



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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Worcester "6" Remembrance

December 3, 1999 doesn't seem so long ago when six brave Worcester firefighters perished in a warehouse fire selflessly attempting to save two homeless people (that was later discovered started the fire and had already escaped the building). However, 14 years later, we NEED to remember. Not just say "Never Forget" or "Remember." We need to continue the legacy of caring that they left behind through actions and not just words. Caring for our brother and sister firefighters and caring enough about our jobs to be proficient, confident and skilled to provide whatever assistance the citizens that depend on us need.



December is also a time to remember **Firefighter John Davies** also from Worcester who died in the line of duty on December 8, 2011 as well as the servicemen and women who gallantly gave their lives in the attack on **Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941**. On "Pearl Harbor Day" we remember the attack on Pearl Harbor, which was a surprise military strike conducted by the Imperial Japanese Navy against the United States naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

188 U.S. aircraft were destroyed, 2,402 personnel were killed and 1,282 were wounded in the Line of Duty. We remember them all from "The Greatest Generation" who served along with all those who continue to serve today including the Honolulu FD and Federal FD Firefighters from the several Air Bases on the island.

As the Hickam Field firefighting apparatus was knocked out by the attack, Honolulu Fire companies responded to assist with the fires. The enemy purposely targeted fire apparatus and crews to inflict as much damage as possible.



Photo by Ted Heinbuch

Hickam AFB station and apparatus after attack.

At Naval Air Station Kaneohe, HI, Seaman 1st Class Stanley D. Dosick, was struck by machine gun fire from a Japanese aircraft while driving a Navy fire truck enroute to a fire at NAS, Kaneohe Bay, HI.

At 0826 a Japanese aerial bomb was dropped on crews from Honolulu Engine Co.1, 4, and 6. 3 Firefighters, Captain John Carreira, Captain Thomas S. Macy, and Hoseman Harry T.L. Pang were killed in the Line of Duty.

An additional 6 Firefighters were wounded from shrapnel. They were Honolulu Fire Lieutenant Fred Kealoha, Hoseman Moses Kalilikane, Hoseman John A. Gilman, Hoseman Solomon H. Naauao, Hoseman Patrick J. McCabe, and Hoseman George Correa.

In 1944 they all were awarded the Order of the Purple Heart. They are the only non-military personnel to have received this award.

All Companies Working

October 8, 2013 – Mutual Aid, Somerville, 100 Packard Ave. – Engine 4 covered Headquarters and Ladder 3 covered Teele Square during their Working Fire. Ladder 1, which normally responds on the cover assignment, was out of service due to mechanical.

October 13 – Special, North Point Blvd – Engine 3 and Squad 2 responded to the railroad tracks for a medical. On location discovered a deceased body that was investigated by the CPD.

October 17, 2013 – Working Fire, Box 512, Church Street – Engine 5 arrived with fire showing from the rear of a building. Found an AC unit on fire at the rear of Starbucks.

October 18, 2013 – Pedestrian Accident, Cambridge Street – Companies on scene of a previous MVC were notified of a pedestrian accident one block away. Full ALS workup was performed but the patient succumbed to her injuries.

October 18, 2013 – 1 Alarm Fire, 105 Norfolk Street, Box 28 – careless disposal of smoking materials was the cause of a fire on a rear porch on Norfolk Street.

October 22, 2013 – 1 Alarm Fire, 163 Gore Street, Box 1952 – the ECC received phone calls for smoke coming from the building. On arrival, companies found light smoke on the roof. Roof was laddered and they found a fire around an AC unit. Fire was quickly extinguished.

October 24, 2013 – 1 Alarm Fire, 66 Pearl Street, Box 391 – fire in the wall of a 2 story wood frame duplex residential

October 26, 2013 – Mutual Aid, Watertown, 2nd Alarm, 119 Boyd Street – Ladder 1 covered Headquarters and Engine 9 covered Station 2 on Watertown's 2 Alarm fire.

October 28, 2013 – 1 Alarm Fire, 40 Russell Street, Box 72 – companies found a small fire under a front porch of a residence.

