



The Company Journal
and "The Feederline"

Fire Department News
Cambridge, Massachusetts
A Class 1 Fire Department

From the desk of
Chief Gerald R. Reardon

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What's New

The new pumper built for Engine 3 is nearly finished at Minuteman Trucks in Walpole, MA – the regional Pierce dealership. It has been back and forth to Pierce for several modifications.



The Rescue is still being constructed as seen in these photos courtesy of Minuteman Trucks in Walpole, MA. The cab and chassis are nearly complete.



Rescue body is being built separately.



Front Office - We are pleased to announce that retired **Chief of Operations John J. Gelinas; Retired** will be returning to the Cambridge Fire Department.

Chief Gelinas will be working part-time to assist with a variety of projects and tasks including but not limited to the following:

- Coordinate the distribution of assorted fire department communications across social media platforms.
- Coordinate fire department data records
- Assist with the transition and implementation of EnerGov platforms for fire department needs.
- Assisting with fire department recruitment initiatives.

New Hires – The Department has added many new firefighter (FFOP) positions over the last several months. Some FFOP's have come from other departments and are already in the companies. Several more are currently going through separate classes at the Mass. Fire Academy Recruit Program. If you see an unfamiliar face, be sure to introduce yourself and say hello!

Company Journal Content – We have a very full Company Journal this issue – which is great! Several contributions (articles) from several members as well as photos submitted of recent events, people and places. Keep sending in that material!!! Thank you very much to those that took the time to contribute to their department's newsletter.

All Companies Working

March 22, 2016 – Motor Vehicle Fire, Coolidge Ave – Companies responded to a fully involved vehicle on Coolidge Ave. It was believed to be related to a shooting incident earlier in the evening in the vicinity of the Mt. Auburn Hospital.

March 24, 2016 – Unusual Incident, Mass Ave & Chauncy St - Ladder 1 came across a road rage incident involving an assaulted bicyclist. Members cared for the patient and kept the peace until police arrived.

March 24, 2016 – Tech Rescue, 131 Harvard St - An Everett police officer called in a collapse at a construction site with 2 workers injured. Companies extricated the two workers from the 2nd Floor. Both were transported by ALS to Mass General. 3 Engines, 2 Trucks, 2 Squads, Rescue 1 & Division 1 operated on scene.

March 26, 2016 – 1 Alarm fire, 83 Auburn Park, Box 347 – ECD received a call for a fire in a rear bedroom. CFD arrived with smoke showing from a 2.5 story wood-frame. Electrical appliance on a bureau was the cause of the fire.

March 30, 2016 – 1 Alarm fire, 92 Kirkland Street, Box 61 – an employee opening Savenor's Market reported an electrical fire in the rear kitchen. Engine 4 enroute to training arrived within minutes and reported an extinguished fire.



Photo provided

Engine 4 enroute to training and already on the road, arrived within minutes finding a convenient hydrant right in front, utilizing their front suction.

March 30, 2016 – Mutual Aid, Waltham, 2nd Alarm, 12 Rumford Ave. Box 156 – Engine 9, Ladder 1, Squad 2 and Division 1 responded to the fire. While enroute, Ladder 1 and Engine 9 redirected to cover assignments. Squad 2 and Division 1 returned.

April 7, 2016 – Medical, Third Street @ Charles Street – Engine 3, Squad 2 and Division 1 responded to a medical emergency that they quickly learned was a person who attempted to shoot another and then turned the gun on himself. The original victim survived and the gunman died of his self-inflicted wounds.

April 8, 2016 – 1 Alarm Fire, 62 Fayerweather Street, Box 84 – front porch fire, did not extend to structure

April 8, 2016 – Water Rescue, Mass. Ave Bridge – jumper on bridge, MSP took person into their boat.

April 9, 2016, Police Assist, 65 Mt. Auburn Street – Ladder 1 called to assist CPD with a youth on the roof.

April 18, 2016 – Mutual Aid, Watertown, 2nd Alarm, 85 Walnut Street – Engine 9, Squad 4 and Division 2 responded to the fire. Ladder 1 had the cover assignment in Watertown during a fire in a commercial building.

April 18, 2016 – 1 Alarm Fire, 345 Huron Ave, Box 84 – Engine 9 smoke showing. Call received for a fire on a second floor porch. Fire was contained within a storage locker and did not extend into the structure.

April 19, 2016 – Pedestrian Accident, Land Blvd @ First Street – Engine 3 and Engine 1 (ALS) responded to a child that was struck by a car.

April 23, 2016 – Working Fire, 160 Alewife Brook Parkway, Box 891 – An outside transformer at the rear of a shopping center caught fire and produced heavy fire and smoke. No extension into the interior of the building.



Photo courtesy FF E. Morrissey

May 1, 2016 – Childbirth, Howard Street – Engine 6, Squad 2 and Professional ambulance responded to Howard Street for a childbirth. Mother and daughter were just fine.

May 3, 2016 – Mutual Aid, Newton – Marine 1 (manned by Engine 4 and Squad 4 personnel) responded to Newton to assist with two boats on fire. They used foam to extinguish hot spots as well as deploying booms for environmental protection.

May 5, 2016 – Mutual Aid, Somerville, 24 Rush Street, 4 Alarms – Engine 4, Squad 4, Division 1 to the fire. Fire in a 2.5 story building fully involved spread to several exposures.

May 9, 2016 – Mutual Aid, Somerville, W/F, 65 Central Street – Engine 5 and Ladder 1 covered in Teele Square during Somerville's working fire at their Box 422.



Photo credit Michelle Sullivan

L-R DFC Ed Morrissey; Division 1, Somerville District Chief Frank Lee, Somerville Chief of Department Patrick Sullivan after the work was complete at the 4 alarm fire at 24 Rush Street, Somerville on May 5, 2016. The look on Deputy Morrissey's face is suspect. We hope Chief Lee still had his wallet going off duty.

May 11, 2016 – Bicycle Accident, Memorial Drive @ Brookline Street – two bicyclists collided with one bicyclist losing consciousness. Both were transported to Beth Israel, one with serious injuries.

May 12, 2016 – Pedestrian Accident, Mass Ave @ Sidney Street – pedestrian struck by a tractor trailer truck.

May 12, 2016 – Water Incident, Charles River @ BU Bridge – Cambridge units and Marine 1 initiated a water rescue for a suspect that fled from police in Boston and tried to flee by swimming across the river. The Mass. State Police marine unit was able to locate and detain the suspect.

May 17, 2016 – Water Incident, Charles River @ Weeks Footbridge – Reports of a jumper off the bridge. A male victim died in an apparent suicide attempt.

May 18, 2016 – 1 Alarm Fire, 434 Mass. Ave, Box 31 – fire on a roof deck of a building, believe to be smoking materials left in a flower pot.

May 21, 2016 – Mutual Aid, Somerville, 50 Bow Street – Engine 5 and Ladder 1 covered in Teele Square for a fire at 50 Bow Street.

Thank you to **Lt. Chuck Lowe; Engine 1** for sending in Group 4 Incidents. We are looking for volunteers from Group 1 and Group 3 that can forward notable incidents along on a weekly basis.



Photo by FF P Melo

Photo by **FF Peter Melo** of a tech rescue on Harvard Street back in March, where several injured workers had to be removed from the second floor of a building under construction where a collapse occurred.

Retirees

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. 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?

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

Please send all info to FF Howie Smith at hsmith@cambridgefire.org, or if you aren't computer savvy, mail:

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489 Broadway
Cambridge, MA 02138
c/o FF Howie Smith, Engine 6, Group 3

Out and About



Photo courtesy of Capt. Jeremy Walsh; Training

Tactical medics working the Boston Marathon in April 2016. L-R, **Jose Lora, Capt. Jeremy Walsh, FF Eric Moore, Capt. Jim Gomes, Lt. Scott Volz and FF Jeff McGourty**



Photo DFC J Gelinas

Odin Prudente, grandson of **Chief of Operations J. Gelinas; Retired**, on a recent visit to Engine 5 in March 2016. It won't be too much longer before Odin is doing housework!



