



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

Fire Department News
Cambridge, Massachusetts
A Class 1 Fire Department

From the desk of
Acting Chief Gerard Mahoney

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What's New

Energov online – Cambridge moved to an online permitting process that integrates many of the city departments such as fire, building, electric. All companies were issued I-pads with specialized software linked making inspections and information immediate. The inspection component covers smoke detector and CO inspections, flammable permits and state mandated quarterly and annual inspections

The Enforcement mode makes specific state and department forms available to the companies in the field. It was rolled out on October 24, 2017

Training Facility – The city has been given the opportunity for a combination fire and police training facility at the former Foundry building at 101 Rogers Street for an extended period of time. Improvements were made by carpentry students from the Rindge School of Technical Arts (RSTA) at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School by constructing interior walls and doors for a public safety training site.

New squads and Rescue 2 - ambulance (Ford 450, AWD, Road Rescue) designated as Rescue 2, to be used for special assignments & major incidents.



J Gelinas photo

Good luck to all the candidates that took the Fire Lieutenant and Fire Captain test on November 18!

PPE ballistics – In addition to the already equipped Rescue Task Force, all other riding positions in the department have been provided ballistics protection and training in active shooter situations. Thank you to the City for providing the funding necessary for this equipment!

EMS Bicycle Team

The department received a grant to develop, train and outfit a bicycle team to be used for EMS coverage during special events. The team will start with 24 members and the department hopes to have the team ready by Spring 2018.

New Members

Eight new FFOP's have been appointed to the department and start the fire academy on December 11, 2017. They are: **Wes L. Anderson, Stephen J. Boudrow, Matthew J. Duggan, Brendan G. Marshall, Corey J. McGrath, Michael P. Owens, Barrey J. Paddock and Joseph L. Stegner.** Welcome!



Photo J Gelinas

These new members are all hired off the Massachusetts Entry Level Firefighting Exam. The next Municipal Firefighter written examination has been announced. It is scheduled for Sat, March 24, 2018, with application deadline Feb 21, 2018. A late fee will be applied to applications filed after February 7, 2018.

All Companies Working

You may notice that the "Incidents" listed below are not as numerous as they usually are in past editions. If your group, company has an unusual incident that you think belongs here, please send a quick note to the editor at hsmith@cambridgefire.org. I can look up details in QED, but I need to know it happened. Thank you.

September 1, 2017 – Mutual Aid, Belmont, Working Fire, Choate Road – Engine 9, Engine 1, Ladder 1, Squad 4, Division 2 responded to Belmont for their working fire. Engine 1 and Squad 4 operated as the RIT Team.

September 5, 2017 – Working Fire, Box 21, 48 Harding Street – fire in the basement of 3 story wood residential

September 11, 2017 – Gas Leak, 6th Street @ Binney – broken gas main outside a 6 story apartment building. Building was evacuated until Eversource could contain the leak.

September 14, 2017 – 1 Alarm Fire, Box 284, 52 Bishop Allen Drive – a carelessly discarded cigarette started a fire on the front porch of a residential building.

September 14, 2017 – Mutual Aid, Watertown, 3rd Alarm, 27 Williams Street – Engine 9, Squad 4, Division 2 to the fire, Engine 2 covered at Waltham Engine 2 and responded to the fire on the 3rd.

September 18, 2017 – Medical – baby delivery, Upland Road & Mass Ave. – Engine 1, Engine 8 and Professional EMS delivered a baby boy in a car!

October 8, 2017 – Mutual Aid, Somerville, Box 229, 391 Washington Street – Engine 5, Squad 2 and Division 1 responded to the fire. Ladder 1 covered in Somerville.

October 14, 2017 – Mutual Aid, Brookline, Box 168, 2ND Alarm, 252 Aspinwall – Ladder 1 covered in Brookline during their fire.

October 17, 2017 – Mutual Aid, Somerville, 2nd alarm, 31 Sydney Street – Engine 5, Squad 2 and Division 1 to the fire. Engine 4 covered Engine 7 and Ladder 1 covered Teele Square.

October 19, 2017 – 1 Alarm fire, Somerville, 65 Beacon Street – A CPD officer spotted a fire in the front yard of a house on the Cambridge Somerville city line. He quickly extinguished the fire with an extinguisher. SFD took control of the scene.

October 26, 2017 – Motor Vehicle Collision, 985 Memorial Drive – R1 used hydraulic tools to remove one occupant from a MV after a multi vehicle crash

November 4, 2017 – Mutual Aid, Belmont, W/F, 176 Channing Road – Engine 1, Squad 4, Division 2 to the fire in Belmont. Engine 9 & Ladder 1 covered.

November 5, 2017 – Working Fire, 51 Market Street, Box 295– fire in ceiling around a light fixture

November 10, 2017 – Mutual Aid – Watertown Funeral Coverage – The department provided apparatus and manpower in the form of Engine 5, Ladder 1 and Division 3 so all Watertown members could attend funeral services for Chief Orangio

November 11, 2017 – Mutual Aid, Boston, Box 6163, 210 Border Street - Engine 5 and Ladder 1 covered in Boston during their 4th Alarm fire.

November 20, 2017 – Working Fire, 340 Windsor Street, Box 294 – extension cord caught fire and extended to some furniture. Resident extinguished the fire with an extinguisher.

November 20, 2017 – Working Fire, 168 Brattle Street, Box 571 – basement fire caused by a heating lamp

November 29, 2017 – Gas Leak, 125 Broadway – a 2” gas line was severed during construction. Eversource was able to quickly clamp the leak. Adjacent buildings were checked and department cleared when no readings were found.

