



The Company Journal
and "The Feederline"

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Cambridge, Massachusetts
A Class 1 Fire Department

From the desk of
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April 15, 2013 – BOSTON MARATHON TERRORISM

The Cambridge Fire Department and many of the local public safety agencies that we work closely with were all affected by the events that occurred at the Boston Marathon on April 15, 2013 and the week ahead. When the two bombs went off at the 117th running of the Boston Marathon, 10 off-duty Cambridge firefighters were working a volunteer security detailed at Boylston Street and Exeter Street near the finish line, with other off duty firefighters from Beverly and Salem. In addition to calmly directing citizens and bystanders to evacuate the area, they provided medical care to many of the injured at both bomb sites before clearing the area due to the hazard of potential secondary devices.

From that moment and throughout the days ahead, many members from Cambridge and Cambridge Fire Department units – Squad 2, Squad 4, Rescue 1, Ladder 1, Tactical Medics and the Division Chiefs assisted the local communities by providing either emergency aid or support to the many law enforcement brothers and sisters as well as support to the Cambridge Explosive Ordinance Division/EOD units operating during the subsequent manhunt and capture of the surviving terrorist.



Photo by Tod Koen

Members that were working at Boylston at Exeter Street and rendered aid to the injured gather for a group photo a few days after the event. (Please see G.O. 9, Series of 2013 later in this issue)

L-R, Firefighter Dave Puopolo (Rescue 1), Lieutenant Mike Francis (Engine 1), Firefighter Howie Smith (Ladder 1), Firefighter Dave Croak (Rescue 1), Firefighter Peter Melo (Rescue 1), Firefighter Mike Halloran (Beverly FD), Firefighter Todd Koen (Engine 1), Firefighter Daryn DeGrace (Engine 1), Deputy Chief Peter O'Connor (Beverly FD), Firefighter Matt McDonald (Rescue 1), Lieutenant Eric Fowler (Beverly FD), Lieutenant Chris Haynes (Rescue 1) and Lieutenant Don Philpot (Beverly FD). Missing from photo is Cambridge Firefighter Rick Feliciano (Ladder 2), Beverly Firefighter Matt Kowalski, BFD Firefighter John Palm, BFD Firefighter Scott Perkins, BFD Lieutenant Ryan Laracy and Salem Captain Dennis Levasseur.



Our condolences to the family, friends and co-workers of **MIT Police Officer Sean Collier** who was killed in the line of duty in the days following, as well as **MBTA Transit Officer Dick Donahue** who was injured in a shootout with the terrorist.

MIT Chief of Police John DiFava, through **Chief of Operations Gerard Mahoney**, asked to express to the members of this department his gratitude and thanks for the tremendous support

shown to his department and the MIT community in the wake of the murder of Officer Sean Collier. He was especially grateful for the assistance and turn-out at the Memorial Service.

All companies performed admirably during the days and weeks after the bombing. There was an obvious increase in “suspicious packages” calls, or “Incidents” from April 15 through May 2, there were 140 bomb/suspicious package calls. Up until April 15, there were only 53 Incident type calls all Fiscal Year. The Incident calls still continue into late May.

Chief of Operations Gerard Mahoney offered this in a department email: “All members are to be commended for their dedication and professionalism during the past week.

The whole region was on edge as a result of the bombing of the Marathon on Monday and the murder of the MIT Police Officer last night. Several members of this department worked hand-in-hand with law enforcement to bring this to a safe resolution.

Thank you to all for a job well done!”



Photo

courtesy Captain Ikels

Lafayette Square companies presented a floral arrangement to the MIT Police Department in an expression of sympathy over the loss of MIT Police Officer Sean Collier.

L-R Firefighter Kevin Thompson (Ladder 3), Firefighter John Mulligan (Engine 2), Firefighter Peter Mahoney (Ladder 3), Lieutenant Paul Mahoney (Ladder 3), Firefighter Jay Martel (Squad 2), unidentified MIT Police Sergeant, Firefighter Ian Moynihan (detailed to Squad 2), Captain Fred Ikels (Engine 2) and Firefighter Kevin Lawson (Ladder 3).

What's New

Local 30 Canobie Lake Day - Cambridge Firefighters Local 30 Annual Canobie Lake Outing will be held Wednesday August 14, 2013. More info to follow

New Apparatus - the construction of Engine 2 and Ladder 3 has begun at Pierce Manufacturing in Appleton, Wisconsin. Bid proposals also went out to supply a new heavy rescue. Bids should be returned by July.

The new Ford Hazardous Materials unit was placed into service in April 2013. The old Hazardous Materials unit was sent to the Motor Squad where it will be outfitted to become the new Dive Rescue.

New portable radios - Motorola APX 6000's were distributed to the companies in have been distributed to replace the older portable radios.

CFD Local 30 MDA Golf outing – Cambridge Local 30 and MDA Chairperson Lt. Brandon Hugh are sponsoring a Golf outing on July 18 at the Wayland Country Club. Entry fees are to be paid NO LATER than June 13, 2013. The event is open to all firefighters, family and friends. See more info later in this issue.

Quotes of the Day

Since we have quite a few “younger firefighters” on the job and even more coming soon, we thought it appropriate to share some advice that might prove useful during their early years. The following are a few quotes taken from the website “*Hooks and Irons*”:

1. When working at a new house for the first time, shut-up, work hard, and pay attention. We can promise you that everyone is paying attention to you.
2. If you don't know what you're doing, say so.
3. Never be the last one to the truck, or the sink.
4. Don't show off. Impress. There is a difference
5. Turn the TV off and hang up the phone. Train
6. Stick to the plan. You haven't been at it as long as you think you have.
7. Most officers will take the chubby, coffee drinking firefighter that can work all day over Mr. February who has to eat six meals, drink three protein shakes, and is no good after one tank.
8. Always eat dinner with your crew. Your diet is not as important as family.
9. When it's your time to drive, always remember that you're now responsible for all the lives in the truck.
10. Be the last one to bed and the first one awake. Make coffee, empty the dishwasher and clean the kitchen. It's called respect. The senior guys did their time. Now is yours.

All Companies Working

March 7, 2013 – Mutual Aid, Somerville, Box 160, 192 Broadway – a truck fire in an inside parking garage below apartments required Ladder 1 and Engine 5 to cover the Teele Square station.

March 9, 2013 – Working Fire, Box 7, 35 Porter Road – Squad 4 arrived to a 2-1/2 story residential dwelling with fire on the top floor. Division 2 requested a working fire.



Photo Courtesy of Ted Pendergast – Firstduephotos.com

Ladder 1 works to open the roof at 35 Porter Road

March 20, 2013 – Mutual Aid, Somerville, Box 3223, 175 Walnut Street – Ladder 1 and Engine 5 provided coverage in Teele Square during Somerville's Working Fire.