Photo Courtesy J Gelinas

FFOPs Moore, Collar, and Bennett



Photo courtesy J Gelinas

FFOPs Gutoski, Kennedy, Cahill, and Moyer



Photo credit Maureen Souza

Cambridge Fire Fighters/ United States Marines **FF Ken Souza, Rescue 1; Retired** and **FF Charlie Babineau; Engine 4** enjoy a drink in North Carolina while welcoming home their children Leslie and Scott from their deployment with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit/ Operation Inherent Resolve.



Photo provided

Petty officer third class Electricians mate, Patrick Morrissey (second from left), son of **Captain Robert Morrissey; Engine Co. No. 4** dressed for inspection. Patrick is serving aboard the USS Shiloh, a guided missile ship named in remembrance for the Battle of Shiloh in the Civil War.



Photo credit FF Bill Barry; Engine 4

L-R FF Renrick Clarke and LT Mike Donovan from Engine Co. No. 4 out hydrant testing. Hydrant testing for the Engine Companies commenced in early May and will run through late June. Its important to test them before you need them!

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Guns N Hoses Hockey Game

Brothers and Sisters,thank you to everyone who came out to support the annual Cambridge Guns N' Hoses MDA Hockey Game on March 19, 2016! Despite a few issues and the Police miraculously winning the game, overall it was a successful event. I'm happy to announce that **we raised \$7,263 for the MDA**. Special thanks to MDA Reps Vanessa and Bill for helping at the door, **Joe Pinto** and Lamacchia Realty for sponsoring the event, and especially our VIP MDA Guests Joe Miller, Emma Russell, and Paul Oppedisano.

I would also like to thank **Chief Gerry Reardon** for attending and showing his continued support, Assistant Chief Paul Sheehan for being the Master of Ceremonies, my father **Bill Hugh** for going around to all of the firehouses selling raffle tickets, Honor Guard members **Tim Norton and Blake Crist** (along with 2 CPD members), Rick Gnerre of DPW for singing the National Anthem, Nicole Moustafa and Michelle Cataldo for selling the 50/50 raffles during the game, Dave Vigilante for all of his help before and during the event, our scorekeeper Rich Gerokoulis and son Richie Jr, referee Frank Connelly, the Galleria Mall, Professional Ambulance, Cambridge Firefighters Federal Credit Union, all of the local establishments who donated food or gift cards, and the Polish American Club for their continued hospitality with our annual events.

Congratulations to **Ryan Meehan (L1/G1)** on winning the Grand Prize Raffle!

For those interested in purchasing a collectible MDA Guns N' Hoses 16oz pint glass, please contact me as soon as possible . The price is 1 glass for \$8 ~ 2 for \$15 (while supplies last). All proceeds go to the MDA

MDA Golf Outing –

**Wednesday August 17, 2016
Wayland Country Club**



Foursome / Scramble

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

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

** 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Teams * Longest Drive * Closest To The Pin **

** Raffle Prizes will also be available **

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

Entry fees must be paid in full NO LATER than 7/20/16

Accepted payments: Cash, Check, Credit Card (secured via PayPal), and

The Cambridge Firefighters Federal Credit Union (for Members only)

For more information, please contact Lt. Brandon Hugh Engine 5

Deputy Chiefs Exam – Good luck to all those that took the Promotional Exam for Deputy Fire Chief on Saturday, May 21, 2016!

Member Profile - FFOP Zachary Bennett



Photo Credit Bruce Gauvin, Mass Fire Academy

FFOP Zachary Bennett was appointed to the Cambridge Fire Department on 13 Mar 2016. He graduated from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Recruit Training Class 243 on 20 May 2016. His leadership skills readily apparent, he was chosen as class spokesperson for his recruit training class and in that role helped to motivate the class. He also delivered the class graduation speech. Zachary has been assigned to Engine 2, Group 3 and he is looking forward to working on the busiest company in Cambridge, one of the busiest fire companies in the Boston Metro Fire district.

He was attracted to and likes the job because of its similarity to the military, its service oriented theme, and because it attracts the same types of personalities as the military. "The folks of the Cambridge Fire Department are excited about what they do. They are not showing up to work just to earn a paycheck or be part of a certain lifestyle. They take it for the job they are doing and the difference they are making in people's lives."

Zach is also taking the job because of his family tradition. His father **Barry Bennett**, a well-respected Cambridge fire captain, died in the line of duty in 2003. His brother, Chris (who is deceased), was a member of the Stow Fire Department. He also has a brother, **Andrew**. His mother, **Jane**, is also excited about Zach's chosen career.

In his military life, Zachary Bennett is a Captain in the United States Marine Corps Reserve, soon to be promoted to Major. Currently he is the commanding officer of "Bravo" Company, 1st Battalion, 25th Marines based in Londonderry, NH. He was on active duty from 2006 thru 2014 and was deployed to numerous locations around the world, including Guam, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Djibouti, Australia, and twice to Afghanistan. In Afghanistan, he served as a rifle platoon commander, both CO and XO.

The City of Cambridge is fortunate to have men and women such as Zach join the ranks of Cambridge Firefighters. When you see Zach in the firehouse or on the street, welcome him aboard.



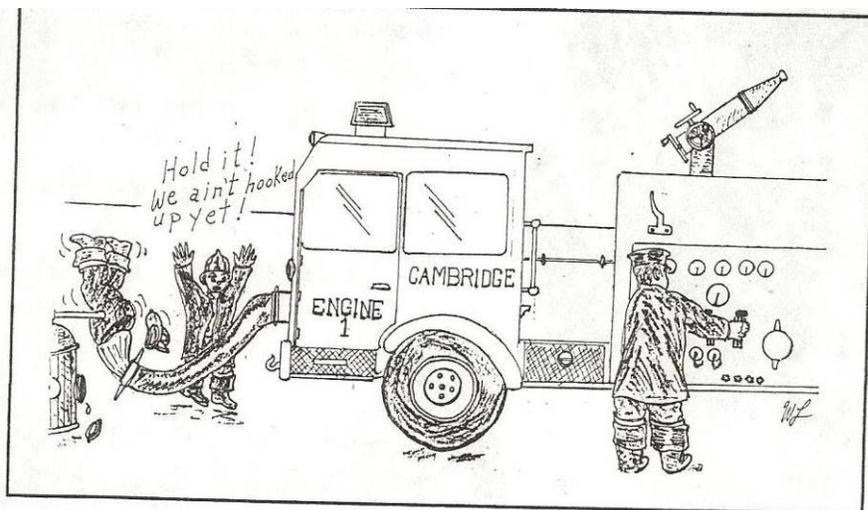
From the Archives



Photo Courtesy of Lt. David Pierce FIU

Ladder Company 2 – L-R, **FF David Pierce**, **LT. Robert Fitzgerald**, **FF Edward Morrissey** & **FF Fred Sage**. Photo taken in February 1985 at 130 Gore Street. At the time, Ladder 2 was a 1979 International tractor to a refurbished 1959 Pirsch aerial trailer. Thanks to DFC Ed Morrissey for the information and Lt. Dave Pierce for the photo.

Below cartoon reprinted from the **September/October 1995 Issue of "The Feederline, Vol. 2, Issue 3"** that was drawn by the **late Lt. Walter Long**.



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Walter Long
Rescue 1, retired

REPRINTED from "**The Feeder Line, Volume 2, Issue # 1 – June 1995**": April 17, 1995 was a busy day for the members working. Two multiple alarm fires in 7 hours.