October 28, 2013 – 1 Alarm Fire, 50 Memorial Drive, Box 257 – A second and simultaneous "struck for" at the same time as the above incident, a CFD fire detail called for the box when welders ignited materials in an HVAC shaft of an MIT building.

October 29, 2013 – Mutual Aid, Newton, 3rd Alarm fire, 499 Craft Street - Ladder 1 responded to station coverage at Newton's Willow Street station while they operated at two separate multiple alarm fires – a 2nd alarm on Nonantum Street and a 3rd Alarm on Craft Street.

November 2, 2013 – Special – Several Cambridge companies were on hand during the Boston Red Sox 2013 World Series Championship parade including Marine 1, Marine 2, Engine 1, Engine 3, Ladder 2 and ?

November 4, 2013 – 1 Alarm Fire, 50 Vassar Street, Box 273 - A belt in an HVAC unit overheated and caught fire. Water cans doused the fire, Unit was isolated and building vented.

November 5, 2013 – Mutual Aid, Somerville, Working Fire, Box 1833, 355 Artisan Way – Engine 5 and Ladder 1

November 10, 2013 – Mutual Aid, Belmont, Special – Belmont companies were tied up with a suspected IED. Engine 9 and Ladder 1 covered at Belmont Headquarters.

November 14, 2013 – Mutual Aid, Watertown, 2nd Alarm, Box 18, 88 Galen Street – Engine 9 and Ladder 1 covered in Watertown during their 2nd Alarm fire.

November 17, 2013 – 1 Alarm Fire, 364 Rindge Ave, Box 753 – Engine 4 and Ladder 4 responded to a box alarm and a subsequent phone call reporting a fire. The box was filled with additional response. Both companies used their water cans to douse a dryer fire on the first floor.

November 17, 2013 – 1 Alarm Fire, 182 Memorial Drive, Box 26 – Engine 2 discovered smoke and operating sprinklers in the basement. A fire involving cardboard boxes was located. Engine 2 stretched in and other companies ventilated and established water supply.

November 17, 2013 – Water Rescue, Mass. Ave Bridge – A suspect involved in a foot chase with local law enforcement decided to elude his chasers by jumping into the Charles River. Two firefighters entered the water and assisted the subject until transferred to a waiting State Police boat. The suspect was possibly involved in the previous fire at MIT as well as multiple false alarms via street boxes.

November 25, 2013 – Mutual Aid, Arlington, Box 7121, Mass. Ave – Ladder 1 covered at Arlington Headquarters

December 1, 2013 – Water Rescue, Charles River – Cambridge companies responded to a call of a person in distress in the Charles River. On arrival, Boston Fire, State police and other agencies were actively searching for the party and brought the victim into the State Police boat.

December 1, 2013 – Mutual Aid, Belmont, Working Fire, 6 Hillside Terrace, Box – Engine 9 and Ladder 1 covered in Belmont during their Working Fire in an attached garage.

December 3, 2013 – Mutual Aid, Boston, 8 Alarm fire, Box 711, 337, Summer Street – Engine 2 and Ladder 1 covered at Boston Engine 33 and Ladder 15 during a large fire in a large multi-story commercial building on Summer Street.

December 6, 2013 – Mutual Aid, Brookline, Extended Incident, Car fire - Ladder 1 covered in Brookline during a motor vehicle fire.

December 7, 2013 - Motor Vehicle Accident, Concord Ave – Engine 8 and Ladder 4 and Division 2 dispatched to a fire alarm only to find that a vehicle had crashed into a building setting off the sprinkler system. Rescue 1 dispatched and requested Engine 1 with the Tactical Rescue. Victim was removed from the car/building and transported to hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

December 10, 2013 – Working Fire, 129 Franklin Street, Box 3142 – Engine 6 found a fire behind a dryer that extended into walls. Engine 6 stretched a 2-1/2" line from standpipe while companies opened up and evacuated residents. Fire knocked down.



Toys for Tots

This holiday season, Cambridge Fire Department under the guidance of **DFC Gerard Mahoney** has begun its long standing tradition of again collecting toys for needy families.

