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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

Marine 1 - Work was completed on the new Marine 1 just in time for the July 4th fireworks celebration in the Charles River. The old Marine 1 was designated as Marine 4 and will be kept as a spare for the time being. The Fire Department Administration has chosen to name the new boat after the first African American Fire Chief in the United States, so Marine 1 was named "The" Patrick H. Raymond."



Photo by Lt. Steve Brown



Photo by Lt. Jeremy Walsh

PATRICK H. RAYMOND
1831 – 1892
Civil War Veteran, Newspaper Editor, and Fire Chief
Marker location: 10 Pleasant Street

Patrick H. Raymond, the first African American fire chief, was born in Philadelphia, the son of the Reverend John and Susan Raymond. His father, a runaway slave from Virginia who became a well-known abolitionist in New York City, was one of the early pastors of the African Meeting House in Boston. About 1847, the Raymond family moved to Cambridge, where they lived on Washington Street near Kendall Square in the "lower Port," Cambridge's first African American neighborhood. Raymond worked as a shoemaker before becoming a journalist at the Boston Herald and the Boston Advertiser. Able to pass as white, he and his brother joined the navy in 1862.

In 1864, Raymond returned to Cambridge, and in 1869 became the editor of the weekly Cambridge Press. In 1871, Mayor Hamlin Harding, a former editor of the paper, appointed him chief engineer of the Cambridge Fire Department. In 1870, the department had four assistant engineers, fifteen foremen, nine drivers, fifty-two part-time firemen, and a telegraph operator. The horse-drawn apparatus consisted of four steam fire engines and a hook and ladder truck. Over the next seven years, Raymond was able to triple the annual budget of the department, creating two new fire companies and building new firehouses on Portland Street and Western Avenue and in Brattle and Inman squares. Raymond suffered intense criticism from his rivals at the Cambridge Chronicle, but he survived eight years in office and served at the pleasure of four mayors. During his tenure he lived at 10 Pleasant Street, which was across Green Street from the City Hall of that time.

After Raymond was replaced as chief in 1878, he continued as editor and business agent of the Cambridge Press until 1890. He was elected corresponding secretary of the National Association of Fire Engineers in 1873 and was a charter member of the John A. Logan Post, Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Civil War veterans. His nephew, Theodore Raymond, was a real estate developer and longtime civic leader. Patrick Raymond died on July 28, 1892, and was buried in Cambridge Cemetery.

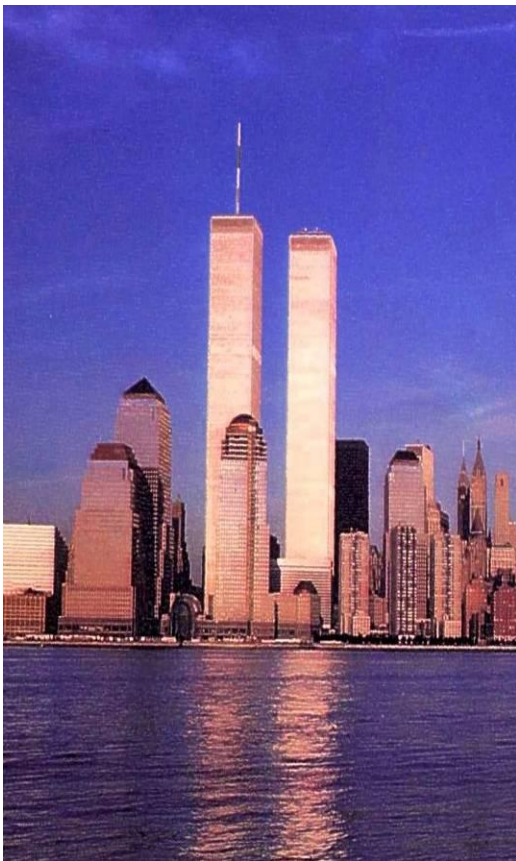
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City of Cambridge Historical Commission



September 11th

September 11, 2012 will mark the 11th anniversary of a date that many of us will never forget and the date of one of the largest rescue efforts in the modern fire service. It is a day that we should be proud to be Americans and also proud to be associated with the American Fire Service – fly your American flag proudly!



All Companies Working

June 1, 2012 – Water Rescue, Charlesgate Yacht Club, 20 Cambridge Parkway – Ladder 2, Engine 3, Rescue 1, Squad 2 and Division 1 assisted a civilian out of the water who was unable to get out under his own power. EMS evaluated patient and unknown if transported.

June 1, 2012 – Mutual Aid, Belmont, 3rd Alarm fire, Clover Street – Engine 9, Engine 5, Ladder 1, Squad 4 and Division 2 worked in Belmont on their 3rd Alarm fire.

June 3, 2012 – Double shooting, 34 Willow Street – Engine 5, Engine 3 and Squad 2 were dispatched to Willow Street for a shooting with two victims. One victim was pronounced dead at the hospital. The other was expected to survive. Engine 1, Division 1, Engine 6, Ladder 1 and the Tactical Rescue also supported scene operations after the initial incident.