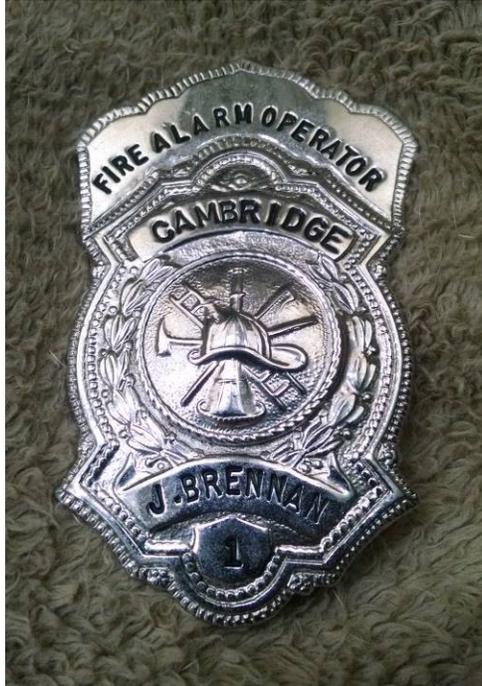
April 17, 1995 @ 1314 hours, Box 3211 was struck for abuilding fire at 286-298 Albany Street. Six engines, 3 trucks, Rescue 1 and 2 Division Chiefs operated on this fire in discarded tires which had extended to a 1 story brick and wood warehouse type building. A 2nd alarm was transmitted.

April 17, 1995 @ 2039 hours, Box 41 was struck for 1297-1309 Cambridge Street, Inman Square. Nine engines, 6 trucks, Rescue 1 and 2 Division Chiefs and numerous staff and support responded to the fire in the cellar and floor 1 of a taxpayer.

Almost a year later in May 1996, another "two-fer" - (20 years ago to make those that were at these fires feel old!)

May 7, 1996 @ 1407 hours, a 3rd alarm for 48 Brattle Street for a smoky fire in a sub-basement containing wicker furniture. Difficult access and lack of ventilation made this a tough fire to knock down. *An unusual twist to this fire was that upon entering a manhole in front of the fire building to cut electric service to the building, a ComElectric employee discovered a stash of US currency in the manhole.*

May 7, 1996 @ 2249 hours, a late night fire went to a Working Fire level at Box 361 for 109 Pleasant Street with fire showing from the basement windows on arrival.



Badge (pictured above) belonged to longtime **FAO John “Box” Brennan**, Badge # 1

Born August 5, 1921
Retired March 5, 1993
Deceased February 4, 2001

John served in the Navy during World War II and saw action in the Pacific & personally viewed the signing of the Japanese Instrument of Surrender from the upper deck of his ship - the USS Missouri.

Before joining the Cambridge FAO on November 12, 1973, he worked in Belmont Fire Alarm for 2 years.

John earned the nickname “ Box Brennan” for dispatching several noted fires, including the Bishop Allen Drive Bowling Alley, Lechmere Wines, Tyler Court – Fawcett Oil, Legal Seafood (Inman Square), Helco Electric and Savenor’s Market. He was always proud of the fact that he dispatched 6 engines and 2 ladders from Cambridge to the Lynn Conflagration in 1981. (Info reprinted from Feederline Issue #48)



Photo courtesy of Charlie Breen, Somerville FD

New apparatus in 1962 perform a demonstration in front of Memorial Hall. New apparatus in 1962 were Pirsch apparatus for Engine 6, Engine 8. Ladder 2 and Ladder 3, A few years prior in 1956 was the devastating fire at Memorial Hall that almost cost some Cambridge FF's their lives. Thanks to DFC Ed Morrissey for photo and information.

Through the Lantern Lens



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by Mose Humphrey

Have you ever heard of **Interstate 695** in Massachusetts? Interstate 695 was a failed proposed project from 1948-1955 that consisted of an 8 lane interstate highway that was supposed to connect Route 93 to Route 95. If completed, it would have run through parts of Boston, Brookline, Cambridge and Somerville.

The route would have consisted of:

- Connection with Interstate 93 in Charlestown at Yard 8, what is now Inner Belt Road, Somerville
- Paralleling Washington Street, Somerville
- Connection with Northwest Expressway/U.S. 3/MA 2 (unbuilt) in Union Square, Somerville
- Along Elm Street past Inman Square
- Past Central Square, Cambridge through Cambridgeport paralleling Brookline Street
- Crossing the Charles River at the Boston University Bridge, replacing the local street bridge with a two-level local and elevated highway bridge, or bypassing the bridge with a tunnel
- Connection with the Western Expressway (Massachusetts Turnpike) near the Charles River
- Running under the Back Bay Fens along the Fenway or Park Drive
- Connection with the Southwest Expressway (unbuilt)
- Running via what later became Melnea Cass Boulevard
- Connection with the Southeast Expressway via what is now the Mass Ave connector

The project was canceled in 1971 after intense protests organized by community activists, and following Gov. Francis Sargent's 1970 moratorium on highway construction inside Route 128. It would have displaced some 7,000 people from their homes and created what opponents at the time called a "Chinese wall" dividing long established neighborhoods, and would have gutted large parts of the city of Cambridge and the Boston neighborhood of Roxbury. There was also speculation that the construction of the Inner Belt would essentially bypass downtown Boston completely, resulting in economic stagnation in a city that was already having considerable financial problems. It was one of the first large highway projects to be blocked by local opposition. Unresolved traffic problems resulting from the cancellation were among the factors eventually leading to Boston's Big Dig highway project, decades later.

The Northwest Expressway was to carry Routes 2 and 3 along a four-lane highway from the north-west (the current outer intersection of U.S. 3 and Route 128 in Burlington) via Cambridge to connect with the Inner Belt in Union Square, Somerville. Instead, the Route 2 highway was never re-routed to the Fitchburg Line right of way, and alternately now terminates along the right of way of the old Concord Turnpike (Route 2). That intersection left the highway terminating at a traffic circle in northwest Cambridge, where it intersected Route 16. In the 1980s, the rotary was replaced by a traffic light and the highway was connected to the park-and-ride garage at the Alewife station on the newly extended Red Line.

An outer belt, Interstate 495, was eventually completed around Greater Boston. An industrial park in Somerville, built on the remnants of the B&M's Yard 8, near the intended northern terminus of the highway is built around a street known as "Inner Belt Road".

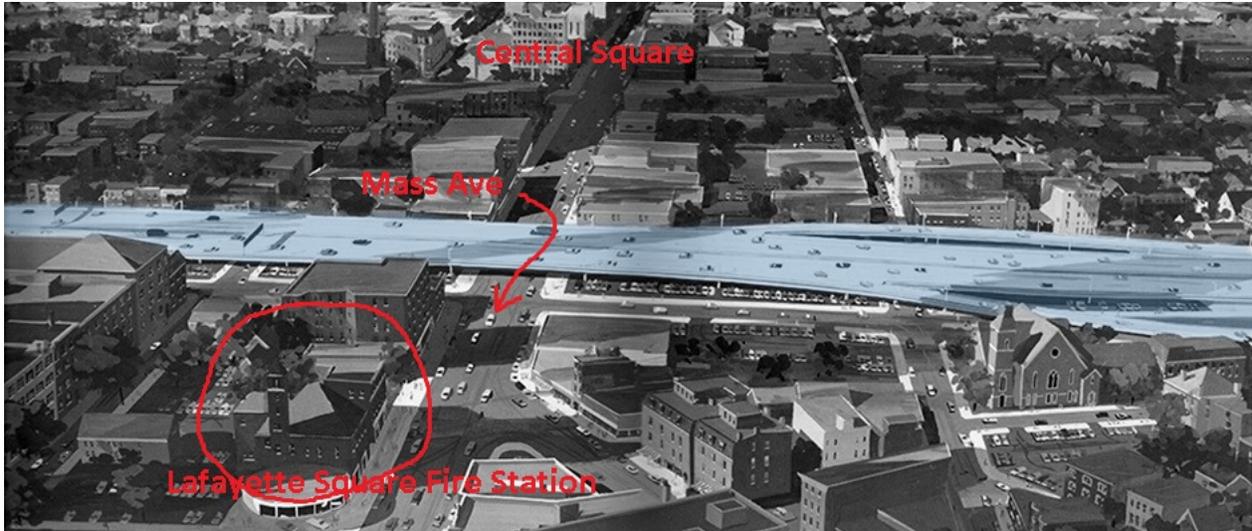


Photo courtesy of Cambridge Historical Society

Above (and edited) photo shows the proposed route through the middle of Central Square!