Toys for Tots began as a Los Angeles charitable effort in 1947. William Hendricks was inspired by his wife Diane when she tried to donate a homemade Raggedy Ann doll to a needy child but could find no organization to do so. At her suggestion he gathered a group of local Marine reservists, including Lieutenant Colonel John Hampton, who coordinated and collected some 5,000 toys for local children that year from collection bins placed outside of Warner Bros. movie theaters. Their efforts were so successful that, in 1948, Toys for Tots was launched as a national campaign. Hendricks used his position as director of Public Relations for Warner Brothers Studio to enlist celebrity support, as well as have Walt Disney Studios design the red toy train logo.

Until 1979, Marine reservists (frequently in their dress blue uniforms) and volunteers would collect and refurbish used toys. In 1980, only new toys were accepted, as reservists were no longer able to dedicate drill hours to refurbish toys, as well as legal concerns and the mixed message of giving hand-me-downs as a message of hope.

In 1991, the Secretary of Defense authorized the creation and affiliation with the non-profit charity foundation. In 1995, the Secretary of Defense approved Toys for Tots as an official mission of the Marine Corps Reserve.

Noting in 1996 that many communities did not have a Marine reservist presence, the commander of Marine Forces Reserve authorized Marine Corps League detachments and other local organizations to fill the gaps in toy collection and distribution.

As of 2009, the Toys for Tots Program and Foundation have collected and distributed almost five hundred million toys to needy families. – courtesy of Wikipedia

Get Well

Lt. Chuck Lowe (Engine Co. 1) had surgery in early December. We understand he is back at home and doing well.

FF Kyle Hood (Ladder Co. 3) recently experienced some illness but we hear he will be back to work very soon.

We wish a speedy recovery to both members. We are always willing to send best wishes to those that need it. We just need to know about it!

Condolences to:

Firefighter Ronald Mattos; Engine Co. 2 - Retired on the passing of his Brother,
Robert E. Mattos in October 2013

Firefighter Edward MacAskill; Ladder Co. 4 - Retired on the passing of his Brother,
Norman L. MacAskill Sr. in October 2013

Lt. Lawrence Buchanan; Engine Co. 6, Retired on the passing of his Mother-in-Law,
Mrs. Chong Yol Yun in October 2013

Acting Lieutenant Daniel Lewicki; Engine Co. 2 on the passing of his Brother,
Joseph A. Lewicki Jr.

Firefighter Matthew Ansello; Rescue Co. 1 on the passing of his Father-In-Law,
Mr. John J. Riley

The family of Late **Lieutenant John Healy of Engine Co. 7** on the passing of his widow,
Mrs. Roberta T. Healy

Act. Capt. Charles Anderson; Engine Co. 4 on the passing of his Mother-In-Law ,
Mrs. Mary Eileen Bacci

Quotes of the Day

“A man can be as great as he wants to be. If you believe in yourself and have the courage, the determination, the dedication, the competitive drive and if you are willing to sacrifice the little things in life and pay the price for the things that are worthwhile, it can be done.” – Vince Lombardi

“Dedication is not what others expect of you, it is what you can give to others.” – unknown

“My creed is that public service must be more than doing a job efficiently and honestly. It must be a complete dedication to the people and to the nation with full recognition that every human being is entitled to courtesy and consideration, that constructive criticism is not only to be expected but sought, that smears are not only to be expected but fought, that honor is to be earned, not bought.” – Margaret Chase Smith

Out and About



Photo by DFC E. Morrissey

L-R, FF Dan Carceres, FF Joe Bokuniewicz, Captain Mark Cunningham rest after a recent fire on Summer Street in Somerville a while back.

Cambridge members participated in the Spartan Race held at Fenway Park on November 16, 2013.