June 6, 2012 – 1 Alarm fire, Box 2911, 1221 Cambridge Street – Companies responded to the box alarm and found an extinguished fire in a fifth floor bathroom. A mop caught fire and was extinguished via the sprinkler system. The system was zoned out but water running down to the first floor started a small fire in the alarm panel. Division 1 requested the box and the wall was opened up and electricity shut down.

June 8, 2012 – 1 Alarm fire, Box 453, 125 Putnam Ave, Peabody Terrace – small fire on the roof of 21 Peabody Terrace. A line was stretched over Ladder 1's aerial and the rubber membrane fire was extinguished. Cause was believed to be a lightning strike earlier in the day.

June 9, 2012 – 1 Alarm fire, Box 67, 15A Madison Street – Companies found a small fire on a porch as a result of dirty rags left in a box. One line stretched and operated. No extension to the interior of the home.

June 9, 2012 – Mutual Aid, Somerville, Working Fire, 62 Putnam Street – Engine 5 and Ladder 1 covered in Teele Square on their working fire. Fire was a lightning strike that resulted in a fire on roof.

June 14, 2012 – Birth, 1 Leighton Street – Engine 3 and Squad 2 assisted a 30 year old female after she gave birth at home. Squad 2 personnel transported both mom and child with Professional Ambulance.

June 14, 2012 – Haz-Mat, 182 Memorial Drive, MIT – Division 2 ordered a Level I Haz-mat for entry into a lab where an unknown substance was reported leaking from a tank. Companies investigated and found no readings in the lab. Scene was turned over to MIT. Lafayette Square companies (along with Division 1) were already tied up at another MIT location with a CO incident at the time.

June 14, 2012 – 1 Alarm fire, Box 5171, Harvard Square MBTA – Fire alarm struck the box for a fire in the tracks. Companies had power shut down and tested the third rail before entering the tube to extinguish a fire on the tracks.

June 24, 2012 – Shooting, 402 Rindge Ave - Companies rendered first aid to a victim with a small caliber gunshot wound to the leg.

June 30, 2012 – 2nd Alarm fire, Box 392, 6 Cottage Court – First due companies found smoke coming from the basement of a 2 story wood frame residential building. A basement fire had extended into the walls and hose lines run into the basement, first and second floors. Ladders 3 and 1 vented and overhauled. DFC Ed Morrissey struck a second alarm for relief purposes due to the high heat and humidity.

July 4, 2012 – 1 Alarm fire, Box 784, 24 Madison Ave – companies found a neighbor using a garden hose to extinguish an exterior fire on the rear porch of a residential building. A line was stretched and overhaul completed.

July 5, 2012 – 1 Alarm fire, Box 512, 26 Church Street - companies had a grease fire in the ductwork throughout a four story brick restaurant. A line was stretched to the roof and walls on all floors were opened to ensure the fire was contained to the ductwork.

July 12, 2012 – Gas leak, 224 Albany Street – a construction crew using a backhoe dug up a 2” natural gas line. Hose lines were put into place to control vapors until the leak could be shut off. N-star on scene and took over control of the scene.

July 16, 2012 – Water Rescue, Memorial Drive @ Harvard Bridge – two people were reported to be in the water. Ladder 3 used a ground ladder to remove them from the water

July 17, 2012 – 2nd Alarm fire, Box 612, 138 Irving Street – Workers using a heat gun started a fire inside the wall of a 3.5 story wood frame residential building. A delayed alarm while they tried to extinguish the fire themselves allowed the fire to burn inside the walls. DFC Gover requested a 2nd alarm for relief purposes given the hot and humid conditions.

July 17, 2012 – Water Rescue, Charles River – A boat capsized in the Charles River. Two people were removed via the dock at the MIT boathouse.

August 2, 2012 – Construction Accident, 300 Binney Street – A construction worker fell on the upper floors of a building under construction requiring companies to use the bucket of Ladder 2 to remove him to the ground.



Photo by Lt. M. Wood (Training Division)

August 2, 2012 – Working fire, Box 4221, City Hall Annex, 344 Broadway – a worker working in the basement of the City Hall Annex started an accidental fire that was kept in check by a sprinkler. Engine 5 arrived and reported smoke showing. DFC M. Morrissey requested a Working Fire as lines were stretched and the seat of the fire was determined. Luckily, the fire did not enter any void spaces.

August 8, 2012 – Mutual Aid, Somerville, Working Fire, 22 Porter Street – Ladder 1 and Engine 4 covered at Somerville's Teele Square fire station during their working fire.

August 23, 2012 – 3 Alarm fire, Box 289, 95 Columbia Street – companies were dispatched to a building fire. While enroute, fire alarm updated that there were reports of people still in the building. On arrival, CPD officers were assisting occupants in evacuating the building. Shortly after arrival, DFC E. Morrissey requested a second alarm. Several big lines and a deck gun were operated on the rear porches and roof fire right away to protect exposures. Searches were conducted where necessary and interior attack lines stretched. After operating for a short time, the rear roof collapsed and heavy fire in the cockloft forced an exterior attack. A third alarm was transmitted. Cambridge Ladder 3 and Somerville Tower 1 were in the best position and operated on the fire. Several members were treated and transported with minor injuries.