Signal 10-15

Special Signal 10-15 The Chief of Department regrets to announce the death of **Fire Lieutenant Barry S. Lynde; Fire Prevention Bureau-Retired** in May 2016.

Interment was private. Lt. Lynde was appointed to the department January 16, 1977
He retired February 10, 2003. He was a Veteran of the United States Army

Condolences to:

Firefighter Paul W. Gallagher; Engine Co. 4, on the passing of his brother,
Henry "Chip" Gallagher in April 2016. Funeral Services will be held in Alaska

Lt. Brandon Hugh; Engine Co. 5, on the passing of his Grandmother,
Mrs. Dolores Enos

Assistant Chief Paul Sheehan, on the passing of his Mother-In-Law,
Mrs. Alice Lynch

Firefighter R. Nicholas Menard; Squad Co. 2, on the passing of his Father,
Mr. Ronald N. Menard

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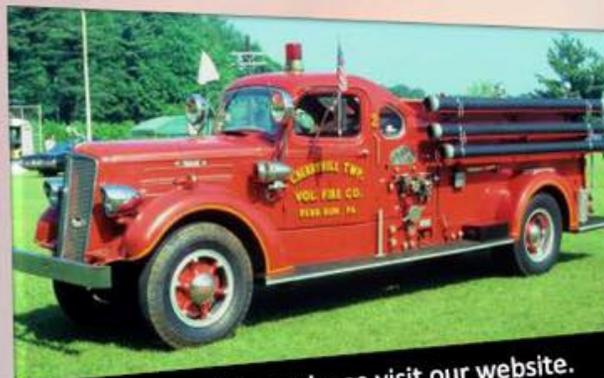
Saturday, June 11, 2016

*10am - 2pm **

MUSTER SITE: Edgewater Office Park
Audubon Road, Wakefield, MA

**Parade starts at 10am from
Lynnfield High School, Essex Street.*

Dogs, bikes,
rollerblades or
skateboards
are NOT permitted
on the Muster Site



If you would like to enter a truck for the parade and show please visit our website.

massmafaa.com

Stats and Fires

Much appreciation to **Chief of Operations J. Gelinas; Retired** for the most recent statistics!

FY 2015/2016 RUN TOTALS												
	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	SBTTL	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	TOTAL
Engine 1	206	230	213	197	174	186	1206	188	175	189	171	1929
Engine 2	312	329	312	316	259	286	1814	242	289	266	246	2857
Engine 3	142	123	161	128	128	123	805	124	149	135	132	1345
Engine 4	133	129	128	137	127	119	773	135	152	119	129	1308
Engine 5	138	153	189	160	124	161	925	143	175	163	147	1553
Engine 6	112	137	128	118	98	95	688	131	120	120	100	1159
Engine 8	86	102	116	129	100	84	617	105	97	80	92	991
Engine 9	77	87	89	101	99	78	531	96	98	90	80	895
Truck 1	165	206	165	176	146	150	1008	166	182	158	137	1651
Truck 2	104	95	124	97	69	108	597	93	131	91	108	1020
Truck 3	195	199	192	182	175	201	1144	191	195	193	139	1862
Truck 4	106	141	133	145	130	122	777	145	159	114	112	1307
Rescue 1	208	202	212	214	202	214	1252	208	169	194	217	2040
Squad 2	281	325	329	310	256	281	1782	265	247	274	284	2852
Squad 4	157	151	144	172	147	142	913	142	161	164	138	1518
Division 1	158	135	164	160	130	157	904	153	166	141	138	1502
Division 2	121	124	128	115	115	84	687	104	108	103	100	1102
HazMat 1	3	3	6	4	1	1	18	3	1	2	4	22
Spec & HQ Units	25	21	14	24	23	8	115	22	18	31	13	199
Mutual Aid Units	16	21	16	12	19	6	90	8	17	11	17	143
TOTAL	2745	2913	2963	2897	2522	2606	16646	2664	2809	2638	2504	27261

FY 2015/2016 Incident Totals												
	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	SBTL	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	TOTAL
Responses	2745	2913	2963	2897	2522	2606	16646	2664	2809	2638	2504	27261
Incidents	1228	1278	1302	1259	1133	1175	7375	1140	1213	1145	1113	11986
Division 1 incidents	727	746	787	702	619	677	4258	622	684	679	610	6853
Division 2 incidents	501	532	515	557	514	498	3117	518	529	466	503	5133
Building fires	3	5	9	7	6	3	33	8	5	5	6	57
Inside fires	56	49	68	85	80	73	411	79	63	94	81	728
All fires	70	73	87	89	85	78	482	84	67	105	103	841
EMS	526	546	542	550	471	512	3147	469	466	492	488	5062
Elevator Rescue	22	9	11	15	10	16	83	19	14	11	11	138
Hazardous materials	24	26	20	18	14	13	115	21	15	14	15	180
CO emerg	3	9	3	3	4	10	32	11	3	1	2	49
Electrical hazards	27	39	21	19	20	20	146	26	44	32	19	267
Malicious false	24	24	28	23	16	10	125	14	10	10	17	176
Malf unction	115	139	145	127	89	102	717	107	118	107	87	1136
Unintentional	99	150	140	118	123	121	751	131	121	116	89	1208
Bomb threats/susp	34	18	26	27	39	45	189	20	11	23	23	266
Bomb/expl removal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
Structure collapse	2	1	0	0	0	0	3				1	4
Total Multiple Alarms		1			1		2					2
2nd Alarms		1			1		2					2
3rd Alarms							0					0
4th Alarms							0					0
5th Alarms							0					0
9th Alarms							0					0
Working Fires				2			2		2	1	1	6
HM Lev 1 "Working"							0					0

FY 2015/2016 - Working Fires/Multiple Alarms									
Date	Box	Assignment	Address	Size-up	fire location	Response	OIC	Group	Notes
30-Aug-15	2 - 2371								
	Box @ 2024	E 5,3,2 - T 2,3 - R1 - SQ2 - D1	1 Kendall Sq. Crplx.	3 to 6 sty mill const	rest exh ductwork	7-4-1-2-2	DFC Sheehan	3	restaurant exhaust
	2nd @ 2037	E1,8,9 - T1 - SQ4 - D2	Bldg. 200						extensive run via
	Xr Eng @ 2055	E6							mult flrs and bldgs
	Xr Trk @ 2118	T4							sprklr op'd
	A/O @ 0043								
19-Oct-15	"45" - 032								
	Still @ 0837	E2 - T1 - D1	70 Pacific St.	6 sty 200 x 200	flr #5 ductwork	4-3-1-2-2	DFC White	4	
	Box @ 0849	E5,6 - T4 - R1 - SQ2	MIT NW86	residential					
	"45" @ 0913	E1 - T3 - SQ4 - D2							
	A/O @ 1025								
22-Oct-15	"45" - 289								
	Box @ 1511	E 2,5,6 - T3, 1 - R1 - SQ2 - D1	114 Columbia St.	2 1/2 sty wf	outside fire ext	4-3-1-2-2	DFC M. Morrissey	3	
	"45" @ 1516	E1 - T2 - SQ4 - D2	(cor Marvin Pl.)	45 x 25 sf dwelling	to "C" side				
	FKD @ 1522				ext walls all floors				
	A/O @ 1639			built 1873					
16-Nov-15	2 - 018								
	Box @ 1411	E3,5,2 - T2,3 - SQ4 - K1	236 Hurley St.	3 sty wf mansard		6-3-0-1-2	DFC. P. Donovan	2	
	"45" @ 1419	E6 - T4		row-house OMD					
	2nd @ 1425	E1,4 - T1 - D2		built 1915					
	FKD @ 1433								
	A/O @ 1606		Note: Div 1, R1, and SQ2 were committed to other ongoing incidents.				Eleven small animals rescued - dogs, cats, rabbits		
3-Feb-16	"45" - 215								
	Box @ 0251	E5,3,2, Som3 - T2,1 - SQ2 - R1 - D1	732 Cambridge St.	3 sty wf	comm oven ext	5-3-1-2-2	DFC E. Morrissey	1	
	"45" @ 0304	E1 - T3 - SQ4 - D2	Central Bakery	flr#1 comm	to concld spaces				
	FKD @ 0321			flrs#2 and 3 res					
	A/O @ 0610			built 1900					
21-Feb-16	"45" - 1382								
	Box @ 1634	E3,5,2 - T2,1 - R1, SQ2 - D1	100 CambridgeSide Pl.		level 3	4-3-1-2-2	DFC S. White	4	
	"45" @ 1704	E1 - T3 - SQ4 - D2	Galleria Mall		concealed space				
	FKD @ 1712				above ceiling				
	A/O @ 1825			built 1990					
4-Mar-16	"45" - 564								
	Box @ 1722	E9,8,1 - T4,1 - R1 - SQ4 - D2	2 Coolidge Av.	2 1/2 sty wf	fire in walls	4-3-1-2-2	DFC K. Jenness	2	
	"45" @ 1733	E6 - T3 - SQ2 - D1							
	FKD @ 1739								
	A/O @ 1849								
23-Apr-16	"45" - 891								
	Box @ 0621	E8,9,1 - T4,1 - R1 - SQ4 - D2	160 Alewife Bk.Pky.	outside IRO	elec xfrms and	5-3-1-2-2	DFC S. Leonard	3	
	"45" @ 0631	E4 - T3 - SQ2 - D1		2 sty shopping ma	elec equipmt				
	spec @ 0639	E3 (foam)			ext to 4 parked				
	A/O @ 1020				cars				

