



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



**Cambridge Firefighters Local 30
Family Outing
Wednesday August 12, 2015**

Deadline for T-Shirts Thursday is July 17th

Deadline for Tickets is Wednesday July 30th

Group 2 is working

There will be a Silent Auction for adult prizes this year

There will be no extra T-Shirts so please order them by the deadline

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Cambridge Local 30

MDA Golf Outing

Thursday August 20, 2015



*Wayland Country Club
Foursome/Best Ball
(limited to 36 teams)*

Registration: 8 am Tee-Off: 9 am Cost: \$125 per person

Includes 18-Holes, Golf Cart, Collectible CFD gift, Lunch, and the following prizes for:

- * 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Teams * Longest Drive * Closest To The Pin **
- * Raffle Prizes will also be available **

This event is open to all Cambridge Local 30 members, Family, and Friends

** Hole Sponsorship is also available **

Team Captains must sign up their foursome by contacting Brandon Hugh (617) 529-1844

Entry fees must be paid in full NO LATER than 7/20/15

*Accepted payments: Cash, Check, Credit Card (secured via PayPal), and
The Cambridge Firefighters Federal Credit Union (for Members only)*



Cambridge Fire Department Receives American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline EMS Silver Award

Cambridge, May 15, 2015 — Cambridge Fire Department, along with PRO EMS of Cambridge, have jointly received the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline® EMS Silver Award for implementing quality improvement measures for the treatment of patients who experience severe heart attacks.

Every year, more than 250,000 people experience a STEMI, or ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction, a type of heart attack caused by a complete blockage of blood flow to the heart that requires timely treatment. To prevent death, it's critical to restore blood flow as quickly as possible, either by surgically opening the blocked vessel or by giving clot-busting medication.

Unfortunately, a significant number don't receive this prompt treatment. Mission: Lifeline seeks to save lives by closing the gaps that separate STEMI patients from timely access to appropriate treatments. Mission: Lifeline's EMS recognition program recognizes emergency responders for their efforts in improving STEMI systems of care and improving the quality of life for these patients.

Emergency Medical System providers are vital to the success of Mission: Lifeline. EMS agencies provide access to 12-lead ECG machines (devices that measure the electrical activity of the heartbeat and can help medical personnel determine if a heart attack has occurred), and follow protocols derived from American Heart Association/American College of Cardiology guidelines. The correct tools and training allow EMS providers to rapidly identify the STEMI, promptly notify the medical center, and trigger an early response from the awaiting hospital personnel.

Agencies that receive the Mission: Lifeline Silver award have demonstrated at least 75 percent compliance for each required achievement measure for the entire year, and treat at least eight STEMI patients for the year.

"EMTs and paramedics play a vital part in the system of care for those who have heart attacks," said Nancy Brown, Chief Executive Officer of the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association. "Since they often are the first medical point of contact, they can shave precious minutes of life-saving treatment time by activating the emergency response system that alerts hospitals. We applaud Cambridge Fire Department and PRO EMS for achieving this award that shows they meet evidence-based guidelines in the treatment of people who have severe heart attacks."

"Cambridge Fire Department and PRO EMS are dedicated to making our units among the best in the country, and the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline program is helping us accomplish that by implementing processes for improving STEMI systems of care with the goal of improving the quality of care for all STEMI patients," said Cambridge Fire Chief Gerry Reardon. "We are pleased to be recognized for our dedication and achievements in emergency medical care for STEMI patients."

All Companies Working

March 31, 2015 – Mutual Aid, Somerville, 70 3rd Ave, Box 1443 – Engine 3 responded on a normal line box for a shed fire in the MBTA rail yard.

April 2, 2015 – CO Incident, 243 Concord Ave – working CO detectors activated residents. Crews encountered high CO readings but unable to determine source. Residents evacuated until Eversource could investigate.

April 5, 2015 – 1 Alarm Fire, 59 Pemberton Street, Box 722 - Responded to reported porch fire on floor #3 of 3-family condo building. E4 first off. CPD had previously used dry chemical extinguisher on third floor rear porch fire. E4 line to rear porch and used to fully extinguish fire in B/C corner of porch. E8 ran back up hose line to rear of building. L4 used hauling line to bring line to third floor. Ground ladder also installed by L4. S4 and E1 performed primary and secondary search. Fire and smoke confined to outside rear porch; no damage inside units. R1/L1 used TICs to ensure no extension.

April 6, Mutual Aid, Somerville, W/F 17 Gordon Street – Ladder 1 responded to Teele Square to cover on their Working Fire at 17 Gordon Street. Engine 4 covered at Headquarters.

April 13, 2015 – 1 Alarm Fire, 472 Green Street, Box 433 – Companies arrived on scene to find occupants using makeshift aids to extinguish a fire on outside 2nd floor porch. Ladder 3 gained access through chain link fence, 3 hose lines were run.

April 15, 2015 – 1 Alarm Fire, 151 Walden Street, Box 68 – Responded to an odor of smoke in the building. On arrival, companies found occupants dumping water on 3rd floor rear deck. Fire origin is believed to be oily rags from deck staining operation earlier in the day.

April 15, 2015 – Water Rescue, Mass Ave Bridge – E2, L3, L1, Sq2, R1, C17, Div1, Cambridge PD, State PD responded. State PD Marine Unit and Cambridge FD Marine Unit stood by. Three members (one each from E2, L3 and Sq2) deployed for surface rescue operations. Members located the victim using a pike pole and loaded him onto the State PD Marine Unit. Pro EMS met the unit at Poor Man's Landing and transported to MGH.

April 18, 2015 – Mutual Aid, Belmont, 3rd Alarm, 297 Belmont Street, Box 36 – Engine 9 and Ladder 1 sent for cover assignment but redirected to scene of Working Fire. Engine 5 and Squad 2 and Division 2 responded to the fire. Engine 9 laid a feeder line to supply Ladder 1's aerial master stream. Companies then engaged in overhaul.

April 20, 2015 – Water Rescue, Mass Ave Bridge – Boston and Cambridge

April 22, 2015 – Mutual Aid, Somerville, W/F, 14 Oliver Street – Engine 5 and Ladder 1 covered in Teele Square during Somerville's Working Fire.