March 26, 2013 – Spill/Leak, State Street at Mass Ave – A truck delivering liquid sugar to a confectionary company spilled approximately 500 gallons of liquid sugar. After further investigation, it was determined that there was no immediate hazard and Clean Harbors was called in to clean out nearby catch basins.

March 26, 2013 – Water Incident, Longfellow Bridge – Boston and the Mass. State Police searched the Charles River late at night for someone who jumped from the Longfellow Bridge. The body was recovered early the next day.

March 27, 2013 – Mutual Aid, Boston, Box 314, 6 Alarms, 10 Fox Street – Engine 2 and Ladder 1 provided station coverage at Engine 33 and Ladder 15 during Boston's fire in five triple deckers. There were four additional ladders called above the 6th alarm. The fires on the rear porches spread quickly. Boston also had a 4 alarm fire on earlier in the day in which Cambridge not respond to.

April 3, 2013 – Hazmat, 675 West Kendall Street – a lab worker was injured when a hose burst spraying the victim in the face with sulfuric acid. Patient was transported by EMS and cleanup was handled in house.

April 3, 2013 – Pedestrian Accident, Land Boulevard – a 65 year old man was struck by a car on Land Boulevard near the Royal Sonesta Hotel. He was transported to the hospital but died from his injuries.

April 4, 2013 – Hazmat, 33 Mass. Ave, MIT – a student spilled a mild irritant in a lab. Although uninjured, patient was evaluated and cleanup of the lab occurred in house.

April 7, 2013 – 1 Alarm Fire, Box 391, 151 Auburn Street – outside fire spread to the front porch of a 3 story residential

April 8, 2013 – Mutual Aid, Somerville, Box 41, 32 Cedar Street – Engine 4 and Ladder 1 covered Teele Square during Somerville's Working Fire in a 2.5 story residential

April 15, 2013 - Mutual Aid, Boston, Terrorist Incident – Squad 2, Squad 4, Division 1 and Ladder 1 responded to Boston after two bombs were detonated at the Boston Marathon. Squad 2 responded in to assist with triage of the injured. Squad 4 and Division 1 responded with Boston Engine 33 for any calls related to suspicious packages. Ladder 1 was to cover Ladder 15's quarters, however, due to its proximity to the crime scene, they staged at Mass Ave. and Boylston St.

April 16, 2013 – Mutual Aid, Somerville, Box 746, 70 Holland Street – Engine 4 covered at Headquarters and Ladder 1 covered Teele Square during Somerville's Working Fire.

April 19, 2013 – Hazardous Condition, 410 Norfolk Street – Engine 5, Ladder 2 and Division 1 stood by while local and federal officials searched the residence of the Boston Marathon bombing suspects. Engine 5 stood by with a charged hose line.

April 19, 2013 – Mutual Aid, Watertown – Rescue 1 responded to Watertown to work with the CPD EOD technicians involved in the capture of one of the Boston Marathon bombing suspects.

April 24, 2013 – Working Fire, Box 432, 377 Walden Street – Companies found a fire in the kitchen wall of a restaurant with apartments above. Companies opened up the wall in the kitchen and basement. Using the TIC, determined the fire did not extend.

May 1, 2013 – 2nd Alarm Fire, Box 39, 15 Central Square – a passerby spotted smoke coming from the roofline. Companies forced entry and found a fire in the ceiling in the middle of the building. Lines were stretched and roof opened. Insulation type required aggressive overhaul. Cluttered conditions inside the building and the basement created hazards for firefighters working inside the building.

Editor note: This block of stores was also known as 343-347 Green Street and was the location of a Line-of-Duty Death in 1930. Private William F. McGrath, was killed on February 20, 1930 at Box 39, suffocated by gas in a basement fire. Thanks to DFC Ralph Chapman for making this known!

May 2, 2013 – Mutual Aid, Watertown, 3rd Alarm fire, Box 323, Belmont Street – Engine 9 dispatched to station coverage. Upon striking the 3rd alarm, Engine 9 responded to the fire with Squad 4 and Division 2. Engine 9 supplied a Watertown ladder with water.

May 2, 2013 – Water Incident, Harvard Bridge – companies responded to an overturned boat in the Charles River. Upon further investigation, the occupant had been already removed from the water and refused care.

May 4, 2013 – 1 Alarm Fire, Box 4243, 50 Essex Street – workers using a torch started a fire in the framework of a window in a building under renovation. Luckily, a firefighter working a detail recognized the fire in its early stages while the workers were at lunch.

May 13, 2013 – Mutual Aid, Somerville – Ladder 1 covered Teele Square while Somerville companies operated at an extended incident box alarm.

May 15, 2013 – 1 Alarm Fire, Box 283, 16 Newtowne Court – a child with burning incense started a fire in a couch. The mother was slightly burned while attempting to extinguish the fire.

May 18, 2013 – 1 Alarm Fire, Box 753, 364 Rindge Ave – A mattress fire on the 4th floor was partially extinguished by the sprinkler system. Companies investigated the apartment for extension and nearby apartments.

May 20, 2013 – Gas Leak, Box 2551, 5 Cambridge Center – construction crews dug up a 2” high pressure gas line. 2-6 Cambridge Center needed to be evacuated until the gas line was shut down and it was confirmed that gas did not get into the surrounding buildings.

May 28, 2013 – Mutual Aid, Arlington, 2nd Alarm Fire, Box 172, 62 Webster Street – Engine 4, Squad 4 and Division 2 responded directly to fire. Engine 4 laid 400 feet of feeder line. Squad 4 shut off utilities in cellar. Engine 4, Squad 4 and D2 opened up B/C and C/D corners at ground level checking for extension.

May 31, 2013 - Mutual Aid, Arlington, MVA Rollover - Engine 3, Engine 4, Squad 4, and Division 2 responded to Arlington for tanker truck roll-over with approximately 10,000 gallon diesel spill. Engine 4, Squad 4 released with no duty. Engine 3 provided foam blanket when up-righting vehicle the vehicle.

June 4, 2013 – 1 Alarm Fire, Box 79, 2410 Mass. Ave – Companies dispatched for a dryer fire in a Laundromat. Engine 4 stretched an attack line and extinguished the fire. Companies checked adjacent stores and roof for extension.

June 5, 2013 – 3rd Alarm fire, Box 49, 367 Harvard Street – companies dispatched to a building fire. On location, smoke was coming from eaves of 4 story brick apartment building. Companies rotated in on hose lines to extinguish fire in the cockloft.