November 29, 2017 – Explosion, 280 Pearl Street, Box 351 – A resident was trying to empty a gas cylinder in a truck he was working on. He was injured but there was no fire or damage to any structures.

November 30, 2017 – 4 Alarms, Box 391, Magazine at Auburn St – Early morning fire near the rear porches of a 4 story residential spread to a neighboring building. Crews made a quick stop preventing the fire from spreading.

December 3, 2017 – Haz-mat, Harvard Square MBTA Station – reports of a gas odor inside the station. Multiple people complained of irritation and burning eyes. Station ventilation fans were used to remove the air in the station. No source was found. No transports.

Veterans Day

Although Veterans Day passed a few weeks ago, we still wanted to take a moment to thank ALL veterans past and present for their service and dedication to our country. CFD fire & police personnel along with other City departments joined to honor Veterans at the Cambridge Cemetery.



J Gelinas photo

We also wanted to share the following story of Harold Conrad's flight crew at the end of WW II circa 1944. Harold (front row, 3rd from left) lives on Gold Star Rd in North Cambridge & is the father of ret **FF Howie Conrad**, & brother of retired **FFs Dave & Doug Scholl**. Harold, 93, is the last surviving member of 95th Bomb Grp, 336th Squadron.

95th BOMB GRP. 336th SQN. 1st Lt. SYLVANUS C. WALKER CREW



Back Row: (L-R) Sylvanus C. Walker-Pilot, Robert H. Dorn Co-Pilot, Alan R. Gay-Navigator, Leo M. Higgins-Bombardier **Front Row: Alma B. Midgette-Top Turret, Ross E. Jennings-Radio, Harold B. Conrad-Waist Gunner, Donald W. Johnston-Ball Turret, Richard L. Slater-Tail Gunner**
Photo taken at: McDill Field, Tampa Florida (circa 1944)

Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program (Cambridge) 2017

The Mayors Youth Academy was another great hit this year. Thanks to Administrative/Information Jack Gelin as for the following write up:

The Cambridge Fire Department Summer Youth Academy is an intense, six (6) week program designed to promote interest in the Fire Department and Public Service. The Youth Fire Academy is sponsored by MSYEP, The Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program, and its objective is to develop public service, sense of duty, and leadership among Cambridge high-school youths, 14 to 18 years of age. Working with MSYEP, the program strives to provide Cambridge youths with good workplace skills and motivate them to strive for excellence.

Youth recruits participate in a mixture of classroom and hands-on training sessions. They learn about the physics of fire and the products of combustion. They learn and practice firefighting

skills which include water supply, pump operation, hose-line advancement and operation, forcible entry, carrying and placement of ground ladders, operation of the aerial ladder, ventilation, search for and rescue of trapped victims, use of SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus), tying and hauling tools and equipment, extricating entrapped victims from vehicles, and tactics and strategy. Later sessions in the program include combined fire evolutions where they put all skills together to locate, contain, and extinguish a fire and complete search and rescue of simulated victims. Some of these skills are accomplished in near zero-visibility smoke conditions using “theatrical” training smoke. Personal safety, teamwork, and accountability are emphasized continually.

One week of the training program is dedicated to EMS (Emergency Medical Service). All youths become proficient and certified in CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) and the use of the AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) as well as other emergency, life-saving medical skills. These skills are applied hands-on in simulated emergency scenarios. One day was dedicated to demonstrating and teaching their learned CPR skills to the public as part of Bystander CPR Sessions in Kendall Square and Harvard Square.

Both mental and physical fitness were stressed. Youth academy members participated in physical training exercises with drill instructors from the Massachusetts Army National Guard. Final training sessions included directing the participants to a path to a future career in the fire service, Cambridge youths striving to become Cambridge firefighters. Formal graduation was held at the Cambridge Public Library auditorium

Thanks to **FF Timothy Norton** for his dedication as program coordinator. Thanks also to **FFs Craig Yearwood and Nicole Signoretti** for their commitment. Thank you to the members of on-duty companies who went over and above to help the youth academy members with skills development. All on-duty members really demonstrated the excellence and pride in the job. Thank you also to the Massachusetts Army National Guard, the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services/Massachusetts Fire Academy, Cambridge Firefighters Local 30, Professional Ambulance Service, the Mount Auburn Hospital, and the Cambridge Police Department for their invaluable support. Special thanks to **Acting Fire Chief Mahoney**, City Manager Louis DePasquale and Mayor E. Denise Simmons. All photos J. Gelinis







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August 11, 2017

TO: All Members

FROM: Acting Chief Gerard E. Mahoney

RE: Summer Youth Academy

I wish to thank the various members of the department who once again stepped up to assist with the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program (MSYEP).

For the past six weeks, Firefighters Tim Norton, Craig Yearwood and Nicole Signoretti have dedicated themselves to ensuring that almost twenty teenagers experienced a small taste of the fire service while simultaneously learning numerous life skills that will serve them well as they move forward.

Several other members volunteered their time and specialized knowledge to make sure these young recruits remained interested and engaged.

Hopefully this program will continue and expand, with one of the long-term goals that it serves as a recruitment tool, to encourage young people from Cambridge to consider the fire service as a career.

To all of those who helped in any way, please accept my sincere thanks!

Engine 4 Patch

In the last issue, **FF Howie Smith; Engine 4** was looking for a scan of an original Engine 7 Patch. Thanks to **Captain Jim Ferreira; Retired** that quickly provided both! The only patch that FF Smith thinks he is still missing from his collection is an older Engine 4 patch with the Porterhouse Steak on it (Circa 1970?) If anyone has an image or patch to share it would be greatly appreciated!