April 23, 2015 – Mutual Aid, Arlington, W/F, 47 Spy Pond Road, Box 284 – While Arlington Fire Dept. had a basement fire in 1.5 story wood frame, Engine 5 covered their Highland Station.

May 1, 2015 – 1 Alarm Fire, 384 Walden St, Box 83 - Fire was on the 3rd Floor of a 2.5 Sty Frame. The fire caused by the occupant placing a blanket on a space heater.

May 4, 2015 - Pedestrian Accident, Huron Ave at Grozier Road – Walk in to Engine 9 for Car vs Child, Huron Ave & Grozier Rd. Engine 9 and Squad 4 attended to an 8 year old who was transported via ALS to Children’s Hospital.

May 4, 2015 – Hazardous Condition, 808 Memorial Dr. – ECC received Box 3561. Companies found a broken sprinkler head on the 10th Floor with extensive water damage. Companies worked for over 2 hours to contain it.

May 5, 2015 – Mutual Aid, Arlington, 4 Alarm fire, 9 Arizona Terrace – one person died in this early morning fire. Engine 4, Squad 4 and Division 1 responded to the scene. Engine 5 covered at Arlington’s Highland Station.

May 11, 2015 – Gas Leak/Hazardous Condition, Bay State Road – Construction crews hit a high pressure gas line. Nearby buildings had to be evacuated and a temporary shelter set up at the Armory on Concord Ave. Line was secured by Eversource, secondary readings were taken and occupants returned to their buildings.

May 12, 2015 Rescue, 7 Oakland Street – Engine 5 and Division 1 responded for a person down at 7 Oakland St. They arrived to find a worker who fell through a hole in the floor of a building under construction in to the basement. Rescue 1 and Division 1 were called to assist in extricating. OSHA was notified.

May 14 – 1 Alarm Fire, 50 Roberts Road, Box 495 – ECC received calls for a building fire. Division 1 reported smoke showing from a garage fire in a 2.5 story wood frame. Initial crews used a dry chemical extinguisher to knock down the fire.

May 14 2015 – Mutual Aid, Belmont, 2 Alarm, 63 Moraine Street – Engine 1, Squad 4 and Division 2 responded to the fire as a RIT team and were later deployed doing searches and assisted overhaul. Ladder 1 and Engine 9 covered in Belmont.

May 15, 2015 – 1 Alarm Fire, 21 Harvard Yard, Thayer Hall – Dispatched to a report of smoke on the 5th floor. Harvard employee on scene relayed reports of a fire in a bathroom on 5th floor. Sprinklers knocked down the fire, Engine 1 stretched a hose line and Ladder 1 opened up.

May 18, 2015 – Mutual Aid, Somerville, 2nd Alarm, 70 Craigie Street – heavy fire on rear porches. While covering, Ladder 1 responded with a Boston Engine Company to a rollover MVA.

May 20, 2015 – 1 Alarm Fire, 39 Cogswell Ave. Box 72 – Chimney fire was contained to the chimney flue. Somerville Engine 1 responded on a line box

May 20, 2015 – MVA Blanchard Road @ Belmont line – four car motor vehicle accident, jaws working.

May 21, 2015 – Hazardous Condition, Prescott Street – Engine 1 and Ladder 1 responded to a report of wires down on Prescott Street. What they found was a pole leaning against a parked Harvard trash truck with live wires on the ground. They stood by an extended time until Eversource crews could get heavy equipment in to stabilize the pole at which point, the Harvard truck was driven out of the way. Witnesses stated a FedEx truck caught the wires and drove away.



May 21, 2015 – 1 Alarm Fire, 840 Memorial Drive - Companies responded to 840 Memorial Drive for an alarm. While responding, the ECC filled the assignment with a report of smoke on the 3rd floor. A small electrical fire was located and extinguished.

May 29, 2015 – Mutual Aid, Brookline, 1 Alarm Fire – Ladder 1 covered on their 1 Alarm fire at Box 337 for 115 Park Street

May 30, 2015 – 3 Alarm Fire, 100 Putnam Ave. Box 4531 – Companies arrived to find a school under renovation with heavy black smoke showing from the roof. A/DFC R. Morrissey called for a 2nd alarm followed by a third before it was brought under control. Note: *This was Lt. Paul Mahoney's last shift before retirement and a proper way to end a long, storied career!*



Photo found on Twitter

June 10, 2015 – 1 Alarm Fire, 1 Marcella Street, Box 216 – Engine 5 and Ladder 2 dispatched for alarm sounding. On arrival discovered smoke coming from 3rd floor window and asked for Box to be struck. Lines were stretched and fire in a bedroom was quickly knocked down. Multiple residents had to be evacuated.

June 11, 2015 – Water Rescue – Mass Ave @ Eliot Bridge – Passerby's reported a person in the Charles River. Ladder 3 launched Marine 1 with Dive personnel. Working with Boston Fire Department, nobody found.

June 13, 2015 – 1 Alarm Fire, 1737 Cambridge Street, Box 484 – Companies dispatched for a fire alarm. On arrival, box was struck for smoke in the building. Fire was found in an electrical room on floor #3.

Quotes of the Day

Push will get a person almost anywhere- except through a door marked pull.

I was going to do something today but I haven't finished doing nothing from yesterday.

Life is what happens when your cell phone is charging.

Money can't buy happiness, but it's a lot more comfortable to cry in a Mercedes than on a bicycle.



2nd Annual FF Kevin J. O'Boyle 5K Run/Walk will be held on **Saturday August 22, 2015 at 0800** hours at Salem State University O'Keefe Center, Salem State University, Salem MA (71 Loring Ave).

