



The Company Journal
and "The Feederline"

Fire Department News
Cambridge, Massachusetts
A Class 1 Fire Department

From the desk of
Chief Gerald R. Reardon

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What's New

New Employee - We are pleased to announce that **Ms. Ashley Ocasio** will be joining the Cambridge Fire Department Administrative Office as Payroll Analyst. We welcome Ms. Ocasio to the department. Members are reminded that payroll inquiries go through Ms. Camara by e-mail.

New Apparatus – Requests for bid proposals were sent out for a new Rescue for Rescue Co. 1 and a new foam pumper for Engine Co. 3.

Class I designation – The Department once again was evaluated by the Insurance Service Organization in November 2014 and we are happy to report that Cambridge still remains a proud Class I organization!

Training – in March, all companies have been rotating through vacant buildings at Jefferson Park and have been able to practice forcible entry and hose handling. The buildings have been slated for renovation and are currently vacant. This is an extremely valuable training opportunity that affords some much needed practical evolutions on hose handling and forcible entry.



All Companies Working

December 1, 2014 – 1 Alarm Fire, 1 Davenport Street, Box 7 – Dryer fire on the third floor was issuing black smoke out the windows on arrival.

December 2, 2014 – 2nd Alarm, 158 Magazine Street, Box 35 – A dryer vent caught fire and spread to the roof of a large apartment building. Fire was contained to the vertical shaft and the 2nd alarm was called for salvage operations.

December 8, 2014 – Mutual Aid, Somerville, Box 428, 893 Broadway, Working Fire – Engine 5 covered Headquarters and Ladder 1 covered Teele Square during their early morning working fire in a 2.5 story wood frame residential.

December 9, 2014 – Mutual Aid, Waltham, 48 Albermarle Ave – Engine 5 sent on a cover assignment. On the 3rd alarm, Ladder 1, Squad 4 and Division 2 responded to the fire. Ladder 1 worked on exterior exposing fire in walls. Engine 5 relayed for Waltham Engine. Squad 4 worked with Waltham Engine 1 as RIT. Unfortunately, this fire was fatal.

December 9, 2014 – Working Fire, 10 Fayerweather Street. Heavy smoke condition in the basement unknown source of fire. Companies opened up and ran lines.



Photo DFC E. Morrissey

Not the exciting photo of a building fully involved, but still one of the many emergencies that we respond to throughout the year. A transformer burns in December 2014.

December 14, 2014 – 1 Alarm fire, 92 Columbia Street, Box 289 – candle ignited some papers on a desk. Occupant self-extinguished. No smoke detectors in the unit could have been a more dangerous situation.

December 16, 2014 - 2nd Alarm, Somerville, MA, 83 Belmont St. Box 4144 – Ladder 1 covered in Teele Square, Engine 5, Squad 4, Division 1 to the fire. Engine 4 also responded as RIT.

December 19, 2014 – Technical Rescue /Construction accident, 48 Mass. Ave - S2, E2, L3, R1, Tactical Rescue, and D1 respond for a construction worker who slipped and fell on the roof and injured right knee. Squad 2, L3 and R1 assessed scene and possible extrication solutions. Pt was placed on a scoop stretcher and carried down scaffolding stairs and transported

December 23, 2014 – Water Rescue, Anderson Bridge - Call for a report that a man had jumped into the Charles River from the Anderson Bridge /JFK Street. Response was E-1, L-1, R-1, S-4, DR-1, D-2 and MB1. MB-1 observed possible object from side sonar. Divers entered the water and found nothing.

December 24, 2014 – 2 Alarms, 228 Broadway, Box 281 – fire in Beauty's Pizza. Passerby reported smoke coming from the building during an early morning fire.

December 24, 2014 – Water Rescue, Cambridgeside Galleria – a shoplifter from the Cambridgeside Galleria Mall jumped into the river off the Land Blvd Bridge. Although he stayed in the water, he would not follow direction. Ladder 2 & Engine 3 deployed roof ladders over the railing to surface of water. Victim eventually became compliant & climbed a ladder to shore.

January 1, 2015 – Mutual Aid, Brookline, 3rd Alarm, Box 153, 114 Davis Ave – Ladder 1, Squad 2 and Division 1 responded to the fire on the 2nd alarm. Brookline companies found and rescued an 80 year old woman.

January 5, 2015 – Gas Leak, 80 Pearl Street – Companies had to force entry into an unoccupied business after finding high levels of natural gas in the closed restaurant.

January 5, 2015 – Working Fire, 32 Fifth Street, Box 124 – A fire in the ceiling between the second and third floors required a working fire response.

January 6, 2015 – Gas leak, 170 Harvard Street – readings were found in several buildings and manholes in the area. Buildings were evacuated until the situation was rectified.

January 11, 2015 - 2nd Alarm, 161 Pearl Street, Box 363 - Smoke showing on arrival of Engine 2 from 1 story brick and wood, 5 unit building. Fire had full possession of one 3 room apartment.

January 20, 2015 – CO Incident, 1414 Cambridge Street - Ladder 1 responded to a report of a CO alarm activation and found several faulty heaters in the basement.

January 20 – Mutual Aid, Belmont, 2nd alarm, 18 Russell Terrace, Box 9997- Engine 1 responded to the Working Fire as the R.I.T. crew. Squad 4 and Division 2 also responded to the fire. Engine 9, Ladder 1 covered the central station during the fire. Squad 4 and Division 2 Aide operated inside the fire building performing multiple firefighting tasks as needed

January 24, 2015 – Mutual Aid, Brookline, W/F – Ladder 1 covered during Brookline's Working Fire on Washington Street.

January 26, 2015- Rescue, 8 Dana Street – Rescue used airbags and cribbing to extricate a patient from underneath a pickup truck.

January 26, 2015 Special/Weather – The first blizzard of 2015, had companies running around for several days. The first blizzard dumped 20" of snow accompanied by high winds on top of almost 20" of snow that had already fallen in January.

February 5, 2015 – 1 Alarm Fire, 291 Broadway, Box 285 – Companies responded to a report of flames from the basement and found a basement fire. Quick knockdown kept the fire to 1 alarm status.

February 11, 2015 – HAZMAT, 12 Oxford Street – a sodium hydride spill resulted in a Level 1 incident until Harvard could have their cleanup company remove the spill

February 11, 2015 – 3 Alarms, 1616 Mass. Ave, Box 635 – dispatched on a "1 and 1" response, Engine 1 and Ladder 1 on scene were shown to the rear of the building and found sparks coming from the wall. The box was struck for a fire in a pipe-chase of 4 story brick 100x100

February 15-16, 2015 Special/Weather– Companies worked through a second blizzard of 2015 on Valentine's Day weekend that was the equivalent of a category 2 hurricane with approx. 16" of snow. The two blizzards were two of FOUR total significant snowfall events that gave New England one of its snowiest winters on record and taxed cities and towns. As of February 19, snow totals in the Boston area were nearly 90". Eventually breaking the record in mid-March with 118" of snow total.



H. Smith photo

The snowiest winter on record challenged the City and Department in many ways. But the most obvious was maneuvering around narrow streets! Engine 1 at a medical aid call in February 2015.

February 16, 2015 – Mutual Aid, Waltham, 4th Alarm, 62 School Street – L1, Sq 4 & D1 responded on 3rd alarm, to the fire. E9 to cover Waltham E8. Co's were pre-designated RIT & reported to command in front of the fire building. Assigned to operate exterior hose lines by Command. E9 responded on 4th alarm & was involved in long distance 4" hose relay w/ Newton Engine that had to be hand stretched. E5 responded on 4th & went to staging & was not committed to the scene. Dismissed by Waltham IC. Engine 4 responded to Belmont on a line box normally covered by a Waltham engine.

