



The Company Journal **and "The Feederline"**

Fire Department News
Cambridge, Massachusetts
A Class 1 Fire Department

From the desk of
Acting Chief Gerard Mahoney

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What's New

Squad 4 – The new Squad was placed into service on Sunday, 8 April 2018. This 21st century paramedic, firefighting, tech-rescue, and "all-hazards" apparatus is a 2017 Ford F450 four-wheel-drive, 4-door cab, diesel, body built by Fire One of Mendon.

Squad 2 already received their similar unit in February 2018. These will replace the vans.



Capt. Mark Roche, Newton Fire photo

New Apparatus – The new Ladder 1 is being built at Pierce and is expected in early August. It will be a 2018 Pierce Ascendant. The current Ladder 1 will be reassigned to Ladder 4. Also the City Council appropriated \$575,000 for a new pumper.



Bike Team – the CFD Bike Team has been in service for several months now and has been used at several events recently. See the write-up further in the newsletter where FF Marrache and FF Burke were instrumental in making quick access to an ALS patient at the MIT commencement.

New members – The department hired five new members effective June 24, 2018. They are:

FFOP Stephen M. Ryan Jr.
FFOP Philip L. Russo
FFOP Daniel LaPan
FFOP William E. Tyree
FFOP Michael J. Matthews

They will spend a week with the training division before starting with their assigned to companies. If you see them around, be sure to welcome them!

Firehouse Renovations – The City supported a policy put forth by Mayor Marc McGovern and co-sponsored by councilors Mallon & Toomey to improve the living conditions of our eight firehouses. The Council is committed to improving our living conditions. Local 30 thanks the Cambridge City Council and we look forward to working with the City Council and City Manager addressing the long term goal of renovating all eight firehouse. Preliminary estimates show \$2,000,000 earmarked for work on some of the stations that need rehabbing. More to follow!

All Companies Working

March 14, 2018 – 1 Alarm Fire, 80 Ames Street – fire in wood enclosure on high rise under construction.

March 18, 2018 – 1 Alarm, Box 7511, Alewife Brook MBTA station – MBTA personnel called for heavy smoke in the station. Trash fire on the tracks closer to Davis Square, Somerville FD worked on their end to extinguish the fire.

March 18, 2018 – 1 Alarm Fire, Box 52, 17 Hilliard Street – caller reported burning smell and warm wall behind a clothes dryer. Companies found clothes in a dryer caught fire.

March 19, 2018 – 1 Alarm Fire, Box 45, Peabody Terrace/10 Akron Street – Companies arrived with smoke showing. Upon further investigation, found leaves on fire in a grate on ground level next to building.

March 21, 2018 – 1 Alarm Fire, 928 Mass Ave, Pammy's Restaurant, Box 436 – ECC received calls for a building fire. Ladder 3 arrived, fire on the roof from rooftop unit. Ladders opened, up, power was cut and fire extinguished.

March 21, 2018 – 1 Alarm Fire, Box 7762, 130 CambridgePark Drive – fire alarm sounding, on arrival companies found water flow as a result of a sprinkler head on 5th floor, Small fire in the apartment, one occupant with burns refused treatment

March 24, 2018 – Water Rescue, Charles River – witnesses saw a person jump from the Mass. Ave Bridge. Companies worked with Mass. State Police and Boston. CFD Dive team recovered the victim who was removed at the dock.

March 29, 2018 – Mutual Aid, W/F Somerville, Box 33, 17 Dartmouth Street – Engine 5 and Ladder 1 responded to Somerville and covered during their W/F

April 1, 2018 – Mutual Aid, W/F Somerville, 47 Fremont Street – Engine 5 and Ladder 1 covered in Somerville during their W/F.

April 2, 2018 – 1 Alarm Fire, 55 Essex Street, Box 4241 – tenant reported a fire in their apartment on the 4th floor of an 8 story apartment building. Building was evacuated, searches conducted while fire knocked down.

April 2, 2018 – Water Rescue, Museum of Science – a motor boat overturned and operator had to be pulled from the water at the rear of the Museum of Science

April 8, 2018 – 1 Alarm Fire, 76 Vassar Street, Box 273 – alarm activation at the location. Companies found smoke in the building and filled the assignment. Found a small fire in the middle of a lab. Not a dangerous atmosphere.

April 13, 2018 – Mutual Aid, Somerville, 34 Bay State Ave - Rescue 1, HazMat 1, Squad 4, and Division 1 mutual aid to Somerville for a hazardous materials condition

April 20, 2018 – Working Fire, Box 29, 165 Tremont Street – rear porch fire required lines to be stretched by Engine 5 and Engine 2. A box was struck by Somerville Fire Alarm also.

April 29, 2018 – Gas Leak, 555 Tech Square, Draper Labs – A tent spike pierced a gas line near the building. Building evacuated, air levels checked until Eversource could turn off the leak

May 2, 2018 – 2nd Alarm, 1815 Mass Ave, Lesley University – fire in food court. Engine 4 stretched a line and Ladder 4 forced entry through roll up security gate. Sprinklers were working, but one closest to fire failed.

May 2, 2018 – 1 Alarm, 158 Prospect Street, Box 285 – Koreana Restaurant had a fire in an air handling unit on roof. On arrival, Engine 2 found employees on roof trying to extinguish fire.

May 2, 2018 – Mutual Aid, Somerville, Box 252, 269 Washington Street, 2nd Alarm – Engine 5, Ladder 1, Engine 4, Squad 2 and Division 1 responded to their fire.

May 2, 2018 – Mutual Aid, Chelsea, 6th Alarm 10 John Street – Engine 5, Engine 4, Squad 2 and Division 1 responded to a fire in three 3 deckers.

May 3, 2018 – Mutual Aid, Belmont – Ladder 1 covered at Belmont Headquarters during an extended incident.

May 3, 2018 – 1 Alarm Fire, 253 Elm Street, Box 291 – a shed fire in the backyard was ignited by a nearby gas grill. Owner attempted to extinguish the fire with a garden hose.

May 4, 2018 – Mutual Aid, Arlington, 2nd alarm, 434 Mass Ave – Engine 4, Squad 4 and Division 1 responded to the fire.

May 5, 2018 – Mutual Aid, Somerville, Box 751, 3rd Alarm, 11 Teele Ave – Engine 4, Engine 5, Ladder 1 and Squad 4 responded to a fire in a 2-1/2 story wood-frame residence

May 6, 2018 – Motor Vehicle Accident, Alewife Brook Parkway @ Route 2 – single car accident with driver in cardiac arrest

May 8, 2018 – 1 Alarm Fire, 1 Gerrys Landing Road, Box 563 – an outside fire extended to the building at the Buckingham, Brown and Nichols Boathouse.

May 12, 2018 – Mutual Aid, Boston, 1210 VFW Parkway, Box 2883 – Three Cambridge engines covered in Boston during their 6 alarm fire. Engine 2 covered Engine 33, Engine 5 covered Engine 10 and Engine 9 covered Engine 7. At the time of this fire, Boston also struck Box 1741 for 2 Alarms on Groom Street for a multi-story brick apartment with people in windows. Both boxes were in Division 2.

May 15, 2018 – Haz Mat, 21 Ames Street – Leaking CO2 cylinders on 12 floor of MIT building. Companies entered with PPE and stopped leak. Gas was not sufficient to displace oxygen levels.

May 18, 2018 – 1 Alarm Fire, 799 Main Street, Box 275 – fire in a rooftop HVAC unit on the roof of Bertucci's

June 1, 2018 – Medical/Haz Mat, 35 Quincy Street – a worker was injured during asbestos abatement. Members had to enter the building wearing PPE and respiratory protection.

June 2, 2018 – 1 Alarm Fire, Box 7111, 1899 Mass. Ave, Porter Square MBTA station – Fire on the tracks outside the outbound platform. 125-150 passengers had to be evacuated from the station.

June 6, 2018 – W/F, 11 Russell Street, Box 72 – Engine 4, Squad 4 arrived and investigated odor of smoke in rear of building. Found fire in interior partition on 2nd floor. A Somerville FF (responding on the line box), was injured and suffered a leg injury.

June 8, 2018 – Water Rescue, Charles River at River Street – overturned boat in the Charles River. Local rowing outfit removed the party from the water. Boston and Cambridge responded.