Congratulations

Congratulations to the crews of Engine 1, Engine 8, CPD and ProEMS who successfully delivered a baby boy in a vehicle on the morning of September 18, 2017.



J Gelinis photo

Engine 1 crew that delivered a baby boy – L-R, **FF James Kennedy, FF Nate Jarvi and Lt Joe Fournier.**



J Gelinas photo

Engine 1 crew that delivered a baby boy on 18 Sept – L-R, **FF Mike Donnelly, A/L Gary Nagle and FF Simon Camelo**

Congratulations to **FF/Paramedic Hugh Devlin; Squad 4** on being recognized to his actions off duty in October 2017!



Cop, paramedic rush into action, save 3 in two-alarm Quincy blaze

By **CHRIS VILLANI** and **MARK GARFINKEL**

A cop and paramedic raced into a burning home and carried a child and elderly man to safety during a fast-moving, two-alarm fire in Quincy, officials said.

Quincy police officer Dan Parisi and Brewster Ambulance paramedic Hugh Devlin said they were in the area of Norfolk Street when the call went out about 1 p.m. for a reported structure fire. Both men immediately responded to the scene and arrived simultaneously, officials said.

"We got a report of a couple people possibly trapped inside," Parisi said. "We went inside and pulled out a child and two adults."

Smoke was filling the lower level of the two-story house when the pair of rescuers ran inside, Parisi said. The child and two adults — one of whom was chairbound — were on the first floor and "easy to find," said Parisi, who carried the child to safety.

"We didn't do anything anybody else wouldn't have done," Parisi said. "It was a multi-person effort."

Devlin said he and Parisi never hesitated.

"At the time, you heard someone was in the house, so you want to make sure they're OK," Devlin said, adding he was able to take the older man from a chair he was confined to and carry him out to safety.

Quincy Deputy fire Chief Jack Cadegan said a second alarm was struck when firefighters received word that there were people trapped inside.

And though heavy fire could be seen coming from the roof when firefighters arrived, Cadegan said crews were able to extinguish the blaze fairly quickly.

There were no reported injuries. "As far as we know, all three residents are safe and doing pretty good," Cadegan said. "It was just a great team effort. Police, ambulance, fire, it couldn't have gone any better."

Cadegan said the cause of the fire remains under investigation.

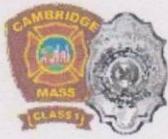


STAFF PHOTOS BY MARK GARFINKEL

'A GREAT TEAM EFFORT': Brewster Ambulance paramedic Hugh Devlin, top at left, and Quincy police officer Dan Parisi, top at right, helped save three people, including a child and a chair-bound adult, above, after a two-alarm fire broke out on Norfolk Street in Quincy.

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General Order No: 51; Series of 2017

Date: November 27, 2017

Subject: Commendation

On the recommendation of Chief Joseph P. Barron of the Quincy, MA Fire Department, Firefighter Hugh F. Devlin is recognized for his actions at a multiple-alarm fire on October 31, 2017 in Quincy.

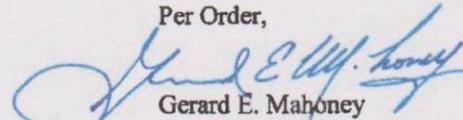
As fire companies were en route they were notified by dispatch that police on scene were reporting heavy fire conditions with people trapped inside.

Firefighter Devlin, working as a Paramedic for Brewster Ambulance entered the burning building and carried an elderly male occupant to safety.

As Chief Barron noted in his letter, "I commend Firefighter Hugh Devlin for his heroic effort, entering a hazardous environment without the protection of turnout gear or a charged fire hose, doing so under the threat of severe personal injury from this fast-moving fire. Firefighter Devlin's actions prevented serious injury; I know that the victim's loved ones are extremely grateful."

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

Per Order,



Gerard E. Mahoney
Acting Chief of Department

Job well done Hugh!

Congratulations to **Lt. Brian O'Regan; Engine 4** on his son Brian recently sworn in as a new Cambridge Police Officer. Shown at his swearing in at city hall is Lt O'Regan, Officer O'Regan and **Acting Fire Chief Gerard Mahoney**.



Cambridge Fire photo

Group 3 was recognized at the 28th Annual Massachusetts Firefighter of the Year Awards held in Worcester on November 21, 201. They were recognized for their actions during the 10-alarm fire on Berkshire Street in December 2016.



J Gelinas photo



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Life saved on EMS/Fire Detail at Road Race!

Earlier today (Sunday December 3) an older male running in the Winter Classic Road-race collapsed near Sidney and Franklin Streets.

Four CFD members on detail for this event immediately provided aid to the victim who was pulseless. The victim was defibrillated.

Relying on their skills and experience, I am happy to report the victim was not only saved by those on scene, but was conscious in the ambulance. Captain Jeremy Walsh told me the post resuscitation EKG indicates if not for the quick quality work performed by our personnel the outcome would have been far different.

This highlights the importance of how this department is providing quality fire and EMS Services in this city.

Lt. Ronald Gomes, Firefighters Nicole Signoretti, Al Coipel and Stephen Crowley were on detail. **Lt. Ian Moynihan and FF Peter Melo** responded on Squad 2.

Tremendous work by all involved!

Thank You,

Gerard E. Mahoney
Acting Chief of Department



Toys for Tots

The department is once again partnering with the United States Marine Corps Reserve in the annual Toys-For-Tots Drive.