Details: This 2nd Annual run/walk is in memory of Army Veteran Kevin O'Boyle who passed away on August 22, 2013. Kevin enlisted in the U.S Army after high school and served two tours of duty in Afghanistan before he was honorably discharged in 2006. He later re-enlisted with the Army Reserves for three years, before he was discharged from active duty in March of 2012. After his discharge from active duty, he remained a Staff Sergeant in the Massachusetts National Guard. Kevin was awarded the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with four stars, the Army Achievement Medal, and the Global War of Terrorism Service Medal, among other numerous medals he received with Regiment 1-182 and the 82nd Airborne Division. Honorably discharged in 2006, he began his employment with the City of Salem's Fire Department for five years, **and then transferred to the Cambridge Fire Department in June of 2013.**

Beneficiary: 100% of the proceeds will go to the Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital Home Base Program, along with the Kevin J. O'Boyle Memorial Scholarship and other local veteran aid organizations.

Packet Pickup: Race Day Only starting at 6:30am.

Course: 5K will start/finish at Salem State University. Proceed down Lafayette St. passing the Salem Fire House, loop back around onto Derby St. and follow Lafayette St. Turn right onto Loring Ave, turn right onto Broadway, turn right onto Canal St. Turn right onto Forest Ave, turn right into Salem State and Finish.

Kids Fun Run: Cost is \$5 - This event will start at 7:45am (Distance approx. 1/4 mile)

Awards: Top 5 M/F individuals, top 5 M/F service members, top 5 M/F emergency responders

Awards/Congratulations

Eight members of the Cambridge Fire Department celebrated their 20 year anniversary in April 2015! Members of Recruit Class #110 were:



Photo Ed Fowler Collection

L-R, FF Shawn Flanagan, FF Rick Feliciano, Acting Captain Jeremy Walsh, Lieutenant Colin Walsh, (Local 30 President and Lt. Brad Tenney; Retired), FF Brian Collymore, Lieutenant Steve Landry, Lieutenant Chris Towski and FF Ari Rodriguez.



Photo from Somerville Times

Congratulations to Somerville Chief Kevin Kelleher! After 37 and one-half years of distinguished service with the Somerville Fire Department and 18 and one-half years at the helm of the department, Fire Chief Kevin Kelleher, whose official title is Chief Engineer of the Somerville Fire Department, retired on May 16, 2015



Members of the **Cambridge Local 30 Hockey Team** at the MetroFire Tournament in March. Congratulations are in order, as they won the Championship game! We can say (*at least for now, we are Class 1 and #1*)



Second Chance Survivor – Congratulations to **FF Jeremy Collins (Ladder No. 2)** on being voted back in to reappear on another episode of Survivor. Jeremy and other previous cast members won a by a vote that held on Twitter and other social media.

Congratulations to Scott Volz (Squad 4) and his wife, on the birth of their son, Scott Ashton Volz Jr. born June 1, 2015.



Photo courtesy of Maureen Souza

Firefighter Kenny Souza; Rescue Co. 1 retired after 28 years of service. His last day on duty was Friday April 24, 2015 Pictures are his first day on the job in June of 1987 and his last day on the Job April of 2015



Photo provided

Congratulations to **Deputy Fire Chief Brian Gover; Local Emergency Planning Office** on his selection as one of eleven City of Cambridge Employee of the Year Recipients. He received his award in April 2015

Captain's Column

Editor note: This month, **Captain Pat Haggerty; Ladder Co. No. 3** shares some thoughts on PTSD – Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

If you had high blood pressure, would you go to a doctor and start treatment? If you had high cholesterol would you go to a doctor, take medication and start exercising to lower it? Or would you let these conditions go untreated and get worse because you thought people would think you were weak? This is one of the stigmas or perceptions of Post Traumatic Stress.

Approximately 8% of adults in the United States suffer from post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) during their lifetime. Rates of PTSD in firefighters are higher (due to their greater exposure to trauma or critical incidents).

There are proven treatments for Critical Incident Stress and PTSD. Mass General Hospital and McLean Hospital are two local hospitals that have programs specifically for the treatment of Police, Fire, EMS and Military members that suffer with PTSD. The following information is a condensed version of the two web sites:

<http://www.ptsd.va.gov/>

<http://ptsd.about.com/od/prevalence/a/Firefighters.htm>

Please visit these two web sites for more information.

What is PTSD?

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) can occur after you have been through a traumatic event.

Most people have some stress-related reactions after a traumatic event; but, not everyone gets PTSD. If your reactions don't go away over time and they disrupt your life, you may have PTSD.

How does PTSD develop?

Most people who go through a trauma have some symptoms at the beginning. It isn't clear why some people develop PTSD and others don't. Whether or not you get PTSD depends on many things.

What are the symptoms of PTSD?

PTSD symptoms usually start soon after the traumatic event, but they may not appear until months or years later. They also may come and go over many years. If the symptoms last longer than four weeks, cause you great distress, or interfere with your work or home life, you might have PTSD.

There are four types of symptoms of PTSD

1. Reliving the event (also called re-experiencing symptoms)

You may have bad memories or nightmares. You even may feel like you're going through the event again. This is called a flashback.

2. Avoiding situations that remind you of the event

You may try to avoid situations or people that trigger memories of the traumatic event. You may even avoid talking or thinking about the event.

3. Negative changes in beliefs and feelings

The way you think about yourself and others may change because of the trauma. You may feel fear, guilt, or shame. Or, you may not be interested in activities you used to enjoy. This is another way to avoid memories.

4. Feeling keyed up (also called hyperarousal)

You may be jittery, or always alert and on the lookout for danger. Or, you may have trouble concentrating or sleeping. This is known as hyperarousal.

Most people will have some of these reactions at first, but they will get better at some time. If symptoms last longer than three months, cause you great distress, or disrupt your work or home life, you should seek help.

When Should a Person Get Evaluated for PTSD?

If you continue to be upset for more than three months, seek help. You can feel better!

Who Can Conduct an Evaluation, and What Does It Consist of?

PTSD is usually diagnosed in one or two sessions. Your doctor or a mental health professional will evaluate you. You will be asked about your trauma and symptoms. You may also be asked about other problems you have. Your spouse or partner may be asked to provide information.

Please remember that the CISM Team is always available to help any member and is confidential. The CISM Team cannot diagnose PTSD, but can assist you in getting the help you need.