June 10, 2018 – Water Rescue – Mass. Ave at Memorial Drive – Engine 2 and Ladder 3 removed a victim out of the water and treated for hypothermia.

June 10, 2018 – Medical Assist, Washington Elms – a 9 year old child was bit in the face by a dog

June 10, 2018 – Car Fire, Box 195, Gore Street @ Rufo Road – Call for a car fire next to the building. Division 1 found a car on fire in the parking lot, not next to building. Companies engaged in extinguishment and response downgraded.

June 11, 2018 – Mutual Aid, Belmont, 655 Trapelo Road, Box 4655 – Ladder 1 covered during their fire in an apartment building

June 11, 2018 – Car Fires, Brattle St. at Fresh Pond Pkwy - 2 cars on fire, Engines 9 and 8, Ladder 4, and Division 1 responded. (group 3)

June 12, 2018 – Mutual Aid, Somerville, W/F, Box 72, 102 Conwell Ave - fire on rear porches, Engine 4 covered Somerville Engine 2 and Ladder 1 covered Somerville Ladder 3

June 14, 2018 – Motor Vehicle Collision, Mass. Ave @ Vassar Street – car struck the memorial to MIT Police Officer Sean Collier doing significant damage.

Firefighter Memorial Sunday

Firefighters Memorial Sunday is a statewide day of recognition that is always held on the second Sunday in June. This year it will be **Sunday, June 10, 2018**.



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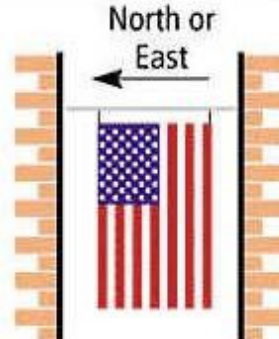


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Retirees pose at Memorial Sunday.

July 4th

With July 4th right around the corner, we thought it was important to share some display tips for our Nation's flag. We see improper displays more and more frequently which show a disrespect for "the colors." (Non-intentional, but a disrespect nonetheless.) Here are some of the more frequent mistakes:

OUTDOORS		
		
When the flag is displayed from a staff projecting from a window, balcony or a building, the stars should be at the peak of the staff.	If the flag is suspended over a sidewalk, the flag's stars should be farthest from the building.	When the flag is displayed over a street, it should be hung vertically, with the stars to the north or east.

DISPLAYING THE COLORS



ON STAFF FOR MOURNING

To place the flag at half staff, hoist it to the peak for an instant and lower it to a position halfway between the top and bottom of the staff. The flag is to be raised again to the peak for a moment before it is lowered.

INDOORS



When displaying the flag against a wall, vertically or horizontally, the flag's stars should be at the top, to the observer's left.

Uniform patches:

The regulation states that when authorized for application to the proper uniform the American flag patch is to be worn, right or left shoulder, so that "the star field faces forward, or to the flag's own right. When worn in this manner, the flag is facing to the observer's right, and gives the effect of the flag flying in the breeze as the wearer moves forward." The appropriate replica for the right shoulder sleeve is identified as the 'reverse side flag'."



Information and photos from usflag.org

Congratulations

In the last issue, we congratulated **Local 30** on their 100th anniversary. Cambridge Fire also celebrated the formation of the department on March 17, 1832



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March 16, 2018

TO: All Members

FROM: Acting Chief Gerard E. Mahoney

RE: Department Anniversary

The date March 17th is well known for many things, particularly in the Greater Boston area.

St. Patrick is known in Catholicism as the patron saint of Ireland. He was a Christian missionary credited with converting Ireland to Catholicism in the fourth century. March 17th celebrates his life on the date of his death in the year 461 AD.

Evacuation Day commemorates the evacuation of British forces from Boston following the Siege of Boston on March 17, 1776.

On March 17, 1832 the Cambridge Fire Department was created by an act of the Massachusetts legislature. In the 186 years since, this department has come a long way from six engine companies and one ladder company. We continue to progress and serve the residents and visitors of Cambridge.

Thank you for all you do each and every day!

Congratulations to the Stoneham High School Varsity Hockey team who advanced to the Finals and played Boston Latin on March 11, 2018. They won 2-1 and they played for the MIAA Championship at Boston Garden on March 18. Two players on the team have connections to the CFD – Nate Landry, son of **Lt. Steve Landry; Engine Co. No. 4** and Nick Feliciano, son of **FF Rick Feliciano: Ladder Co. No. 2**. Nick scored the go- ahead goal to lift them over Boston Latin. The Spartans dedicated this season to one of their teammates, James Luti who took his life earlier in the season. Unfortunately, Stoneham lost 4-3 in overtime, but it was a hard fought season and one you will remember for the rest of your lives. There is nothing to be ashamed about. Congratulations on making it to the championship!

Congratulations to **Lt. Steve Cappucio** and his wife on the birth of their son, Owen Anthony in April 2018.

Congratulations to the **Cambridge Hockey team**, who won the Championship game in the Metro Fire Hockey Tournament on April 15, 2018. They played a great team in Arlington Fire but won with a score of 4-2 to become repeat champions. Great job men!



Photo by CFD Hockey Team

Congratulations to all the City employees honored at the 2018 Outstanding City Employee Awards on Friday, May 11, 2018, One of those special employees was our own **Melinda Camara, Fiscal Manager**, Fire Department. Congratulations Melinda!

Congratulations to **Glenn Turner; Tech Services**, (radio call sign C-18) on his retirement. Members attended a party for him on May 31, 2018 at headquarters. Glenn was always dedicated to the fire department and we wish him well as he moves on to future endeavors.

Please see Glenn's message to the department later in this issue!

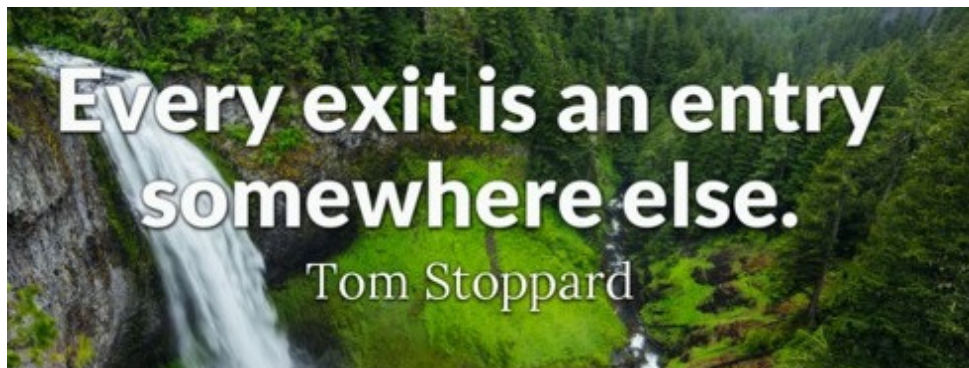


Photo J. Gelinas

Congratulations to Bike Squad members **Firefighters Jeremy Marrache & Shawn Burke** who responded to a cardiac arrest call during the MIT Commencement. Of the many units on detail there, they arrived on location first, immediately started treatment, and the patient was saved due to the efforts of all involved - a good outcome and job well done by all.



Photo DFC Cahill, CFD photos



Local 30

Cambridge Local 30

MDA Golf Outing

Tuesday August 21, 2018



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 **
- * Nationwide Golf Ball Cannon Challenge * Corn Hole Challenge * 50/50 * Raffle Prizes **

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

** Hole Sponsorships are 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 7/21/18

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



MDA



Retirees

This may be old news, but one night in the firehouse, we noticed a familiar face on the television, **Lt. Chet McCarthy; Engine 9 Retired** and his wife Gail were featured on an episode of "My Lottery Dream Home" on HGTV. They were looking for a new house. We believe the original episode aired in the Fall of 2017 but the episode is still available on demand.

If you'd like to watch it, you can search for the episode titled "My Lottery Dream Home", Season 3, Episode 9 Titled "Gail and Chet." Congratulations guys!

Deputy Fire Chief Ralph Chapman: Retired shared a photo of him and Mrs. Mary Scott, wife of Retired Chief Thomas V. Scott. Mrs. Scott resides at Youville Place in Lexington.