Collection boxes have been placed at all firehouses. The public has been notified to drop off new unwrapped toys at any Cambridge Firehouse. Toys will be collected on Thursday December 14, 2017 for delivery to the USMC Reserves.

Unfortunately, each year there are reports of people stealing from Toys-For-Tots and other charities surrounding the holiday season. Please do not allow anybody to take toys from a firehouse, claiming they are there to pick them up for the Marines. Anybody who claims they need toys for children should be directed to contact the Salvation Army at 402 Massachusetts Avenue in Cambridge as they are a toy distribution point.

Also – any donations that come into a fire station AFTER December 14, should be directed to bring them to the Salvation Army.

Members helping Members

The 2017 hurricane season was the FIFTH most active hurricane season since 1851 producing several record breaking storms. One of our members, **Lt. Miguel Torres; Engine 5** had family in Puerto Rico that were severely impacted by Hurricane Maria. A fund was setup through the Credit Union and we understand that many members were extremely generous in providing financial assistance to help Miguel's family get back on their feet.

Thank you from Lt. Torres:

Brothers, Sisters, Retirees, and Friends:

Thank you all very much for your support with helping my family during their time of need! We are sincerely grateful for your thoughtfulness and generosity. The road to recovery from all of the hurricane damage will be long and hard. However, a lot of the burden has been lifted because of all of you! I cannot express my gratitude enough but please know how much this means to me and my family. My sister Carmen also wanted to personally thank all of you for the support. Please see the attached letter. Thank you again!

Sincerely,
Miguel Torres

Thank you from the Torres family:

November 8, 2017

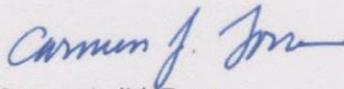
Active members, retirees and friends of the Cambridge Fire Department

Greetings from Puerto Rico!

On behalf of the Torres family, we thank you for your cooperation and generosity in our moment of need due to hurricane Maria. We are humbled by your support. Your contributions have helped several members of our family, especially me. As many of you may know, I suffer from a serious pulmonary condition and need to use oxygen 24/7. Our home suffered substantial damages and I cannot return until it is repaired. However, your help has given me hope and peace of mind. For that, I will forever be grateful to you all. The road ahead may be a bit tough, but we have no doubt that our island and our family will recover and rise again better than before.

Once again, we thank you for your help. God bless.

Sincerely,



Carmen Judith Torres

Honor Guard

The Cambridge Fire Department Honor Guard conducted training at PRO EMS on Wednesday morning, 6 DEC.

The Honor Guard is always seeking new members! This is a great way to honor those who have shaped the job for us in the past.

*Current or past Honor Guard members are asked to be at PRO no later than 0800 hours.

*Interested or prospective members are encouraged to attend for 0930 hours.

Stay Safe and Merry Christmas!

FF Timmy Norton L3/G1

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Out and About

With cold and winter on the way very shortly, its nice to look back at the warmer weather. **Captain Kevin Mercer; Engine 5** shared this photo of his crew of **FF Joe Bokuniwicz** and **FF Gene Myrtil** playing water in September 2017 complete with rainbow. Here's to wishing for a short, winter!



Photo K Mercer

FF Sam Coleman; Ladder 2 working overtime on Engine 2 helped celebrate Port Pride Day on September 9, 2017.



Cambridge Fire Photo

Members represent Cambridge FD at the Massachusetts Fallen Firefighters Memorial ceremony at the State House on Friday, September 8, 2017.



Cambridge Fire photo



Photo Scott LaPrade

FF Aaron Young helps **FF Jeff Keefe** – both Ladder 1 open the roof at Belmont 2nd Alarm Fire on Choate Road September 1, 2017.



J Gelinas photo

Cambridge had the honor of providing coverage in Watertown during the services for Fire Chief Mario Orangio who lost his battle to cancer. Ladder 1 and Engine 5, Group 2 covered part of the city so WFD Brothers and Sisters could honor their chief.

Quotes of the Day



Credit unknown

Boston L-718, FF Mark Matthews

FF Darron Smith: Engine 8 traveled out to Colorado Springs, Colorado to participate in a somber ceremony in September 2017. His cousin, FF Mark Matthews was a Boston Firefighter who lost his life to occupational cancer in 2016. FF Matthews name was added to the IAFF Fallen Firefighter's Memorial. Darron was a flagbearer for the ceremony. Show here is FF Smith and FF Dan McCauley, Boston honor guard.



Photo provided

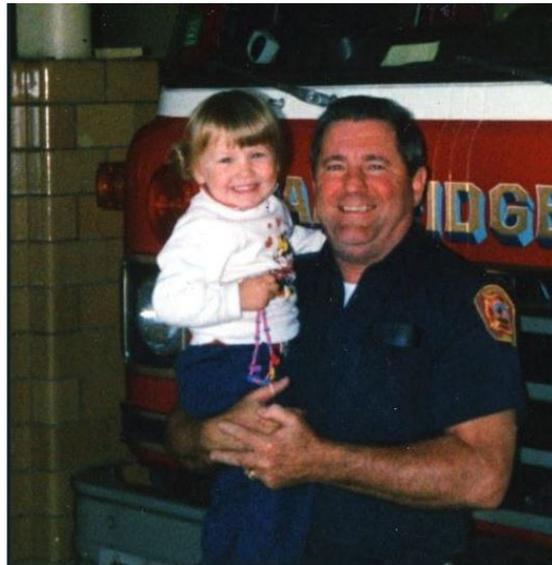
The story of Boston Firefighter Mark Matthews, among other Boston firefighters and their fight against cancer was documented in a Channel 5 story on Chronicle on December 6, 2015. The story can be found online here: www.wcvb.com/article/boston-firefighters-deadly-stalker/8078914

Firemans Ball

The 130th Annual Fireman's Ball will be held on Saturday February 10, 2018 at the Royal Sonesta. Members should refer to the flyer posted in all fire stations for ticket deadline information. Retired members should contact the Relief Association or **FF Peter Mickiewicz; Ladder 1; Group 3**. We have many FFOP's on the job now that will hopefully make an effort to attend. Let's make this a great year!