References:

<http://www.ptsd.va.gov/>

<http://ptsd.about.com/od/prevalence/a/Firefighters.htm>

http://www.iaff.org/ET/JobAid/EAP/Reactions_to_Traumatic_Stress.htm

Correction:

Thanks to reader John Mc Guire for some corrected information on Smokey Bear in the last Issue:

On the article on Smokey: You incorrectly identified Smokey as "Smokey "the" Bear". By law signed by President Jimmy Carter (in 1976) as part of the "correctness" act. The word "the" was dropped from his name.

The reason for this, as I was told was that we do not call Donald "the" Duck or Mickey "the" Mouse. While employed by the Commonwealth as "Towersman" and getting to speak to various groups in our area, explaining the law about "Smokey". There was a local Forest Fire Warden, who would get up after our speaking and ask the group if they knew Smokey's middle name? "THE".

Out and About



Photo DFC J. Gelinias – Retired

FFOP DiPace at the Recruit Training program in May 2015



Photo DFC J. Gelinas – Retired

FFOP Johnson at the Recruit Training program in May 2015



Photo provided

Cambridge Fire Department at MIT to support high school students as part of the MIT Lemenson Program. **L-R, FF Tyler English, FF J.T. Pasquarello, DFC G. Mahoney and FF Sullivan (detailed from Ladder 2)**

New recruits aren't the only ones training. Group 2, downtown companies ran through emergency bailout training in May 2015. See here is **Deputy Fire Chief Jenness (Division 1)** going out the window first!



H Smith photo

Engine 5, Engine 6, and Ladder 2 conducted a couple of drills on Saturday May 23 at Northpoint Park



Lt. B Hugh photo



Photo Captain Fred Ikels

Engine 2, Ladder 3 and Rescue 1 did an auto extrication drill for Professional EMS. They had an EMT class consisting of Harvard University students who needed a day of extrication training. The drill was done at Pro EMS in June.



Photo provided

Assistant Chief Gerard Mahoney with some firefighters in Messina, Italy that he bumped into on a recent trip.

From the Archives

MARCH 31 1974 (SUNDAY) 4:43 PM 2 ALARMS BOX 231 BLUE BELL PLASTICS THEN AT 4:07 AM APRIL 1ST 2 ALARMS BOX 41 1281 CAMBRIDGE ST. JOE'S PLACE

BUT WAIT THERE'S MORE ... AT 5:40 AM ON APRIL 2nd 3 ALARMS BOX 41 THE "FLAT IRON" BLOCK AT CAMBRIDGE AND HAMPSHIRE STS. STILL MORE, A WORKING FIRE ON BOX 193 (9:01 PM FOR A FIRE ON THORNDIKE ST. THEN AT 4:04 AM APRIL 3 A WORKING FIRE AT 11 TUFTS ST.

A LITTLE FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD ON APRIL 8th AT 2:00 AM 3 ALARMS ON BOX 43 890 MASS. AVE (WHILE THAT WAS IN THERE WAS A WORKING FIRE ON BOX 421 AT 33 INMAN ST.) SO ON APRIL 10 AT 4:04 AM 2 ALARMS BOX 421 AT (LET ME GUESS) 33 INMAN ST.

MORE STILL ON APRIL 19 AT 12:32 AM 2 ALARMS ON BOX 122 299 CAMBRIDGE ST. THE A&S CAFE'.

THOSE WERE THE DAYS
FF JOHN HATHAWAY; LADDER CO. 2

A photo of a different fire that occurred in the "Cypress Block" in the timeframe we believe to be between 1967 and 1973. Location was at the intersection of Austin Street (what is now Bishop Allen Drive) and Prospect Street. Thanks to **DFC Ralph Chapman; Retired** for the information



Photo courtesy of C. Belanger

Through the Lantern Lens



Through the Lantern Lens

by Mose Humphrey

The Hoof of Fire Horse No.12 – DCFD

By William Lawrence Bird Jr. of The Smithsonian Institute –

In the early morning hours of March 30, 1890, in Washington, D.C., the collision of two horse-drawn fire wagons racing to answer an alarm seemed a minor matter. The vehicles—a hose cart and a heavy steam engine—continued on their way to the fire. As they raced across town, the driver of the hose cart noticed that one of his two-horse team, Horse No. 12, limped somewhat. When they arrived at the scene of the alarm, the horse pulled up lame. The driver made a shocking discovery. The animal had lost its left rear foot, apparently run over and cut off in the collision with the heavy engine. The beast had galloped to the fire—nearly a mile—on its stump. Through the tears of attending fire fighters and policemen, it was quickly put down with a shot.

No one had ever known such an animal as Horse No. 12—conditioned by the chaos of the city’s emergencies that in this instance was his last. In an era in which horses and horse-drawn vehicles predominated in daily life, the newspapers noted that the “equine hero” had “performed a service that was perhaps never before equaled.” The story went viral. Such was the outpouring of affection for the beast that one reader in Indiana suggested that the city’s authorities might have saved it with a bandage and retired it to pasture—contrary to practice at the time.

Cauterized and preserved with a coat of shiny black enamel, the hoof of Horse No. 12 lived on as a memorial in the District of Columbia Fire Department. The Smithsonian exhibited the hoof as a loan, and later accepted it as a gift through the department’s chief engineer, R. W. Dutton. Its placement in the National Museum, Dutton hoped, would “perpetuate the memory of an animal whose bravery and devotion to duty placed him high upon the department roll of honor.”



Signal 10-15

Special Signal 10-15 The Chief of Department regrets to announce the death of

Firefighter Louis J. Crusco; Engine Co. 9-Retired

Firefighter Crusco was appointed to the department on May 20, 1962.

He retired on July 31, 1990

He was 89 years of age.

Firefighter Crusco passed away in April 2015

Provisional FF Robert L. Breton, in December 2014

Provisional Firefighter Robert L. Breton was with the Cambridge Fire Department for a very short time, from March 30, 1947 through February 1, 1948 and was assigned to Rescue 1. He was a World War II veteran and longest retired member of the department at 67 years!

