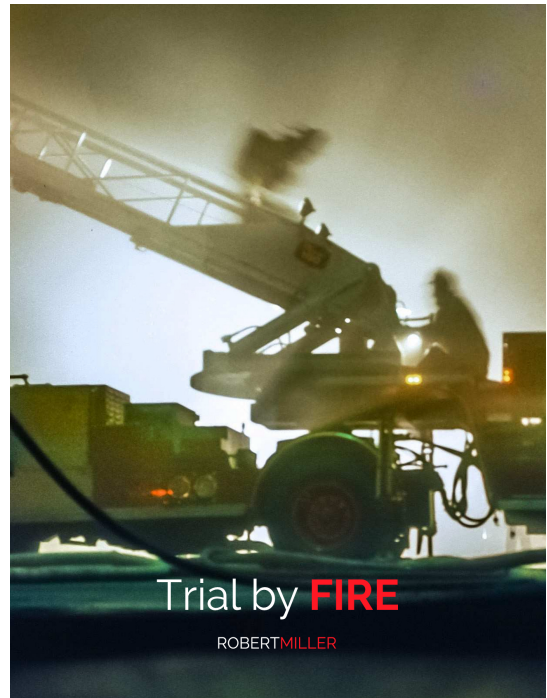
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Almost five decades have passed since the distinguished award-winning photojournalist and National Geographic book author Robert H. Miller placed his camera to his eye and photographed the Quincy Fire Department in action to document their esteemed institution. In a poignant reunion scheduled for June 2024, Miller will return to the historic firehouse, armed with his camera, to continue his photo series *Trial By Fire—Then and Now*.

Miller is known for his exceptional photography and is the author of several books, the latest with National Geographic, with his 2016 book *Veterans Voices: Remarkable Stories of Heroism, Sacrifice, and Honor*. Miller spent time with the Quincy Fire Department during college in the summers of 1975 and 1976, creating the photo series "Trial by Fire," which showcased Quincy's firefighters' dedication, bravery, and activities. The current Fire Chief, Chief Joseph Jackson, has invited Miller back to the firehouse to revisit it and continue the visual narrative that began five decades ago.

Fire Chief Joseph Jackson expresses his excitement about inviting Mr. Miller, stating,

"We are thrilled to extend this invitation to Robert H Miller, having lived amongst us in 1975-76 as part of his first college photojournalism story, Mr. Miller holds a



special place in the hearts of Quincy firefighters. We look forward to witnessing the evolution of his craft and collaborating with him once more to capture the essence of our fire service."

During his stay, the Quincy Fire Department will again provide him with an immersive experience among the firefighters. It will allow him to document the behind-the-scenes moments, immerse himself in the daily activities, and truly grasp the spirit that defines the Quincy Fire Department.

Miller has been invited to join the annual **Firefighter Memorial Sunday ceremony on June 9, 2024**, to commemorate his visit. This solemn event pays tribute to the brave firefighters who have selflessly served the community.

The timing of Miller's return holds particular significance as Quincy, Massachusetts prepares to celebrate its 400th year as a settlement in 2025, under the banner "**Quincy 400**", which will be a year of celebration and pageantry. Quincy is known as the "*City of Presidents*" and home to 2nd President John Adams and his son, 6th President John Quincy Adams. It is also home to John Hancock, Abigail Adams and many other historic giants. As the city's cultural, political, and social heritage takes center stage, Miller's captivating past and present photographs will undoubtedly contribute to the vibrant tapestry of Quincy's history. These visual narratives will serve as a testament to the city's enduring legacy and the invaluable service provided by its firefighters.

Media representatives interested in covering this significant reunion and documenting the extraordinary visual story are encouraged to contact our media contacts below. This rare opportunity will allow behind-the-scenes access, the chance to interview Miller himself, and gain insights into his creative process as he renews his connection with the Quincy Fire Department.

ABOUT QUINCY FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Established 135 years ago, the Quincy Fire Department is a living testament to honor, bravery, and unwavering dedication. Committed to safeguarding the lives and well-being of Quincy's residents, the department's rich history is a testament to its professionalism and passion for service.

ABOUT Quincy 400:

The Quincy 400 initiative was established under the direction of the City of Quincy's long-time Mayor Thomas P. Koch as a community initiative to enhance all aspects of Quincy's historic and cultural legacy.

For more information about the Quincy Fire Department, please visit their official website at: <https://www.quincyma.gov/departments/fire/index.php>
Robert Miller's website: <https://www.roberthmiller.com>