Photo by R. Chapman



Photo Lt. Steve Landry

They say every kid wants to be a firefighter and once a firefighter, always a firefighter! **Capt. Steve Boyle; Retired** shows his grandchildren how it's done at the Science Festival in April 2018.



Photo S. Landry

Rumor has it that these initials were painted on a fence post in the park at Broadway and Norfolk Street around 1970 by a retired member who will remain anonymous for now. That must have been some great paint!



J Gelinas Photo

FF Jim Bergin; Retired and son at Memorial Day Ceremony in May 2018

Bill Noonan, Boston Fire; Retired caught a retiree and active CFD member in his camera lens during the PFFM Convention in Boston in mid-June 2018. Proof, you can take them out of the job, but you can't take the job out of them!



B. Noonan photo

L-R, Joe Cantalupa; Medford FD; Retired, John Dwyer; Worcester FD, FF Spike Lawless' Cambridge FD; Retired and FF Jack Shinkwin; Aide to Div. 2



B. Noonan photo

We NEED your input! We continually try to reach out to the retired members of the job and emphasize that you are always part of the CFD family. Since we don't hear from too many, but know that many do read this newsletter, we will try to make it easier to share some of your "post-CFD" activities.

While looking back through the archives, we noticed a similar plea back in 1995 and again 2016. **Co-Editors B. Gover and M. Morrissey** were looking for the same feedback. Maybe if retirees had an idea what we were looking for, they would be more apt to share?

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| 1. Name | 7. Children & grandchildren's accomplishments |
| 2. Years served | 8. What you most enjoyed about the job |
| 3. Companies served on | 9. What you miss most about the job |
| 4. Most memorable moment | 10. Photos (#10 is my contribution with email making it so much easier) |
| 5. Funniest stories | |
| 6. What you have done since retiring | |

Please send all info to **FF Howie Smith at hsmith@cambridgefire.org**, or if you aren't computer savvy, mail:
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c/o FF Howie Smith, Engine 4, Group 2

Time Capsule

Porter Square circa late 1970's early 1980's. Looks like MBTA station being built. Looking from Mass. Ave towards Harvard Square. Somerville Ave to left.



FFOP's

We have had a lot of new Firefighters start with the department recently. In an effort to let others outside their assigned companies try and get to know them we wanted to share some questionnaires they filled out. Unfortunately, we don't have room to share them all so we chose some at random. We will attempt to share some more in the next issue. Good luck men!

Name: Corey J McGrath

Position/Rank/Company:
FFOP

How long have you been with the Cambridge Fire Dept? 1 month

Did you work for another fire department before?
NO

What made you want to work in Cambridge?
Best Department in MA

What is your favorite part about working for CFD?
Class 1 Department

Did you serve in the military? What branch? How long? What assignments?
Yes Airforce 4 years Phoenix Raven 87th SFS

Three words to best describe you?
Motivated, Loyal, Focused

What is your proudest moment?
Getting Married

What kinds of hobbies and interests do you have outside of work?
Hockey, Skiing

What is the most important thing you have learned in the last five years?
Patience

Where do you see yourself in the next 5 years?
Climbing the ladder within the CFD

What do you find the most challenging at CFD?
Been at the Academy so far

What advice would you give to other recent new hires or aspiring firefighters?
Stay motivated/focused

Name: Barrey J. Paddock

Position/Rank/Company:

FFOP Firefighter/Paramedic

How long have you been with the Cambridge Fire Dept? Dec. 3rd, 2017

Did you work for another fire department before?

No.

What made you want to work in Cambridge?

Family ties, to be a part of one of the best FD's in the state.

What is your favorite part about working for CFD?

Everyday is something new, work with friends.

Did you serve in the military? What branch? How long? What assignments?

US Army 2011-2015 Active Duty Senior Line Medic I-G IN 2-1 AD

US Army Reserve 2015-Present Civil Affairs Medic/Team Sergeant.

Three words to best describe you?

Calm, Friendly, Hardworking

What is your proudest moment?

What kinds of hobbies and interests do you have outside of work?

Skydiving, camping, vacations, running

What is the most important thing you have learned in the last five years?

You accomplish more as a team than you do as an individual

Where do you see yourself in the next 5 years?

Working at CFD, hopefully have a Masters degree.

What do you find the most challenging at CFD?

Still at the academy.

What advice would you give to other recent new hires or aspiring firefighters?

Just do your personal best.

Name: Andrew Masse

Position/Rank/Company:

Fire fighter Recruit

How long have you been with the Cambridge Fire Dept?

6 weeks

Did you work for another fire department before?

no

What made you want to work in Cambridge?

Strong family ties to the community. Also an opportunity to work for a Class 1 Department.

What is your favorite part about working for CFD?

The strong relationships that are built based off of working together at the CFD

Did you serve in the military? What branch? How long? What assignments?

no

Three words to best describe you?

Caring, determined, accepting

What is your proudest moment?

Marrying my wife

What kinds of hobbies and interests do you have outside of work?

Woodworking, hiking, Mountain biking, Fishing, hunting, traveling, lobster trapping, spending time with my family + Dog.

What is the most important thing you have learned in the last five years?

To listen carefully and to work towards a goal as hard as you can.

Where do you see yourself in the next 5 years?

Working for the CFD and finally achieving that life goal.

What do you find the most challenging at CFD?

Nothing so far.

What advice would you give to other recent new hires or aspiring firefighters?

Stay physically active. Push yourself in everything. Take EMT/ Medic classes to become more marketable.

Name: BRENDAN MARSHALL

Position/Rank/Company:

FFOP

How long have you been with the Cambridge Fire Dept? 1 MONTH

Did you work for another fire department before?

NO.

What made you want to work in Cambridge?

I GREW UP IN CAMBRIDGE.

What is your favorite part about working for CFD?

BEING ABLE TO GIVE BACK TO THE CITY I WAS BORN AND RAISED IN.

Did you serve in the military? What branch? How long? What assignments?

NO.

Three words to best describe you?

- LOYAL
- CARING
- FUNNY

What is your proudest moment?

BEING APPOINTED BY THE CAMBRIDGE FIRE DEPT.

What kinds of hobbies and interests do you have outside of work?

GOLF

What is the most important thing you have learned in the last five years?

HARD WORK AND MOTIVATION PAYS OFF.

Where do you see yourself in the next 5 years?

IN A POSITION THAT I'VE EARNED THE TRUST AND RESPECT FROM THE DEPT AND THE CAMBRIDGE RESIDENTS.

What do you find the most challenging at CFD?

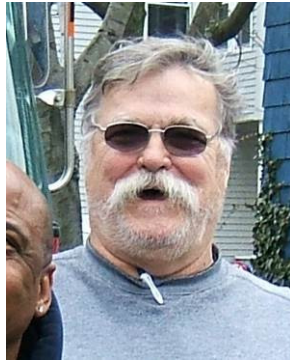
THE ACADEMY IS CHALLENGING EVERYDAY.

What advice would you give to other recent new hires or aspiring firefighters?

STAY MOTIVATED.

Signal 10-15

Special Signal 10-15 The Chief of Department regrets to announce the passing of
Firefighter Edward G. MacAskill; Ladder Co. 4-Retired



Firefighter MacAskill was appointed to the Cambridge Police Department on May 16, 1966
He was appointed to the Cambridge Fire Department on March 4, 1973
He retired on July 13, 1994
He was 80 years of age

Firefighter MacAskill was a Veteran of the United States Air Force

Special Signal 10-15 The Chief of Department regrets to announce the passing of
Firefighter Lawrence A. Kuhn; Engine Co. 1 –Retired



Firefighter Kuhn was appointed September 10, 1961
He retired July 3, 2000

He was a Veteran of the United States Army Korean Conflict
Firefighter Kuhn was 82 years of age

Special Signal 10-15 The Chief of Department regrets to announce the passing of
Firefighter Robert J. McNamara; Engine Co. 3-Retired



Firefighter McNamara was appointed May 20, 1962 and retired December 31, 1999
He was a Veteran of the United States Army
He was 83 years of age.