Don't Forget the Basics - Lieutenant Joe Fournier; Engine Co. 1

While conducting district familiarization, my crew and I came upon the situation below, which sparked some great conversation. In the pictures, you will find an FDC for a building's sprinkler system. Both connections are completely unmarked and so is the building. Now, imagine it's 0330 in the morning. You've awoken from a deep sleep to a reported structure fire with smoke and fire showing. You're assigned to the pump. Your crew is inside hooking up to the standpipe system in the stairwell. Which connection are you going to feed? . . . **Why?**



We'll get to the answer in a moment but first let's talk about responsibilities. In the Post 9/11 world the fire service has taken on a variety of additional responsibilities in many disciplines and fields. In the modern fire service a lot of focus, and money, is funneled towards specialized training. These trainings and responsibilities include Confined Space, High-Angle Rescue, Structural Collapse, Rescue Diver and Hazmat just to name a few. These incidents are known as High Risk/Low Frequency events. Therefore by definition, they may not happen often; but due to inherent circumstances, they can be extremely dangerous for both victims and rescuers. Due to this risk, it is paramount that firefighters with the proper training be proficient and effective when conducting these operations. The only way to become proficient and effective is through consistent training.

With the mindset on specialized training and the vast amounts of knowledge it takes to master, it can be a challenge to stay sharp on suppression skills and tactics. We need to remember though that suppression skills, knowledge and expert execution *also* take serious effort and continual training. With fires decreasing by more than 50% since the 1970's it is important to remain skilled in our primary mission, fighting fire. With fewer fires than our predecessors it is even more important to be a student of the fire service and get out and train. The generations preceding us were able to obtain knowledge through experience with far greater ease on the fireground than we are able to today. Unlike our predecessors, we must make our mistakes and gain our experiences on the training ground and through studying. The point here is that while these specialized skillsets are *extremely* important, valuable and even necessary, we must make a concerted effort to keep one foot firmly planted in our traditional skill-set of fighting fire. It's easy to get caught up in this specialized mindset and forget the nuances of our profession; like which set of connections to hook into. We can't afford to overlook our traditional duties. We must stay sharp and proficient as firefighters.

Back to the pictures. As we all know by rule of thumb, connections like these typically equate to 250gpm per 2½" inlet/discharge. Thus, by looking at this set-up a pump operator could argue that he/she may want to feed the connection on the right. It has three 2½" connections for 750gpm while the one on the left only will take 500gpm. We all know the more water we have the more fire we can extinguish, gallons not pressure puts out fire. Now, take a closer look at the connections. The one on the left has an extra set of lugs. This means the one on the left has female connections and the one on the right has male connections. Just like our attack lines, the male from our hoselines connects to the female end of the nozzle. The male threads are on the fire side of the coupling. Thus, the connection on the left is our FDC (our inlet to the building), which we want to feed. The connection on the right is the System Test Valves. Typically, System Tests are easier than those pictured above to identify. They will usually have flywheels at the top of each discharge to control the butterfly valve within. In addition, most sets of valves are marked with a ring around the main stem themselves or on the building directly behind. These ones however, were not. They were found through training, so at 0330 in the morning the potential curveball that starts the operation into that panic driven downward slide is already worked out. Remember, most of our pumps in the city have horseshoes and/or 2½" big lines set up on the rear beds. They are set up for fire attack. They are ready to break at the playpipe or nozzle, male coupling in hand and feed the FDC's. No additional couplings (male-to-male or female-female) needed. If faced with the issue of which unmarked standpipe to feed, just think, "which one with the setup given is easiest for me to plug into?"

New Hires, Transfers, Promotions & Retirements

General Order No. 9; Series of 2016

Effective Date: April 10, 2016

Subject: Retirement; Edward P. Oliver

Effective April 10, 2016 at 0700 hours, Firefighter Edward P. Oliver retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. **Firefighter Oliver was appointed on April 6, 1986**

May 18, 1986	Engine Company No. 1
November 9, 1986	Engine Company No. 6
August 23, 1992	Engine Company No. 1
April 30, 1995	Rescue Company
January 16, 2000	Engine Company No. 2
July 29, 2001	Engine Company No. 8
August 31, 2008	Aide to Fire Deputy Chief, Division 2
September 27, 2015	Fire Headquarters

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

General Order No. 10; Series of 2016

Effective: 0700 hours Sunday, April 10, 2016

Subject: Promotion

Acting Fire Lieutenant David J. Puopolo II to Fire Lieutenant

General Order No. 12; Series of 2016

Effective: April 24, 2016

Subject: Appointment and Assignment

Effective Sunday, April 24, 2016 a 0700 hours, the following member will be appointed as a

Firefighter-on-Probation to the Cambridge Fire Department.

David B. Quigley

Effective 0700 hours Sunday, April 24, 2016 company assignment will be to Engine Company No. 2

He will be detailed to the Training Division 0700 April 24 to 0700 May 1

General Order No. 13, Series of 2016

Effective Date: April 26, 2016

Subject: Status of "Firefighter"

The following "Firefighter on Probation (F.F.O.P) has reached the status of Firefighter, effective April 26, 2016.

Bertil W. Johnson

General Order No. 14, Series of 2016

Effective Date: May 8, 2016

Subject: Retirement of Firefighter Philip J. Dooley Jr.

Effective May 8, 2016 at 0700 hours, **Firefighter Philip J. Dooley Jr.** retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Firefighter Dooley was appointed on April 6, 1986.