February 17, 2015 – Mutual Aid, Brookline, 3rd Alarm, 33 Edgehill Road - Ladder 1 sent to cover on the 2nd Alarm, redirected to the fire on the 2nd Alarm along with Squad 2 and Division 1. Engine 2 sent to cover.

February 18, 2015 – 2nd Alarm, 12 Harding Street, Box 21 – Group 2 had a late night fire in a 2.5 story wood frame residence on a very cold night. Truck 2 was challenged on what is normally a narrow street to begin with and had to shovel snowbanks to deploy their outriggers before deploying the aerial.

February 18, 2015 – Rescue, Gore Street – snow fell off roof of Gore Street Rink – A significant amount of snow slid off the roof of the Simoni Skating Rink and several bystanders were buried in up to 6 feet of snow. Personnel checked the area with shovels to check for any more victims. Two backhoes dug out the remaining snow to be sure there were no more victims.

February 21, 2015 – Mutual Aid, Somerville, 87 Temple Street – Engine 5, Division 1 and Squad 2 to fire. Dropped feeder line ran a 2-1/2 line to protect exposures and rear porches fire in a 3 decker. Squad 2 checked exposures for extension. Ladder 1 covered Somerville Ladder 3. Engine 4 covered Engine 6



Photo by Rick Nohl, Belmont FD

Aide to Division 1, Fran Gallagher

February 21, 2015 – 2nd Alarm, 290 Pearl Street, Box 351 – callers called 911 to report seeing and smelling smoke on the 2nd floor.

March 4, 2015- Rescue, 120 Vassar Street – workers clearing snow off of a roof were overtaken when the snow pack slid down the roof trapping them against the parapet. Two workers self-extricated, a third had to be removed by FD personnel and was transported with a lower extremity injury.

March 7, 2015 – 1 Alarm Fire, Box 864, 36 Larchwood Drive – Engine 9 discovered a smoke condition in the basement on arrival. Lines stretched and found a fire in the floor due to careless disposal of smoking materials.

March 11, 2015 – Pedestrian Accident – Putnam Ave at River Street. Bicyclist struck and killed

March 16, 2015 – 1 Alarm Fire, 44 Concord Ave., Box 5921 – Dispatched for fire alarm sounding, Engine 8 found an odor of smoke and door warm to the touch. Box was struck and companies found a kitchen fire inside a 3rd floor apartment.



Photo courtesy of Mark Herson IPN

Rollover accident on Memorial Drive on a very cold March night resulted in only minor injuries.

Thank you



D. Lopez Photo

Although the department was challenged through one of the snowiest winters on record, we would not have been able to perform and meet the challenges thrown out by the city without the diligent assistance of the Motor Squad. **Steve Lopez (M3) and Dan Lopez (M4)** put in many long hours of work plowing the stations during all the snowstorms. Great job guys!

Out and About



Photo courtesy of Capt. Ikels

Our two newest Firefighters received their badges and our newest Fire Officer received his Lieutenants badge. Members in the photo **Capt Ikels, FFOP Crowley, FFOP Kenney, FF Kenney (ret.)** served 36 years at Engine 2 (FFOP Kenney's father) and **LT Mahoney**.



Photo FF E. Morrissey III

Ladder 3, Group 2, L-R: FFOP Ryan J. Marifiote, Capt. Patrick E. Haggerty, FF Kevin M. Thompson, FF Robert J. Jutras, FF Edward B. Morrissey III



Photo courtesy Lt. C. Lowe

International visitors Headquarters, Group 4 shared this photo of several visitors to Headquarters on a January day. L-R, **Lt Lowe, FF Bernardo, FF O'Neill**



Photo courtesy of Lt. Bob Paone - Retired

Group of Cambridge firefighters that have been going to Aruba for a very long time. L-R **DC Tom Stack, FF John Watson, DC Walter J. Ellis Jr., Capt. Mike Mahoney, Lt. Bob Paone, FF Harold Rosenberger, FF Fred Donahue, Capt. Bob Kotowski, Seated, FF and Long Time Local 30 President John Rocca.**



Photo provided

L to R: Standing: **FF Morgan Shaefer, FF Joe Lawless, FF John "Spike" Lawless, FF Mike Papsedero, Lt. Dick Teas, Lt. Bill Fehlman, FF Harold Graffe, Lt. John Ruffing, Lt. David Scholl,** Seated L to R: **FF Kenny O'Connor, FF Ed MacAskill, Lt. Dan Flaherty**



Photo courtesy DFC G. Mahoney

St. Patrick's Day in Sarasota, FL. L to R: **Patty Mahoney, Jimmy Sullivan, DFC G. Mahoney, John Ruffing, Ann Ruffing.** Jimmy Sullivan is the owner of Patrick's 1481 in Sarasota, FL. He's originally from Cambridge and grew up with many CFD personnel including **Retired DFC Ed Mahoney and DFC Bob Rossi.** **John Ruffing** retired in 2003 as a Lieutenant from Engine 5.



Photo courtesy DFC G. Mahoney

L-R, Lt. John Ruffing; Engine 5 Retired, DFC G. Mahoney, Deputy Dave Salvi; Retired-Somerville and District Chief Frank Lee; Somerville take in a pre-season Red Sox game at JetBlue Park in Fort Myers, FL recently.

Correction

As a result of the photo we used in the last issue of the Company Journal, we heard from Spike Lawless. Since it's always great (and rare) to hear from our retirees (hint hint), We will share his note:

It was a hoot seeing the picture of Eileen and I in the CFD Company Journal #73. For the record, one edit, this was actually a pose from our Prom four years before our 1969 wedding. Thank you for all of your efforts in producing the CFD Company Journal and transmitting it to both Active and Retired CFD Members. It goes a long way in helping us, Old Timers, stay connected to our roots. Even in retirement, we remain Proud Members of The Class 1 Cambridge Fire Department.

To my Brother's and Sisters, of The CFD and Local #30, stay safe and Continue The Tradition Of Pride And Excellence. I'm also proud to use the same expression of commitment for both the USMC and the CFD.

Semper Fidelis,
Spike Lawless

7th Annual Metro Fire Hockey Tournament

Below is the schedule for the 7th Annual Metro Fire Hockey Tournament being held at the Stoneham Ice Arena on Montvale Ave, Stoneham MA. The games will be played over two weekends, April 9th and April 19th. This tournament has grown to 18 teams throughout Metro Fire this year, and each year the competition level gets better. We ask that the Active and Retired Members of the Cambridge Fire Department and their families come out and support us during our games. We are guaranteed to play at least three games, and there is the potential for three additional games during the last two days of the tournament.

As always you can follow the Cambridge Fire Hockey Team at www.cfdhockey.org or on twitter @CambFireHockey. There will also be a Tournament Party I believe on April 11th, more info to follow on this. And We are nearing the end of our season in the NESHL, and still have the 4th Annual Guns N Hoses Hockey Game (March 21st, 2015) vs the Cambridge Police. Come on out and support the team.

Teams Playing in the Metro Fire Hockey Tournament this year:

Group A – Burlington, Reading, Winchester, Woburn

Group B – Chelsea, Lynn, Massport, Medford

Group C – Arlington/Melrose (Combined Team), Everett/Revere (Combined Team), Somerville, Quincy

Group D- Belmont, Malden, Wakefield

Group E – Cambridge, Waltham, Watertown

Group A plays for a champion in their own group. The 14 teams in Groups B,C, D, E all play into the playoffs to be the Metro Fire Tournament Champion.