Special Signal 10-15 The Chief of Department regrets to announce the passing of
Firefighter Edmund J. Friel; Engine Co. 4-Retired



Firefighter Friel was appointed March 17, 1985
He retired October 6, 2013

He was a Veteran of the United States Air Force
He was 66 years of age

Condolences to:

Deputy Chief Brian Gover; EPAC Office on the passing of his Father,
Acting Chief Engineer John F. Gover, Jr.
Somerville Fire Department-Retired
Chief Gover was also the Uncle of **Deputy Chief John Cotter; Division 2**



Firefighter William “Bumper” Sullivan; Engine 9-Retired on the passing of his Brother,
Mr. John Sullivan in March 2018

Mr. Sullivan was also the Uncle of **Firefighter Patrick Sullivan; Ladder Co. 3**

Firefighter Daniel Harrington; Engine 6-Retired on the passing of his Brother,
Mr. Robert P. Harrington
Also the brother of the **Late Firefighter James Harrington; Engine Co. 9**

Captain William Brathwaite, Jr.; Ladder Co. No. 4, on the passing of his Father,
Mr. William Brathwaite, Sr.

It is with deepest regret and sorrow to report the line-of-duty death of **Fire Fighter Thomas Cannon**, IAFF District 3, Local 848, Attleboro, MA. Brother Cannon, 63, passed away from cardiac arrest on May 14, 2018.

The family of the **late Retired Lieutenant Joseph Keohane** on the passing of his Daughter,
Carol R. Segal

Firefighter Francis O’Grady; Aide to Division 1-Retired on the passing of his Brother,
Mr. William K. O’Grady in May 2018

Firefighter Harold Rosenberger; Aide to Division 1-Retired on the passing of his Brother,
Mr. Henry J. Rosenberger, also the Uncle to
Firefighter George Vendetti; Engine 6-Retired

To the family and friends of **late Retired Firefighter William Hunter** on the passing of his Wife,
Mrs. Lois Hunter

Firefighter Stephen Burke; Ladder Co. 4-Retired on the passing of his Daughter,
Mrs. Jaclyn M. DaSilva

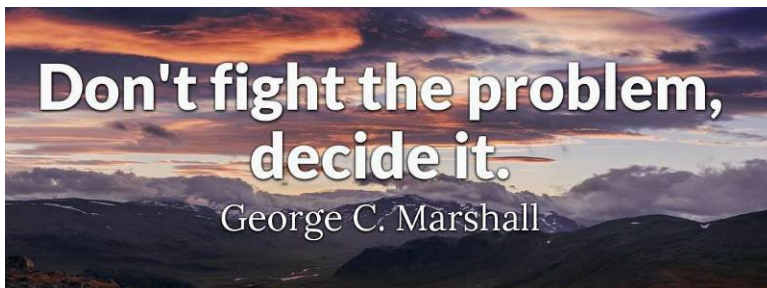
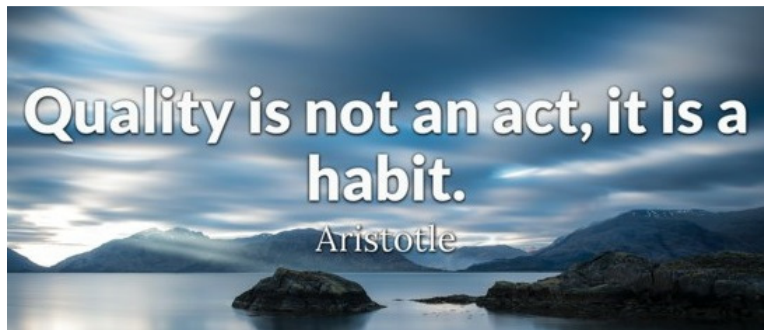
Lieutenant Steven Brown; Technical Services Division on the passing of his Father,
Mr. Charles Brown

Condolences to the Family, Friends and members of Boston Local 718 on the passing of
Boston Fire Captain Rick Connelly; Engine 10- Retired. Rick was an instructor at the Mass.
Fire Academy for many years and a good friend of the Cambridge Department and fire service.



Harold Brown, longtime friend and enthusiast of the Cambridge Fire Department, recently passed away at the Cambridge Rehabilitation and Nursing Center. Before his passing, Harold was regaling the staff with stories about his time buffing at the many firehouses in Cambridge.

Quotes of the Day



Through the Lantern Lens



Through the Lantern Lens

by Mose Humphrey

Nothing fancy this issue, just some old fire badges related to the Cambridge Department from the collection of **FF H. Smith; Engine 4.**



Cambridge FD Badge from the horse drawn steamer era.



This “badge” would allow press and other important officials past police lines at fires. Remember back in the day, large fires would bring out throngs of onlookers and police were required to keep everyone back and safe. **Chief James Casey** served from 1917-1933



This badge was from the fire brigade that protected the Air Force Research Center, which later became a part of MIT.



The Red Jacket Firemen's Association was a social club and also owned a hand-tub, competing in shows all over New England.

Lafayette Square Challenge Coins

The Lafayette Square firehouse, along with Ladder Company 3, will celebrate their 125th anniversary in 2019. The members currently assigned here are working to plan a reunion for CFD members, past and present, and their families. A limited edition challenge coin has been produced to kick off fund raising for this milestone event. The coins are numbered 1-303. If you would like to reserve a coin with your badge number please contact Captain Lowe or FF Lawson in Group 4. The cost is \$10.



Sign at the Barnstable County Training Academy on Cape Cod, MA

Out and About



Photo E Morrissey III

Lafayette Square companies training at Magazine Beach in June 2018



J Gelinas photo

City Manager Louis DePasquale with Ladder 1 at the Memorial Day Ceremony in May 2018.
L-R, FF Ed Fales, FF Dave Croak, City Manager DePasquale, Lt. Mike Francis and FF Ted DesRoches

Cameron Smith, son of FF Howie Smith; Engine 4 was featured in a story on Fox25 news in June 2018 as he is set to become a 5th generation firefighter.

DANVERS, Mass. - A Danvers High School graduate will be following in the footsteps of the four generations that came before him by becoming a firefighter.

Cameron Smith comes from a long line of firefighters, starting with his great-great-grandfather. Smith is now set to become the fifth generation of firefighters in his family.

“It’s something my family’s been a part of for years and years and I’m excited to finally become part of something that they’ve been doing,” said Smith.

Smith says he’s always been inspired by the firemen in his family and growing up he was sure he wanted to be a hero, too.



Photo courtesy Fox25

L-R, **FF Howie Smith; Engine 4**, son **Cameron** (with new leather helmet) and **Captain Howard Smith; Wareham Fire Dept. Retired.**

“There was never any doubt that he wanted to be a fireman, wearing the outfits, stealing my clothes,” said Smith’s father, Howie.

While his family knew all along Smith was destined to carry on his family’s legacy, the workplace environment has changed as the risks he’ll face are much more different than those of past generations.

“Now, let’s face it, with drugs and other stuff it’s a whole different world,” said Smith. “We have terrorism and stuff that I never considered when I joined the job with the fire department. We have bulletproof vest on the fire apparatus now, I never imagined that 10 years ago.”

Nevertheless, the patriarchs of the Smith family couldn't be prouder, not just because of his drive to serve his community but also the work he's put into getting to where he wants to be.



Photo provided

Smith was one of just 20 candidates accepted to a residency program while he gets his fire science degree from Southern Maine Community College.

Throughout his college career, Smith will be working and living in a firehouse in Cumberland, Maine, protecting lives while he earns his diploma.

"I'm just very proud, I've watched him grow up its always been something in the back of his mind he's always said he wanted to be and now he's pursuing that," said his grandfather. "I just wish him the best of luck."

For Smith, it's a dream come true to be able to carry on the family tradition.

"They're like mentors to me, they're my idols, I always grew up visiting them at the firehouse, as long as I can remember. I was that little kid who wanted to be like dad and grandpa," said Smith.

The program Smith is enrolled in will complete his entry-level training. Then, he will go on to learn about hazardous materials, drones and new technology used in firefighting.

From the Archives

Anyone who has ever been on the third floor of Headquarters at 491 Broadway has seen the mural on the wall of what is now the fitness area. This mural was discussed in a previous Feederline issue - Issue 79 (in 2016) as follows:

There is a large mural on the wall in the current fitness room on the 3rd floor at fire headquarters. It was painted by Cambridge FF Ed Bradshaw. FF Bradshaw also did gold leaf and lettering work.