- May 18, 1986 Engine Company No. 1
- April 24, 1994 Ladder Company No. 4
- March 14, 2010 Engine Company No. 9

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

General Order No. 15, Series of 2016

Effective Date: May 8, 2016

Subject: Transfer

Firefighter Michael T. Coffman from Engine Company No. 6 to Engine Company No. 9

General Order No. 16, Series of 2016

Effective Date: May 22, 2016

Subject: Assignments

F.F.O.P Zachary J. Bennett assigned to Engine Company No. 2
F.F.O.P Clare Rose C. Collar assigned to Engine Company No. 2
F.F.O.P Joseph M. Moore assigned to Engine Company No. 1

General Order No. 18, Series of 2016

Effective Date: June 12, 2016

Subject: Transfers and Assignments

Firefighter Edwin Cruz from Engine Company No. 4 to Engine Company No. 9
Firefighter Howard T. Smith from Engine Company No. 6 to Engine Company No. 4

F.F.O.P. Michael J. Cahill assigned to Engine Company No. 6
F.F.O.P. Gregory R. Gutoski assigned to Ladder Company No. 3
F.F.O.P. James B. Kennedy assigned to Engine Company No. 1
F.F.O.P. Cameron R. Moyer assigned to Engine Company No. 6

Congratulations

Congratulations to Larnel Coleman, son of **Firefighter Sam Coleman; Ladder Co. 2**, who was chosen to play for UMASS Football. Read on!

Late, but sudden bloom for UMass signee Larnel Coleman

Brendan C. Hall/ESPNBoston.com

Feb 3, 2016

MEDFORD, Mass. -- The seeds sown long ago, the net cast wide, St. Clement senior Larnel Coleman waited a long time for something to sprout on the herky-jerky roller coaster that is the football recruiting trail.

And when that something finally arrived for the mammoth Malden resident, it hit him like a ton of bricks.

“At first I was in disbelief,” reflected Coleman from inside his school’s gymnasium, where he signed a National Letter of Intent with UMass in one of the more surprising developments locally on Signing Day.

“I didn’t think I was ever going to get an offer. I thought I would have to PG [take a post-graduate season] or play Division 2. I felt like I was, you could say, in a video game. I didn’t think this was going to be possible.”

Coleman, who also plays center for his school’s basketball team, was absent in the Anchormen’s loss to O’Bryant at last weekend’s MLK Invitational tournament Boston, while on his official visit to Amherst. The Minutemen offered him a scholarship two weeks ago over the phone, and about an hour after the call he says he made up his mind that he was going to commit.

On his official visit, Coleman said he was blown away. Right then and there, he gave a pledge on the spot.

“I can barely describe it. It’s a whole different universe there,” he said. “The campus is its own thing. It’s amazing, I loved it. I was speechless.”

As of this morning, when he officially faxed in his NLI to seal the deal, UMass was still the only Division 1 school offering a full ride to Coleman.



Photo credit - Brendan C. Hall/ESPNBoston.com

But let’s not be mistaken -- this is no diamond in the rough. Coleman certainly put himself out there this summer, showcasing his talent at camps on seven different college campuses around New England, including Boston College, UMass, Maine and New Hampshire. And he certainly checked off on some intangibles, from his speed (5.1 in the 40) for a player his size (6-foot-7, 250 pounds), to his wingspan (6-foot-11), vertical leap (30 inches), down to the clamp-like grip on his Gronkowski-sized hands.

On the field, Coleman certainly held his own the last four years for the Anchormen, often plowing through double and triple-teams at defensive end and switching to tight end from tackle on offense this year to better exploit mismatches downfield. He even long snapped on special teams.

“He was a beast, I’ve never seen someone that big with that speed,” noted his teammate, running back Ivan Mertilus, who signed with Division 2 Assumption this afternoon. Once in a game last year, Mertilus recalled Coleman chasing down a running back from rival Cathedral High from across the field, some 15 yards behind the play (“He literally out-ran him,” Mertilus laughs).

Wielding an aggressive bull rush move and deceptively soft hands for a player of his size, Coleman certainly made some impressive plays this fall, evidenced on his highlight reel:

But the question remains -- What took so long for things to finally fall into place?

Maybe it’s that, for all of his impressive traits, there are Larnel Coleman-types in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Florida, fertile states where UMass head coach Mark Whipple has historically recruited well. Or maybe Coleman was simply everyone’s “Plan B” as they all patiently watched

the dominoes fall. Or maybe it was the perception that he played mostly inferior competition in his league, the Catholic Central League's Small division.

UMass also came to watch Coleman on the basketball court in January, when he went off for a season-high 42 points against Lowell Catholic, and Anchormen coach Colin Walsh suggests maybe that was the tipping point.

Still, the stigma of his league seems to be slowly shedding. Oregon State, Michigan and Boston College were among the schools checking in with St. Clement's All-State receiver Khaneil Bruce two years ago, before an eye injury sidelined him at Nassau (N.Y.) Community College (Bruce, a Cambridge resident, signed with New Haven last month). Last year Matignon offensive tackle Badara Traore caught the eye of Cincinnati and Eastern Michigan, before also heading to Nassau.

"A lot of the schools in this league fly under the radar," Walsh said. "A lot of the coaches come in and say, 'Well, look at the competition'. But in the offseason, we're going to summer camps against the best competition, and they're going to blue chip camps. In-season, yes, maybe there's not 22 Division 1 players on the field -- but there's certainly three, four, five on the field every week."

Coleman, who doesn't turn 18 until this summer, is planning on gray-shirting the fall semester at UMass, becoming a full-time student in the spring 2017 semester. He signed with UMass as an "athlete", with the possibility of filling one of several undetermined roles -- long-term, the plan is to make him an offensive tackle, but he could fit at defensive end as well.

"I'm still in disbelief that it went through, but I'm happy that I did," Coleman said.

Did you know?

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 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".

Employee of the Year – Chief Gerald Reardon received an Employee of the Year Award for the City of Cambridge on May 6, 2016. Below, Chief Reardon accepts the award from the city.



Photo provided

Congratulations to **Lt. Bill Wood; Ladder 1** who is retiring after 29 years of service. His last day was May 15, 2016. Lt. Wood (center) with the rest of Headquarters, Group 2 on his last shift.



Photo T. Koen

Congratulations to **FFOP's Clare Rose C. Collar, Zachary J. Bennett, and Joseph M. Moore** (shown below) on their graduation from the MA Fire Academy.



Photo J Gelinis

Brookline Chief Paul Ford – Brookline Chief Paul Ford is recently retired in May 2016. Many might know Chief Ford's face as an instructor from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. He was an officer in Fall River for many years before taking the Brookline position. We wish him well in his retirement!

Safety



With warm weather and the travel season upon us and a large international community found locally, on-duty members should be aware of signs and symptoms of mosquito borne diseases such as Eastern Equine Encephalitis and West Nile virus that may be affecting residents and or visitors to the city. The newest caution is the Zika virus which can be contracted in tropical areas and found in possible infected persons traveling to and from said areas. It is important to note that no local mosquito-borne Zika virus disease cases have been reported in US States, only travel-associated cases.

According to the **Centers for Disease Control**:

Zika virus disease (Zika) is a disease caused by the Zika virus, which is spread to people primarily through the bite of an infected Aedes species mosquito. Areas with active mosquito-borne transmission of Zika virus

- Prior to 2015, Zika virus outbreaks occurred in areas of Africa, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific Islands.
- In May 2015, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) issued an alert regarding the first confirmed Zika virus infections in Brazil.
- Currently, outbreaks are occurring in many countries and territories.
- Zika virus will continue to spread and it will be difficult to determine how and where the virus will spread over time.

US Territories

- Local mosquito-borne transmission of Zika virus has been reported in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, and American Samoa.

The most common symptoms of Zika are fever, rash, joint pain, and conjunctivitis (red eyes). The illness is usually mild with symptoms lasting for several days to a week after being bitten by an infected mosquito. People usually don't get sick enough to go to the hospital, and they very rarely die of Zika. For this reason, many people might not realize they have been infected.

However, Zika virus infection during pregnancy can cause a serious birth defect called microcephaly, as well as other severe fetal brain defects. From mother to child:

- A pregnant woman can pass Zika virus to her fetus during pregnancy. Zika is a cause of microcephaly and other severe fetal brain defects. We are studying the full range of other potential health problems that Zika virus infection during pregnancy may cause.
- A pregnant woman already infected with Zika virus can pass the virus to her fetus during the pregnancy or around the time of birth.

Once a person has been infected, he or she is likely to be protected from future infections.

Trivia

Reprinted from the Feederline, August/September 1998

What are "Fetlock Clippers?"