From the Archives

Cambridge FF Joe O'Hare; Retired, (the Father of Boston EMS Special OPS Supt. Joe O'Hare Jr.) - at Engine 4 with Joe, Jr's daughter in 1989.



The first class of Haz-Mat technicians on the Cambridge Fire Department – photo courtesy of **Assistant Chief John O'Donoghue; Retired**



Unknown fire – L-R, **FF Kurt McLaughlin; Retired**, then Captain O'Donoghue, **FF Jim Bergin; Retired** and **FF Mike Murphy (Now Ladder 4' Group 4)**. Photo courtesy of **Assistant Chief John O'Donoghue; Retired**



Through the Lantern Lens



Through the Lantern Lens

by Mose Humphrey

Cambridge firehouse marks 121 years in Porter Square

By Ben Thompson Globe Correspondent November 20, 2017

On Monday, the Cambridge Fire Department's Engine Company Number 4 marked its 121st year of operation at its historic brick firehouse near Porter Square at 2029 Massachusetts Ave.

"It's a proud house, it's a good house, it's a great house," Engine 4 Captain Robert Morrissey said. "I'm glad to be there, I'm proud to be there, and it's a good company."

The company first moved to its longtime home, On Massachusetts Avenue at the corner of Blake Street, on Nov. 20, 1896. The original Engine Company Number 4 consisted of two officers and a crew of around eight more, all local residents who worked nearly month-long shifts with little time off, even for meals.



“One hundred years ago, the shift schedule was one day off every 30,” said John Gelinas, former Cambridge fire chief of operations and current information specialist for the department. “If there was a fire when they were off, or they were at lunch, they would respond to the fire from their house.”

The firehouse is now staffed by around 30 people, including eight members of Cambridge Paramedic Squad 4, nearly tripling the firehouse’s capacity since it opened. And the crews there all work more reasonable shifts than their counterparts a century ago: a full 24 hours with two days off, followed by another 24 hours and four days off.



“That’s a big difference,” Morrissey said. “Way back in the day you almost lived at the firehouse all the time, barely saw your family.”

Inside the building, alongside a 2011 Pierce Saber engine, a paramedic van and other modern furnishings, Gelinas said the station maintains a few pieces of its history.

“It has been renovated a few times over the years, but basically it’s the same building from 1896,” he said. The first floor still consists of the patrol room, office, kitchen and two-bay apparatus floor — minus the horse stalls needed for original equipment — that were present when the first company moved in.

The fire pole from the upstairs “sleeping rooms” to the ground floor is also an original, along with some woodworking throughout the building and a now-defunct fireplace topped by a photograph of the firehouse from the 1800s. Photographs of the men and women who have served in the company also line the building’s hallways, Gelinas’s grandfather among them.

Morrissey said that while the daily duties of a Cambridge firefighter have changed through the decades, every firefighter likely starts their routine upon arriving at the firehouse the same as those 100 years ago.

“Back in the day like anything else, one thing that’ll never change, you put your personal gear on the apparatus every morning and check your equipment” he said. “That’s something that carries on.”



Dina Rudick/Globe Staff

Old photographs of the firehouse and its crews line the upstairs halls.

In addition to daily preparation, Morrissey said a key part of working and living in an old building is keeping it in shape before a call comes in.

“You make sure you do the housework; you’re dealing with old buildings so you do the best you can,” he said. “We still have to make the place look good, it is your house, you’re there for 24 hours. And that, again, has gone on from day one. That just carries on.”

Despite the upkeep necessary to keep an older building in shape, Morrissey said he enjoys being able to step back sometimes and recognize the history of the engine company, and his place in it.

“It really doesn’t hit you until sometimes you’re riding down the street, you’re getting back from the call, and you look at the building and say, ‘It’s history,’” Morrissey said.

Engine Company Number 4 now tallies more than 1,000 responses in Cambridge each year, including double-digit calls for building fires, from the same spot it has for 121 years.

“I think we have a great fire department, dedicated members,” Morrissey said. “All the members of Engine 4 want to be there, it’s a tradition too.”

“You got your pride in your company and you go a little above and beyond,” he said.

Signal 10-15

In the last issue, we are remiss and very sorry to admit that we missed sharing the passing of **Firefighter Donald Burke; Ladder 2; Retired** in March 2017. We apologize to his family for the error. His son William wrote:

My Father really enjoyed the Feeder Line and liked to keep up to date on the latest news in the Cambridge Fire Department and the people that he worked with over his career. I've learned that even though you are retired from the job as a firefighter, you still have that connection to the job and the people you have worked with over the years. It's a great brotherhood, and my dad really loved the job, except for shoveling hydrants during snowstorms (kidding) He loved being a Cambridge Fire Fighter and it would mean a great deal to me and my family if his passing could be mentioned in your publication. Thank you in advance, and to the great work you do with the Cambridge Firefighter Feeder Line. Warm Regards, William Burke

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

Firefighter Joseph P. O'Brien Jr.: Engine Co. 9 Retired

FF O'Brien was appointed to the department on Sept. 10, 1961
He retired on September 20, 1986

Condolences to:

Friends and family of **Bob “Sarge” Haley from Boston EMS** who passed away in September 2017. He was a friend to the Cambridge Department as well as the entire MBHSR UASI region and beyond. He was a tremendous resource to our **EPAC** (Emergency Planning) and **Deputy Chief Gover** in regards to special events planning. He will be missed by all.