*According to **Deputy Chief Ralph Chapman; Retired**: "Bradshaw was on LHD (light house duty) and it was around 1934 shortly after Headquarters was opened. It was in this era that Seagrave Pump's 5 and 8 were delivered. Shortly thereafter Ladder 4 - tractor with 85' wooden aerial hydraulically raised was delivered by Pirsch."*

Journal entries from the Rescue Company on Tuesday March 7, 1939 read "Pvt Bradshaw detailed to paint shop".



H Smith photo

We recently discovered an older photo that we believe to be the artist who painted the mural in the Leslie Jones Photo Collection at the Boston Public Library. Not only an artist, but a firefighter!



Leslie Jones Collection

We guess that history reveals itself on its own timeframe.

There are many old, interesting photos in the Leslie Jones Collection of the Boston Public Library online of the Boston and Cambridge area. Great way to waste time!

Lt. Mike Travers Sr; Headquarters shared the following photo taken by his late brother at a parade in Boston in 1962. Driving Ladder 3 is his Dad, **FF Harold Travers** (also grandfather to **Lt. Mike Travers**. Officer is **Danny Burke**



Photo provided

Throwback cover from Feederline dated AUGUST 1994.

The Feeder Line

Volume 1 Issue 3

Cambridge Fire Fighters Local 30

August 1994



Companies overhaul at Box 2-3121, the Kennedy Block, 424 thru 440 Mass. Ave. Upon arrival, Lt. Sheehan (E-2) reported fire showing and ordered the second alarm due to the life hazard for occupants of this large five story commercial and residential building. Photo by Dan Turner

Run Totals

FY 2017/2018 RUN TOTALS

	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	SBTTL	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	TOTAL
Engine 1	176	201	253	228	191	192	1241	224	150	192	176	227		2210
Engine 2	287	346	319	322	288	296	1858	345	266	282	316	366		3433
Engine 3	137	131	163	123	154	141	849	213	142	142	148	146		1640
Engine 4	124	124	129	148	163	175	863	187	124	161	146	144		1625
Engine 5	170	162	159	176	148	175	990	227	141	171	138	191		1858
Engine 6	104	133	134	133	117	126	747	151	95	101	92	121		1307
Engine 8	100	107	132	115	89	117	660	129	89	103	94	121		1196
Engine 9	96	118	119	112	92	96	633	118	100	108	87	93		1139
Truck 1	157	176	192	205	164	185	1079	241	145	163	149	188		1965
Truck 2	101	107	133	96	108	110	655	149	90	99	104	116		1213
Truck 3	199	205	173	192	171	193	1133	246	162	166	167	196		2070
Truck 4	127	132	143	145	149	171	867	192	101	133	106	144		1543
Rescue 1	210	204	210	205	183	185	1197	240	172	182	215	233		2239
Squad 2	282	321	337	358	336	348	1982	299	230	280	280	296		3367
Squad 4	149	163	169	184	173	188	1026	206	182	169	179	191		1953
Division 1	161	154	147	161	138	134	895	192	109	121	134	162		1613
Division 2	121	114	111	114	113	91	664	152	77	111	107	122		1233
HazMat 1	5	2	3	1	3	1	15	3	2	3	1	5		29
Spec & HQ Units	9	6	5	6	15	10	51	20	5	15	5	22		118
Mutual Aid Units	17	6	16	14	30	18	101	25	13	28	14	20		201

New Hires, Transfers, Promotions & Retirements

Date: March 12, 2018

General Order No. 08; Series of 2018

Effective Date: March 17, 2018

Subject: Retirement, Firefighter John F. Brogan Jr.

Effective March 17, 2018 at 1900 hours, Firefighter John F. Brogan Jr. retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Firefighter John Brogan Jr. was **appointed on March 17, 1985.**

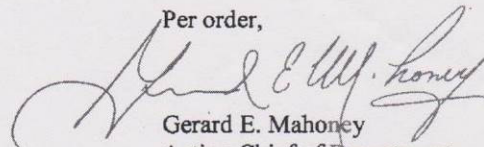
- May 5, 1985 Engine Company No. 7
- June 12, 1988 Ladder Company No. 4
- September 12, 1993 Rescue Company
- April 30, 1995 Engine Company No. 1
- February 11, 1996 Engine Company No. 4
- October 14, 2007 Engine Company No. 9
- March 27, 2011 Engine Company No. 3

Firefighter Brogan has faithfully served the citizens of Cambridge.

We wish Firefighter Brogan much happiness and good health in his retirement.

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

Per order,



Gerard E. Mahoney
Acting Chief of Department



Photo J. Gelinis

Date: March 16, 2018

General Order No. 09; Series of 2018

Effective Date: March 25, 2018

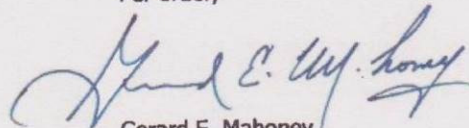
Subject: Promotions and Transfers

Lt. Brandon M. Hugh to Acting Captain; Engine Co. 6
FF Peter Melo to Acting Lieutenant; Engine Co. 3
Captain Jason A. Grimm; Engine Co. 6 to Engine Co. 9
Lt. Marvin E. Ramos; Ladder Co. 2 to Engine Co. 5
Lt. Brian D. Albert; Engine Co. 3 to Ladder Co. 2
FF Daniel A. Nugent; Engine Co. 9 to Ladder Co. 1
FF Gregory R. Gutoski; Ladder Co. 3 to Squad Co. 2

Company Captains shall submit an updated Form 53 to the Chief of Operations by March 23, 2018.

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

Per order,



Gerard E. Mahoney
Acting Chief of Department

Date: March 20, 2018

General Order No. 10; Series of 2018

Effective Date: March 20, 2018

Subject: Retirement, Captain Steven J. Lawless

Effective March 20, 2018 at 1700 hours, Captain Steven J. Lawless retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Captain Steven Lawless was appointed on June 21, 1987.

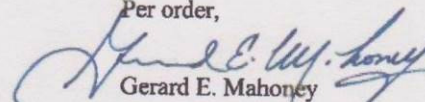
- August 9, 1987 Ladder Company No. 2
- January 2, 2000 Acting Fire Lieutenant, Engine Company No. 4
- January 16, 2000 Engine Company No. 1
- February 20, 2000 Promoted to Fire Lieutenant
- February 20, 2000 Pivot
- September 24, 2000 Rescue Company
- December 28, 2003 Ladder Company No. 2
- January 3, 2016 Acting Fire Captain, Training Division
- January 10, 2016 Promoted to Fire Captain
- March 20, 2016 Fire Prevention

Captain Lawless has faithfully served the citizens of Cambridge.

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

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

Per order,


Gerard E. Mahoney
Acting Chief of Department



Date: April 3, 2018

General Order No. 11; Series of 2018

Effective: Sunday April 8, 2018 at 0700 hours

Subject: Promotions, Transfers and Assignments

Captain Mark Cunningham from Engine Company No. 8 to Acting Deputy Fire Chief,
Training Division

Lieutenant Joseph F. Fournier from Engine Company No. 1 to Acting Fire Captain,
Engine Company No. 4

Firefighter Joseph F. Bokuniewicz from Engine Company No. 5 to Acting Fire Lieutenant,
Engine Company No. 1

Deputy Fire Chief Robert E. Rossi from Training Division to Fire Headquarters

Captain Robert M. Morrissey from Engine Company No. 4 to Ladder Company No. 1

Captain David J. House from Ladder Company No. 1 to Engine Company No. 8

Firefighter George R. Cotter from Engine Company No. 6 to Fire Headquarters

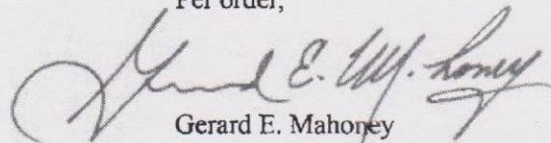
Firefighter Michael F. Lencki from Ladder Company No. 2 to Rescue Company No. 1

Firefighter Thomas C. Harris III from Engine Company No. 1 to Engine Company No. 6

F.F.O.P. David J. Landry assigned to Engine Company No. 1

F.F.O.P. Andrew D. Masse assigned to Engine Company No. 1

Per order,



Gerard E. Mahoney
Acting Chief of Department

Date: April 18, 2018

General Order No. 12; Series of 2018

Effective Date: Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 0700 Hours

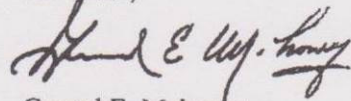
Subject: Promotions

Acting Captain Brandon M. Hugh promoted to Fire Captain

Acting Lieutenant Peter Melo promoted to Fire Lieutenant

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Per order,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerard E. Mahoney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent flourish at the end.