Photo by Boston.com

Truck 2 extinguishes hotspots the following morning at Box 3-289 at 95 Columbia Street.

Out and About

Group 1 Auto Extrication – Group 1/Headquarters Companies at an auto extrication drill at Phil's Towing on Webster Avenue June 3, 2012.



Photo by DFC E. Morrissey

L-R, FF Howie Smith, Lt. E. Nugent (E-1), Lt Golden (R-1), Capt David House (with hands in pocket), FF Hallissey (E-1), FF Zedalis (R-1), FF Paul (E-1), FF Peebles (R-1), FF Capuccio (R-1), FF Bell (R-1) and FF Calvert (L-1)

Ever Wonder...?

Did you ever wonder why you see the same faces in the Company Journal and hear the same news in the Company Journal? Because those are the same people that contribute information they want to share! Will you please share your news with the rest of the Cambridge Fire Department family? Surely someone is proud of something their mother, father, son, daughter, niece, nephew, aunt, uncle, grandmother or grandfather did! Military? College degree? Please send photos and information to Hsmith@Cambridgefire.org



Local 30 MDA Update - Earlier in the year, Local 30 set a goal to raise \$20,000 for the MDA. As you know, we've been very busy over the last 5 months. We held a Cambridge Guns N' Hoses hockey game, a Local 30 MDA Golf Outing, and 5 "Fill The Boot" drives. Between the 2 events and all of the boot drives, I'm proud to announce that we've exceeded our goal and raised \$21,254. Congratulations and thank you to all of the members who volunteered and/or contributed throughout these events. This success wouldn't have been possible without all of you!



Cambridge Fire Department Hockey

The Cambridge Fire Department Hockey team will start their 2012-2013 season around mid September. There is no schedule yet, but please look into the schedule (when released) and stop by a game in the future and support our firefighters and players!

Firefighter David Vigilante (Engine Co. No. 4) found a friend in Halle Coipel (or is it the other way around?) Halle is the daughter of **Firefighter Laura Prunty, Engine Co. 4** and **Firefighter Al Coipel, Rescue No.1).**



Photo by L. Prunty



Local 30 Canobie Lake Park Day – August 7, 2012

The Cambridge Fire Department Canobie Lake Park Day was a complete success as usual thanks to the hard work of **FF Mike Dwyer (Ladder Co. No. 1)**, son **T.J. Dwyer**, **Lt. Matt Wood (Training Division)** and the rest of the **Wood family**, **Lt. Jimi Drewicz (Rescue Co.1)** for designing the tee-shirts, **Glenn Turner (Tech Services)** and the **Turner family**, **Fire Chief Gerald Reardon** for coming out and supporting the members and families of his department and the rest of the members that worked so hard to make the day enjoyable. Also a great deal of gratitude to Cambridge Local 30 and the Cambridge FireFighters Credit Union for their financial contributions. The day started with the usual field day games and prizes for the little kids (and big kids).



Photo by Bridget Lopez



Photo by Bridget Lopez

L-R, FF Todd Koen (Engine no. 1), FF Ameer Moustafa (Engine No. 5), FF Rick Feliciano (Ladder No. 2)



Photo by Bridget Lopez

Judging by that smile, there is no doubt that Halle Coipel, daughter of **FF Al Coipel (Rescue No. 1)** and **FF Laura Coipel (Engine No. 4)** had fun!

We also have it on good authority that **Captain Sean White (Rescue No. 1)** spent most of his day pre-planning a future extrication drill for the Rescue Company of amusement park rides, either that or he was attending the Justin Bieber concert.

Quotes of the Day

"Motivation is what gets you started. Habit is what keeps you going."
– Jim Rohn

"That some achieve great success, is proof to all that others can achieve it as well."
-Abraham Lincoln

Most of the successful people I've known are the ones who do more listening than talking.
-Bernard M. Baruch

From the Archives

Fire Captain Mark Roche (Newton FD) provided the following photo of interest. It was originally printed in the Boston Herald newspaper in 1993 but the original photo was taken by **DFC Dan Turner**.



. The newspaper caption read as follows: Cambridge Firefighters Deliver Baby – Jean (left standing) and Nelte Remy holding their newborn “Steve Ryan Remy” with Cambridge firefighters: **Lt. John Kotowski**, **Steve Ryan** (who delivered the baby center) and **Danny Mahoney** (right). The other Remy children are Junior (left), Jessica (center) and Jeffrey (hand on head).