-answer later in this issue

Of Interest...



Photo courtesy of Boston Globe

DFC E. Morrissey; Division 1 shared this photo from the Boston Globe website from March 29, 2016 of Elizabeth Taylor – not for the star power or glamour, but none other than Cambridge Fire Departments own Ed “Fluffy” Fowler in the photo. Ed is the man with the moustache in the dark suit in the second from left. In addition to his duties in the FIU, Ed was also an AP photographer who covered non-fire related, newsworthy stories in his off time.

According to Boston.com, this photo was taken when “Taylor arrived at Anthony's Pier 4 in Boston on April 13, 1983, after debuting in ‘Private Lives.’

Fire Service Heroes – FDNY

Every year, FDNY holds a medal day to recognize the bravery exhibited by its members. The Company Journal faithfully shares one of these stories in every issue.

We discovered that one of the medal day winners last year has local ties. **Chris DiGiulio** of Tower Ladder 18 and his brother **Matt DiGiulio**; Engine 69 are both on FDNY but grew up in **Saugus, MA**. Both brothers still have many friends in the Boston area and surrounding metro fire departments. The following is the write-up from the FDNY Medal Day booklet from 2015 on Chris’ rescue for which he received his medal.



Firefighter Christopher DiGiulio

LADDER COMPANY18

Company Officers
Association Medal

Appointed to the FDNY on June 11, 2006. Previously assigned to Ladder 85 and EMS Station 4.
Brother, FF Matthew DiGiulio, is assigned to Engine 69.

August 13, 2014, 1620 hours, Box 75-0244, Manhattan

When each tour begins, Firefighters gather in the kitchen or on the apparatus floor to receive their riding positions and any specific instructions from their Officer. In truck companies, the positions are broken down by the "inside team"-- Officer, forcible entry (irons) and extinguisher (can) and the "outside team"--outside vent, roof and chauffeur. While the chauffeur position is just as essential in saving lives as the irons or can Firefighters, there are occasions when the chauffeur, acting in a search capacity, makes a difference at a critical moment. This was the case in the late afternoon on August 13, 2014, when a fire broke out at Box 0244, a six-story, 60- by 80-foot, Class 1, multiple dwelling.

Working the chauffeur position at Ladder 18 that summer afternoon was FF Christopher DiGiulio. The Firefighter could be forgiven if his mind was elsewhere, as he had just learned that his wife was pregnant. However, his focus was on the job at hand when at 1620 hours, the tones went off at the "Fort Pitt" firehouse and the company was assigned to respond as the first-due truck for a reported fire in a fifth-floor apartment on Manhattan's lower east side. Approximately three minutes later, both Engine 15 and Ladder 18 arrived on-scene and a 10-75 signal was transmitted by Engine 15.

While the inside team was moving toward the building, FF DiGiulio and the company's outside vent Firefighter conducted a survey and determined apparatus and portable ladders were of little use at this operation. FF DiGiulio then was ordered by the Incident Commander to join up with his company's inside team and assist in search and rescue operations.

FF DiGiulio quickly regrouped with the team members who were slightly delayed in gaining access to the apartment. When the door finally was breached, the members were met with high heat and zero visibility. The unchecked fire was quickly consuming the apartment's furniture and materials in the dining room/office next to the kitchen.

FF DiGiulio was ordered to search left, while the irons Firefighter moved right to search the living room. While conditions worsened and Engine 15 struggled to stretch the 10 lengths of 1 3/4-inch hose needed to fight the still-growing blaze, Ladder 18's Officer and can Firefighter moved forward to hold back the fire and conduct search operations.

FF DiGiulio continued left and searched down a side hallway. At this point, he heard low moans from behind a slightly ajar door. Because the victim was blocking the door, the rescuer quickly removed the door on the hinge side and was able to gain access. He found an unconscious, burned female victim, who was in respiratory distress. FF DiGiulio transmitted a 10-45 signal and single-handedly removed the victim from the fire apartment and into the hallway. He was assisted by FF Maxwell Weber, Engine 9, who aided him in bringing the victim to the floor below and starting patient care.

In his incident report, Battalion Chief John Rail, Battalion 4, noted: "Firefighter DiGiulio entered the fire apartment under punishing conditions and initiated a search. He located the unconscious victim and removed her to safety without the protection of a charged hose-line." This sentiment was reinforced by Deputy Chief John Bley, Division 1, who noted that he exhibited bravery in passing an active fire, as well as initiative and capability in forcing open a blocked door on the hinge side to gain access to an unconscious woman.

Therefore, in recognition of his personal bravery and quick thinking, the New York City Fire Department is proud to honor FF Christopher J. DiGiulio today with the Company Officers Association Medal – DH

-Reprinted from the FDNY Medal Day Book 2015

Editor note: the very scenario that Chris encountered is a skill that is emphasized during basic recruit training – while conducting a search, always check behind doors.

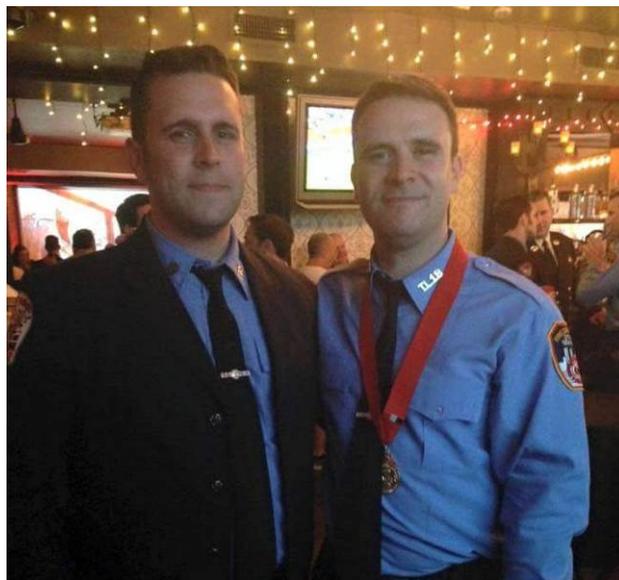


Photo provided – M DiGiulio

Above photo with Matt (left) and Chris (right) celebrating after the awards ceremony.

Congratulations Chris! Stay safe brothers

Letters

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

May 9, 2016

Dear Chief Reardon:

For the past nearly six years we've had the privilege of living just around the corner from the Engine 6 Firehouse on River Street. From the day we moved to the neighborhood, and into 8 Howard Street, it was apparent that this was a house of especially friendly and kind firefighters.

On the evening of May 1, just minutes after realizing I was going into labor, our second child was born at home, unexpectedly, in our kitchen. And within minutes I could see the lights of the Engine 6 trucks coming down Howard Street. They were joined by other firefighters from Engine 1 and paramedics who were extraordinary. Paramedic Jeremy Marrache was especially wonderful, taking exceptional care of me and our baby. He was kind and patient and we are incredibly grateful to him and the others.

That extraordinary evening, the firefighters instantly put me, my husband and our 4-year-old son at ease. Our son now thinks this is the routine way of having a baby and was quite thrilled to have a whole team of firefighters in his kitchen.

We'll always be grateful to the Cambridge Fire Department and especially to Group 3 at Engine 6 and Engine 1 Group 3 for all that they did that night.

With great admiration and appreciation,



Bridget Samburg & Andy Tarsy
Emmett (4) & Baby Hazel

Engine 6, Group 3, Lt Jutras, FF H. Smith, FF C. Stewart and FF S. Crayton/Squad 2 – Lt Schweinschaut and FF Marrache (detailed from Engine 1)



Bruce A. Proia
Chief

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Setti D. Warren
Mayor

May 3, 2016

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

Dear Chief Reardon,

On behalf of the Newton Fire Department, I would like to express my appreciation to you and your Department for your assistance with the boat fire that occurred at the Newton Yacht Club in the early morning hours of Tuesday, May 3, 2016.