Thank You,

FF Michael J. Dwyer

Ladder Co. 1, Group 1

Guns N Hoses Hockey Game

Brothers and Sisters,

I'm happy to announce that Cambridge Fire defeated Cambridge Police 9-2 in the annual Cambridge Guns N' Hoses MDA Charity Hockey Game but more importantly, we raised \$7,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association! Congratulations to Captain Michael Bruno on winning the Grand Prize Raffle. Thank you to everyone who supported the event by coming out to the game, bought raffle tickets online, and especially those who volunteered to help during the game (Bill Hugh, Stacia and Amy Joyce; Nicole Moustafa and Darlene Costa; Master of Ceremonies: Assistant Chief Gerard Mahoney; Honor Guard members: Captain Paul Marinelli, FF Matt McDonald, and FF Blake Crist; National Anthem: Gabby Chirriboga of CRLS; Dave Feenan and Molly McDermott of the MDA; Exit Realty for sponsoring our event; and the Polish American Club for their generous hospitality after the game. A very special thank you goes out to our MDA guest of honor Emma Russell, who participated in the ceremonial puck drop.

As always, the success of the event wouldn't have been possible without the support from all of you! This is a good start to the annual goal to raise \$20,000 for Muscular Dystrophy. Future events will include our annual golf outing (date TBA) and hopefully 2 "Fill The Boot" drives this summer. Volunteers are vital to a successful boot drive so I will do my best to give plenty of notice of when they will be. I realize that summer schedules can get busy but I respectfully request only a couple hours of your time if you can make it. Also, please let me know if anyone has an idea for future MDA fundraising events. The most important goal is to raise as much money as we can for the MDA but I also want everyone to be able to participate and enjoy these events (if they want), not just hockey players and golfers! – **Lt. Brandon Hugh, Engine 5**



Emma Russell, MDA Ambassador after the ceremonial puck drop. L-R, **CPD Team Captain John Lopes** and **CFD Team Captain, Tyler English**



Survivor

As many know, **FF Jeremy Collins, Ladder 2** was on the CBS show Survivor last year. Although a new season is already out, Jeremy is still riding a wave of popularity due to his genuine nature and amiable smile. Jeremy shared some thoughts recently:

Survivor was an incredible experience that challenged me mentally and physically. I didn't win but did gain an appreciation for family and friends. If you didn't watch, I lasted 25 days before my alliance blindsided me just 3 days after I took out the other alliances leader. The entire experience was awesome and the only bad thing about it is that me and my wife did not win the game...I want to thank everyone that supported me especially my coworkers that had my back...I appreciate you all.

We wouldn't be surprised to see Jeremy on a future All-Star episode in the future!

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Words of Wisdom

"You can't make up time on the road that you lost in the Station".

"Putting fancy tools into poorly-trained hands simply makes for more expensive errors."

After the Our Lady of the Angels School fire (1958), Percy Bugbee, then president of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) said in an interview, "There are no new lessons to be learned from this fire; only old lessons that tragically went unheeded." The sentiment has been subsequently echoed in many NIOSH reports.

Management is making sure things are done right. Leadership is doing the right thing. There is always room in the fire service for more leaders and a lot less managers.

Through the Lantern Lens



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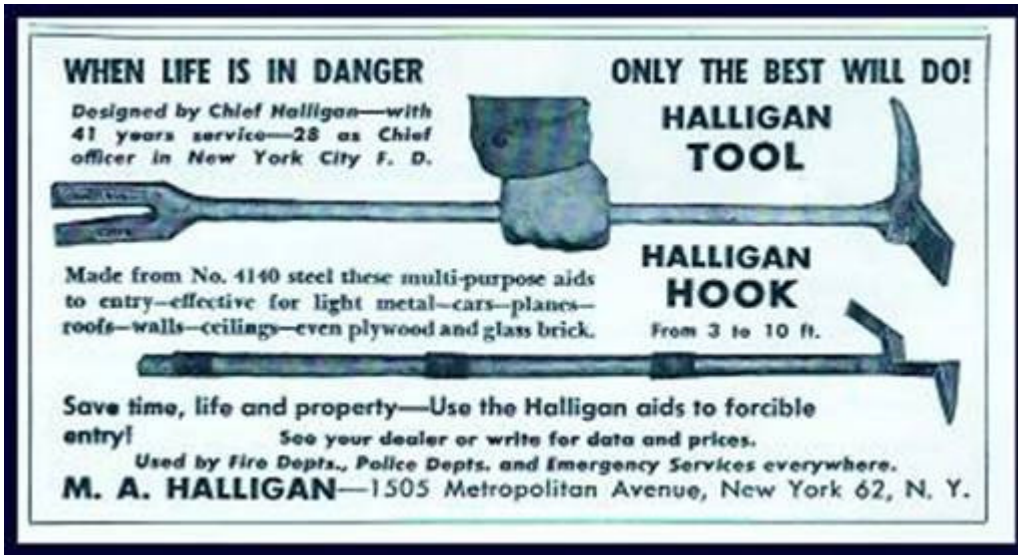
by Mose Humphrey

How many people truly know the origins of one of the most versatile tools we carry in the fire service? The Halligan tool was designed by and named after a New York City Fire Department Deputy Chief named Hugh Halligan in 1948.



Based on the earlier Kelly tool, the Halligan is a multipurpose tool for prying, twisting, punching, or striking. Later that year the first prototype of the Halligan bar was made by Peter Clarke (a blacksmith). Despite the fact that the device had been invented by one of its members, the FDNY did not initially purchase the tool because of a perceived conflict of interest. The City of Boston Fire Department was the first major customer of the Halligan, purchasing one for every fire company in the city. The tool was popular enough that members of New York ladder companies went out and bought it with their own money until the department ultimately decided to purchase the tool. The Halligan has become the most versatile hand tool that had been used for the past six decades for a multitude of fire ground tasks.

The 2nd generation and later Halligan bars were printed on the forks with what looks like AM+D6. The AMDG that was engraved on each original Halligan Bar was out of his devotion to the Society of Jesus or Jesuits. A.M.D.G. stands for Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam; For the Greater Glory of God. That is the motto of the Jesuits, the Catholic religious order that runs Boston College, Fairfield University, Loyola, B.C. High and many other colleges and secondary schools throughout the world




In Memoriam


February 22, 2015 also marks the 20th Anniversary of a tragic event that occurred here in Cambridge when a Massachusetts State Police helicopter from the air-wing unit crashed into the MIT boathouse on Memorial Drive killed two troopers and two civilian employees of AT&T. Current members of the department responded to this horrible event. We remember **Sergeant Paul Perry and Sergeant James Mattaliano.**


Massachusetts State Police
Remembers


NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
OFFICERS MEMORIAL
Respect - Honor - Remember

EOW: February 22, 1995
Line of Duty Anniversary

 **Sergeant Paul A. Perry**



 **Sergeant James Mattaliano**



Sergeants Perry and Mattaliano were both killed while conducting routine rotary wing operations in a State Police helicopter when shortly after take-off their aircraft suffered a catastrophic engine failure resulting in a crash of the helicopter into the roof of the Harvard Sailing Center on Memorial Drive in Cambridge.

Sergeant Perry, a 14 year veteran, was 39 and a member of the 63 RTT (1981) assigned to the Air Wing. He leaves behind his wife and two children.

Sergeant Mattaliano, a 12 year veteran, was 33 and a member of the 65th RTT (1983) assigned to the Air Wing. He leaves behind his wife and brother.

© T.Dolan MSP Motorcycle Unit

Courtesy of the Massachusetts State Police

Squirt

September 25, 2014 saw the end of an era in Cambridge – the Squirt (which is a brand name and is not Squirt) unit was retired! Deputy Chief Ed Morrissey; Division 1 provides a brief history into a storied era in the city:

The 1960's and 1970's was an era of high fire activity and large fires in Cambridge. To help in the fight against these large fires the Administration purchased an Aerial Tower in 1971 and large diameter, 5 inch hose in 1973. Followed by "The Squirt", a 55 foot articulating boom with the ability to deliver 1000 gpm through its master stream in 1977.