Firefighter Richard K. Dahl; Ladder Co. 3-Retired on the passing of his son,
Eric Dahl in October 2017

Melinda Camara; Fire Department Business Office on the passing of her Father,
Mr. Alvaro T. “Santana” Camara in October 2017

Captain James Gomes; Rescue 1 on the passing of his Mother-in-Law,
Mrs. Barbara Stockwell in October 2017

Family, friends and co-workers of **Watertown Fire Chief Mario Orangio** who passed away in
November from occupational cancer

Friends and family of Mr. Dominic DeFrancisco who passed away in November 2017
Mr. DeFrancisco was the brother of **FF Robert DeFrancisco; Engine 3 Retired**

Deputy Chief Robert Rossi; Training Division on the passing of his Sister,
Ms. Judith Rossi

Cambridge LODD's

In Memoriam - Cambridge Line of Duty Deaths from October-December

Please note, the last issue we shared LODD's that occurred during the time period July-September through the course of the department's history. In this issue we will provide the last segment that covers October through December only. It is important to remember those that served and died with distinction before us. We hope that these names serve as reminders of the ultimate sacrifice you may be called to provide.

Captain James T. McCabe, Chemical Co. No. 1, October 7, 1921 – Died while operating at Box 348, 5 Alarm fire. Box 348 sounded at 11:20 PM, 3rd Alarm at 11:25 PM, 5th Alarm at 11:45PM. All out sounded at 5:03 AM on October 8, 1921.

Private Thomas H. Anderson (Engine 2), killed October 17, 1935 Died in accident with Ladder 3 while responding to Box 273 for a fire at the rear of 186 Mass. Ave. Engine 2 was involved in a collision with the rear of ladder 3.

Firefighter Vincent Kelley Jr., Engine 4 – died of a brain aneurysm suddenly on October 17, 1997 in Arlington. Active duty death. Father to **FF Steve Kelley, Rescue Co. 1**

Lieutenant Barry Bennett, Engine 1, Died November 2, 2003 of job related illness on October 15, 1987. Posthumously promoted to Captain. Father to **FF Zach Bennett; Engine 2**

Frank D. Olmstead (Steamer #1) and William S. Frasier (Ladder 1), two volunteer firefighters were killed in the Great Boston Fire, **November 9 & 10, 1872**. Private Frasier's body was never found and death certificate never filed.

November 9, 1872. Four Cambridge engine companies and the hook and ladder helped to subdue the Great Boston Fire in 1872, where two volunteer firefighters from this city lost their lives. Firefighter Frank Olmstead, age 17 of Steamer 1 and firefighter William Frasier were killed while operating at Box 52 (Cambridge Box 13). According to the Boston Evening Transcript:

“Frank Olmstead, a fireman of Steamer 1 of Cambridge....was injured by a wall falling from the adjoining building striking him on the head. He was taken to...Massachusetts General Hospital on a stretcher where he died.” William S. Frasier of Ladder 1 was also killed. His body was never recovered and death certificate never filed.

James F. Dalton, Call Lieutenant (Ladder 2), November 10, 1898 – Thrown from a ladder after opening a door with a fire behind it. Fell to pavement and died 15 minutes after. Box 114, the J.P. Squire Company at 169 Gore Street, unused icehouse.

Matthew L. Fairbairn, Callman - Private (Ladder 2) November 21, 1898 - Just 11 days after Firefighter Dalton was killed, another fire occurred at the J.P. Squire Company that this time took the life of Firefighter Matthew L. Fairbairn also of Ladder 2. The second fire occurred on

November 21 and Firefighter Fairbairn died two days later on November 23, 1898 from injuries received at the fire.

Private William J. Coyne, (Engine 4), died November 9, 1935 at Engine 4's quarters.

Firefighter George J. Cotter, November 27, – (August 1980) passed away several days after 2nd alarm triple fatal fire on Lancaster St. (or Humboldt Street) Box 691, He had chest pain at fire, died at home several days later.

Firefighter John "Chris" Cronshaw, Engine 4, deceased December 2, 1998, job related lung cancer that metastasized to brain. Active duty, assigned to Engine 4 his whole career. US Army Veteran

Firefighter John E. Cullinane, Ladder 2, December 24, 1975, Collapsed on apparatus floor in cardiac arrest, unable to be revived, pronounced dead at Cambridge Hospital. No entry in Ladder 2 logbook in regards to this incident. FF Cullinane logged in on watch at 1230 hours on Wed, December 24, 1975. Dates possibly messed up as times after his watch run through evening roll call for December 24th. Next page starts 0800 morning roll call again for December 24th (which should be Dec 25!) Only pertinent entry is December 26, 1975 Special Signal, Notice # 51 on Death of FF John E. Cullinane.