October 21, 1989 – Box 791, 22 Morrison Court, 2nd Alarm



Photo by Walter Grace (Aide to Division 1 – Retired)



Photo by Walter Grace (Aide to Division 1 – Retired)

MBTA Bus Accident, July 1986, photo from the collection of Walter Grace (Aide to Division 1 – Retired)



Photo by Walter Grace (Aide to Division 1 – Retired)

Through the Lantern Lens



Through the Lantern Lens

by Mose Humphrey

While looking through photos for use elsewhere in this issue, we stumbled upon some old fire photos from the early 1900's from Cambridge. Not much is known about these photos, but they are worth sharing even if there isn't much to read about them! The following photos used with permission - Courtesy of the Boston Public Library, Leslie Jones Collection.



Unknown location in Cambridge in 1916



Four alarm fire at Hew's and Co.'s old pottery plant, North Cambridge, causing \$500,000 damage. It's believed that this fire took place on the evening of August 14, 1930.)



Central Square circa 1930.

All photos courtesy of the Boston Public Library, Leslie Jones Collection

Signal 10-15

Special Signal 10-15

The Chief of Department regrets to announce the death of

Firefighter John M. White Jr.; Engine Co. 9-Retired

FF White was appointed May 1, 1966 and retired December 23, 1992

He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps

Special Signal 10-15

The Chief of Department regrets to announce the death of

Captain Thomas F. Sweeney; Engine Co. 9-Retired

Captain Sweeney was appointed October 25, 1953

Retired December 28, 1986

He was a United States Navy Veteran

Special Signal 10-15

The Chief of Department regrets to announce the death of

Firefighter Ralph J. Warren; Ladder Co. 4-Retired

Brother of Firefighter Donald Warren; Engine Co. 5-Retired

Firefighter Warren passed away in Florida on August 5, 2012

He was appointed on June 19, 1956

Retired November 6, 1971

Corrections

In the last issue under the Signal 10-15's, Firefighter William E. Crowley should have read **Firefighter James E. Crowley Jr. – Aide to Division 1 Retired**. The 10-15 also included a note that he was the son of **Fire Captain James E. Crowley** of Ladder Company 1 who was killed at the Statler Tissue Warehouse in Somerville. Since he was a "Jr.", he in fact shared the same name as his father. Our apologies go out to the Crowley family and readers for the error.

Condolences to:

Firefighter Paul Finnegan (Ladder Co. No. 4) on the passing of his Aunt,
Ann M. (Finnegan) Looney

Lt. Ronald Gomes (Engine Co. 2) on the passing of his father,
Firefighter Ronald Gomes; Belmont Fire Dept., Retired

Firefighter Richard Rycroft (Ladder Co. 4) on the passing of his father,
Firefighter Richard Rycroft; Lexington Fire Department, Retired

Firefighter John J. Gallagher (Ladder Co. 4)
and **Lieutenant John J. Gallagher (Engine Co. 4-Retired)** on the passing of
Their mother and wife, Mrs. Dorothea E. Gallagher

Firefighter Peter Mickiewicz (Ladder Co. 1) on the passing of
his Father-In-Law , Robert LeBlanc

Retirements

General Order No. 20, Series of 2012

Effective June 29, 2012, at 1900 hours, **Lieutenant Jeffrey R. Howard** retired from the
Cambridge Fire Department. Lieutenant Howard was appointed on September 7, 1997.

December 7, 1997	Engine Co. No. 8
October 2, 2005	Acting Fire Lieutenant, Engine Co. No. 2
October 30, 2005	Promoted to Fire Lieutenant, Engine Co. No. 2
January 14, 2007	Engine Co. No. 8

Lieutenant Howard was faithfully served the citizens of Cambridge. We wish Lieutenant Howard
much happiness and good health in his retirement.

Promotions

General Order No. 21

Effective Sunday, July 1, 2012 at 0700 hours:

Acting Fire Lieutenant Joyce T. Bowden promoted to Fire Lieutenant

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

Transfers

General Order # 22, Series of 2012

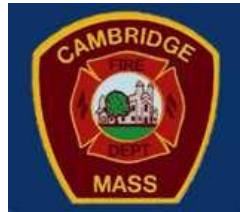
Effective Sunday, July 8, 2012 at 0700 hours,

Firefighter Darron R. Smith from Engine Co. No. 1 to Engine Co. No. 8

Firefighter Keith Thorne-Bingham from Engine Co. No. 8 to Ladder Co. No. 1

Firefighter Darryn DeGrace from Engine Co. No. 8 to Engine Co. No. 1

125th Cambridge Firefighters Relief Fireman's Ball



SAVE THE DATE! - For the advance planners, the 125th Ball will be held in **March 2013**

Congratulations

To **Firefighter Joseph Hallissey (Engine Co. No. 1)** and his Fiancee Anne, on the birth of their baby son, Joseph James Hallissey on June 23, 2012

To **Firefighter Nicole Zedalis (Rescue Co. No. 1)** on her marriage to John Signoretti on August 11, 2012.