Built on an American LaFrance pump it was assigned as the hose wagon of Engine 1. Engine 1, like all Cambridge engine companies at that time, was a two piece Company running with a 1971 Maxim 1250 pump and the Squirt which was a 1000 gpm pumper running as the hose wagon.



Photo courtesy of DFC E. Morrissey



Photo courtesy of DFC E. Morrissey

Drilling with 3" supply line

The Company ran as a two piece unit until May 6, 1980 when the Maxim pump became a spare and Engine 1 became the first single unit engine company since 1952 when Engine 9 was made a two piece company.

In 1984 the Sqrt was sent out for refurbishing and returned with a white roof. By 1991 the apparatus was well worn and was placed out of service on July 9, 1991. It was removed from service and it remained in storage until it was sent out to Pierce and remounted on a new 1996 chassis and it was placed back in service as Engine 1 on December 24, 1996.

In 2007 the Sqrt was again sent out for a rebuilding. Engine 1 was assigned a spare pumper. On February 3, 2008 the Sqrt was reassigned to. Engine 8 until it was finally retired on September 25, 2014.



Photo courtesy of DFC E. Morrissey



Photo courtesy of DFC E. Morrissey

During its 37 year career with CFD the Sqrut operated at many multiple alarm fires. Its elevated stream gave the Department a tactical advantage at many of these fires. -Thanks to DFC E. Morrissey for putting together some more CFD history!

Trivia

What do Erie Street, Decatur Street, Lake Street (now Corporal McTernan), Lawrence Street, Niagara Street (now part of Dana Park) and Perry Street all have in common besides being located in the Port? Answer at end of newsletter.

Signal 10-15

The Chief of Department regrets to announce the death of

Deputy Fire Chief Ernest DeAngelis; Fire Headquarters-Retired

Deputy Fire Chief DeAngelis was appointed to the department as a reserve member on June 6, 1965 and as an active member on January 9, 1966. He retired on July 15, 1997.

He was a Veteran of the United States Army and passed in in March 2015

Condolences to:

Deputy Fire Chief Peter Donovan; Fire Prevention Bureau, on the passing of his Mother,
Mrs. Jean M. Donovan

To the family and friends of the **late Retired Firefighter Philip Paris (Ladder Co.2)**
On the passing of his Father, Mr. Leonard Archibald "Archie" Paris

Firefighter David McCaffrey; Aide to Division 1, on the passing of his Mother,
Mrs. Patricia A. McCaffrey

Captain Pasquale J. DeMaio; Engine Co. 9 Retired on the passing of his son,
David J. DeMaio

Lieutenant John Kotowski; Ladder Co. 1 on the passing of his Mother-in-Law,
Mrs. Margaret A. Sullivan

Widow of FF Thomas J. Sullivan
Sister of **FF Joseph O'Brien; Engine Co. 9 Retired**

Firefighter Steven J. Kelley; Rescue Co. 1 on the passing of his Mother,
Mrs. Jeanne M. Kelley

Captain Jason Grimm; Engine Co. 3 on the passing of his Father,
Mr. Roger Grimm

To the family of the **Late Captain Thomas Sweeney**, on the passing of his widow,
Mrs. Margaret A. Sweeney

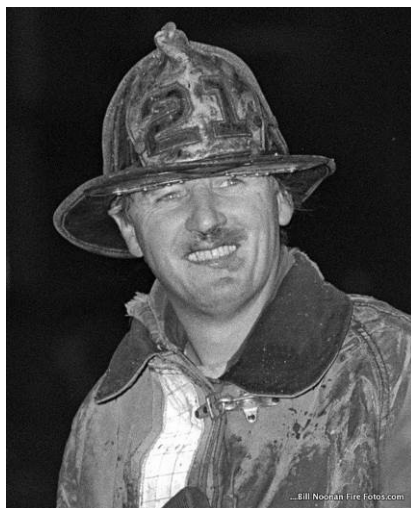
Firefighter Laura Coipel; Engine Co. 4 on the passing of her Father,
John Belli
Also the Father-in-law of **Firefighter Al Coipel (Rescue Co. 1)**

Firefighter Robert Mahoney; Ladder Co. 4 on the passing of his Mother,
Mrs. Helen Mahoney-Rooney

Steve Lopez; M3-Motor Squad, on the passing of his mother,
Martha A. (Randall) Lopez.
Also the Grandmother to **Dan Lopez; M4-Motor Squad**

Firefighter Edwin Cruz; Engine Co. 4 on the passing of his Brother,
Mr. Luis Ramos

Condolences to the Boston Fire Department, Local 718, the PFFM and the IAFF on the passing of past Vice President **Neal Mullane, Sr. Engine 21; Retired** in December 2014. Brother Mullane served for many years as former Vice President of Boston Fire Fighters Local 718 IAFF and a member of the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Safety Committee where his work helped to improve fire ground safety for every firefighter in the IAFF.



Bill Noonan photo

Lt. Neal Mullane Sr. Engine 21, Boston Fire Dept.

Condolences to the members of the Brookline Fire Department on the Line of Duty of **Lieutenant Kenneth Fields**, Active member of Engine Co.4 from occupational cancer on December 26, 2014. Lt. Fields was appointed on July 9, 1990 and served on the Brookline Fire Department for 24 years.

From the Archives



Photo credit Kristin Rose

Thanks to Newton Fire Dept. Captain Mark Roche for sending along this photo of **Deputy Chief William Rose and Chief of Department Thomas V. Scott.**

Did you know?

You've probably never heard of Vesta Stoudt. But we have all used her invention at least once in our lives!



As the mom of two sons in the Navy, while working in an ammunition plant, Stoudt had the idea to use cloth tape to seal boxes of ammo so it could be opened in mere seconds while keeping the ammunition dry, potentially saving the lives of soldiers when time was critical. When her bosses rejected her idea, she went straight to President Franklin D. Roosevelt himself via a written letter. A few weeks later, she received a response that the Navy was going to "fast track" her idea, and thus duct tape was born. And who could imagine our lives without it now?

Cambridge Auxiliary

Thanks to **Brian Herman, Somerville Fire Alarm operator** and past member of the Cambridge Auxiliary for this “throwback” photo.



Photo credit BL Herman

L-R, **Brian Herman, Jay Umanzio and Rick Alves**. Photo taken at a W/F at the maintenance garage of the Cambridge cemetery circa 1990. **Raphael Mendez** also responded, but not pictured. Many of the former CFD Auxiliary members have gone on to other public safety jobs and Brian has been asking about a “Where are they now? Segment. Please send a note to let us know where you are and what you have been up to. hsmith@cambridgefire.org

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Stats and Fires

**Cambridge Fire
Annual Totals - Calendar Year 2014**

	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Bldg Fires</u>
Engine 1	2403	38
Engine 2	3231	45
Engine 3	1554	20
Engine 4	1469	23
Engine 5	1785	47
Engine 6	1333	41
Engine 8	1139	26
Engine 9	971	25
Truck 1	2005	56
Truck 2	1186	30
Truck 3	2047	51
Truck 4	1420	31
Rescue 1	2270	60
Squad 2	3271	51
Squad 4	1634	44
Special/HQ Units	232	
HazMat 1	34	
Division 1	1637	51
Division 2	1293	36
Mutual Aid Units	252	
TOTAL	31166	

Incidents	13,644
Div 1 Incidents	7856
Div 2 Incidents	5788
Responses	31,166
EMS	6084
Building Fires	80
Inside Fires	819
All Fires	924
HazMat	202
CO contamination	51