June 15, 2013 – Haz Mat, 321 Bent Street – a fiberglass tank exploded possibly due to over-pressurization. Minor injuries to workers working on tank

June 23, 2013 – 1 Alarm Fire, Box 752, 108 Dudley Street – small fire in the front porch of an unoccupied home under renovation.

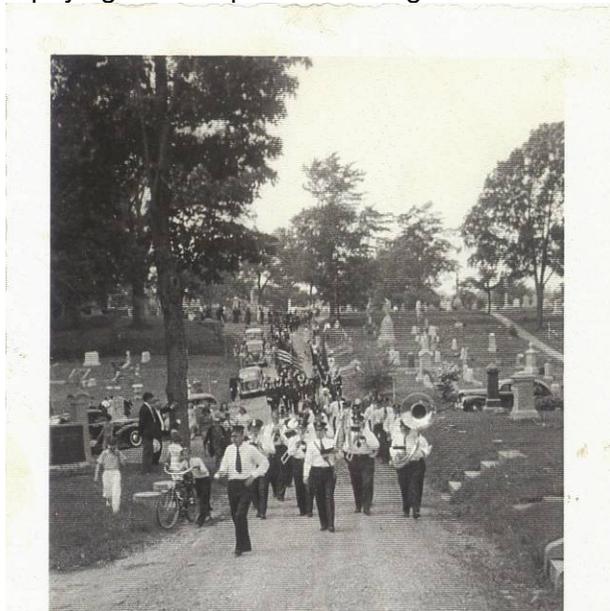
Out and About

Firefighter Memorial Sunday – was held at Cambridge Cemetery on June 9, 2013. Attendance was low but those that did attend are thanked for their support to honor our deceased members that came before us.



Photo by DFC E. Morrissey

Members paying their respects at Firefighters Memorial Sunday



Photographer unknown

Fireman's Memorial Sunday, 1946. Procession into cemetery led by brass band.

CFD Retirees Reunion – while the rest of us were still clamoring for warmer weather this past spring, our Cambridge Fire Department retirees gathered at Kenny O'Connor's house in Cape Coral, Florida on March 16, 2013 for another great "retiree's reunion."



Spike Lawless



Back Row, L to R: Jack Clark, John O'Leary, Richard Turcotte, Stan Kotowski, Morgan Schaefer, Dave Scholl, Larry Hodgdon, Spike Lawless, Bill Hugh, John Ruffing, Ed MacAskill, Charlie Budryk, Bill Fehlman.

Front Row, L to R: Joe Lawless, Harold Grafe, Kenny O'Connor, Dan Flaherty, Dick Teas, Ed Santamaria, Mike Papsedero. (Santamaria is retired from the Cambridge Water Department, the rest are all CFD.)



The wives are part of the Cambridge family!

Cremins Square - On Saturday June 1, 2013 the intersection of Broadway and Quincy Street was dedicated to the memory of the Cremins family.

Six members of the family served the Cambridge Fire Department in fire suppression including William J. Cremins who served as Chief of Department. The five other brothers were Captain Allen Cremins, Firefighter Daniel Cremins, Captain Dennis Cremins, Deputy Chief Patrick Cremins and Deputy Chief John Cremins. A seventh brother, Christopher Cremins was a fire alarm operator.

125th Cambridge Relief Fireman's Ball – was held on March 9, 2013 at the Royal Sonesta Hotel. 15 members received awards for 25 years of service with the department: **Lt. Steven Boyle Jr., Lt. Brian Casey, FF David McCaffrey, FF Michael Franks, FF Francis Gallagher, Lt. Earl Howard, Capt. Robert Morrissey, FF Dennis Maragioglio, Lt. Brian O'Regan, Lt. Steven Lawless, Lt. William Wood, FF Kenneth Souza, FF Richard Thorne, FF Jeffrey Turner and FF Brian Treligan.**

Also recognized were retired members: **Chief of Operations J. Gelinas, Capt. Robert Blake, FF Theodore (Ted) Whitney, Lt. Brad Tenney, Lt. Jeff Howard and Lt. Matthew Brannelly.**

Congratulations to all! And a job well done to the officers and members of the Cambridge Fireman's Relief for another successful and fun event!



Photo by Cheryl Morrissey

Captain Robert Morrissey- Fire Prevention (who received a 25 year service award) with family



Photo by Cheryl Morrissey

Glenn Turner (Tech Services) with wife Robin



Photo by Dave Stewart

Candid shot from the working fire at 35 Porter Road on March 9, 2013

L-R, FF Stephon Kinn (Engine 8), DFC E. Mahoney (Division 1), Chief of Operations G. Mahoney, Capt Mike Bruno (Ladder 2). They were all appointed on March 6, 1983.

Firefighter Dan Maloney (Aide to Division 1) celebrated his last day on the job (and 40 years of service to the citizens of Cambridge) on November 14, 2012. His wife recently shared some photos of his "sending off."



Photo courtesy of the Maloney family



Photo courtesy of the Maloney family

L-R, FF Tom Casey (Ladder No. 4), FF D. Maloney (Division 1), FF Rich Rycroft (Ladder No. 4) and FF Mike DeAmbrose (Ladder No. 4)



Photo by Jay Connor

Captain Mike Bruno (Ladder No. 2) and Firefighter Rob Sullivan (Ladder No. 2) at 35 Porter Road

Group 3 Training – Group 3 trained with their new Blitz Gun in March 2013



Photo by Capt. Vaillancourt

**L-R, Lt. C. Melendy; FF M. Tiede; FF M. Franks FF S. Kelley; FF P. Mickiewicz;
FF K. Souza; FF J. Magee; FF M. Ansello - at pump was FF C. Murphy**

Did you know?

It's said that snacking on potassium-rich bananas can help beat high blood pressure. The reason for this is that it speeds up the rate at which salt is excreted from your body. As firefighters are notorious for stress and high blood pressure – this is good to know!



The spring issue of the Company Journal (#66) had a photo of Engine 1, Group 4 with the Boston Red Sox mascot (aka, Wally the Green Monster). Again, we have Engine 1, Group 4 trying their best to get photographed with the entire New England sports scene mascots. In March 2013, Engine No.1 found “Blades” the Boston Bruins mascot in Harvard Square with the “Ice Girls.”



Photo courtesy of Chuck Lowe

L-R, Firefighter David Vigilante (detailed from Engine 4), Lieutenant Chuck Lowe, Firefighter John McEachern



Photo by DFC E. Morrissey

Group 1 conducted a “lowering exercise” at 10 Education Way recently with a scenic view of the Cambridge skyline in the background.