Congratulations to **Saugus Fire Chief James Blanchard**, who recently retired after a long career in the fire service. Chief Blanchard has always been a friend to the Cambridge Fire Department and as an instructor at the Mass. Fire Academy for years; a mentor to many recruits, firefighters, fire officers and instructors over the years! Chief Blanchard's last day of work was July 27, 2012.



Photo Courtesy of Joe Morrissey

Standing, L-R, Salem Fire Chief David Cody, **DFC Brian Gover (Division 2)**, **DFC J. Gelinas (Chief of Operations – Retired)**, Mansfield Deputy Fire Chief James Puleo, Fire Chief James Blanchard, Westwood Fire Chief James Scoble, **DFC M. Morrissey (Division 1)**.
Kneeling in front, L-R – Belmont Captain James Pizzi and **DFC E. Morrissey (Division 1)**



Photo from Ed Fowler Collection

Firefighter John Rocca (Retired) watches over the business end of Engine 4's old Maxim pumper

Stats and Fires

FY 2011/2012 RUN TOTALS

	Jul-11	Aug-11	Sep-11	Oct-11	Nov-11	Dec-11	SBTTL	Jan-12	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	TOTAL
Engine 1	184	212	221	198	180	187	1182	169	166	177	205	203	195	2297
Engine 2	280	295	268	310	237	205	1595	220	220	261	221	277	268	3062
Engine 3	127	137	125	146	101	132	768	110	108	116	101	127	152	1482
Engine 4	109	121	102	132	112	125	701	104	98	100	119	108	144	1374
Engine 5	154	173	158	181	153	153	972	163	167	138	128	131	138	1837
Engine 6	124	126	111	136	99	89	685	119	77	101	86	101	92	1261
Engine 8	85	106	88	98	94	97	568	83	83	74	108	102	82	1100
Engine 9	61	102	69	79	71	78	460	77	72	52	75	73	104	913
Truck 1	163	159	171	189	171	163	1016	159	142	151	151	170	164	1953
Truck 2	96	103	86	106	76	79	546	95	92	84	71	84	84	1056
Truck 3	179	197	214	233	170	141	1134	181	164	157	141	164	136	2077
Truck 4	102	155	109	140	121	142	769	102	92	87	106	122	128	1406
Rescue 1	200	188	184	201	202	185	1160	189	209	199	178	192	237	2364
Squad 2	292	276	253	294	236	207	1558	255	254	288	226	257	253	3091
Squad 4	150	149	143	174	145	179	940	150	133	141	156	136	174	1830
Division 1	142	132	141	161	125	101	802	132	128	109	113	152	127	1563
Division 2	105	102	107	119	106	121	660	99	81	90	89	95	107	1221
HazMat 1	5	1	3	2	1	2	14	5	1	0	3	5	5	33
Spec & HQ Units	28	23	12	25	12	17	117	9	20	14	17	12	38	227
Mutual Aid Units	15	7	3	6	8	13	52	17	8	10	29	7	19	142
TOTAL	2601	2764	2568	2930	2420	2416	15699	2438	2315	2349	2323	2518	2647	30289

Fire Prevention Week

October 7-13 is Fire Prevention Week for 2012. This year's theme is "Have 2 Ways Out!"

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8, but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871. - NFPA

FY 2011/2012 Incident Totals

	Jul-11	Aug-11	Sep-11	Oct-11	Nov-11	Dec-11	SBTTL	Jan-12	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	TOTAL
Responses	2601	2764	2568	2930	2420	2416	15699	2438	2315	2349	2323	2518	2647	30289
Incidents	1073	1234	1128	1243	984	996	6658	993	935	966	984	1095	1102	12733
Division 1 incidents	579	703	632	696	561	558	3729	556	505	522	551	613	617	7093
Division 2 incidents	494	531	496	547	423	438	2929	437	430	444	433	482	485	5640
Building fires	12	8	3	5	4	7	39	10	11	15	6	8	8	97
Inside fires	35	54	52	79	80	78	378	83	82	76	70	69	73	831
All fires	53	69	64	84	83	82	435	87	84	84	100	78	83	951
EMS	469	517	497	550	451	456	2940	465	442	485	476	500	538	5846
Elevator Rescue	13	5	9	13	10	11	61	10	6	13	11	12	10	123
Hazardous materials	21	14	22	18	16	20	111	21	11	22	12	18	24	219
CO emerg	4	8	7	8	4	6	37	6	5	3	2	5	3	61
Electrical hazards	30	87	35	28	29	22	231	12	18	21	17	39	35	373
Malicious false	20	20	21	44	19	13	137	13	13	9	14	20	23	229
Malfunction	92	127	135	142	89	94	679	87	81	66	94	110	85	1202
Unintentional	129	140	141	127	101	123	761	109	101	113	93	120	106	1403
Bomb threats/susp	18	11	10	8	6	5	58	6	7	4	6	7	7	95
Bomb/expl removal	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Structure collapse	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Total Multiple Alarms		1					1	1			1		1	4
2nd Alarms		1					1	1					1	3
3rd Alarms							0				1			1
4th Alarms							0							
5th Alarms							0							
Working Fires	1				1	1	3		1		2			6
HM Lev 1 "Working"	1						1						2	3

More on Fire Prevention Week...