One of the great aspects of Fire Services is that we always help one another selflessly, and that is always the case when we have asked for assistance.

With Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B.A. Proia".

Bruce A. Proia
Chief of Department

From the Tailboard...

A Workhorse on the Hudson River, Now Retired From Fighting Fires, Chugs Toward a Second Act

New York Times - By NOAH REMNICK APRIL 3, 2016

Credit - Karsten Moran for The New York Times

ABOARD THE JOHN D. McKEAN, in Tarrytown, N.Y. — On a gleaming Thursday morning in March, a candy red fireboat rattled awake and set forth from its station in the Brooklyn Navy Yard. As the ship voyaged north along the Hudson River at nine knots, it left more than half a century of history in its wake.

Since the 129-foot vessel, the John D. McKean, was commissioned into service in 1954, the sight of it on New York City's waterfront has signaled some variety of peril — a smoldering warehouse, a capsized barge.

It was there to douse the flames when a fire in 1991 swallowed the Manhattan terminal of the Staten Island Ferry. It shuttled hundreds of people to safety in Jersey City after the World Trade Center was attacked on Sept. 11, 2001, and supplied firefighters with water at ground zero for days thereafter. It gave refuge to passengers huddled on the water-lapped wings of US Airways Flight 1549 after it landed in the Hudson River in January 2009.



Even the ship's name bears the weight of the New York Fire Department's past: John D. McKean, a marine engineer, was burned to death in 1953 when he stayed at his post on the fireboat George B. McClellan, trying to steady the vessel after a steam explosion. Mr. McKean's son and grandson both followed him into the department.

The John D. McKean, at left, played a role in the rescue of passengers aboard US Airways Flight 1549, which landed in the Hudson River in January 2009. Credit Frank Franklin II/Associated Press

Last month, as the McKean pulled into the Tarrytown Marina, near the Tappan Zee Bridge in Westchester County, there were no flames beckoning its arrival, no emergencies at all. The ship, decommissioned nearly six years ago, was beginning a new phase. It was put up for sale, and after 158 bids, a pair of restaurateurs bought the McKean for \$57,400 at an auction in which New York City also sold an array of surplus goods, including camcorders and file cabinets. The boat originally cost the city \$1,426,000.

The new owners, Michael Kaphan and Edward Taylor, hope to turn the boat into a museum of sorts that pays homage to its legacy. If all goes as planned, the boat will be open for tours led by former firefighters by July 4, at the dock outside the two men's coming seafood restaurant in Sleepy Hollow, N.Y.

Fireboats do not always find meaningful second acts after they are decommissioned. Many sit around for a few years, getting pressed into service during major emergencies, only to end up being consigned to the scrap heap.

The John J. Harvey avoided that fate. In 1999, it was sold at auction and turned into a private excursion boat, docked on the West Side of Manhattan. When the World Trade Center was attacked, its owners volunteered to return the boat to service. For days, the Harvey worked alongside the McKean and other ships, first evacuating survivors, then putting out the blaze.

The McKean spent the past couple of years mostly dormant, though it was hauled out to help when Hurricane Sandy hit in 2012. Even so, its new owners were surprised to discover that the McKean had remained largely intact.

Of the ship's many treasures, Mr. Taylor took particular pride in a gift from the McKean family: a framed photograph of John McKean's son and grandson in front of the craft, as well as a letter thanking him and Mr. Kaphan "for keeping the fireboat John D. McKean on the Hudson River where it has always been."

The day the McKean left Brooklyn for Tarrytown, it was accompanied by its replacement, the Three Forty Three, named in honor of the 343 members of the Fire Department who died in the Sept. 11 attacks. Upon reaching the George Washington Bridge, the McKean family joined a crew of marine firefighters on the starboard side of the Three Forty Three to offer the decommissioned ship a farewell salute.

"It was very emotional, like sending a child off to college," Mr. Buckheit said. Last week, the McKean was visited by James Campanelli, who piloted the ship on Sept. 11. As he gazed at the familiar hull with his two sons, Mr. Campanelli, 57, was taken back to that morning — the pitch black smoke that enveloped the ship after the first tower fell, the uncanny silence over the radio. Still, the vision of the McKean resting at the dock gave him a sense of peace.

"The boats change, but our basic job remains the same," he said. "We put out fires."

Happy July 4th



When we celebrate the upcoming July 4th holiday with barbecues and parades, please keep the following in mind. We are a free country today due to the sacrifices made by many men. It all began with the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence.

On July 4, 1776, these signers effectively signed away their freedoms for ours. They signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured. We didn't just fight the British. We were British subjects at that time and we fought our own government! What happened to some of those brave men?

The British appropriated **Lewis Morris's** New York home to use as a military barracks. They torched **William Ellery's** Newport, Rhode Island abode. They sacked the property of Pennsylvania's **George Clymer** after he fled to safety with his family. New Jersey's beleaguered **John Hart** didn't survive to see the Revolution won. "His farm was ravaged, his timber destroyed, his cattle and stock butchered for the use of the British army, and he himself was hunted like a noxious beast, not daring to remain two nights under the same roof." John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and a broken heart while fleeing capture,

Other signers of the Declaration of Independence lost their independence. The British captured South Carolina's **Thomas Heyward, Edward Rutledge, and Arthur Middleton** in battle at Charleston and imprisoned them outside of the United States in St. Augustine. Thomas Heyward of signed the declaration at the great displeasure of his father, who was sympathetic to the king and told Thomas he would likely hang for the act.

Georgian **George Walton**, shot in the thigh and off his horse, fell into enemy hands while defending Savannah.

Richard Stockton, endured perhaps the worst treatment at the enemy's hands. The British burned his library, destroyed his livestock, looted his property, and placed him in a prison for common criminals. Captured while on the run, Stockton, "remained a prisoner for some time, and, on account of his position as one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, he was treated with great severity. The hardships he endured shattered his constitution, and when he found himself almost a beggar, through

the vandalism of the British in destroying his estate, and by the depreciation of the continental paper currency, he was seized with a despondency from which he never recovered." He suffered from cancer and died before the Treaty of Paris.

Robert Morris, "financier of the Revolution," paid Washington's soldiers out of his pocket and launched a private navy that lost scores of ships. The fledgling republic's richest man, for reasons mostly unrelated to the Revolution, landed in a debtor's prison during his old age. There are 311 million freemen in debt to Morris today.

Thomas McKean of Delaware wrote John Adams that he was "hunted like a fox by the enemy - compelled to remove my family five times in a few months." Abraham Clark of New Jersey had two of his sons captured by the British during the war. Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, lent large sums of their personal fortunes to support the war effort but were never repaid. He saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

At the battle of Yorktown, **Thomas Nelson, Jr.**, noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

Lyman Hall, on the advice of General Washington, took his wife and son and fled his Georgia home for Connecticut, where he remained for two years until the war's end. He returned to his property in Georgia, but he had lost most of what he had. Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Dillery, and Gwinnett.

Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were not wild eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians. They were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more. Standing tall, straight, and unwavering, they pledged: "For the support of this declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of the divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

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They gave you and me a free and independent America. Some of us take these liberties so much for granted.....we shouldn't. Please take the time to genuinely honor every brave American, man, woman and soldier who has kept America free for the last 240 years! At the very least, share the above information with someone who



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Trivia answer

Reprinted from Feederline 1998:

Fetlock clippers – in the days of horse-drawn apparatus, fetlock clippers were shears which firefighters used to cut and trim the hair of the horses. The Cambridge Sun (in an interview with Chief Engineer Herman Gutheim) reported that *“in those days every firehouse had fetlock clippers to use on the horses. The neighborhood kids would come in and ask the firefighters to cut their hair and the firefighters would do it with the fetlock clippers.*

“It was a lot of fun in the summer to give the kids a good, short hair clip and the wash them off with the hose so they and a good bath as well. Their mothers liked it too because it saved the cost of going to the barber shop.”

Chief Gutheim said, *“it was called a fighters cut; it was close cropped and would last for weeks.”*



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