Working Fires	5
2nd Alarms	3
3rd Alarms	2
6th Alarm	1
9th Alarm	1

FY 2014/2015 RUN TOTALS

	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	SBTTL	Jan-15	Feb-15	TOTAL
Engine 1	232	199	209	188	172	165	1165	200	221	1586
Engine 2	301	274	294	296	232	289	1686	309	290	2285
Engine 3	124	142	119	129	112	142	768	135	147	1050
Engine 4	155	126	141	108	143	103	776	129	144	1049
Engine 5	160	155	154	141	151	130	891	163	183	1237
Engine 6	121	115	123	102	77	122	660	115	144	919
Engine 8	121	101	86	103	97	104	612	123	113	848
Engine 9	104	79	70	76	92	76	497	100	96	693
Truck 1	200	171	165	177	173	130	1016	173	204	1393
Truck 2	109	83	92	108	93	99	584	111	150	845
Truck 3	183	192	198	176	160	159	1068	214	214	1496
Truck 4	162	131	131	105	125	110	764	145	159	1068
Rescue 1	209	172	218	213	192	180	1184	188	202	1574
Squad 2	305	274	297	276	233	277	1662	268	246	2176
Squad 4	141	147	150	127	134	148	847	162	145	1154
Division 1	177	128	164	153	116	123	861	160	170	1191
Division 2	151	109	103	116	90	76	645	115	138	898
HazMat 1	3	4	1	4	2	3	17	3	2	22
Spec & HQ Units	26	19	18	15	13	32	123	20	41	184
Mutual Aid Units	61	15	20	8	6	16	126	26	43	195
TOTAL	3045	2636	2753	2621	2413	2484	15952	2859	3052	21863

FY 2014/2015 Incident Totals										
	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	SBTTL	Jan-15	Feb-15	TOTAL
Responses	3045	2636	2753	2621	2413	2484	15952	2859	3052	21863
Incidents	1317	1162	1223	1162	1084	1081	7029	1201	1266	9496
Division 1 incidents	705	674	709	655	586	665	3994	699	734	5427
Division 2 incidents	612	488	514	507	498	416	3035	504	532	4071
Building fires	5	11	7	4	6	6	39	5	10	54
Inside fires	67	61	68	72	77	56	401	85	82	568
All fires	83	66	81	80	81	58	449	90	86	625
EMS	497	498	554	509	499	515	3072	521	481	4074
Elevator Rescue	16	7	10	11	10	9	63	11	11	85
Hazardous materials	23	14	22	17	14	22	112	18	37	167
CO emerg	5	0	7	6	6	3	27	8	14	49
Electrical hazards	54	28	35	39	22	19	197	24	37	258
Malicious false	23	19	19	11	18	18	108	19	5	132
Malfunction	171	144	141	113	99	103	771	119	138	1028
Unintentional	137	145	87	129	118	116	732	136	148	1016
Bomb threats/susp	40	17	32	25	12	14	140	13	5	158
Bomb/expl removal							0			0
Structure collapse			1				1		2	3
Total Multiple Alarms	1					2	3	1	3	7
2nd Alarms						2	2	1	2	5
3rd Alarms							0		1	1
4th Alarms							0			0
5th Alarms							0			0
9th Alarms	1						1			1
Working Fires	1					1	2	1		3
HM Lev 1 "Working"							0			0

Retirements, Promotions & Transfers

GENERAL ORDER NO.02, Series of 2015

TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER

RE: **Transfers**

Effective Sunday, January 18, 2015 at 0700 hours:

Captain Sean White from Rescue Company to Acting Deputy Chief Division 1

Captain James Gomes from Engine Company No. 8 to Rescue Company

Please see that each member is present for a reading of this notice.

Per Order,



Gerald R. Reardon
Chief of Department

Read & Initial

GENERAL ORDER NO.01, SERIES OF 2015

January 7, 2015

TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER

SUBJECT: **Retirement of Deputy Fire Chief Daniel J. Turner
Effective, January 11, 2015 at 0700 Hours**

Effective January 11, 2015 at 0700 hours, Deputy Fire Chief Daniel J. Turner retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Deputy Fire Chief Daniel Turner was **appointed on May 7, 1978.**

- July 2, 1978 Engine Company No. 1
- April 15, 1979 Rescue Company No. 1
- January 10, 1982 Engine Company No. 6
- December 1, 1985 Engine Company No. 1
- December 6, 1987 Acting Lieutenant Emergency Management
- January 10, 1988 Promoted to Fire Lieutenant, Assigned to Emergency Management
- March 20, 1988 Engine Company No.2
- October 11, 1992 Ladder Company No. 1, Fire Investigation Unit
- September 15, 1996 SARA
- December 1, 1996 Ladder Company No. 1
- May 2, 1999 Fire Captain assigned to Fire Prevention
- February 29, 2004 Promoted to Deputy Fire Chief
- September 12, 2010 Division 1

Deputy Fire Chief Turner has faithfully served the citizens of Cambridge.

We wish Deputy Fire Chief Turner much happiness and good health in his retirement.

Please see that each member is present for a reading of this order.

Per order,



Gerald R. Reardon
Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDER NO.05, SERIES OF 2015

TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER

SUBJECT: **Promotion**

Effective Sunday, February 8, 2015 at 0700 hours:

Acting Deputy Fire Chief Sean P. White to Deputy Fire Chief

Please see that each member is present for a reading of this notice.

Per order,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gerald R. Reardon", written in a cursive style.

Gerald R. Reardon
Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDER NO.08, SERIES OF 2015

March 3, 2015

TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER

**SUBJECT: Retirement of Deputy Fire Chief Lester M. Bokuniewicz
Effective, March 8, 2015 at 0700 Hours**

Effective March 8, 2015 at 0700 hours, Deputy Fire Chief Lester M. Bokuniewicz retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Deputy Fire Chief Lester Bokuniewicz was appointed on March 6, 1983.

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| • April 17, 1983 | Engine Company No. 5 |
| • October 12, 1986 | Acting Lieutenant, Rescue Company No. 1 |
| • November 30, 1986 | Promoted to Fire Lieutenant |
| • May 1, 1988 | Engine Company No. 3 |
| • August 4, 1992 | Promoted to Fire Captain, Engine Company No. 8 |
| • January 3, 1993 | Ladder Company No. 1 |
| • April 23, 2000 | Fire Prevention |
| • May 1, 2000 | Acting Deputy Chief, Fire Prevention |
| • June 26, 2000 | Promoted to Deputy Chief |
| • September 26, 2004 | Division 1 |
| • September 12, 2010 | Fire Prevention |
| • July 13, 2014 | Division 1 |

Deputy Fire Chief Bokuniewicz has faithfully served the citizens of Cambridge.

We wish Deputy Fire Chief Bokuniewicz much happiness and good health in his retirement.

Please see that each member is present for a reading of this order.

Per order,



Gerald R. Reardon
Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDER NO. 09, Series of 2015

TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER

RE: **Promotions and Transfers**

Effective Sunday, March 8, 2015 at 0700 hours:

Captain Kenneth R. Jenness from Engine Company No. 6 to Acting Deputy Chief, Division 1

Deputy Fire Chief Sean White from Division 1, Group 2 to Division 1, Group 4

Firefighter Harold B. Conrad Jr. from Aide to Division 1 to Engine Company No. 8

Firefighter Francis Mullen from Engine Company No. 6 to Aide to Deputy Fire Chief, Division 1

Firefighter Michael DeAmbrose from Ladder Company No. 4 to Engine Company No. 6

Firefighter Joseph E. Nunley from Engine Company No. 8 to Engine Company No. 9

Please see that each member is present for a reading of this notice.