While the Great Chicago Fire was the best-known blaze to start during this fiery two-day stretch, it wasn't the biggest. That distinction goes to the Peshtigo Fire, the most devastating forest fire in American history. The fire, which also occurred on October 8th, 1871, and roared through Northeast Wisconsin, burning down 16 towns, killing 1,152 people, and scorching 1.2 million acres before it ended.

Historical accounts of the fire say that the blaze began when several railroad workers clearing land for tracks unintentionally started a brush fire. Before long, the fast-moving flames were whipping through the area 'like a tornado,' some survivors said. It was the small town of Peshtigo, Wisconsin that suffered the worst damage. Within an hour, the entire town had been destroyed. – *Courtesy of the NFPA*

Letters

The following letter was received in June 2012:

This past Monday, June 18th, I fell on the sidewalk on the corner of Cushing Street and Huron Avenue. I was in a hurry, trying to carry too many grocery bags, small suitcase and other bags to the house in one trip. My hurriedness caused me to trip on the curb and fall face down on the sidewalk. The result was trauma to my face with multiple bruises to my face and right eye.

Many neighbors came out as I was calling for help. To say the least, I was shook up and bleeding from the wounds. I just wanted to thank all the wonderful people who helped me with their kindness and caring. I especially want to thank the firemen of Engine 9 under the leadership of Charlie Murphy who attended to me. The ambulance men were wonderful as well and they tried hard to calm me down and get me to Mt. Auburn.

But, I especially owe lots of thanks to two women who were bicycling up Cushing Street and saw the situation and took right over before help arrived. They tried to make me comfortable and then I gave them my house key and they carried all my groceries inside, put everything away and even made me a sandwich because I was hungry. I just can't thank them enough. I regret that in all the confusion, I did not get their names. I am hoping I see them riding by again or they see this letter of thanks in the paper. They were incredible.

It is gratifying to me to know that in this busy city, there are lots of caring people, people who will take the time to get involved in helping out and just not pass by someone in distress. Kudos to all.

J. Marquedaut

The following letter was received on May 10, 2012:

*Re: April Incident(s)
121-122 Inman Street, Fire, 4/18/2012
83 Trowbridge Street, Fire, 4/21/2012*

Dear Chief Reardon,

On behalf of the American Red Cross of Eastern Massachusetts, I want to thank you for notifying us of the previous month's incidents. Thanks to your timely notifications, during the month we were able to efficiently provide:

*Financial assistance to 6 individuals
Emergency Lodging to 3 individuals*

Disaster relief services provided by the American Red Cross can include temporary lodging, emergency financial assistance for food and clothing including seasonal clothing, personal comfort items and hygiene kits, mental health support, and resource referrals to other relief agencies – all based upon the needs of the affected residents.

Thank you for being a valuable partner in the fulfillment of the American Red Cross Mission to help people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

Sincerely,

*Leighton Jones
Regional Director of Emergency Services*

The following letter was received on June 1, 2012:

Dear Chief Reardon,

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Cambridge Fire Department for the mutual aid assistance received on June 1, 2012 at our 3-alarm fire. On behalf of the Belmont Fire Department, the Town Officials and myself, we are very proud of the performance of your Department.

Thank you for all the support you gave throughout this fire. Please extend to the Division Chief, and those members on Engine 9, Engine 5, Squad 4 and Ladder 1 who responded to 35 Clover Street that their help was greatly appreciated, and please offer our thanks for your assistance for a job well done. Without mutual aid assistance like that from your Department, the outcome of the fire could have been even worse.

Sincerely,

*David L. Frizzell
Chief of Department*

The following letter was received on August 15, 2012:

Re: 26 Church Street

Dear Captain Cahill,

As a follow up to your fire investigations report, I wanted to thank the Cambridge Fire Department for their prompt response and your assistance regarding the investigation of the event.

The cause of this fire event (grease) is a constant concern that we have at Harvard Real Estate and share with the University's EH&S Group. HRE has several food establishments as tenants in our portfolio of buildings throughout Cambridge. Should you or your staff ever wish to visit any of our restaurant tenants for a Random Task Force visit, please do not hesitate to contact me and I would be happy to assist.

One of our key goals at HRE is to ensure and work towards a safe and secure work environment for our commercial and university tenants. Once again, thank you for all your efforts regarding the fire event at 26 Church Street.

Sincerely,

Charles A. O'Brien

The following letter was received on August 24, 2012:

Dear Chief Reardon,

Earlier this year during the month of March, twelve pastors and their congregations gathered at our church to pray for our city leaders. We not only included you in our prayers but we also showed a picture of you on our video screens so that people knew exactly who you were. Little did I know that five months later I would be writing you this personal letter as an expression of gratitude for the services of your department.