Gerard E. Mahoney
Acting Chief of Department

Date: April 27, 2018

General Order No. 14; Series of 2018

Effective Date: April 27, 2018

Subject: Retirement, Firefighter Paul E. Neal

Effective April 27, 2018 at 1700 hours, Firefighter Paul E. Neal retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Firefighter Paul Neal was **appointed on June 27, 1993**.

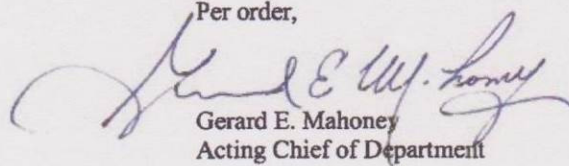
- September 12, 1993 Ladder Company No. 1
- December 1, 1996 Engine Company No. 6
- December 3, 2017 Fire Headquarters

Firefighter Neal has faithfully served the citizens of Cambridge.

We wish Firefighter Neal much happiness and good health in his retirement.

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

Per order,



Gerard E. Mahoney
Acting Chief of Department



Date: April 27, 2018

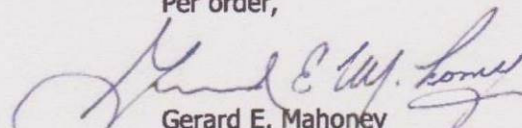
General Order No. 15; Series of 2018

Effective Date: April 27, 2018

Subject: Status of Firefighter

FFOP Nicolas C. Jacobs; appointed April 27, 2017 has reached the status of Firefighter.

Per order,



Gerard E. Mahoney
Acting Chief of Department



Date: May 8, 2018

General Order No. 17; Series of 2018

Effective Date: May 14, 2018

Subject: Assignment

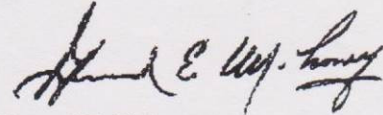
Effective Monday, May 14, 2018 the following member will report to Training Division at 0800 hours.

Donald O. Fitzgerald

Effective Sunday, May 20, 2018 he will be assigned to Engine Company No. 3

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

Per order,

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Gerard E. Mahoney
Acting Chief of Department



Date: May 9, 2018

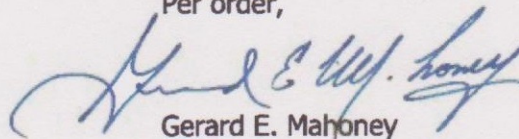
General Order No. 18; Series of 2018

Effective Date: Sunday, May 13, 2018 at 0700 hours

Subject: Transfers

Lieutenant Brian M. O'Regan from Engine Company No. 4 to Fire Headquarters
Firefighter Stephen A. Capuccio from Rescue Company to Acting Fire Lieutenant,
Engine Company No. 4

Per order,

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Gerard E. Mahoney
Acting Chief of Department



Date: May 9, 2018

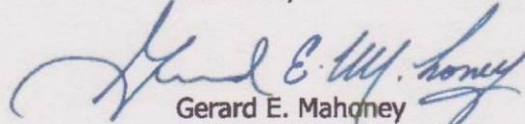
General Order No. 19; Series of 2018

Effective Date: Sunday, May 13, 2018 at 0700 hours

Subject: Promotion

Acting Deputy Fire Chief Mark K. Cunningham promoted to Deputy Fire Chief
assigned to the Training Division.

Per order,



Gerard E. Mahoney
Acting Chief of Department

Date: May 22, 2018

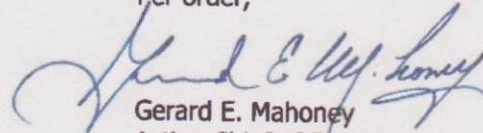
General Order No. 20; Series of 2018

Effective Date: Sunday, May 27, 2018 at 0700 hours

Subject: Transfers

Lieutenant Mark N. Tiede from Squad No. 4 to Engine Company No. 1
Acting Lieutenant Joseph F. Bokuniewicz from Engine Company No. 1 to Engine Company No. 4
Acting Lieutenant Stephen A. Capuccio from Engine Company No. 4 to Squad No. 4
Firefighter Paul J. Finnegan from Engine Company No. 3 to Ladder Company No. 2
Firefighter David B. Quigley from Engine Company No. 2 to Rescue Company
Firefighter Charles M. Stewart from Engine Company No. 1 to Engine Company No. 9
FFOP Brendan G. Marshall from Engine Company No. 9 to Engine Company No. 2

Per order,



Gerard E. Mahoney
Acting Chief of Department

Date: May 29, 2018

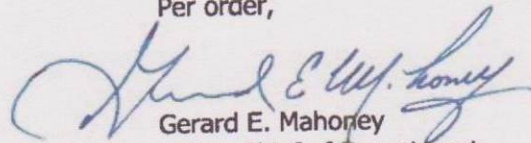
General Order No. 21; Series of 2018

Effective Date: Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 0700 hours

Subject: Transfers

Lieutenant James M. Desrosiers from Engine Company No. 5 to Headquarters
Firefighter Matthew B.F. Davison from Engine Company No. 2 to Acting Lieutenant
Engine Company No. 5

Per order,

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Gerard E. Mahoney
Acting Chief of Department

Date: June 21, 2018

General Order No. 23; Series of 2018

Effective Date: June 24, 2018

Subject: Appointments

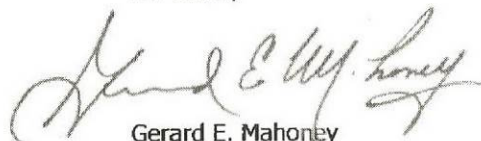
The following members are appointed as Firefighters-on-Probation to the Cambridge Fire Department.

**Stephen M. Ryan, Jr.
Philip L. Russo
Daniel J. LaPan
William E. Tyree
Michael J. Matthews**

They will be assigned to the Training Division for a one-week Orientation Program.

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

Per order,



**Gerard E. Mahoney
Acting Chief of Department**



Date: June 21, 2018

General Order No. 24; Series of 2018

Effective Date: June 22, 2018

Subject: Retirement, Lieutenant Michael R. Travers

Effective June 22, 2018 at 1700 hours, Lieutenant Michael R. Travers retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Lieutenant Michael Travers was **appointed on February 20, 1979.**

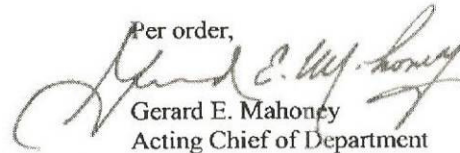
- April 15, 1979 Engine Company No. 2
- November 16, 1980 Rescue Company No. 1
- July 17, 1983 Acting Lieutenant, Engine Company No. 4
- September 11, 1983 Promoted to Fire Lieutenant, Headquarters
- April 15, 1984 Engine Company No. 8
- May 18, 1986 Rescue Company No. 1
- May 1, 2005 Squad No. 4
- February 23, 2014 Ladder Company No. 3
- October 15, 2017 Headquarters

Lieutenant Travers has faithfully served the citizens of Cambridge.

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

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

Per order,


Gerard E. Mahoney
Acting Chief of Department



Date: June 25, 2018

General Order No. 25; Series of 2018

Effective Date: June 30, 2018

Subject: Retirement, Lieutenant Thomas J. Carroll

Effective June 30, 2018 at 1700 hours, Lieutenant Thomas J. Carroll retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Lieutenant Thomas J. Carroll was **appointed on March 17, 1985.**

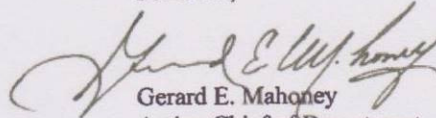
- May 5, 1985 Ladder Company No. 1
- June 27, 1993 Engine Company No. 4
- July 11, 1999 Promoted to Act. Fire Lieutenant/Pivot, Group 1
- July 30, 1999 Promoted to Fire Lieutenant/Pivot, Group 1
- April 1, 2000 Engine Company No. 1
- May 1, 2005 Ladder Company No. 4

Lieutenant Carroll has faithfully served the citizens of Cambridge.