Photo by DFC Gelinias (Retired)

From left to right: **FF Donald Gonzalo (retired), COO John Gelinias (retired), DC Robert Rossi, DFC Lester Bokuniewicz, CWC Ralph Chapman (retired), Chief Engineer Gerry Reardon, COO Lou Crescentini (SFD retired).**



Photo by DFC Gelinias (Retired)

Seated left to right: **Chief Engineer Gerry Reardon, COO Lou Crescentini (SFD retired), DFC Lester Bokuniewicz, Tech David Mahoney, COO Gerry Mahoney, FLT. Steven Brown, FF Don Gonzalo (retired), CWC Ralph Chapman (retired).**

Standing left to right: **COO John Gelinias (retired), Tech Glenn Turner, DFC Robert Rossi.**



Guns -n- Hoses Hockey Game



Local 30 would like to thank everyone who came out and supported the Cambridge Guns N' Hoses charity hockey game on March 23, 2013! They are pleased to announce that **they raised just about \$7,000 for the MDA**. Unfortunately, CFD was defeated by CPD 1-0, but it was a great game and we look forward to the rematch next year!

Cambridge Local 30 also received two awards at this year's regional MDA Boot Camp at Mohegan Sun. The awards received were:

The Hero Award (for participating in "Fill-the-Boot" Drives) and
The Goal Breaker Award (goal was set at \$20,000 and we raised \$21,313).

Lieutenant Brandon Hugh (Engine 5) is very proud to announce that Cambridge was also one of the TOP FIVE Departments of Massachusetts who raised the most money throughout the year. During the "Goal Setting" part of the event, Local 30 set the annual goal to raise **\$20,000** once again for the MDA! It is very possible to meet that goal, considering that we already raised about \$7,000 with the Guns N' Hoses Hockey Game and we have a strong interest level for the Golf Outing that is approaching fast. For those who are interested in playing, please notify Lt. Hugh as soon as possible to secure a spot for your team.

And for those that don't golf but would still like to be involved, contact him if you're interested in being a *Hole Sponsor* or if you would like to donate an item for a raffle prize (tax id # will be provided).

In addition to the sporting events, 4-6 "Fill the Boot" drives will be scheduled from May-August to help achieve the goal for this year. Notifications will be sent out ahead of time so proper arrangements can be made. Also, each group's MDA Committee member will be requesting and coordinating volunteers for each drive.

JOB WELL DONE to Lt. Hugh and the members that unselfishly devote their time to a great cause!

Golf Outing – This will be the last reminder to sign up for the MDA Golf Outing. There are only a few available foursomes remaining so it's first come first serve. Payment must be made by June 18th (accepted payments are Cash, Check, PayPal, and Credit Union). Follow the link below for more event information and also to make a payment, sponsor a hole, or purchase raffle tickets via PayPal.

Fill The Boot - It would be greatly appreciated if you could volunteer for any of the dates listed below. Please notify me as soon as possible so proper arrangements can be made.

FILL THE BOOT DAYS

Group 1- July 9th Gilmore Bridge (Group 4 on duty)

Group 2- June 25th Mass Ave @ Rt16 (Group 1 on duty)

Group 3- July 29th Gilmore Bridge (Group 2 on duty)

Group 4- August 8th Mass Ave @ Rt16 (Group 3 on duty)

Submissions - Have you ever wondered why you see the same faces in the Company Journal? Because they are the ones that send along information to share - share your stories, share your life with the Cambridge Fire Department family! Send photos or information to FF Howie Smith, hsmith@cambridgefire.org

Award Winner – Cambridge Engine 7, the 1971 Maxim spare engine, won a trophy at the 36th Annual Fire parade and show in Wakefield, MA on June 8, 2013. Thank you to **FF John Hathaway (Ladder No. 2)** and **Dan Lopez from the CFD Motor Squad** for ensuring the truck made it to the parade and back in one piece!



Photo by Brian Anderson

From the Archives



Photo from collection of John J. O'Donoghue (Chief of Operations – Retired)

Above photo was taken by the **late Ed Fowler – FIU** and was sent in by **John J. O'Donoghue (Chief of Operations – Retired)**. The photo was from an early morning accident at Mass. Ave and Alewife Brook Parkway. A car struck a tree and the girl had severe leg injuries.

On the stretcher: **FF Fred Ikels (father of Captain Ikels, Engine 2)**
FF John Lawless (Ret.), **Lt. John O'Donoghue (Ret)**, **Back corner-FF Robert McCleery (LODD)**

On left of Ikels: **Lt Franny Lawson, Engine 9 (father of FF Kevin Lawson of Ladder 3)**

in Rear: **Captain Bobby Dunn of Engine 8**
CPD Sgt. name unknown



Photo submitted by DFC Gerard Mahoney

“Then and Now” – **Chief of Operations J. Gelinas (retired) on left (as DFC, Division 1) and current Chief of Operations G. Mahoney (then as Aide to Division 1) on right.** Photo taken in May 1989 when President George H. W. Bush and French President Francois Mitterrand landed at Magazine Beach to jointly deliver the Commencement Address at Boston University.

Through the Lantern Lens



Through the Lantern Lens

by Mose Humphrey

There are sports buffs – people who love sports and can produce statistics for players and teams. There are also movie buff’s that can list actors and actresses that starred in certain movies. There are many other kinds of “buffs” in varied areas of life – military, antiques, comic books, Civil War etc. However, the term “buff” originated in the fire service. The name came from the heavy fur coat (often made of buffalo hide) worn by people in cold weather that would come to a fire scene to watch a fire. Those people were commonly referred to as “Fire Buffs.”

Fire buffs are sometimes looked at in a negative light and there really is no valid reason for it. A true fire buff does not hamper any firefighter operation unless asked. They are there merely to watch the fire, analyze strategies and tactics and study the art of property conservation. In rare instances, buffs are confused with the demented individual’s intent on destruction by arson and excited by sticking around to watch their work – but this couldn’t be any further from the truth. During World War II, fire buffs with an interest (and already gained

knowledge of firefighting) manned Civil Defense fire apparatus and auxiliary departments. While others voluntarily provided, and still do, refreshment and “canteen” services to hungry, thirsty and tired firefighters at fire scenes. Today, many fire buffs capture the heroic work of firefighters in photography.

Some firefighters are also “fire buffs.” Even though firefighting is a job, it often tends to “bleed” into their private lives. Off-duty they still take an interest in the job and can be observed at fire scenes in neighboring communities. It’s not to say that someone who doesn’t take the job home, aren’t any more or less dedicated.

From "Pictorial History of Firefighting" by Robert W. Masters, revised edition published in 1967 by Castle Books, New York:

Buff's have been variously defined as "sidewalk superintendents of fires," as "fire-engine chasers who think they're the guys for whom the bell tolls," as "frustrated firemen," and as "smoked hams who are never quite cured." Irreverent as these definitions are, buffs have been called still nastier names by some firemen and chiefs. Traditionally, most professional fire-fighters look down on buffs, without good reason.