Photo courtesy of Spartan Race

L-R Standing: FF Ian Moynihan (Squad 2), FF Ameer Moustafa (Engine 5), FF Mike Lencki (Ladder 2), FF Adam Shuman (Engine 3), FF Mark Tiede (Rescue 1), FF Marvin Ramos (Engine 5), Lt. Jeremy Walsh (Squad 2), FF J.T. Pasquerello (Engine 2)

Kneeling; FFOP Matt Davison (Engine 2), FF Joe Fournier (Engine 2)

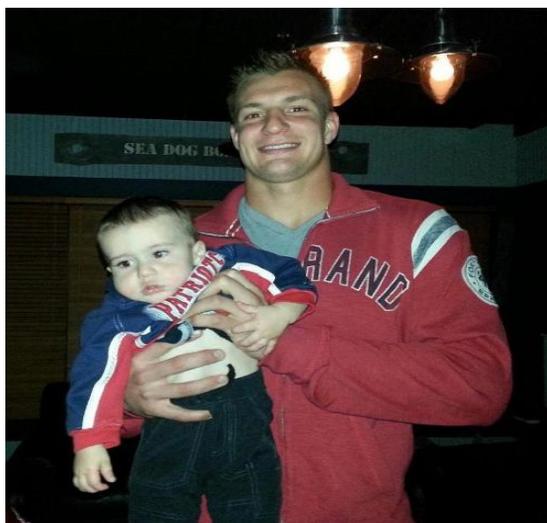


Photo by Melissa Prudente

Odin "Odie", grandson of **Chief of Operations (Retired) J. Gelinis** visits with Rob Gronkowski of the New England Patriots on November 6, 2013 in Woburn

Congratulations to **FFOP Timothy Norton** who graduated from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Recruit Program on Friday, November 1, 2013. Also graduating from the class was **FF Doug Boudrow** from Lexington Fire Department who until his hiring in Lexington recently, was a member of the Cambridge Auxiliary Fire Department. Congratulations to them both on a job well done.



Photo by DFC B. Gover (EPAC)

L-R, Deputy Chief Burns, Deputy Chief G. Mahoney, FFOP Timothy Norton and Chief of Department G. Reardon. FFOP Norton was assigned to Ladder 3, Group 3 upon his graduation.

Cambridge Fire – Local 30 MDA



Cambridge Fire Fighters Local 30 will be participating in this year's MDA Muscle Walk on **Saturday, March 29, 2014 @ Gillette Stadium**. We're looking for our family and friends to join our team and spread the word to make this another successful event! Contact **Lt. Brandon Hugh (Engine 5, Group 3)** to join our team or make a donation to help support this great cause.

Congratulations

FF/Paramedic Jeff McGourty (Rescue 1, Group 4) for being awarded with the "ALS Provider Award" for Region IV at the annual EMS awards banquet on November 7, 2013 Newton, MA. Jeff received the award for his actions in assisting a diver with decompression sickness on the south shore. Supporting Jeff at the ceremony was **Chief Reardon, DFC Burns, DFC G. Mahoney** and **Lt. S. Brown (Tech Services)** in addition to those pictured below.



Photo by Professional Ambulance

L-R FF Bryan B. O'Neil (Engine Co. 6), Captain Greg Carter (Training Divison/ALS Coordinator), FF Kurt McLaughlin (Rescue Co. 1), FF Jeff McGourty (Rescue Co. 1) and LT. Mike Donovan (Engine Co. 1)

Firefighter John T. Bernard resigned from the department to become a police officer with the Cambridge Police Department. (Please see G.O. # 30 later in the issue). **DFC Gerard Mahoney** supported FF Bernard (or is it now Officer Bernard?) at his graduation from the Lowell Police Academy. John is the son-in-law of the **late FF Bob McGrath of Ladder Co. 4**. John was sworn in November 18, 2013, at Cambridge City Hall Sullivan's Chamber.



Photo by Officer John Bernard

DFC Gerard Mahoney and Officer John Bernard

Congratulations to **FF Hugh Devlin (Squad 4)** and his wife **Jessica** on the birth of their baby girl, born on Tuesday, December 3, 2013. 8 lbs 12 oz. both mom and baby are fine.



FF Dennis Shine (Engine Co. 8) celebrated his last tour in the firehouse on December 10th, 2013. All were invited to come that evening for cake and ice cream so they could wish Dennis a very happy retirement.



From the Archives

Some of the Rules from the Rules and Regulations of the Cambridge Fire Department, 1954

Section II, FIRE DUTY, 12. In responding to alarms of fire, or other emergencies, and when possible in returning to quarters, the hose wagon will follow the pumper.