Per Order,



Gerald R. Reardon
Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDER NO.10, SERIES OF 2015

March 3, 2015

TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER

SUBJECT: **Retirement of Deputy Fire Chief Edward F. Mahoney Jr.
Effective, March 6, 2015 at 1700 Hours**

Effective March 6, 2015 at 1700 hours, Deputy Fire Chief Edward F. Mahoney retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Deputy Fire Chief Edward Mahoney was **appointed on March 6, 1983.**

- April 17, 1983 Rescue Company
- October 12, 1986 Acting Lieutenant, Engine Company No. 1
- November 30, 1986 Promoted to Fire Lieutenant
- June 12, 1988 Engine Company No. 3
- December 1, 1989 Acting Fire Captain
- December 3, 1989 Fire Prevention
- December 24, 1989 Promoted to Fire Captain
- March 31, 1991 Ladder Company No. 2
- July 20, 1997 Rescue Company
- August 23, 1998 Acting Deputy Fire Chief
- September 18, 1998 Promoted to Deputy Fire Chief
- April 1, 1999 Fire Prevention
- May 9, 1999 Division 2
- January 21, 2001 Division 1
- July 13, 2014 Headquarters

Deputy Fire Chief Mahoney has faithfully served the citizens of Cambridge.

We wish Deputy Fire Chief Mahoney much happiness and good health in his retirement.

Please see that each member is present for a reading of this order.

Per order,



Gerald R. Reardon
Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDER NO.11, SERIES OF 2015

March 3, 2015

TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER

SUBJECT: **Retirement of Captain David S. Walles
Effective, March 6, 2015 at 1700 Hours**

Effective March 6, 2015 at 1700 hours, Captain David S. Walles retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Captain David Walles was **appointed on September 9, 2001**.

- September 10,2001 Training Division
- September 17, 2001 Fire Academy
- October 14, 2001 Engine Company No. 2
- March 9, 2003 Engine Company No. 1
- May 7, 2006 Acting Fire Lieutenant, Ladder Company No. 1
- July 9, 2006 Promoted to Fire Lieutenant
- January 14, 2007 Squad No. 4
- April 12, 2009 Training Division/Paramedic Coordinator and other EMS training duties
- July 1, 2010 Acting Fire Captain
- July 25, 2010 Promoted to Fire Captain
- June 15, 2014 Headquarters

Captain Walles has faithfully served the citizens of Cambridge.

We wish Captain Walles much happiness and good health in his retirement.

Please see that each member is present for a reading of this order.

Per order,



Gerald R. Reardon
Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDER NO. 13, SERIES OF 2015

March 17, 2015

TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER

SUBJECT: **Retirement of Captain Gregory M. Carter**
Effective, March 17, 2015 at 1700 Hours

Effective March 17, 2015 at 1700 hours, Captain Gregory M. Carter retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Captain Gregory Carter was **appointed on March 17, 1985**.

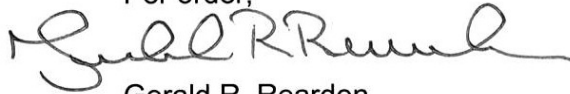
- **May 5, 1985** **Ladder Company No.3**
- **August 27, 1995** **Promoted to Fire Lieutenant, Assigned to Pivot Officer**
- **September 15, 1996** **Rescue Company**
- **May 1, 2005** **Squad No. 4**
- **September 3, 2005** **Promoted to Fire Captain**
- **September 8, 2013** **Training Division, ALS Coordinator**

Captain Carter has faithfully served the citizens of Cambridge.

We wish Captain Carter much happiness and good health in his retirement.

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Per order,



Gerald R. Reardon
Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDER NO.12, SERIES OF 2015

TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER

SUBJECT: **Promotion**

Effective Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 0700 hours:

Acting Deputy Fire Chief Kenneth R. Jenness to Deputy Fire Chief

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Per order,



Gerald R. Reardon
Chief of Department

Fate of the Feederline/Company Journal?

There are a great deal of current members, PROUD retired members and brothers and sisters in the fire service outside the Cambridge Fire Department that look forward to the Feederline/Company Journal to keep them aware of the news going on within our GREAT department. The Company Journal has been in continuous "circulation" for 21 years! (since 1994) - Just another accomplishment that we can be PROUD of.

However, the work that it takes to produce this newsletter is MORE than one person can do alone. Ideally, it would be great to have one or two representatives from each working group from the department that can relay current information to the "staff" for inclusion as well as a representative that can relay what some of our retired members are up to. Please let us know if you are interested.

We are also open to members (and have asked in the past) who want to send in articles or photos for inclusion on training, current events or anything else of interest! Please keep in mind that photos use a great deal of memory and therefore, we do try to balance a fair deal of old and new photos and still try to stay within the confines of the allowable data allowed to be sent through city email. Please contribute! This publication can only be made greater with your help. Send thoughts, ideas and suggestions to **Hsmith@cambridgefire.org**

This is not a typo- there is a reason you are reading this for a third time!

Commendation

CAMBRIDGE FIRE HEADQUARTERS
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

February 18, 2015

GENERAL ORDER NO. 07, SERIES OF 2015

TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER

RE: Commendation

On the recommendation of Deputy Fire Chief Michael J. Morrissey, the following members are commended for their extraordinary efforts in assisting the occupants of 1616 Massachusetts Avenue following the third alarm at Box 635 on February 11, 2015.

Deputy Fire Chief Brian J. Gover (K-2)
Fire Captain Thomas F. Cahill Jr. (K-3)
Fire Lieutenant Christopher G. Towski (K-5)
Ms. Stacia Joyce

As noted by DFC Morrissey the suppression companies who responded performed "yeoman's duty" in limiting the spread of fire in the four-story, L-shaped apartment building with 55 units. Due to the quick aggressive work by these companies under extremely difficult weather conditions, the actual fire damage was fairly limited in scope. This naturally led to the occupants looking to return to their units.

The reoccupation of the building had to be handled in a safe and well organized manner.

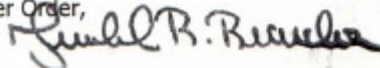
DFC Gover, Capt. Cahill and Ms. Joyce coordinated the efforts of dealing with numerous displaced residents, many of whom were concerned about their pets. Assisted by the fire companies on scene, many of these pets were reunited with their owners. All occupants of the building had a destination that night prior to the departure of the last fire company.

Lt. Towski worked closely with the utility companies to restore services to the units that were not affected by the fire. As a result of his efforts only six units were not habitable.

This department has a proud tradition of serving the citizens we protect. Due to the multitude of factors including weather, a large number of occupants, many of who were pet owners, these "after-fire" issues took on special significance. As DFC Morrissey stated, "We don't just drive away when the last length of hose is repacked, and returning as many occupants as possible to a condition of normalcy is a logical extension of the duties we perform."

The actions of these members are in the highest tradition of the Cambridge Fire Department.

Per Order,



Gerald R. Reardon
Chief of Department

Congratulations

FF Blake Crist (Ladder Co. 2) on his engagement to Elizabeth DiNatale in December 2014!

FF Dave Garcia Engine 9 - retired and his wife on the birth of their twins. They were born on December 18, 2014. Emily 7lbs, 5 oz & Nicholas 5 lbs ,1oz. both were premature but doing well. They are also the niece & nephew of **DFC Kenneth Jenness; Division 1.**

Congratulations to **Chief of Department Brian Morrissey, Nashua, NH** on being named firefighter of the year in a ceremony in January 2015!! The award was given at the Nashua Fire Rescue Awards and presented by the Nashua Exchange Club. Congratulations Chief!



Photo by E. Morrissey

L-R, Captain Robert Morrissey (Engine 4) and wife Cheryl, FF Edward Morrissey Sr (Ladder 2;Retired), Chief Brian Morrissey and wife, Theresa and Deputy Chief Edward Morrissey Jr (Division 1)

Congratulations to **Dan Lopez (M-4, Motor Squad)** on hearing that his wife Andrea will be having another child in July 2015!

