

# Police say four bloodied by Bravest during boozy bar brawl in Brooklyn

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A rowdy band of active and retired firefighters is being investigated for a vicious beatdown at a Brooklyn bar that left four patrons bloodied - including one with broken bones, cops said.

The booze-fueled brawl erupted at the Salty Dog in Bay Ridge late Friday when a patron spilled a drink on a firefighter - and the wild fisticuffs that followed were captured on a surveillance camera.

"It was out of control," a Salty Dog barback said last night. "That's not something that happens all the time here. It was just crazy."

The NYPD and the Department of Investigation are probing the melee, which involved at least 15 and possibly as many as 24 active and retired firefighters.

Most of the active firefighters are stationed at Engine 310 and Ladder 174 in East Flatbush.

The firefighters started their night with dinner at Two Toms in Gowanus and then sought a boozy nightcap at the Salty Dog, which has a firehouse

theme.

Following the beatdown, the four unidentified victims filed assault complaints with police. They have hired high-powered lawyer Joseph Tacopina and are planning a civil lawsuit.

An FDNY spokesman did not immediately return a call for comment last night, but police sources confirmed the FDNY is also investigating the brawl.

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