Stats and Fires

FY 2017/2018 RUN TOTALS														
	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	SBTTL	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	TOTAL
Engine 1	176	201	253	228			858							858
Engine 2	287	346	319	322			1274							1274
Engine 3	137	131	163	123			554							554
Engine 4	124	124	129	148			525							525
Engine 5	170	162	159	176			667							667
Engine 6	104	133	134	133			504							504
Engine 8	100	107	132	115			454							454
Engine 9	96	118	119	112			445							445
Truck 1	157	176	192	205			730							730
Truck 2	101	107	133	96			437							437
Truck 3	199	205	173	192			769							769
Truck 4	127	132	143	145			547							547
Rescue 1	210	204	210	205			829							829
Squad 2	282	321	337	358			1298							1298
Squad 4	149	163	169	184			665							665
Division 1	161	154	147	161			623							623
Division 2	121	114	111	114			460							460
HazMat 1	5	2	3	1			11							11
Spec & HQ Units	9	6	5	6			26							26
Mutual Aid Units	17	6	16	14			53							53

FY 2017/2018 Incident Totals														
	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	SBTTL	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	TOTAL
Responses	2732	2912	3042	3038			11724							11724
Incidents	1218	1289	1373	1355			5235							5235
Division 1 incidents	725	766	785	758			3034							3034
Division 2 incidents	493	523	588	597			2201							2201
Building fires	1	8	5	5			19							19
Inside fires	62	59	90	93			304							304
All fires	72	85	100	99			356							356
EMS	519	586	639	619			2363							2363
Elevator Rescue	22	7	14	16			59							59
Hazardous materials	20	26	14	14			74							74
CO emerg	2	3	1	5			11							11
Electrical hazards	39	7	28	93			167							167
Malicious false	24	18	27	19			88							88
Malfunction	118	133	141	125			517							517
Unintentional	126	148	125	131			530							530
Bomb threats/susp	36	27	19	28			110							110
Bomb/expl removal	0	0	0	0			0							0
Structure collapse	1	1	0	0			2							2
Total Multiple Alarms							0							0
2nd Alarms							0							0
3rd Alarms							0							0
4th Alarms							0							0
5th Alarms							0							0
10th Alarms							0							0
Working Fires			1		1		2							2
HM Lev 1 "Working"							0							0

Lafayette Square Challenge Coins

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



New Hires, Transfers, Promotions & Retirements

Date: September 5, 2017

General Order No. 39; Series of 2017

Effective Date: September 9, 2017

Subject: Retirement, Firefighter Harold B. Conrad Jr.

Effective September 9, 2017 at 0700 hours, Firefighter Harold B. Conrad Jr. retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Firefighter Harold Conrad Jr. was **appointed on March 17, 1985.**

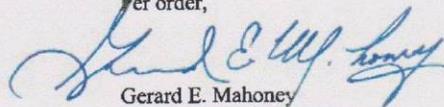
- May 5, 1985 Engine Company No. 1
- December 1, 1985 Aerial Tower No. 1
- September 26, 2004 Aide to Deputy Fire Chief Division 1
- March 8, 2015 Engine Company No. 8

Firefighter Conrad has faithfully served the citizens of Cambridge.

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

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

Per order,



Gerard E. Mahoney
Acting Chief of Department



Date: September 5, 2017

General Order No. 40; Series of 2017

Effective Date: September 10, 2017

Subject: Retirement, Firefighter William J. Sullivan

Effective September 10, 2017 at 0700 hours, Firefighter William J. Sullivan retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Firefighter William Sullivan was appointed on March 17, 1985.

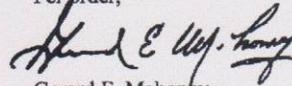
- May 5, 1985 Engine Company No. 2
- March 15, 1987 Engine Company No. 8
- October 11, 1992 Ladder Company No. 1
- January 27, 2013 Engine Company No. 9

Firefighter Sullivan has faithfully served the citizens of Cambridge.

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

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

Per order,



Gerard E. Mahoney
Acting Chief of Department



Date: September 13, 2017

General Order No. 41; Series of 2017

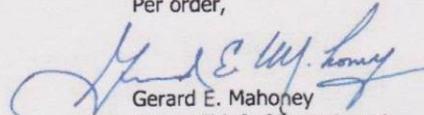
Effective Date: September 17, 2017 at 0700 hours

Subject: Transfers

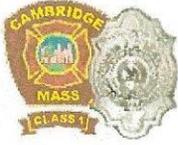
Captain Steven J. Lawless from Fire Prevention to Fire Headquarters

Lieutenant Jeremiah D. Hart from Squad 4 to Fire Prevention as Acting Captain

Per order,



Gerard E. Mahoney
Acting Chief of Department



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Date: October 12, 2017

General Order No. 44; Series of 2017

Effective Date: October 15, 2017 at 0700 hours

Subject: Transfers

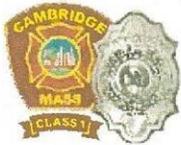
Lt. Michael R. Travers from Ladder Co. 3 to Fire Headquarters

FF Gary Nangle from Engine Co. 8 to Ladder Co. 3 as Acting Lieutenant

FF Bryan B. O'Neil from Rescue Co. 1 to Squad 4 as Acting Lieutenant

Per order,

Gerard E. Mahoney
Acting Chief of Department



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Date: October 31, 2017

General Order No. 47; Series of 2017

Effective Date: Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 0700 Hours

Subject: Promotions

Acting Captain Jeremiah D. Hart promoted to Fire Captain

Acting Lieutenant Pedro G. Gonzalez promoted to Fire Lieutenant

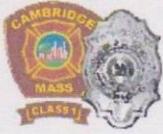
Acting Lieutenant Gary Nangle promoted to Fire Lieutenant

Acting Lieutenant Bryan B. O'Neil promoted to Fire Lieutenant

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

Per order,

Gerard E. Mahoney
Acting Chief of Department



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Date: November 20, 2017

General Order No. 48; Series of 2017

Effective Date: December 3, 2017

Subject: Appointments

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

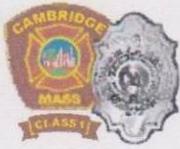
**Wes L. Anderson
Stephen J. Boudrow
Matthew J. Duggan
Brendan G. Marshall
Corey J. McGrath
Michael P. Owens
Barrey J. Paddock
Joseph J. Stegner**

They will report to the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy in Stow, MA for Recruit Firefighter training at 0700 hours Monday, December 11, 2017.