Special Signal 10-15 The Chief of Department regrets to announce the death of

Deputy Fire Chief Timothy J. O'Donnell; Fire Headquarters-Retired

Deputy Chief O'Donnell was appointed to the department November 7, 1948

He retired on April 30, 1986

He was a Veteran of the United States Army; WWII

At the time of his death he was the oldest living retiree of this department.

He was 94 years old on April 11, 2015

Condolences to:

Condolences to the friends and family of **Cambridge Police Officer Stephen B. Killion** who passed in March 2015

Cambridge Fire Department and Cambridge Police Department Honor Guards at the funeral of Officer Stephen B. Killion.



Firefighter Paul Burke; Ladder Co. 1 on the passing of his Grandfather, Captain William R. Burke Jr.; Cambridge Police Department-Retired

Firefighter Kurt McLaughlin; Rescue Company 1-Retired, on the passing of his Brother, Cornelius G. McLaughlin Jr.

Firefighter Joseph Waddie; Engine Co. 9-Retired, on the passing of his Brother, Mr. Peter Waddie

Firefighter Arthur Morin; Engine Co. 1-Retired on the passing of his Brother, Mr. Thomas F. Morin

FF Stephen Kelley; Rescue Co. No 1 on the passing of his Brother, Michael P. Kelley

Firefighter Robert Degou; Ladder Co. 2-Retired on the passing of his Mother, Mrs. Theresa B. Degou

Firefighter Robert F. Mahoney; Ladder Co. 4 on the passing of his Step-Father, Mr. William J. Rooney

Stats and Fires

FY 2014/2015 RUN TOTALS

	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	SBTTL	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	TOTAL
Engine 1	232	199	209	188	172	165	1165	200	221	211	188	206	2191
Engine 2	301	274	294	296	232	289	1686	309	290	284	298	314	3181
Engine 3	124	142	119	129	112	142	768	135	147	126	139	142	1457
Engine 4	155	126	141	108	143	103	776	129	144	135	116	131	1431
Engine 5	160	155	154	141	151	130	891	163	183	152	155	165	1709
Engine 6	121	115	123	102	77	122	660	115	144	119	107	117	1262
Engine 8	121	101	86	103	97	104	612	123	113	123	103	75	1149
Engine 9	104	79	70	76	92	76	497	100	96	92	94	92	971
Truck 1	200	171	165	177	173	130	1016	173	204	162	139	166	1860
Truck 2	109	83	92	108	93	99	584	111	150	90	79	106	1120
Truck 3	183	192	198	176	160	159	1068	214	214	184	170	174	2024
Truck 4	162	131	131	105	125	110	764	145	159	150	113	104	1435
Rescue 1	209	172	218	213	192	180	1184	188	202	197	183	220	2174
Squad 2	305	274	297	276	233	277	1662	268	246	308	308	309	3101
Squad 4	141	147	150	127	134	148	847	162	145	155	170	155	1634
Division 1	177	128	164	153	116	123	861	160	170	131	131	137	1590
Division 2	151	109	103	116	90	76	645	115	138	115	99	104	1216
HazMat 1	3	4	1	4	2	3	17	3	2	4	2	4	22
Spec & HQ Units	26	19	18	15	13	32	123	20	41	15	20	27	246
Mutual Aid Units	61	15	20	8	6	16	126	26	43	12	18	22	247
TOTAL	3045	2636	2753	2621	2413	2484	15952	2859	3052	2765	2632	2770	30030

FY 2014/2015 Incident Totals													
	Jul-14	####	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	SBTTL	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	#####	TOTAL
Responses	3045	2636	2753	2621	2413	2484	15952	2859	3052	2765	2632	2770	30030
Incidents	1317	1162	1223	1162	1084	1081	7029	1201	1266	1219	1135	1231	13081
Division 1 incidents	705	674	709	655	586	665	3994	699	734	696	669	718	7510
Division 2 incidents	612	488	514	507	498	416	3035	504	532	523	466	513	5573
Building fires	5	11	7	4	6	6	39	5	10	3	10	9	76
Inside fires	67	61	68	72	77	56	401	85	82	83	69	69	789
All fires	83	66	81	80	81	58	449	90	86	83	98	142	948
EMS	497	498	554	509	499	515	3072	521	481	562	561	552	5749
Elevator Rescue	16	7	10	11	10	9	63	11	11	11	11	12	119
Hazardous materials	23	14	22	17	14	22	112	18	37	31	16	20	234
CO emerg	5	0	7	6	6	3	27	8	14	3	5	3	60
Electrical hazards	54	28	35	39	22	19	197	24	37	37	27	26	348
Malicious false	23	19	19	11	18	18	108	19	5	15	29	20	196
Malfunction	171	144	141	113	99	103	771	119	138	106	71	91	1296
Unintentional	137	145	87	129	118	116	732	136	148	114	94	104	1328
Bomb threats/susp	40	17	32	25	12	14	140	13	5	16	22	22	218
Bomb/expl removal							0						0
Structure collapse			1				1		2				3
Total Multiple Alarms	1					2	3	1	3			1	8
2nd Alarms						2	2	1	2				5
3rd Alarms							0		1			1	2
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

	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	SBTTL	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	TOTAL
Engine 1	3	2	1	2	0	6	14	3	7	2	5	7	38
Engine 2	2	10	5	2	4	3	26	3	4	1	3	3	40
Engine 3	1	2	1	1	1	2	8	3	3	0	3	3	20
Engine 4	2	1	1	2	0	3	9	2	4	0	5	2	22
Engine 5	4	7	5	1	4	4	25	4	7	1	1	5	43
Engine 6	4	7	3	2	3	4	23	3	7	0	4	3	40
Engine 8	2	1	1	2	0	4	10	1	8	2	5	3	29
Engine 9	3	0	0	2	1	3	9	2	5	2	0	2	20
Truck 1	4	7	3	3	4	6	27	4	7	3	5	7	53
Truck 2	2	2	2	0	1	3	10	3	4	1	4	4	26
Truck 3	4	9	5	2	3	5	28	3	6	0	2	3	42
Truck 4	3	1	1	2	1	4	12	1	9	2	6	4	34
Rescue 1	4	8	4	3	4	5	28	3	6	3	6	7	53
Squad 2	2	7	4	2	4	5	24	3	4	2	5	7	45
Squad 4	4	6	1	3	0	5	19	2	8	2	4	4	39
Division 1	3	9	6	2	4	5	29	4	5	1	4	3	46
Division 2	3	2	1	2	0	5	13	3	10	2	5	5	38

New Hires, Transfers, Promotions & Retirements

GENERAL ORDER NO. 15, SERIES OF 2015

April 2, 2015

TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER

SUBJECT: **Retirement of Firefighter James L. Headd
Effective, April 5, 2015 at 0700 Hours**

Effective April 5, 2015 at 0700 hours, Firefighter James L. Headd retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Firefighter James Headd was **appointed on February 20, 1979**.