Congratulations to **FF Mike Travers Jr. (Rescue Co.1)** and wife Sabrina on the birth of a daughter in March 2015!



Contract employee, John O'Donoghue (center) marked 35 years of service with Deputy State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey (left) and State Fire Marshal Stephen Coan (right).

Photo credit Department of Fire Services

Congratulations to **Chief of Operations John O'Donoghue; Retired** on receiving an award marking his 35 years of service as an employee of the Department of Fire Services.

America's Heroes

**Emerald Society Medal
Firefighter Vincent T. Niesi
LADDER COMPANY 111**



Appointed to the FDNY on May 5, 2002. Recipient of a Unit Citation. Resides on Staten Island, with his wife, April, and their sons, Cole and Hunter.

August 29, 2013, 0919 hours, Box 22-861, Brooklyn

Fires occurring in occupied multiple dwellings generally are an indication that people are trapped and in need of assistance. Such was the case on August 29, 2013, at a three-story, non-fireproof, multiple dwelling, measuring 25 by 72 feet, and consisting of six apartments.

At 0919 hours, the Brooklyn Fire Communications Office was notified of a fire at this building with occupants trapped on the upper floor. This information was transmitted to the local firehouses, including Ladder 111. Combining a fast turnout, quick response and heroic actions may be necessary to lessen the severity of injuries, if, in fact, occupants are trapped. Through training and experience, members of Ladder 111 were up to this task.

On arrival, members were confronted with a serious fire on the first-floor public hallway; flames extended up the stairs to the second and third floors of this three-story building. There was a female victim screaming for help from a third-floor front window. Heavy smoke was venting over her head. The members of Ladder 111 sized up the situation and realized the arduous task ahead of them, knowing that this operation would be a challenge to rescue any trapped civilians in this building.

Ladder 176 members raised their aerial ladder to the window to remove the woman from danger. Simultaneously, FF Vincent Niesi, Ladder 111, assigned the outside vent position for this tour, quickly made his way to the top floor via the tower ladder bucket. The female victim was screaming that her family was inside the apartment.

FF Niesi arrived at the window adjoining the one from which the woman was being removed and immediately took the initiative to enter the apartment alone because of the confirmed life hazard. He was confronted with an extremely heavy smoke condition, a high heat level and zero visibility. At this time, the fire and products of combustion were flowing up the stairs, through the open apartment door, causing waves of heat to move toward the rescuer.

FF Niesi initiated his search for trapped victims without the protection of a charged hose-line in place. The further he moved toward the rear, the hotter conditions became. As he approached the open apartment door, he could not close it completely, which would have given him and any victims more survival time.

Approximately 60 feet in from the front window, FF Niesi came upon the unconscious body of a teenage female victim. He notified his Officer and was about to remove the girl when he heard faint moaning from an area deeper within the apartment. He reversed his course and located three additional victims of this family--two children and a female adult in the living room. FF Niesi used his radio to call for assistance in removing all four people. Without waiting for help, he moved all four victims close to the living room window to give them the best chance for fresh air and, hence, survival.

At this time, the interior hallway fire was extinguished, allowing members of Ladder 111 to enter the fire apartment and assist in removing the three semi-conscious victims. FF Niesi removed the young girl down the charred interior stairs and turned her over to medical personnel. During this rescue, while moving toward the rear of the apartment, FF Niesi displayed capability and bravery in overcoming the challenges presented by physical alterations within the apartment.

FF Niesi's courage and selfless actions in a dangerous situation, without the protection of a charged hose-line, made for an heroic deed in the rescue of four family members. For his initiative and courage without regard for his own safety, the Fire Department is proud to honor FF Vincent T. Niesi with the Emerald Society Medal.--EB

Letters

The following note was received on December 15, 2014:

This letter concerns a kindness extended to me during an auto accident on December 8, 2014 on the Alewife Brook Parkway about 4:20 PM.

After traffic resumed a fire department person (who was near the scene) inquired about my health and feelings and offered to stay with me until the police officers arrived which truly helped my upset spirits.

Any extended kindness these days deserves recognition.

Jean L. Downes

The following note was received on December 10:

To All

On behalf of the entire Morrissey family I would like to thank all the Cambridge Fire Department family for your kind sympathy expressions and support on the loss of our mother.

Thank you for helping us get through this difficult time.

Fraternally Yours

The Morrissey family

The following email was distributed to Group 2 on December 24, 2014:

Great work by all members at the second alarm this morning on Broadway.
One story restaurant/mercantile fires are often more stubborn than they appear.
Nice work by all.

Merry Christmas, stay safe.

Assistant Chief Gerard E. Mahoney



PAUL J. CICCONE
Chief of Department

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December 11, 2014

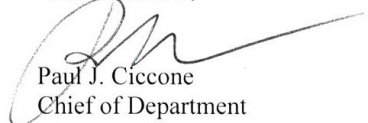
Chief Gerald R. Reardon
Cambridge Fire Department
491 Broadway
Cambridge, MA 02138

Dear Chief Reardon,

On behalf of the Waltham Fire Department, I would like to express my appreciation to you and the members of your Department for the Mutual Aid assistance we received at our recent two alarm fire at 48 Albemarle Rd., on December 9, 2014.

One of the greatest aspects of the Fire Service is that we always help each other selflessly and that was certainly displayed by your members who responded on that day.

With Gratitude,



Paul J. Ciccone
Chief of Department

The following note was received on January 16, 2015:

Dear Deputy Gover,

Thank you so much for the incredible tour you gave us Saturday. You and your fellow firefighters were all so engaging and friendly. We really got to see, touch, and learn about the role of the Cambridge Fire Department and its capabilities to respond to incidents. You played a tremendous role in making us more educated volunteers and aiding to the strength of our Disaster Action Recovery Team (D.A.R.T.). We are so thankful for all the time you gave us and for this great opportunity.

Thank you,
Derek Pitts
Community Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
Boston Cares 190 High Street, Boston MA

The following note was received on January 27, 2015:

January 27, 2015

Dear Chief Reardon,

My name is Susan Root and I live at 250 Brattle Street #41. I am writing to you on behalf of my husband and my family for the commendable actions displayed by your firefighters on November 23, 2014. My parents were at our condo for dinner when my father became distressed - it appeared to us that he may be having a stroke. I immediately called 911 and your firefighters and the paramedics were dispatched to us. We live on a 4th floor walk up in a very old building with narrow stairways. The firefighters arrived promptly and could not have been more professional or kind to my Dad and to my husband, mom, and me. They were calming and reassuring

That they would have no trouble transporting my 200 Pound father of 78 years old down the four flights of stairs. I must say I have never seen anything like it. Within minutes they had him in the chair and were carrying him down. I was so incredibly impressed and grateful for their swift action and strength! I absolutely knew my father was in excellent hands - literally! I can not express my gratitude enough or my level of comfort knowing that such compassionate and talented fire fighters are here to protect us.

Please express my gratitude to the men who assisted us that night and to all the fire fighters and to you as their leader.

with great thanks,

P.S. my father, thankfully is home and doing much better.

Susan Rost on behalf of
my family



DAVID L. FRIZZELL
CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT

BELMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT

HEADQUARTERS
299 TRAPELO ROAD
BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS 02478

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January 30, 2015

Chief Gerald R. Reardon
Cambridge Fire Department
491 Broadway
Cambridge, MA 02138

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Cambridge Fire Department for the mutual aid assistance received on January 20, 2015 at our 2-alarm fire. On behalf of the Belmont Fire Department, the Town officials and myself, we are very proud of the performance of your Department.