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

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Per order,


Gerard E. Mahoney
Acting Chief of Department



Date: June 25, 2018

General Order No. 26; Series of 2018

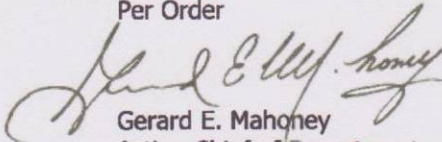
Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Subject: Transfers and Assignments

Firefighter Robert J. Crooker from Squad No. 4 to Acting Fire Lieutenant Engine Company No. 5
Firefighter Paul C. Enos from Engine Company No. 4 to Acting Fire Lieutenant Ladder Company No. 3
Lieutenant Ian Massiah from Ladder Company No. 3 to Ladder Company No. 4
Lieutenant Christopher J. Melendy from Ladder Company No. 1 to Fire Headquarters
Lieutenant Kenneth E. Cunningham from Engine Company No. 1 to Ladder Company No. 1
Lieutenant Michael R. Travers, Jr. from Squad No. 2 to Engine Company No. 1
Acting Lieutenant Matthew BF Davison from Engine Company No. 5 to Squad No. 2
Firefighter Paul M. Burke, Jr. from Ladder Company No. 1 to Engine Company No. 1
Firefighter Clare Rose C. Collar from Engine Company No. 2 to Squad No. 4
Firefighter Darron M. Smith from Engine Company No. 8 to Engine Company No. 2
Firefighter Anthony J. Cyrus from Engine Company No. 3 to Ladder Company No. 2
FFOP David J. Landry from Engine Company No. 1 to Ladder Company No. 1
Firefighter Bertil W. Johnson from Ladder Company No. 3 to Fire Headquarters
Firefighter Joseph M. Moore from Engine Company No. 1 to Fire Headquarters

FFOP Stephen M. Ryan Jr. assigned to Engine Company No. 8
FFOP Philip L. Russo assigned to Ladder Company No. 3
FFOP Daniel J. LaPan assigned to Engine Company No. 4
FFOP William E. Tyree assigned to Engine Company No. 3
FFOP Michael J. Matthews to Engine Company No. 1

Per Order



Gerard E. Mahoney
Acting Chief of Department

Letters

The following note was received in March following a fire at 50 Follen Street on 5 March, 2018:

Dear Cambridge Fire Department,
Thank you All so much
for your quick &
compassionate response the
night my home burned
down on 3/5/18 at 50
Follen Street. You were
so professional yet caring
to us all. I can't commend
enough.

We are so grateful &
lucky to have you All
I appreciate all you
did and how kind
you All were to me
and my family -
Thank you again
Patty Yoffe

The following letter was received on March 21, 2018:



WATERTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT

Fire Department Headquarters, 99 Main Street

Watertown, Massachusetts 02472-4410

Tel. (617) 972-6512 • Fax (617) 972-6575

www.watertown-ma.gov



Robert J. Quinn
Provisional Chief of Department

March 19, 2018

Acting Chief Gerard Mahoney
Cambridge Fire Department
491 Broadway
Cambridge, MA 02138

On behalf of the members of the Watertown Fire Department and the Town of Watertown I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for the mutual aid coverage you provided on March 17, 2018. The Town of Watertown dedicated a memorial that day for fallen Firefighter Joseph Toscano who died in the Line of Duty on March 17, 2017. The coverage you provide allowed our entire department to be at the memorial dedication. We cannot thank you enough for the support you have provided for us this week as well as this past year during some tough times.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Quinn
Provisional Chief of Department

The following note was received on May 10, 2018:



Leonard A. Albanese, Jr.
Chief of Department

CITY OF CHELSEA

FIRE DEPARTMENT

307 Chestnut Street
Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150



Tel. 617-466-4600
Fax: 617-466-4615

May 9, 2018

Chief Gerard Mahoney
Cambridge Fire Department

Re: Box 6-35 @ 10 John Street

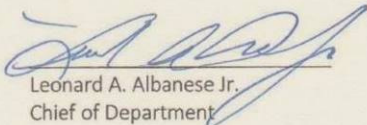
Dear Chief Mahoney,

On behalf of City of Chelsea and the members of the Chelsea Fire Department, I thank you for the assistance provided at the 6 alarm fire on John Street on the afternoon of May 2, 2018.

All metro area companies that responded on mutual aid worked extremely well together in containing this fast moving fire. The end result was the total loss of two three story wood frame dwellings, with radiant heat damage to several others. However, the collective effort of all of our members under extreme conditions prevented what could have easily been a much worse outcome.

Please extend my thanks to the members of your department who responded to our city. This incident is another example of the importance of our mutual aid system to the protection of our communities.

Sincerely,



Leonard A. Albanese Jr.
Chief of Department

The following note was received on June 4, 2018:

Hi Everyone,

As I begin my final week of employment here at the City of Cambridge, I wanted to make sure I got this note out to you all.

It's been an honor and pleasure to serve you all in my role here. I've always admired what you do for your work in our City as "Cambridge's Bravest". You accepted me into your fire family and treated me as an equal and I am thankful for the time I was able to spend with you. I can say that I've been involved in some amazing things during my work here in the City and learned a lot. Thanks for trusting me with an important part of your job and I hope you know I have always taken it very seriously.

I wish you all the best and I hope I will see you again!

Stay safe,

Glenn Turner | Wireless Telecommunications Manager
Public Safety Information Technology

Editor Note: We wish Glenn all the best as he moves on! He will be missed

The following letter was received in June 2018:

9 Southwood Circle
Hamden, Ma 01036
June 19, 2018

Dear Fire Chief Gerard E. Mahoney,

On behalf of my family, I am writing to thank the Cambridge Fire Department for its thoughtfulness. We were overwhelmed and impressed by the outpouring from the Fire Fighters, who attended both the wake and funeral of our brother, Edmund Friel. We want to especially thank all of the Fire Fighters who attended as Honor Guard. Each was respectful to the family.

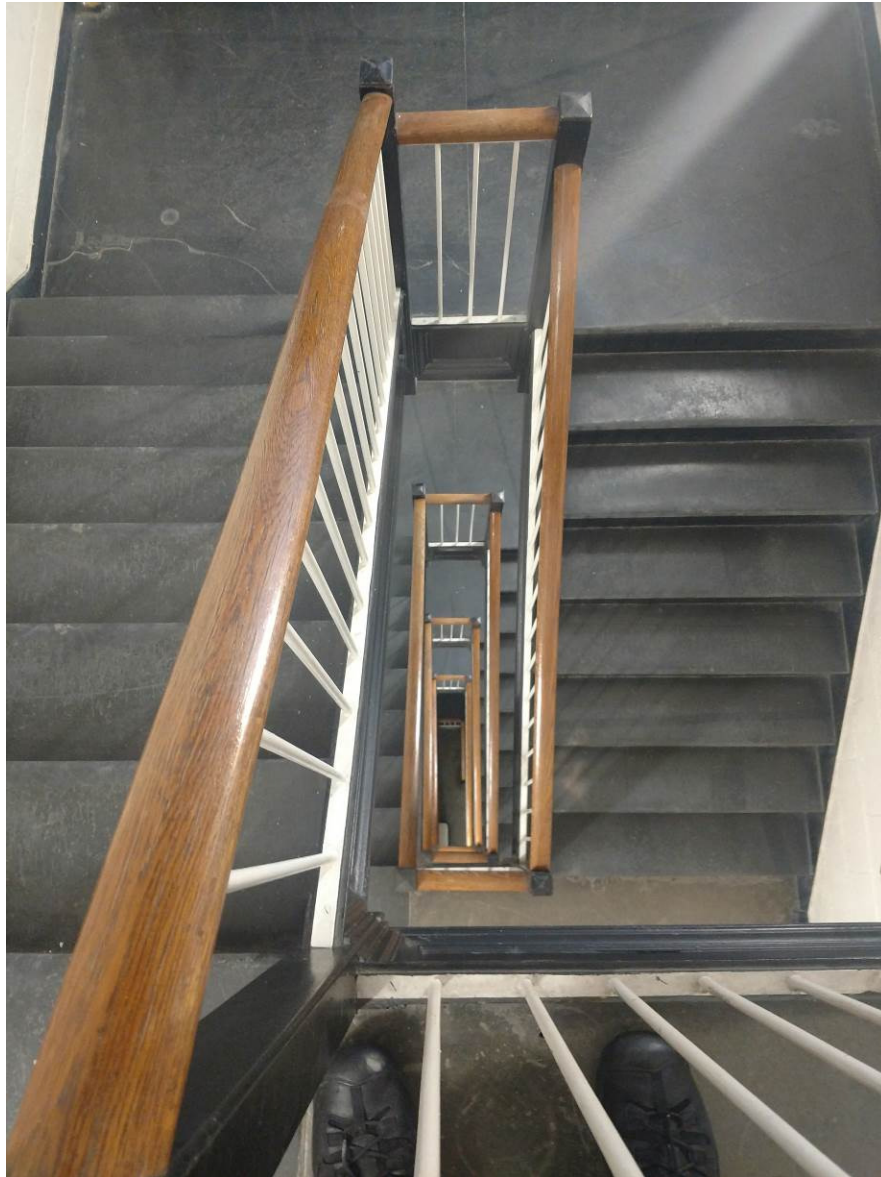
Ed would have been so pleased to know so many of his friends and co-workers attended. Many of the fire fighters shared stories about Ed, which we were so pleased to hear. We often forget the dangerous job you all have. We appreciate all that you do for the community. Please stay safe.