- **April 15, 1979** **Engine Company No. 4**
- **April 17, 1983** **Ladder Company No. 2**
- **May 13, 1990** **Engine Company No. 2**
- **January 3, 1993** **Ladder Company No. 3**
- **October 29, 2000** **Engine Company No. 8**
- **February 13, 2005** **Headquarters**

Firefighter Headd has faithfully served the citizens of Cambridge.

We wish Firefighter Headd 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. 19, Series of 2015

TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER

RE: **Promotions and Transfers**

Effective Sunday, April 26, 2015 at 0700 hours:

Lieutenant Robert L. Walsh from Engine Company No. 8 to Acting Captain Engine Company No. 5
Lieutenant Matthew G. Wood from Squad 4 to Acting Captain Training Division/EMS
Lieutenant Jeremy A. Walsh from Squad 2 to Acting Captain Engine Company No. 6

Firefighter Robert Jutras from Ladder Company No. 3 to Acting Lieutenant Squad 4
Firefighter Joseph F. Fournier from Engine Company No. 2 to Acting Lieutenant Engine Company No. 9
Firefighter Kyle Schweinshaut from Rescue Company No. 1 to Acting Lieutenant Squad No. 2

Captain Mark Cunningham from Engine Company No. 5 to Engine Company No. 8

Lieutenant David McKinley from Engine Company No. 9 to Engine Company No. 8

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

Per Order,



Gerald R. Reardon
Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDER NO.21, SERIES OF 2015

TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER

RE: **Appointment**

Effective Sunday, April 26, 2015 at 0700 hours:

The following member is appointed as a Firefighter-on-Probation to the Cambridge Fire Department.

Bertil W. Johnson

He will report to the Training Division in East Cambridge at 0800 hours on Monday, April 27, 2015.

He will report to the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy in Stow, MA for nine weeks of Recruit Firefighter Training at 0700 hours Monday, May 4, 2015.

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

Per order,



Gerald R. Reardon
Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDER NO. 22, Series of 2015

TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER

RE: **Assignment**

Effective Sunday, May 24, 2015 at 0700 hours:

F.F.O.P. Nicholas F. DiPace assigned to Engine Company No. 2

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

Per Order,



Gerald R. Reardon
Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDER NO. 24, Series of 2015

TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER

RE: **Promotions and Assignments**

Effective Sunday, May 17, 2015 at 0700 hours:

Acting Fire Captain Robert L. Walsh promoted to Fire Captain

Acting Fire Captain Matthew G. Wood from Training Division/EMS promoted to Fire Captain Engine Company No. 6

Acting Fire Captain Jeremy A. Walsh from Engine Company No. 6 promoted to Fire Captain Training Division/EMS

Acting Fire Lieutenant Robert Jutras promoted to Fire Lieutenant

Acting Fire Lieutenant Joseph F. Fournier promoted to Fire Lieutenant

Acting Fire Lieutenant Kyle Schweinshaut promoted to Fire Lieutenant

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

Per Order,



Gerald R. Reardon
Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDER NO25., SERIES OF 2015

May 26, 2015

TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER

SUBJECT: **Retirement of Lieutenant Paul F. Mahoney Jr.
Effective, May 31, 2015 at 0700 Hours**

Effective May 31, 2015 at 0700 hours, Lieutenant Paul F. Mahoney Jr. retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Lieutenant Paul Mahoney was **appointed on August 24, 1975.**

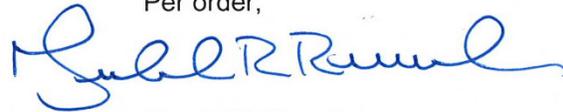
- **August 24, 1975** Engine Company No. 3
- **June 20, 1976** Engine Company No. 1
- **January 10, 1982** Ladder Company No. 2
- **March 1, 1982** Acting Lieutenant, Engine Company No. 7
- **May 9, 1982** Promoted to Lieutenant, Ladder Company No. 3
- **February 23, 2014** Engine Company No. 1

Lieutenant Mahoney has faithfully served the citizens of Cambridge.

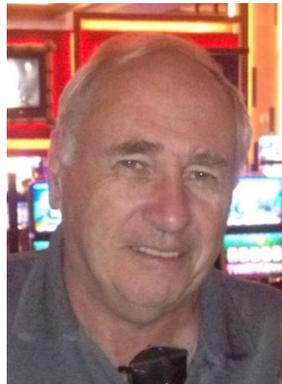
We wish Lieutenant Mahoney much happiness and good health in his retirement.

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

Per order,



Gerald R. Reardon
Chief of Department



GENERAL ORDER NO.26, Series of 2015

TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER

RE: **Promotions, Transfers and Assignments**

Effective Sunday, May 31, 2015 at 0700 hours:

Firefighter Scott A. Volz from Squad No. 4 to Acting Fire Lieutenant Squad No. 4

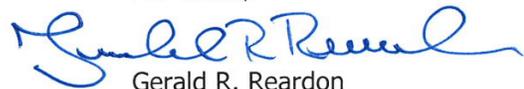
Lieutenant Kenneth Cunningham from Engine Company No. 6 to Engine Company No. 1

Lieutenant Robert J. Jutras from Squad No. 4 to Engine Company No. 6

Firefighter Robert McCarthy from Engine Company No. 2 to Squad No. 4

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

Per Order,



Gerald R. Reardon
Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDER NO.27, SERIES OF 2015

TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER

SUBJECT: **Promotion and Assignment**

Effective Sunday, June 7, 2015 at 0700 hours:

Firefighter Mark N. Tiede from Rescue Company to Acting Lieutenant, Squad No. 4

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

Per order,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerald R. Reardon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gerald R. Reardon
Chief of Department

Commendation

June 8, 2015

GENERAL ORDER NO. 28, SERIES OF 2015

TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER

RE: COMMENDATION

Upon the recommendation of Fire Lieutenant Michael Donovan:

On Sunday April 26, 2015 while attending Mass at St. Agatha's Church in Milton, MA Firefighter Matthew Ansello; Rescue Co. 1, Group 3 was alerted that a woman sitting in a pew a few rows in front of him had collapsed.