On behalf of our congregation and our community, I want to express my sincere appreciation for the fine job that the firefighters of the City of Cambridge did to protect the buildings surrounding the property at 95 Columbia Street. Our church is located at 77 Columbia Street and we also own the property in which the fire trucks were stationed during the fire. However, what we most appreciated was your department's ability to save the property located at 345 Washington Street behind (adjacent to) the property where the fire occurred.

Not only are our church offices located there but we are in the process of completing our purchase of that entire building within the next few days. What a tragedy it would have been to have lost all that vital space to the fire. Instead of celebrating the final purchase of the additional needed space we had been renting for years, we could have been lamenting the loss of the entire building and all of our furniture and equipment.

So again, I thank you and your entire staff for a job well done.

Sincerely,

Bishop Brian C. Greene

Health & Safety

Bug Bombs (also known as Total Release Foggers, or TRF's)

Saturday, June 9, 2012 - Six Jersey City firefighters responding to a fire caused by an explosion of fumes from insecticide foggers were treated for inhaling the hazy residue of the chemicals, officials said.

Firefighters responding to a call of a fire/explosion at an apartment building at 771 Newark Ave. at 8:35 a.m. found little fire in the apartment and removed their breathing apparatus, Fire Department Director Armando Roman said.

The firefighters then realized there was a haze of fumes in the apartment and began having difficulty breathing, Roman said. Two captains and four firefighters were taken to the Jersey City Medical Center, where they received oxygen and were released a few hours later, Roman said.

The resident of the apartment said there were two "bug bombs" in a cabinet and they must have gone off on their own, Roman said, adding the investigation is ongoing.

“We caution people about this every day, and I’ve been going to schools to caution on the dangers of these bug bombs,” Roman said.

Roman said the fumes from the bug bombs are heavier than air and they accumulate in a confined space. The bug bombs can be ignited by pilot lights in stoves, hot water heaters and furnaces.

“The explosion can be very powerful depending on how many (foggers) you use,” Roman said.

In October, 12 firefighters were rushed to a hospital suffering respiratory distress after responding to an explosion caused by an insect fogger in an apartment on Magnolia Avenue.



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Any consumer products you buy from a retail store will usually have directions for use, we all know that not everyone will read them or take reasonable precautions. Using too many for the square footage of the home can result in a stronger than usual dose in a confined area (a small house). Most are also flammable and can ignite if ignition sources such as gas pilot lights or electrical appliances are not removed. They also give off thermal heat.

Even scarier is that two years ago on the south shore, several maintenance workers and a resident in an apartment complex were hospitalized when the resident bought a home-made bug bomb and attempted to use it. The maintenance workers rushed into the apartment thinking the smoke was from a fire. It required a haz-mat team to mitigate the environment.

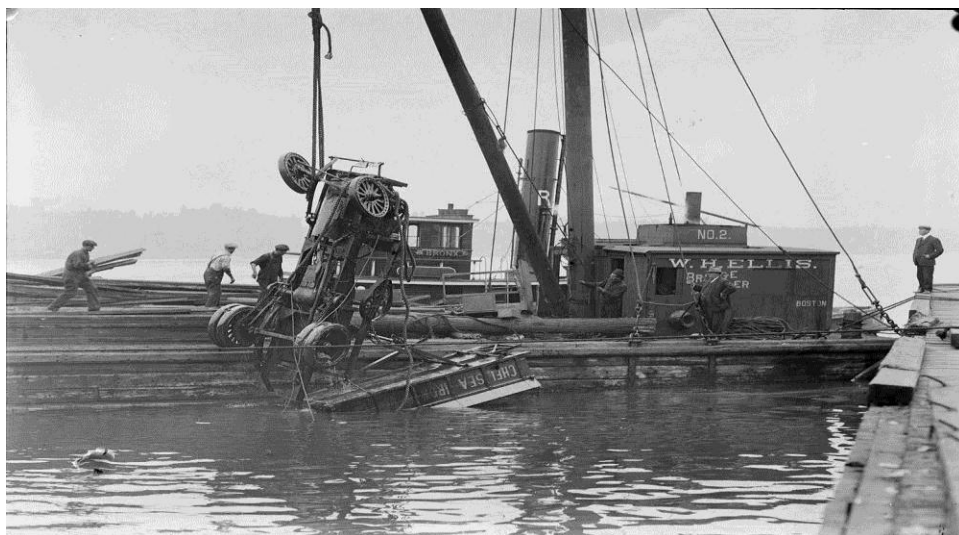
Some follow-up comments from our resident expert on the subject, Lt. Galvin Murphy (Engine No. 9)- "I do not see how the device can set itself off. The occupant had to have pushed the little plastic tab down to cause it to discharge. As usual with the general public nobody reads or understands the label. If one can will work, then three cans must be three times as good. The only thing three cans will do...and in some cases one can, is that it will bring the expellant in the can, usually a flammable gas, up into the flammable range and that's when the problems occur. However, the active ingredient is generally not flammable. Also keep in mind, if a professional pest control person is spraying pesticides they are required by regulation to post a yellow warning notice at the every entrance to the area that the work is being done. The general public does not have this requirement."