Sincerely,



Stephen Friel
(brother)

Training



H Smith photo

Just a reminder that there are many options for moving hose up stairways. A rope bag dropped out an upper window or down the opening of stairs (as shown) when available will shorten the amount of hose line needed to access upper floors!

This building is a Harvard building in Engine 1's district.

Safety – Building Construction

We all may be familiar with brick veneer in regards to building construction – a faux finish that looks much like real bricks that can confuse us during size-up. Recently, someone noticed this finish at Harvard University building in a mechanical room.

The first photo looks much like concrete block construction but is actually a veneer. You can make out the thin veneer in the 2nd photo.

There is a slim chance that a concrete wall would need to be breached, but if it did, there is a very thick slab of poured concrete on the other side that would prevent any breaching. This was a new one on us and just worth the share!





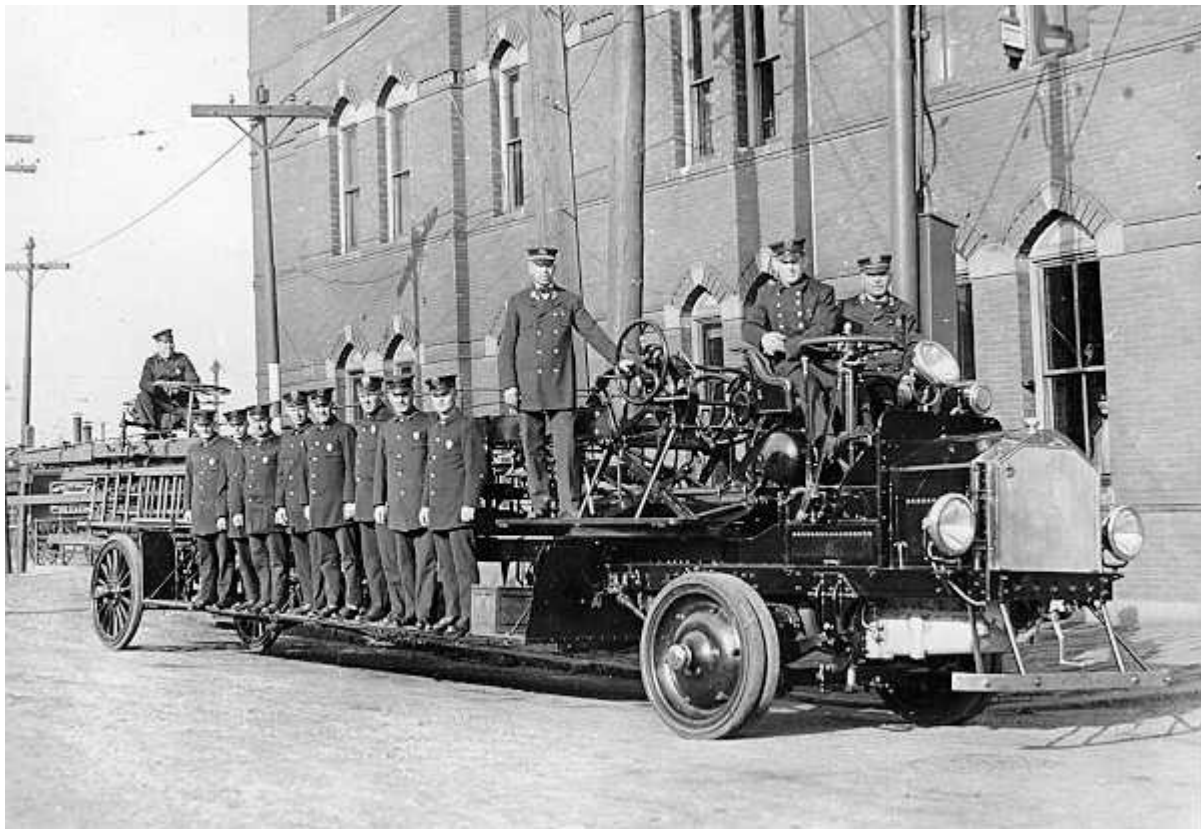
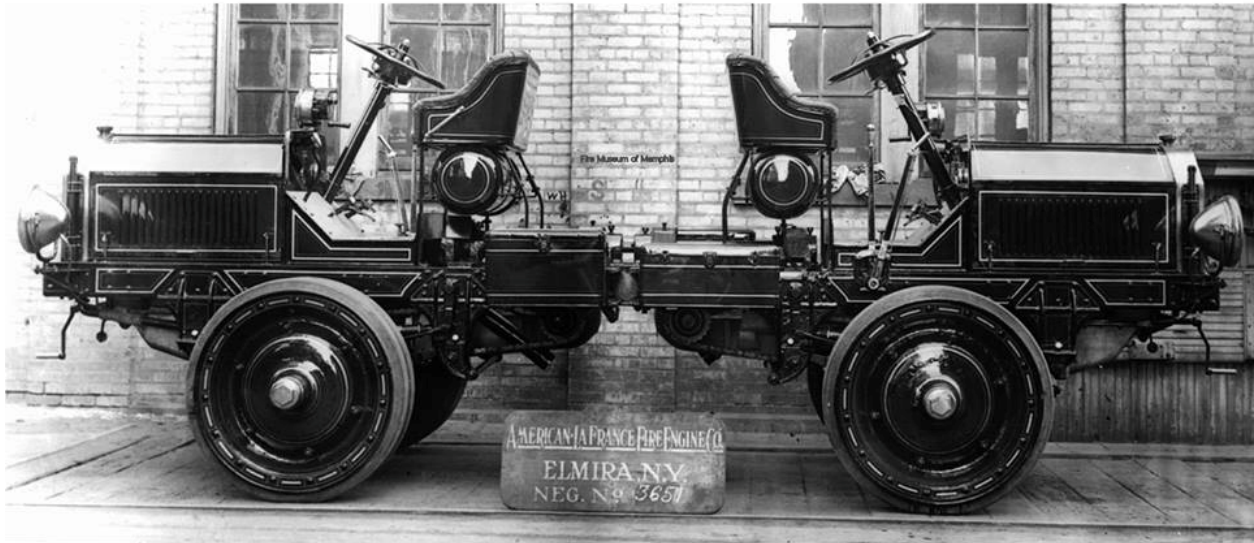
From the Tailboard...



1906 Nott Steamer with 1918 American LaFrance tractor

The tractor originally served Cambridge Mass, and was paired with this steamer in 1925

Acting Chief Mahoney found this colored photo of a 1918 American LaFrance Steamer in the 2018 New Jersey Fire Museum Calendar. It originally belonged to Ladder 1 as seen in these older photos.



Social Media

As always, a regular reminder that Cambridge Fire is also on Facebook and Twitter



Twitter handle is @CambridgeMAFire



Facebook handle is www.facebook.com/CambridgeMAFire@CambridgeMAFire



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