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

Per order,

Gerard E. Mahoney
Acting Chief of Department



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Date: November 27, 2017

General Order No. 50; Series of 2017

Effective Date: December 3, 2017 at 0700 hours

Subject: Transfer

Firefighter Paul E. Neal from Engine Company No. 6 to Fire Headquarters

Per order,

Gerard E. Mahoney
Acting Chief of Department

Letters



BELMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT

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DAVID L. FRIZZELL
CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT

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September 12, 2017

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

Dear Acting Chief Mahoney:

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Cambridge Fire Department for the mutual aid assistance received on September 1, 2017 at our 2-alarm fire. On behalf of the Belmont Fire Department, the Town officials and myself, we are very proud of the performance of your Department.

Thank you for all the support you gave throughout this fire. Please extend to the Division Chief, and those members on Engine 1, Engine 9, Ladder 1, Squad 4 who responded to 3-5 Choate Road that their help is greatly appreciated, and please offer our thanks for their assistance and for a job well done. Without mutual aid assistance like that from your Department, the outcome of the fire could have been much worse.

Sincerely,

David L. Frizzell
Chief of Department

DLF/kk

Following note was sent to CFD members on September 16, 2017:

All Members,

I just wanted to send a quick note of thanks to all those who participated today in the Danehy Park Field Day activities.

This is one of the few citywide events each year that brings residents from throughout the city together to see the various agencies represented as well as providing entertainment and fun for all.

Each year we receive several positive feedback comments on the Cambridge Fire Department displays and the professionalism of the members on hand.

Your efforts are appreciated by myself as well as the community at large.

Thank you,

Gerard E. Mahoney
Acting Chief of Department
Cambridge, MA Fire Department



David Fallon
Chief of Police

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

November 2, 2017

Chief Mahoney,

On behalf of myself and all members of the Somerville Police Department, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your department's support for our fallen officer, Louis Remigio.

Words alone cannot express the feelings of thankfulness and camaraderie felt by the members of the Somerville Police Department and Officer Remigio's family. We are, and will always be, truly thankful and humbled by your outpouring of support for our brother.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David Fallon".

Chief David Fallon
Somerville Police Department



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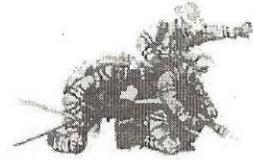
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Robert J. Quinn
Provisional Chief of Department

November 13, 2017

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

Dear Chief Mahoney,

On Friday November 10, 2017 the funeral for Retired Watertown Fire Chief Mario Orangio was held in the Town of Watertown. This was no small undertaking due to his very recent retirement, that he died young from occupational cancer and he was a well regarded Fire Chief across the State of Massachusetts. In order to hold a successful service we needed assistance from several organizations. Among others, the Cambridge Fire Department played a large role in our success providing an Engine Company, a Ladder Company and a Command Car for coverage of the community. This allowed all of our members to attend the funeral service. On behalf of the members of the Watertown Fire Department and the Town of Watertown I extend a heartfelt thank you for helping us safely conduct the services for our fallen hero.

Again, thank you so much for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Quinn
Provisional Chief of Department

4 Alarms – 30 Nov 2017



J Gelinas photo

Ladder 3 extinguishes hotspots on the roof during the 4 Alarm fire 30 Nov 2017



J Gelinas photo

Ladder 2 waits for orders – L-R, FF “CJ” Roberts, FF Ken Correia and Lt Marvin Ramos

From the Tailboard...

That insidious omnipotent foe—
The spark of Hell's unholy glow.

Tho' all the heavens roll with smoke
and tears may come and I may choke,
Let flames approach unto my feet,
I still must stay and not retreat.

Place a nozzle in my hand;
give me water, and I will stand
Tho' Satan's hordes should bar the way,
till "take-up" sounds on Judgment Day.

There, before me, in the water's gleam,
in the thick black smoke, and the silver stream,
A ghastly company of men is coming,
dragging hose carts, or with buckets running.

And wild-eyed horses strain against the night
As the engineers keep the boilers alight.
In eternal distance, like the sounding of a knell,
I can hear the tolling and the clanging of a bell.

An eerie siren pierces some far-off night
to bring a phantom crew, to aid me in the fight.
The trumpets of the officers blast silent commands
to the centuries of firemen that steady my hands.

O Lord, give me strength, that I
may keep on fighting till I die—
May I keep thy children from all harm
till I roll out to Thy Last Alarm.

—Fireman Charles S. W. Rubel
Engine Company 213
New York City Fire Department

Social Media

For those on social media and smartphones, Cambridge Fire has been on both Facebook and Twitter for over a year now.



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“It’s a major award”! Collingswood New Jersey Squad Company 16 B Platoon firefighters got innovative today and made a firehouse version of the classic leg lamp from the movie "A Christmas Story". The leg lamp is displayed in the front window of their firehouse on West Collings Avenue in December 2017. Photo courtesy of Lieutenant G. Joyce.



Headquarters decorated for the holidays – photo courtesy of **FFOP Doug Boudrow; Engine 3**



We wish everyone a happy holiday season and our best wishes for a healthy and prosperous New Year!



Information

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

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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!**