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Lieutenant Paramedic Anthony Almojera has lived through the nightmare.

He is still haunted by the memory of marathon shifts during the height of the Covid-19 pandemic.

During March and April 2020, calls for 911 assistance reached record levels throughout New York City.

“There were more than 6,500 calls daily. Since so many colleagues were out sick, we were doing 16-hour shifts,” said Almojera, who began his emergency medical service (EMS) career 17 years ago in Harlem and is now based in Brooklyn. “We dealt with lots of cardiac arrests every day. I saw more people die in that two-month span than the previous 10 years of my career combined.

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