Thank you for all the support you gave throughout this fire. Please extend to Deputy Chief Murphy, and those members on Engine 1 and Squad 4 who responded to 18 Russell Terrace and Engine 9 and Ladder 1 who covered our station that their help is greatly appreciated, and please offer our thanks for their assistance and for a job well done. Without mutual aid assistance like that from your Department, the outcome of the fire could have been even worse.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. L. Frizzell".

David L. Frizzell
Chief of Department

DLF/kah



Waltham Fire Department

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February 19, 2015

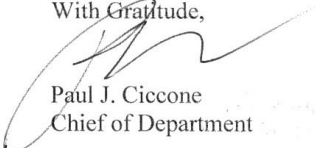
Chief Gerald R. Reardon
Cambridge Fire Department
491 Broadway
Cambridge, MA 02138

Dear Chief Reardon,

On behalf of the Waltham Fire Department, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to you and the members of your Department for the Mutual Aid assistance we received during our two (2) multiple alarm fires on Monday, February 16, 2015.

One of the greatest aspects of the Fire Service is that we always help each other selflessly and that was certainly displayed by your members who responded on that day.

With Gratitude,


Paul J. Ciccone
Chief of Department



U.S. Department
of Transportation

Volpe National Transportation Systems Center

55 Broadway
Cambridge, MA 02142

February 9, 2015

Chief Engineer Gerald R. Reardon
Cambridge Fire Department
491 Broadway
Cambridge MA 02138

Chief Reardon,

Thank you for the assistance of both Ladder 2 and Engine 3 from the City of Cambridge Fire Department during a contractor vehicle fire here at the US Department of Transportation, Volpe National Transportation Systems Center on February 2nd, 2015. In what can be best described as arduous conditions at the height of the snowstorm that day, your teams were quick to arrive at the scene and superbly professional in putting out the vehicle fire.

The team of Captain Raymond Vaillancourt and Lieutenant Brian Albert are to be commended for their outstanding leadership and calm demeanor. Firefighters Shawn Burke, Jeremy Collings, Michael Lencki, John Brogran, Victor Clarke and Brian Peebles displayed great professionalism and patience in wind chill temperatures of near zero, and blowing, heavy snow.

Please pass along our sincere thanks to your staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kerri-Lee DeRusha".

Kerri-Lee DeRusha
Chief, Safety, Security and Administrative Support Branch | Office of Facilities Management | V-241
Volpe, The National Transportation Systems Center | U.S. Department of Transportation
617-494-2033 | kerri-lee.derusha@dot.gov | www.volpe.dot.gov

The following note was received in February 2015:

To all who protect!

To the men who responded to the call at 7:45 PM (or so) on 2/17/15 at 1 Earhardt Street (Sierra Building). Thank you very much for caring and helping us with our property due to that water pipe bursting.

It's crazy how many times you answer a call as living in the city is so different from the suburbs. You truly make us all feel safe, thank you.

Discussion Point

How many times has an officer sent firefighters to search out and shut off a zone valve during an accidental sprinkler activation? As a firefighter, should you bring any special tools with you? This was a photo taken in an educational facility in Cambridge recently. The zone valve was secured with light chain and padlock to prevent tampering. If this is on a lower floor, not a big deal. If this is on the fifth floor and you have to return to the apparatus to get tools, how long will it take? Are the keys in the Knox box and did you bring them with you? Just something to possibly create some discussion between company officers and their crews on how they can overcome this.



Of Interest...

We almost let an important part of Fire Service history go unnoticed in 2014. Thanks to (Associate Newsletter intern, **Aidan Smith**, son of **FF Howie Smith, Ladder Co. 1**) for pointing it out!

In 2014 Smokey the Bear Turned “70 years old”.



Smokey Bear (his real name, but more often referred to as Smokey the Bear) is an advertising mascot created to educate the U.S. public about the dangers of forest fires. His name was inspired by "Smokey" Joe Martin, a New York City Fire Department hero who suffered burns and blindness during a bold 1922 rescue. An advertising campaign featuring Smokey was created in 1944 with the slogan, "Smokey Says – Care Will Prevent 9 out of 10 Forest Fires". Smokey Bear's later slogan, "Remember... Only YOU Can Prevent Forest Fires", was created in 1947 by The Advertising Council. In April 2001, the message was updated to "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires. According to the Ad Council, Smokey Bear and his message are recognized in the US by 95% of adults and 77% of children.

In 1952, the songwriters Steve Nelson and Jack Rollins had a successful song named "Smokey the Bear". The pair said "the" was added to Smokey's name to keep the song's rhythm. During the 1950s, that variant of the name became widespread both in popular speech and in print, including at least one standard encyclopedia. A 1955 book in the Little Golden Books series was called Smokey the Bear and Smokey calls himself by this name in the book. It depicted Smokey as an orphaned cub rescued in the aftermath of a forest fire. From the beginning, Smokey's name was intentionally spelled differently from the adjective 'smoky'.

Though the U.S. Forest Service fought wildfires long before World War II, the war brought a new importance and urgency to the effort. The forest service began using colorful posters to educate Americans about the dangers of forest fires. Since most able-bodied men were already serving in the armed forces, none could be spared to fight forest fires on the West Coast. The hope was that local communities, educated about the danger of forest fires, could prevent them from starting in the first place.



Smokey's debut poster was released on August 9, 1944, which is considered his anniversary date. In it Smokey was depicted wearing jeans and a campaign hat, pouring a bucket of water on a campfire. The message underneath reads, "Smokey says – Care will prevent 9 out of 10 forest fires!" Forest Service worker Rudy Wendelin became the full-time campaign artist; he was considered Smokey Bear's "caretaker" until he retired in 1973.

In addition, during World War II, Japanese Empire considered wildfires as a possible weapon. During the Lookout Air Raids of September 1942, the Japanese military attempted without success to set ablaze coastal forests in southwest Oregon. U.S. planners also hoped that if Americans knew how wildfires would harm the war effort, they would better cooperate with the Forest Service to eliminate any kind of fire. The Japanese military renewed their wildfire strategy late in the war: from November 1944 to April 1945, launching some 9,000 fire balloons into the jet stream, with an estimated 10% reaching the U.S. Five children and their teacher, Elsie Mitchell, were killed by one of the bombs near Bly, Oregon, on May 5, 1945

The living symbol of Smokey Bear was an American black bear cub who in the spring of 1950 was caught in the Capitan Gap fire, a wildfire that burned 17,000 acres in the Lincoln National Forest, in the Capitan Mountains of New Mexico. Smokey had climbed a tree to escape the blaze, but his paws and hind legs had been burned. According to some stories, he was rescued by a game warden after the fire, but according to the New Mexico State Forestry Division, it was actually a group of soldiers from Fort Bliss, Texas, who had come to help fight the fire, that discovered the bear cub and brought him back to the camp.

Smokey Bear lived at the National Zoo for 26 years. During that time he received millions of visitors as well as so many letters addressed to him (up to 13,000 a week) that in 1964 the United States Postal Service gave him his own unique zip code. Upon his death on November 9, 1976, Smokey's remains were returned by the government to Capitan, New Mexico, and buried at what is now the Smokey Bear Historical Park. The plaque at his grave reads, "This is the resting place of the first living Smokey Bear...the living symbol of wildfire prevention and wildlife conservation."

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Trivia Answers

These six streets were named after people and events associated with the War of 1812. For those new firefighters that are studying streets, this should help at least “lump” them into a general area.

Erie Street – is named after the Battle of Lake Erie

Decatur Street – named after Captain Stephen Decatur, commander of the of the United States

Lake Street – now known as Corporal McTernan Street

Lawrence Street – named after Commodore Perry's ship the Lawrence

Niagara Street – nonexistent, now part of Dana Park

Perry Street – named after Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry

From the Tailboard...

Photo of East Cambridge Fire Station taken by the architect, Peter Vanderwarker, circa 1977.



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