17. While enroute to the fire, hosemen shall put on their rubber coats, boots, helmet and spanner belts (with two spanners and hose line attached) and laddermen designated by the company commanders to dog ladders and ventilate shall put on the belt with dog hammer attached and carry two dog chains, and when designated as axe men, shall wear the axe belt.

19 i – When aerial ladders are thrown at an angle of less than 50 degrees, they must properly be braced underneath with another ladder, if same is to be used with men operating lines of hose or in rescue work.

Section XII, 30 -the thawing device will be carried on apparatus from November 15 until April 15. While stored in company quarters, the compound will be left in the boiler of the thawing device as a preservative against deterioration and care must be taken that it is maintained in good order while so stored

Some of the Cambridge Personnel shown below most likely knew these Rules and Regulations inside and out!



In front of Engine 5's quarters.

Seated L-R Lt. Dick Chapman, Capt. Herman Gutheim, Deputy B. Waite, Deputy Cutler Vose, Capt. Reilly

Standing L-R, FF Timothy White, FF Dave Ryan (Bill Ryans father), FF Jerry Hayes, FF Bill Johnson, FF Eddie Gauhn?, FF Frank Casey, FF Bill Curry, FF Ed Murphy, FF Bill Beck, FF Henry Finlay, FF John Callahan

Corrections

Company Journal #68, **DC John Cotter** was the Incident Commander for the W/F at 100 Smith Place on September 3, 2013 and not DFC Brian Gover.

Resignation

General Order No. 30, Series of 2013

Firefighter John T. Bernard has resigned from the Cambridge Fire Department effective 0700 hours, November 16, 2013 to accept a position as a police officer with the Cambridge Police Department.

We wish Firefighter Bernard the very best in his new career.

Through the Lantern Lens



Through the Lantern Lens

by Mose Humphrey

While looking over some material recently, I discovered a letter to the Editor of the Cambridge Chronicle, written in 1977 by Captain George Friel (Rescue Co. Retired) regarding the formation of the Cambridge Rescue Company.

Editor:

On April 4, 1932, nine men reported to Captain Arthur Marshall at Engine Co. 4 who made up two platoons.

1st Platoon: Capt. Arthur Marshall, Edward Tobin, John Drinan, James Glennon, and Louis Woodbury; 2nd Platoon: George H. Friel, Edward Bradshaw, Ralph Barnes, William Davidson and Lawrence Tarbox.

Mayor Russell ordered the chief to make me acting Lieutenant until he promoted me to Lieutenant. He made arrangements with the New York City Fire Department Chief to send two officers to the New York Fire Dept. for Rescue work.

We had to sign a release in New York relieving the city of all responsibility in case of accident or injury. We were sent to Rescue Co. 1 on Spring Street in lower Manhattan for thirty days training.

After returning in May we drilled the men in the use of tools until July 31, 1932, when the Mayor ordered the Chief to have us answer all alarms. We had a long run from Engine 4 to East Cambridge via Somerville Ave., over the bridge to Beacon Street to Inman Square to Cambridge Street. Fire alarm was on the top floor above Engine 5. Edward Powers, Fire Alarm Operator used to wave out the window to stop us at Inman Square if the "All Out" had come in.

We were called the "All Out" company among other less favorable things. We were determined men and we put up with the insults from within and outside the department.

We are very fortunate to have dedicated men follow through the years from 1932 to 1977. The Rescue Squad will be in service forty-five years on April 4, 1977 due to Mayor Richard Russell.

Retired Captain, George H. Friel

(Some may recall a previous issue of the Company Journal when we discussed the fact that while riding along with the FDNY to learn about rescue procedure, FF Friel was involved in a rescue and received an FDNY medal – the only NON-FDNY member in history to receive an FDNY medal!)