A buff is not trained, but born. He's the boy who's always playing fireman, looking at pictures of fire engines and getting his daddy to take him to the fire house. Later, his childhood curiosity about fires develops into a mature understanding of the art of firefighting. He learns by watching and trading information with other buffs. But the original excitement and intense interest never diminishes.

Buffing knows no social or class distinction. Doctors, lawyers, bakers, factory workers, grocery clerks and Wall Street financiers all answer the call of bell or siren.

Just like in other aspects of life, there are many facets to fire buffing. Some fire buffs prefer to visit fire scenes or fire stations, while others appreciate horse drawn or antique fire apparatus, fire related antiques, photography, or all of the above. There are many local and national organizations and clubs that have been around a long time dedicated to preserving the history of the fire service. Being a firefighter is a truly unique profession, and we owe it to those that came before us to preserve that history. There aren’t many other careers that can claim that esteemed history. If you think you may take an interest, there are several local (and national) organizations to look into. You may be surprised by who you meet (and know) at the meetings!

*The Box 52 Association
The Boston Sparks Association
The Mass. Antique Fire Apparatus Association
The American Hand Fire Engine Society Inc.*

Training Tips - Senior Man Leadership

What does it mean to be the senior man in the fire service? How do you view him? What is his job and what do we expect from him? These are questions with a variety of answers depending on who you ask. He's the guy who gets the radio and does the reports when the officer is out. He gets to sit in the front seat and sleep in the officer's quarters until the boss gets back. While these answers are correct it's much deeper than that and worth some discussion. This position requires consistent values applied across the board in order to attain a consistent senior leadership model.

Each company has four senior men assigned, one in each group. The age and experience varies from company to company as does their performance. The ideal arrangement for a crew is to have a 15+ year senior man, a 5-15 year middle man and a 0-5 year junior man. This dynamic is helpful for multiple reasons such as balance, however it is flexible. There is good balance of old school and new school thought, balance of experience and balance of viewpoints.

This balance maintains itself through natural attrition. When the balance is at the high end the senior man retires. Everyone steps up a position and new blood is brought into the company. Then we start over at the low end of the balance.

Another aspect of this balance is having a good learning environment. Senior Firefighters require more skill maintenance and younger Firefighters require more skill development creating a mutually beneficial relationship. Having younger Firefighters on the crew creates an obvious need to stay current and stay training. This keeps the senior members in a teaching/mentoring mode which is good for their own skill maintenance and is great for the skill development of the younger Firefighters. In other words it keeps everyone's head in the game.

Now to the meat of the topic, what is the senior man all about? How do others view the position and how should the senior man view himself. I recently viewed a Facebook post from a Firefighter whom just attained the senior man position in his company. I was impressed to read his reflection on his career and his feeling of his new position. He described where he started and how far he had come to now being elevated to the position of senior man. I could sense his pride and it was obvious he felt a special sense of responsibility. It was encouraging to see someone with such a sense of duty, which pretty much sums up the senior man.

I encourage certain values in senior men. Being an advisor to the company officer is one, especially if the officer is new or young. Good senior men allow the boss to lead but don't let him fall. If the officer gets a little off course the senior man should gently nudge him back on track. This is where the senior man can use his years of experience to help the officer and contribute to company success. Experience is a powerful tool that should be used to the full advantage of the team.

The senior man should be a leader of men and a caretaker of the troops. He should take young firefighters under his wing and share his experience with them without the officer telling him to do so. As John Salka, Battalion Chief FDNY Retired states in (First In, Last Out. Leadership Lessons From The New York Fire Department), "Our leaders actually do their best and most important work during the quiet moments". These are words to live by. The quiet moments are

where the senior man is most powerful and this cannot be understated. The quiet moments are where many basic fire service traditions and values are passed on to the next generation.

The senior man does his job when he's showing a young Firefighter the pump panel on a Sunday morning when no one is looking. When he supports his Officer at the kitchen table when the Officer is not present. When he musters the crew to accomplish a task they are not thrilled about. Or when he advises and supports his Officer in and out of the firehouse. Senior men should not kick back and just enjoy the title, they need to act like senior men.

We need them to apply their knowledge, experience and influence now more than ever. Fires occur less than in the past and we cannot let these men leave our service without them passing on the hard lessons learned. Our senior men may be the most valuable asset we have and we ought to listen to them no matter our rank. Do senior members feel listened to? If not perhaps we are doing something wrong. Some private sector organizations give exit interviews when people retire to gain advice prior to leaving the organization. Perhaps a similar model could work for us?

Be an anchor! It's not always about the ability to make decisions on the street, It's more about being the steady anchor of the company that keeps the ship steaming ahead on a steady course. An anchor is dependable. It always does its job the same way when deployed. It is strong and without it the ship will set adrift. Every ship needs an anchor as does a fire company.

Loyalty. The senior man should be loyal to his officer. He should encourage the younger members to stay together mentally with the officer for strong unit cohesion. He also needs to be a good follower. He needs to carry out the orders of his officer as if they were his own orders. If there is any doubt among the men their eyes will dart at the senior man to assess his reaction to the officer. If the senior man and the officer are not on the same page it can have a devastating impact on unit effectiveness. The influence of the senior man should never be underestimated. Al Benjamin who recently retired from Rescue Co. 1 FDNY with 35 years of service stated on his last tour "There's only a few things you need to help you on this job: tradition, respect for one another and loyalty to your company and your captains," he said. "I try to pass that on. If you follow those rules, you'll have a great time on this job."

I have been very lucky in my career as an officer. I have had the strong support of my senior men since I was first promoted and I owe them for that, they have helped me stay out of trouble more than once. When I was a brand new Lieutenant my senior man was instrumental in my transition from Rescue Firefighter to Engine Officer, which is a pretty big transition. He showed me the way and supported me always. He faithfully carried out my orders and I always felt comfortable asking for his advice. He recognized my situation and was instrumental in my growth as an Officer. He had my back and I had his. He's retired now but his impact on me will be lasting.

Another experience I had comes to mind as well. As a young Officer I took an overtime tour at an uptown Ladder Company. I was unsure of how the tour was going to go because I wasn't from that house and the Firefighters on duty had considerable time working in that company and I was a new Lieutenant. During the first hour of the shift we had a conversation about what we were going to accomplish that day and what needs the crew had. I had a few probing questions to see where everyone was mentally. The senior man quickly stated enthusiastically "whatever you want to get done boss, we're here for you!" When a 30 year veteran speaks like that to a young officer in front of the other members the power is unstoppable. I was successful that day because the senior man gave me his power and influence. Those men would have followed me

in to any smoke filled basement because the senior man said he was with me. He just retired a few months ago and he is another member who has without a doubt had a lasting effect on those around him.