Firefighter Ansello, relying on his experience and training immediately took steps to assess and treat the patient. Joined almost immediately by a physician they discovered the woman was becoming cyanotic, pulseless and apneic.

They immediately began CPR. After a few rounds of CPR Firefighter Ansello retrieved an AED kept in the church. As they prepared the patient for AED application they performed another rapid assessment and found that spontaneous circulation and carotid pulses had returned. In fact the patient regained consciousness.

Firefighter Ansello continued to assist with patient care after the arrival of Milton Fire and Fallon Ambulance on the scene.

His actions were instrumental in the saving of this woman's life and are in the highest traditions of the fire service and the Cambridge Fire Department. He is hereby commended for his actions.

Per Order,



Gerald R. Reardon
Chief of Department

June 9, 2015

GENERAL ORDER NO. 29, SERIES OF 2015

TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER

RE: COMMENDATION

Upon the recommendation of Captain Frank O'Reagan; Fall River, MA Fire Department:

On May 4, 2015 while vacationing with friends in Myrtle Beach, SC, Firefighter Darryn DeGrace; Engine Co. 1, Group 2 noticed a young child; approximately 4 years-old, on the beach trying to get the attention of an adult in the water. Sensing that something was not right, Firefighter DeGrace and his friends, two members of the Fall River, MA Fire Department and a Firefighter from Westport, MA, soon discovered a male in his 40's floating face up and unresponsive.

Relying on their training and experience, they quickly pulled the man from the water and began a rapid assessment. They discovered he was in cardiac arrest and initiated CPR which they continued for quite some time until local Fire-Rescue units arrived.

In the words of Captain O'Reagan, "Firefighter DeGrace upheld the highest standard of what it means to be a Firefighter, without hesitation he went to the aid of a complete stranger in an attempt to save his life."

Firefighter DeGrace's actions were in the highest traditions of the fire service and the Cambridge Fire Department and he is hereby commended for his actions.

Per Order,



Gerald R. Reardon
Chief of Department

Letters

The following note was received on 3/1/2015 in regards to an early morning fire at 12 Harding Street in February 2015:

3/1/15

Thank you! Your response about 10 days ago to a fire at 12 Harding St. caught my attention. My daughter lives next door and recounted the work the CFD and others did in those early morning hours.

With appreciation + prayers,
Mary Ellen Bates

The following letter was received on March 31, 2015:

Chief;

I just wanted to say thank you again for the Cambridge Fire Department attendance at the funeral of Officer Stephen Killion, the placement of the ladder truck with the large American flag was truly an impressive sight as it hung over Concord Avenue. The participation of your honor guard was appreciated and an honor having them with us. Please extend to all of your members our heartfelt thank you whether they paid respects at the wake or attended the funeral it was very much appreciated. Thank you again.

Respectfully,

Deputy Superintendent Joseph L. Wilson
Night Operations Commander
Cambridge Police Department



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April 23, 2015

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

Dear Chief Reardon:

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Cambridge Fire Department for the mutual aid assistance received on April 18, 2015 at our 3-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 the Division Chief, and those members on Engine 9, Engine 5, Engine 1, Squad 4, and Ladder 1 who responded to 297 Belmont Street 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,

David L. Frizzell
Chief of Department

DLF/kah

The following note was sent to Group 1 members on May 30, 2015:

Thank you to all the members who responded to the third alarm today at the Martin Luther King Jr. School. A tremendous job was done by all under very difficult conditions.

Fires at construction sites are always difficult. The fact this was a wind driven fire on the roof complicated matters even more. The City Manager, Mayor and Superintendent of Schools have all asked me to pass along their thanks as well.

Thank you
Assistant Chief Gerard E. Mahoney
Cambridge, MA Fire Department

Safety



When it comes to buildings in your community, you never know what you will find. This gutter on an upper story may or may not discharge to a proper water disposal system. *(I don't know about you, but my residential gutters need to be cleaned all the time and clog from time to time)*. Even this kind of setup could find you at a building for a "water emergency" and leave crews scratching their heads where the leak might be coming from!

Although, this building pictured is NOT in Cambridge, it is nearby. It is merely used as an example of shortcuts you may find when it comes to any of the utilities, including water, gas, electrical or even wastewater. During your neighborhood walks, inspections, medicals or any other time out in your district, be observant and stay safe!

Of Interest...

The following is neither an endorsement, nor recommendation of Globe Manufacturing. Just some excerpts taken from a story in “The Weirs Times” – a free newspaper from the Lakes Region area of New Hampshire, April 16, 2015.

Globe Manufacturing – Four Generations Protecting Firefighters Around the World

It was back in the days of bucket brigades when Courtland F.H. Freese purchased Globe Manufacturing for \$350 from his Brother-in-law in 1901. The business, formed in Lynn, Massachusetts by J.D. Cleaver Jr. in 1887 was moved to Pittsfield, NH where Courtland had a harness making shop with four employees. Soon harnesses were being made in the downstairs shop and upstairs was now producing turnout gear for firefighters.

“Turnout gear got its name in the 1800’s,” said John Freese, part of the fourth generation now running Globe. “It simply meant that it was what firefighters would put on when they would turn out at night for fires. Back then the idea was to keep firefighters warm and dry. It had nothing to do with being flame resistant.”