Stats and Fires

FY 2013/2014 RUN TOTALS

	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	SBTTL	Jan-14	TOTAL
Engine 1	234	196	242	221	165		1058		1058
Engine 2	250	252	280	252	216		1250		1250
Engine 3	124	99	119	133	127		602		602
Engine 4	99	116	131	121	104		571		571
Engine 5	131	114	135	117	112		609		609
Engine 6	118	106	125	93	100		542		542
Engine 8	96	82	86	108	72		444		444
Engine 9	80	84	95	80	69		408		408
Truck 1	158	156	186	95	122		717		717
Truck 2	94	74	93	108	106		475		475
Truck 3	177	187	172	177	130		843		843
Truck 4	136	132	129	146	122		665		665
Rescue 1	193	175	147	192	173		880		880
Squad 2	266	221	259	249	203		1198		1198
Squad 4	119	141	142	144	120		666		666
Division 1	163	149	144	142	119		717		717
Division 2	121	104	111	98	72		506		506
HazMat 1	3	7	3	3	1		17		17
Spec & HQ Units	11	28	25	18	16		98		98
Mutual Aid Units	8	17	8	4	10		47		47
TOTAL	2581	2440	2632	2501	2159	0	12313	0	12313

Save the date

126th ANNUAL BALL - SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15 2014 (GROUP 4 WORKING) ROYAL SONESTA, CAMBRIDGE

President Bokuniewicz, along with the officers and directors of the CFRA ask you to mark your new fire department calendars with this date. If you know or see any retirees, please let them know the date, **February 15, 2014**. Look forward to seeing you there. More info will follow about room rates and ticket prices,

If you have any questions, please call Secretary David M. Croak, Rescue 1, G-2 (617-908-2238

FY 2013/2014 Incident Totals									
	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	SBTTL	Jan-14	TOTAL
Responses	2581	2440	2632	2501	2159		12313		12313
Incidents	1136	1036	1151	1124	984		5431		5431
Division 1 incidents	654	585	654	630	544		3067		3067
Division 2 incidents	482	451	497	494	440		2364		2364
Building fires	4	8	11	7	9		39		39
Inside fires	33	60	82	65	66		306		306
All fires	51	78	98	81	76		384		384
EMS	475	433	490	501	422		2321		2321
Elevator Rescue	16	10	10	18	12		66		66
Hazardous materials	22	22	17	24	16		101		101
CO emerg	4	1	1	3	7		16		16
Electrical hazards	31	24	19	20	26		120		120
Malicious false	17	17	14	12	17		77		77
Malfunction	133	108	138	96	96		571		571
Unintentional	148	129	118	130	112		637		637
Bomb threats/susp	39	29	23	32	21		144		144
Bomb/expl removal							0		0
Structure collapse	1			1			2		2
Total Multiple Alarms		1					1		1
2nd Alarms		1					1		1
3rd Alarms							0		0
4th Alarms							0		
5th Alarms							0		
Working Fires	1		1	1			3		3
HM Lev 1 "Working"							0		0

Cambridge Auxiliary Department



Photo by Lexington FAO, Frank San Severino

Captain's Corner

Outward Shove Tool

Every Firefighter should carry an outward shove tool either in your helmet band or your coat pocket. It has come to my attention that not all Firefighters know about the tool or know how to get one. We should be introducing this tool to every new Firefighter on their first day as it was introduced to me by a senior member of Ladder 3 fourteen years ago. Here is a list of advantages of the tool and how to acquire one for yourself.



How to use the shove tool. The tool is designed to “shove” or “slip” a door latch and allow you to enter a locked door with zero damage. The tool should be inserted in the jamb between the door and the frame. The end of the tool should be positioned behind the door knob latch. The tool should be pulled toward you using light to moderate pressure. The angle of the tool will vary depending on conditions. This should be done repeatedly until the tool “slips” the latch open, sometimes the tool needs to be worked around a bit. At this point the door can be opened and you are in!!

Which door to use the shove tool? This tool is designed to be used on outward swinging doors only. The reason is the tool is too rigid to bend around the stop of an inward swinging door. On an outward swinging door there is no obstruction to bend around. You will have a direct line of sight (a straight shot) at the door latch. You may run into a tight jamb which can be difficult. Using this tool in conjunction with a small flat bar or other pry tool can provide the extra spread you need without causing damage.