I recently learned that the Boston Fire Department has a way to officially recognize their department senior man. I recently had a conversation with that man, his name is FF Ed Loder (from Cambridge). He stopped by Lafayette Square recently while driving the Safety Chief. He is the senior man in the entire department and his badge is engraved "Senior Man" in the same fashion as our Officer badges are engraved with rank. I think it shows the respect this position commands. If the department shows this kind of respect in an official way the troops will follow. I would suggest there is value in doing do this for the top Firefighter in each company. It's the classic win/win.

In conclusion the senior man is one of the most influential positions in the fire service and we need them to embrace that role. They will break in many new Firefighters over the years and set the tone for their career. They will break in new Fire Officers and have a heavy influence on their growth. Officers who fail to understand how much they need the support of their senior men will never maximize their command capacity. They are the steady hand that is always there. In fact I'm not sure of any other person in the fire service who we need more. – Capt Ikels

Signal 10-15

Special Signal 10-15 The Chief of Department regrets to announce the death of
Firefighter John V. Drinan; Engine Co. 9, Retired.

Special Signal 10-15 The Chief of Department regrets to announce the death of
Firefighter Timothy Latson; Engine Co. 8-Retired.

Firefighter Latson was appointed March 6, 1983 and retired on June 24, 2011

Special Signal 10-15 The Chief of Department regrets to announce the death of
Kevin J. Fitzgerald, Chief of Department -Retired.



Chief Fitzgerald was with the Fire Department for 39 years, retiring as Fire Chief in 2000. He also honorably served in the United States Marine Corp 1953-1957

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

Firefighter Donald J. Warren; Engine Co. 5-Retired

Firefighter Warren was appointed to the department May 20, 1962.

He retired on October 31, 1995.

He was 82 years of age.

Condolences to:

Lieutenant Chuck Lowe (Engine Co. No. 1) on the passing of his Uncle,
Mr. Russell D. Lowe

Kevin Pierre, formerly of Engine Co. 3 on the passing of his Mother,
Mrs. Donna Pierre

Firefighter Edward Oliver; Aide to Division 2 on the passing of his mother,
Mrs. Mary Oliver- Mrs. Oliver was also the widow of **Firefighter Frank Oliver (Retired)**.

Firefighter Bryan O'Neil, Engine 6 on the passing of his mother,
Karen McClimans (Phaneuf)

Arthur G. Morin; Engine Co. 1-Retired, on the passing of his wife,
Mrs. Virginia M. Morin

Lt. Patrick Haggerty; Ladder Co. 3 on the passing of his brother,
Kevin Haggerty

Firefighter Edmund J. Friel Jr.; Engine Co. 4 on the passing of his brother,
David G. Friel – also Son of Firefighter Edmund G. Friel; Engine Co. 9-Retired

Ms. Lorna Rutkauskas of the Fire Department Headquarters Office on the passing of her
mother, Mrs. Lillian Martin - Mrs. Martin was also the widow of the late Firefighter Herbert Martin

William Dunn, a 31-Year-Veteran of the FDNY, Dies at 78

NY Daily News - March 02, 2013

by Joe Kemp

William Dunn, a retired firefighter who served 31 years with the FDNY, passed away in his
Staten Island home on Wednesday. He was 78.

Dunn, who was born in Cambridge, Mass., moved to the Oakwood section of Staten Island
when he was 8 years old. *(from Chief of Operations G. Mahoney: He lived on Leonard Avenue.
One night many years ago, DFC G. Mahoney, Bob (Beefcakes) Morrissey, (father of DFC M.
Morrisey) and a few other buffs visited him at 114 Truck in Brooklyn. It was quite the sight. They
hadn't seen each other since they were little kids!)*

An avid sportsman, Dunn played baseball and football while he attended New Dorp High School. Soon after he graduated, he served as a petty officer first class with the U.S. Navy during the Korean War from 1952 to 1956.

Dunn returned home and joined the NYPD, where he worked out of a Harlem precinct until he transferred to the FDNY in 1960. "That became his second family," said his son, FDNY Capt. Michael Dunn, 46.

William Dunn was with the FDNY for more than 16 years when he was promoted to lieutenant in 1973 and assigned to Ladder Co. 114 in Sunset Park, Brooklyn — where his son is now stationed. "I got some big shoes to fill," said Michael Dunn, a 20-year veteran. "It's been great, though. It's a tribute to him and all the guys in Ladder 114."

His father is most remembered for the traditions he founded during his 18 years at the firehouse — which he helped dub "Tally Ho" — before he retired in 1991. Some of the customs include saying grace before every meal and singing the Irish ballad, "Four Green Fields," at every ceremony. "He was a big part of making that happen," said his son. "They still carry on today."

During his storied career, William Dunn — a married father of four — also remained active in youth sports, winning several awards for his involvement with children's athletic teams on Staten Island. "If I could live half his life, I'd be a happy man," his son said.

Independence Day – Most people think of "July 4th" as a day with fireworks, parades, barbecues, swimming pools, carnivals, fairs, picnics and concerts. Let's take a moment during all the "fun" to remember why we call the day "Independence Day". We should celebrate the history, and traditions of the United States by honoring those brave "future" Americans that had the courage to risk all they had to stand up to a government that they felt did not represent them.



Quotes

"It takes many good deeds to build a good reputation, and only one bad one to lose it."
– Benjamin Franklin

"A man's country is not a certain area of land, of mountains, rivers, and woods, but it is a principle; and patriotism is loyalty to that principle." - George Curtis

Stats and Fires

FY 2012/2013 Incident Totals												
	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12	Nov-12	Dec-12	SBTTL	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13	TOTAL
Responses	2511	2689	2883	2440	2551	13074	2593	2263	2353	2306	2617	25206
Incidents	1077	1123	1270	1067	1046	5583	1079	995	1036	1077	1152	10922
Division 1 incidents	582	606	686	598	586	3058	572	527	601	622	667	6047
Division 2 incidents	495	517	584	469	460	2525	507	468	435	455	485	4875
Building fires	5	9	10	4	4	32	8	7	5	5	7	64
Inside fires	49	80	90	77	77	373	69	65	91	66	56	720
All fires	55	86	99	83	82	405	72	74	100	95	87	833
EMS	485	484	532	439	505	2445	506	462	497	453	503	4866
Elevator Rescue	10	12	9	30	8	69	4	15	6	10	8	112
Hazardous materials	14	21	26	16	20	97	13	20	7	16	21	174
CO emerg	4	7	10	8	5	34	4	8	3	3	5	57
Electrical hazards	19	46	74	29	24	192	37	19	29	28	26	331
Malicious false	27	22	20	9	13	91	16	5	12	12	19	155
Malfunction	123	137	122	112	75	569	97	93	84	79	92	1014
Unintentional	143	111	129	120	132	635	134	125	93	94	113	1194
Bomb threats/susp	4	9	9	9	3	34	3	2	5	127	84	255
Bomb/expl removal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Structure collapse	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	4
Total Multiple Alarms	1			1		2					1	3
2nd Alarms				1		1					1	2
3rd Alarms	1					1						1
4th Alarms						0						
5th Alarms						0						
Working Fires	1					1		1	1	1		4
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Resignation

General Order No. 15, Series of 2013

Firefighter Martin Townsend resigned from the Cambridge Fire Department, effective 0700 hours June 5, 2013.