It was in the 1960’s when DuPont came up with a flame resistant fiber called Nomex, a high temperature nylon that could withstand heat up to 3 times greater than other materials. With the new fiber, Globe became a supplier to NASA ground crews at rocket launches in the 1960’s. Globe is still in business and employs 400 employees.

America's Heroes



HENRY D. BROOKMAN MEDAL

**FIREFIGHTER ROBERT J. ROSCHBACH
LADDER COMPANY 83**

Appointed to the FDNY on February 2, 2003. Holds an AA degree in Liberal Arts from the College of Staten Island. Resides in Staten Island, New

February 8, 2012, Box 75-0739, 1250 hours, Staten Island

It was 1250 hours on a cold February 8, 2012, when the computer rang out in the quarters of Engine 163 and Ladder 83 on Staten Island with a report of a fire in a multiple dwelling. FF Robert J. Roschbach and the other members of both companies quickly responded to a fire at Box 0739.

Because of the circuitous route they had to take to reach the fire location, the members could see smoke and knew they had a working fire while they were still approaching the blaze. However, it was not until they arrived in front of the two-story multiple dwelling that they witnessed heavy, black smoke and flames shooting from the picture window on the second floor.

FF Roschbach, along with the other member of the forcible entry team, FF James Long, Ladder 83--led by Lieutenant Albert Kessner, Battalion 21, quickly forced entry to the front door and proceeded to the second floor. When they forced the door to the apartment on the second floor, they were enveloped by a heavy, black, acrid smoke and encountered visible fire three feet inside of the apartment, with flames rolling across the ceiling toward them.

With no hose-line yet in place, FF Long directed the fire extinguisher at the flames, holding them back to enable FF Roschbach to dash past the main body of fire toward the rear. Under high heat and near-zero visibility, FF Roschbach crawled beneath the searing wall of flame 20 feet to the rear.

Searching along the wall, he encountered the door to a rear bedroom and opened it. Entering the bedroom and using only his sense of touch, FF Roschbach began to search in still near-zero visibility. Methodically working his way around the room as thoroughly as possible, he realized that time was not on his side to find a viable victim.

Encountering the bed, he swept his arm across it and felt the unconscious and non-breathing victim, a 50-year-old woman. Transmitting a signal 10-45, he pulled the woman from the bed and began to drag her under the still-rolling flames, toward the apartment entrance.

The melted lamps on nightstands on both sides of the bed and melted wall light switch, noted in the fire report, are indicative of the high heat condition that existed during this daring rescue. FF Long had nearly expended what little water he had to challenge such an inferno.

FF Roschbach realized he had to swiftly remove his victim, who now was showing little sign of life. As he dragged her down past the members of Engine 163, who still were waiting for water to attack the blaze, he hoped that his efforts had been enough. After he had dragged her down to the first floor, he was relieved by members of Engine 157. They began to work feverishly on the victim to make sure that FF Roschbach's heroic efforts were not in vain.

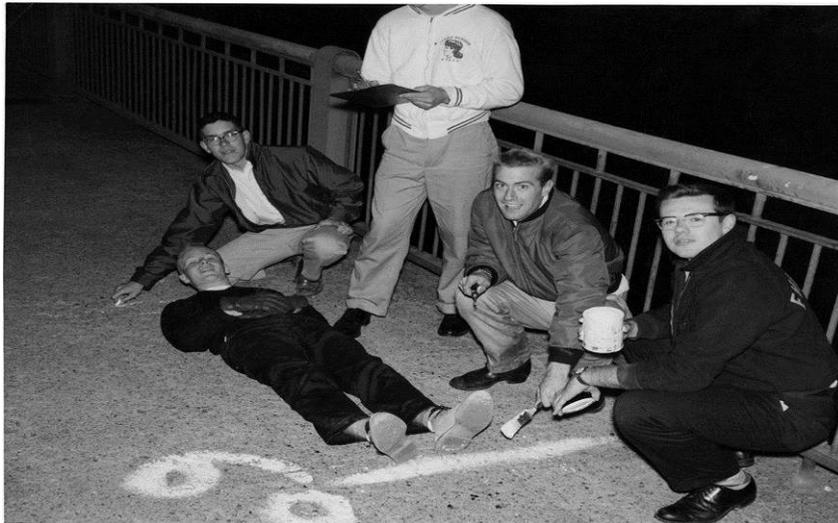
After several minutes of CPR and rescue breathing, they were able to re-establish breathing and the woman was transported by EMS personnel to the hospital. Had FF Roschbach not risked his own life in order to remove this victim before a charged line was in place, she might not have had a second chance at life. Regretfully, even FF Roschbach's heroic efforts and the best medical care were not enough to save the woman, who succumbed to her injuries several days later.

For the great courage and determination exhibited in this daring rescue, the Fire Department of the City of New York is proud to present the Henry D. Brookman Medal to FF Robert J. Roschbach.--JT

Courtesy of FDNY Medal Day Program - 2013

From the Tailboard...

What's a Smoot? A smoot is a unit of measurement discovered by Oliver Smoot, MIT Class of 1962, who displays how the measurement is taken in this classic 1958 photo taken on the Mass Ave bridge.



Happy 4th of July and have a great summer!



Information

Please submit any information, photographs, or narratives for inclusion in the **Company Journal** to hsmith@cambridgefire.org or Hmaxims@aol.com or

- Group 1 – Captain Jeremy Walsh
- Group 2 – FF Ed Morrissey III, FF Dan O'Brien
- Group 3 – Lt. Brandon Hugh
- Group 4 – Lt. Chuck Lowe

E-mail list

If any retirees or friends of the Cambridge Fire Department wish to be added to the **Company Journal** e-mail list, send us the e-mail address!

Websites

Visit the Cambridge Fire Department website at www.Cambridgefire.org

Check out Cambridge Firefighters Local 30's website at <http://www.cambridgelocal30.org/>

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THEY ARE PROTECTING OUR COUNTRY, OUR LIBERTY, AND OUR
FREEDOM.
THANK OUR VETERANS!



**Brothers and Sisters,
STAY BRAVE!
STAY VIGILANT!
STAY SAFE!**