Of Interest...

Old Car Accidents – These photos from the 1930's were taken around Cambridge, Massachusetts by Leslie Jones, who was staff photographer at the Boston-Herald Traveler newspaper from 1917 to 1956. When he died in 1967, his family donated a vast collection of 34,000 prints to the Boston Public Library. The following photos used with permission - Courtesy of the Boston Public Library, Leslie Jones Collection.



A car is winched out of the Charles River in 1933. In the background is the Longfellow Bridge (or Salt and Pepper Bridge).



Pulling Truck from Charles River after it went off Harvard Bridge



Truck crashes through garage several stories up East Cambridge



Truck overturned at intersection. (Of note here is the Cambridge Police Traffic stand on the left. A traffic officer would stand elevated inside this to direct traffic at an intersection.)

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America's Heroes

James Gordon Bennett Medal - NYS Honorary Fire Chiefs Association Medal



FIREFIGHTER KEVIN J. HOGAN Ladder Company 114

March 13, 2011, 0512 hours, Box 33-2637, 510 61st Street, Brooklyn

Appointed to the FDNY on October 23, 1994. Member of the Emerald Society. Resides on Staten Island with his wife, AnnMarie, and their daughter, Chelsea, and son, Thomas.

Being in the right place at the right time is crucial to effecting a rescue. An outstanding Firefighter can go through an entire career without making a single rescue.

When a Firefighter plays a leading role in making double-digit rescues, that is an extraordinary act. FF Kevin J. Hogan, Ladder 114, played this part at Brooklyn Box 33-2637.

An arson fire in the stairway of a multiple dwelling is an extremely dangerous and potentially deadly event. The impact on firefighting operations is dramatic. The main avenue for escaping occupants and attacking the fire is compromised, conditions deteriorate rapidly and force decisions to be made under the worst of conditions. FF Hogan and the other members of Tower Ladder 114 faced just these conditions on the morning of March 13, 2011.

Ladder 114 was assigned to Box 2637 for a report of fire at 510 61st Street and, while responding, additional information reported numerous people trapped throughout the building. This information proved to be accurate and a second alarm was transmitted on arrival. The entire run of the interior stairs was consumed in fire with fire already blowing out of the bulkhead on the top floor of the four-story, old law tenement-type building. The fire escapes were filled with people self-evacuating and victims were appearing at numerous windows.

Lieutenant Daniel Keane, Ladder 114, directed his iron Firefighter, Kevin Hogan, to address the daunting number of people desperately in need of help. FF Hogan immediately ascended the fire escape and before the first line was stretched, he already was bringing a small boy and a woman out of a window onto the third-floor fire escape. But the Firefighter wasn't done yet. Conditions were deteriorating rapidly. Fire was entering the apartments on numerous floors and the heat permeating the structure was severe.

FF Hogan re-entered the window and crawled deep into the apartment. He opened the bedroom door to cross the hall to the other rooms as the heat in the hallway pushed him onto his belly. At that moment, a mayday was transmitted for the collapse of the interior stairs, but FF Hogan pressed on with his search. FF Hogan's instincts and experience told him that others were trapped in the other room across the hall. When he entered the room, he found two unconscious toddlers (Cindy and Wendy Ni, both two years old). One at a time, in zero visibility, the Firefighter carried them out of the room, across the hall, into the first room and then out onto the fire escape. FF Hogan now entered the apartment for the fourth time and continued his methodical search. His grit and persistence paid off; he found another unconscious victim, a 27-year-old woman. FF Hogan learned later that he actually saved two people; Huimin Chen gave birth less than a month later, while still in the burn unit.

FF Hogan went back in and past the fire for a fifth time and found Kong Chen Ni, a 52-year-old male, slumped under the window. Although his efforts thus far were herculean, there was no time to rest. FF Hogan then worked with FF Dunn, Ladder 114, in the tower ladder bucket to assist him in removing six more victims from the top floor. Deputy Chief Richard Howe, Division 8, stated, "FF Hogan...demonstrated remarkable initiative and capability despite the danger." This historic operation, with 31 civilians rescued and aided, taxed all of the on-scene units to the limit. FF Hogan went past the fire many times to save others, undaunted by the fact that the building was crumbling around him. For his acts of bravery, FF Kevin Hogan is awarded the James Gordon Bennett Medal and New York State Honorary Fire Chiefs Association Medal.--

From the Tailboard...

Just in case you skipped over it the first time... **Did you ever wonder why you see the same faces in the photos and hear the same news in the Company Journal?** Because those are the same people that contribute information they want to share! Will you please share your news with the rest of the Cambridge Fire Department family? Surely someone is proud of something their mother, father, son, daughter, niece, nephew, aunt, uncle, grandmother or grandfather did! Military? College degree? Please send photos and information to Hsmith@Cambridgefire.org

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THANK OUR VETERANS!



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