FY 2012/2013 RUN TOTALS

	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12	Nov-12	Dec-12	SBTTL	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13	TOTAL
Engine 1	176	229	245	192	219	1061	202	215	213	225	219	2135
Engine 2	259	249	274	250	237	1269	263	227	276	213	254	2502
Engine 3	120	117	148	118	127	630	114	116	121	112	123	1216
Engine 4	124	128	133	90	115	590	149	119	118	87	136	1199
Engine 5	131	168	158	140	145	742	120	94	121	112	124	1313
Engine 6	120	122	110	108	105	565	109	78	100	92	83	1027
Engine 8	99	112	115	92	81	499	109	76	77	69	98	928
Engine 9	83	78	104	84	91	440	90	74	66	70	75	815
Truck 1	159	200	202	163	170	894	168	158	133	126	140	1619
Truck 2	74	82	109	95	101	461	86	85	82	68	86	868
Truck 3	196	184	169	167	166	882	197	161	166	132	158	1696
Truck 4	130	143	156	137	110	676	135	123	110	109	135	1288
Rescue 1	183	204	215	171	214	987	190	172	146	197	206	1898
Squad 2	252	239	273	263	269	1296	258	216	265	245	278	2558
Squad 4	130	163	161	124	151	729	160	124	143	123	168	1447
Division 1	124	133	144	116	137	654	127	114	124	159	167	1345
Division 2	108	119	139	85	86	537	98	88	65	138	124	1050
HazMat 1	0	3	0	1	3	7	1	1	1	10	3	23
Spec & HQ Units	24	9	21	21	7	82	12	10	13	12	30	159
Mutual Aid Units	19	7	7	23	17	73	5	12	13	7	10	120
TOTAL	2511	2689	2883	2440	2551	13074	2593	2263	2353	2306	2617	25206

Note: For the first time in recent memory, Engine 2 was no longer the busiest engine company. During the month of April, Engine Co. No. 1 surpassed Engine 2's run totals.

Cambridge Fire Auxiliary

We were unable to get any Bio's from our Cambridge Auxiliary Fire Department members for this issue, so stay tuned to the next issue where we hope to continue that feature.

It has also been brought up that when we are done with meeting our current Auxiliary Department members, that we share a "Where are they now?" segment. Many Cambridge Auxiliary members either joined the Cambridge Department, went on to serve with other fire departments in many capacities or somehow still involved in the fire service!

Retirements

General Order No. 5, Series of 2013

Effective March 24, 2013 at 0700 hours, **Firefighter Daniel J. Maloney** retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Firefighter Daniel Maloney was appointed on August 13, 1972.

August 13, 1972	Engine Company No. 1
January 27, 1974	Rescue Company No. 1
December 5, 1976	Engine Company No. 3
April 27, 1980	Ladder Company No. 3
January 18, 1998	Engine Company No. 9
August 23, 1998	Aide to Deputy Fire Chief

Firefighter Maloney has faithfully served the citizens of Cambridge. We wish Firefighter Maloney much happiness and good health in his retirement.

Firefighters on Probation

General Order No. 12, Series of 2013

Effective Sunday, June 2, 2013 at 0700 hours, the following members are appointed as Firefighters-on-Probation to the Cambridge Fire Department:

FFOP Reed M. Frailey to Rescue Company No. 1
FFOP Matthew B. F. Davison to Engine Company No. 2
FFOP Kyle J. McLaughlin to Engine Company No. 2
FFOP Jeremy N. Marrache to Engine Company No. 1
FFOP Kevin J. O'Boyle to Engine Company No. 5
FFOP Charles M. Stewart to Ladder Company No. 3
FFOP Derek J. O'Leary to Engine Company No. 5
FFOP Edward B. Morrissey III to Ladder Company No. 3

They will report to the Training Division at 0800 hours on Monday June 3, 2013 for two weeks of orientation. Company assignments will be effective at 0700 hours Sunday June 16, 2013.

Transfers

General Order No. 6, Series of 2013

Effective Sunday, March 24, 2013 at 0700 hours:

Firefighter Francis M. O'Grady from Ladder Company No. 2 to Aide to Division 1, Group 3

Firefighter John W. Hathaway from Engine Company No. 5 to Ladder Company No. 2

Firefighter Stephan B. Jeffres from Engine Company No. 4 to Headquarters

General Order No. 13, Series of 2013

Effective Sunday, June 16, 2013 at 0700 hours:

Firefighter Pedro Gonzalez from Engine Co. No. 1 to Fire Prevention
Firefighter Todd Koen from Engine Co. No. 1 to Ladder Co. No. 1
Firefighter Edwin Cruz from Engine Co. No. 2 to Engine Co. No. 4
Firefighter Clemente Pinto from Engine Co. No. 5 to Engine Co. No. 9
Firefighter Sam Coleman Jr. from Ladder Co. No. 3 to Ladder Co. No. 2
Firefighter Ian Moynihan from Ladder Co. No. 3 to Squad No. 2
Firefighter Brian Peebles from Rescue Co. No. 1 to Engine Co. No. 1
Firefighter Jay Martel from Squad No. 2 to Ladder Co. No. 3

Congratulations

Congratulations to John and **Nicole Signoretti (Rescue Co. 1)** on the birth of their son Matthew Joseph Signoretti on May 5, 2013. Matthew joins his big sister.

Congratulations to **Lieutenant Kevin Mercer (Engine Co. 6)** and his wife on the birth of their daughter

Congratulations to **Firefighter Reneau Cherant (Squad 4)** and several other members of Professional Ambulance, who traveled to Haiti recently as a part of the METI Project. The METI Project is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote sustainability in healthcare through medical education, training, and improved infrastructure in under-served areas of the world. Launched in 2013 by Professional Ambulance (Pro EMS) and Pro EMS Center for MEDICS, The METI Project's first initiative addresses critical medical needs in Haiti, one of the world's poorest countries. (reprinted from www.metiproject.org).

JOB WELL DONE!



Photo Courtesy of Danielle Thomas

L-R is Professional Ambulance paramedic Jeremy Gartland, Paramedic Carl Rabickow and **FF Renau Cherant (Squad No. 4)**

Commendation

General Order No. 9, Series of 2013

Re: Commendation

On the afternoon of April 15, 2013 the City of Boston, the region and the nation came under attack when two terrorists allegedly detonated two separate bombs on Boylston Street in the Back Bay adjacent to the finish line of the 117th Boston Marathon.

Ultimately, three innocent bystanders were killed in the attacks that also left several hundred people wounded, many of them critically injured.

For several years, Firefighter Todd Koen, Engine Company 1 has led a cadre of volunteers working in various security posts in the vicinity of the finish line.

This year was no different, and he was accompanied by several Cambridge Fire Department members.

Upon detonation of the first bomb, these members relied on their training, experience and courage to assist the injured and prevent further harm. With total disregard for their own safety, they rushed into the crowd along Boylston Street where hundreds lay injured and rendered immediate first aid.

It is important to remember they were in a volunteer role with no emergency medical equipment at their disposal initially.

The following members are hereby commended for their bravery. Their actions were in the highest traditions of the Cambridge Fire Department and fire service.

Lt. Michael Francis	Engine Co. No. 1
Lt. Chris Haynes	Rescue Co. No. 1
FF Todd Koen	Engine Co. No. 1
FF David Croak	Rescue Co. No. 1
FF David Puopolo	Rescue Co. No. 1
FF Peter Melo	Rescue Co. No. 1
FF Matthew McDonald	Rescue Co. No. 1
FF Darryn Degrace	Engine Co. No. 1
FF Howard Smith	Ladder Co. No. 1
FF Richard Feliciano	Ladder Co. No. 2

Safety

Our personal protective clothing has come a long way since $\frac{3}{4}$ boots and flannel lined coats. However, there are always areas that need improvement. For the last few years, our SCBA masks have been scrutinized and found that the ...polycarbonate plastic is one of the weakest components of a firefighter's ensemble and that a high temperature environment encountered on the fire ground could result in the thermal degradation or melting of an SCBA face piece lens." (Fire Chief Magazine, Sept. 2012). For those that thought our masks were made of a special, high temperature plastic – **it is not.**

Immediate research and design has begun by the industries to manufacture a product that will improve the design and service life of the existing SCBA masks. Until that time, continue to wear ALL of our PPE and observe the conditions around you on the fire scene.

If the lens on your personal SCBA mask shows any signs of unusual wear such as cracks, crazing, bubbling, deformation, discoloring, gaps or hole on the lens itself, please notify your superior officer.

Also remember that the fire load in most of our modern structures has increased due to the extensive use of plastics. Plastics give off roughly 1/3 more BTU's than wood as well as produce 500 times more smoke (which is unburned fuel!) Leaving any skin exposed (ie, ears) "like we used to do" is not only impractical but unsafe.



Photo by Joe Morrissey

Letters

The following letter was received on January 28, 2013:

Dear Chief Engineer Reardon,

Please allow me to say "Thank You" for your department's exemplary service regarding a very tragic accident on Monday, January 18th at our garage, located at 45 Mooney Street in Cambridge. We at C.J. Mabardy, Inc. certainly appreciate the actions and help your fellow firemen administered to our very seriously injured employee.

Both Cambridge's Police and Fire officers were most professional and acted in a swift and knowledgeable manner. Unfortunately, our mechanic passed away, due to the severity of his injuries. However, your firemen's actions under the circumstances remain most commendable.

Kindest regards and thank you again,

Charles J. Mabardy
President, C.J. Mabardy, General Contractor

Note: This incident actually took place on January 21, 2013. Engine 9, Ladder 4, Rescue 1, Tactical Rescue, Squad 4 and Division 2 responded to an employee caught under a piece of heavy construction equipment.



Photo by Joe Morrissey

Future Firefighter Connor Gover, **son of DFC B. Gover** at a training session held last year



City of Cambridge

R-31.

IN CITY COUNCIL
February 11, 2013

MAYOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR REEVES
VICE MAYOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

WHEREAS: On Saturday, February 2, 2013, the Cambridge Fire and Police Departments responded to a fire on Pearl Street and were able to save a one-of-a-kind handmade harpsichord and other instruments; now therefore be it

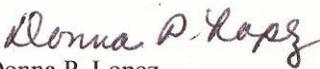
RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record as thanking the Cambridge Fire and Police Departments for their rapid response and diligence at the recent fire on Pearl Street; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to the Cambridge Police Department and Cambridge Fire Department on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council February 11, 2013.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- Donna P. Lopez, Interim City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-


Donna P. Lopez
Interim City Clerk





City of Cambridge

R-104.

IN CITY COUNCIL
September 10, 2012

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG
MAYOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR REEVES
VICE MAYOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

WHEREAS: On August 23, 2012 an early morning fire ripped through a Cambridge triple-decker on Columbia streets; and

WHEREAS: Thanks to the fast response of Cambridge Emergency Communications and the Cambridge Fire Department the fire was contained and all residents made it to safety; and

WHEREAS: The fire impacted 12 people but thanks to the Red Cross all residents were given proper care during the tragedy; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record thanking the Cambridge Fire Department, Cambridge Emergency Communications, and the Red Cross for their quick response and service to the victims of the fire and wish a speedy recovery to the Fire Fighters that were injured in the fire; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Cambridge Fire Department, Cambridge Emergency Communication, and the Red Cross on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Of Interest...

How familiar are you with your response district? Are you getting out and checking out new and old construction? Are you familiar with the layout of any larger buildings in your area?

How many people were familiar enough with the Charles Square Hotel to know that there is an indoor swimming pool on the second floor? The following two images show it clearly.



Photo courtesy of Google Maps

Slightly different view from the roof of the hotel



Photo by H. Smith

From the Tailboard...



Anyone have a fire extinguisher?

This just in! Just as the issue “was going to press,” we received a photo of the new Engine 2 off the assembly line at Pierce.



Photo courtesy of Captain Ikels

Information

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

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/>

Visit the Cambridge Retirement Board website at <http://www.cambridgeretirementma.gov/index.asp>

**REMEMBER THE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN OUR ARMED
SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.
THEY ARE PROTECTING OUR COUNTRY, OUR LIBERTY, AND OUR
FREEDOM.
THANK OUR VETERANS!**



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