Guard plates. An obstruction you may encounter is a guard plate. A large guard plate will prevent you from using this tool. A small guard plate may not be a problem, sometimes the latch can be reached from above or below a small guard plate. Knob locks. This tool should be used on knob locks only, not dead bolts. If you see a dead bolt or anything other than a knob lock go for another tool such as the Rex Tool, the irons or the Hydra Ram. A knob lock is a door knob or handle that has a keyed latch to lock the knob. When it's locked the knob or handle cannot be turned. But the latch is held in place by spring tension which is why it's able to be manipulated if you get the tool behind it. The back of the latch is the angled side allowing it to be pulled and retracted.

Buildings where this tool can be used? This tool has been successful in both commercial and residential buildings, on interior and exterior doors constructed of both wood or steel.

Examples of use. The shove tool can save time in a situation where forcing the door is not necessary but you are waiting for someone to arrive with keys such as an elevator machine room. The shove tool can help you conduct a more thorough alarm investigation from the interior where conditions don't warrant forcing the door but the shove tool can get you in and keys are not available. Conditions may suggest forcing the door for situations other than fire but by gaining access using the shove tool you will be able to secure the door when you leave.

There are times when a responsible person or owner is not around, being able to secure the door can be helpful.

Professionalism and public relations. This simple tool can make us look like skilled professionals and can be great for public relations. On one occasion Engine 2 responded to Chipotle in Central Square for a man down in the bathroom with the door locked. The manager greeted us upon arrival and said she fully understood that we needed to destroy the door to address the situation. Instead we gained access using the shove tool in less than ten seconds with zero damage. The manager was both grateful and impressed that we were able to handle the situation so quickly without doing damage to her building. This simple tool saved her some headaches and made the fire service look professional.

How to get one. You can make this tool in the firehouse for zero cost. Find some standard sheet metal used in ductwork. Cut out the rough shape using tip snips found in your company tool bag. Use the grind wheel on the firehouse bench grinder to complete the final shape. Finally use the wire wheel on the bench grinder to smooth the rough edges. Project complete.

Disadvantages. There aren't many. The tool adds zero weight to the load you carry. The tool takes up almost zero space in your pocket or on your helmet. The tool cost zero dollars to make.

Conclusion. This tool doesn't work 100% of the time but it works enough to justify having it with you. There are multiple factors that come into play such as a very tight jamb or newer commercial latches that resist this maneuver, but it will serve you well over the years. Check out the 10-75 Training LLC Facebook page for a tutorial on making and using the tool. If any of you need materials to make one just shoot me an email, I have plenty extra sheet metal at the firehouse. Good luck!! – **Captain Ikels (Engine 2)**

New Hires

General Order # 25, Series of 2013

Effective Sunday, October 20, 2013 at 0700 hours, the following are appointed **Firefighters-on-Probation** to the Cambridge Fire Department:

Shane M. Brown
Terrence M. Coogan
Blake A. Crist
Daniel T. O'Brien
Matthew D. Pires
John F. Presutti Jr.

They will report to the Training Division in East Cambridge at 0800 hours on Monday October 21, 2013.

They will report to the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy in Stow, MA for nine weeks of Recruit Firefighter Training at 0700 hours Monday, November 4, 2013.

Commendation(s)

CAMBRIDGE FIRE HEADQUARTERS
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

October 2, 2013

GENERAL ORDER NO. 22, SERIES OF 2013

TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER

RE: Commendation

Upon the recommendation of Lt. Steven Brown, Firefighter Jeffrey McGourty of Rescue Co. 1 is hereby commended for his actions while off duty in Weymouth, MA on September 6, 2013.

A commercial diver working on the reconstruction of the Fore River Bridge had surfaced from a 150 foot dive and exhibited symptoms of decompression sickness. The diver was immediately placed in the on-site recompression chamber and was in need of further medical care. If the diver had been removed from the chamber he faced further medical complications including death.

Firefighter McGourty was working as a Paramedic in the area and volunteered his services while also advising officials of his qualifications as a member of the Cambridge Fire Department Dive Rescue Team. Firefighter McGourty volunteered to enter the chamber and treat the injured diver. Over a 10 hour period he entered the chamber four times to render aid.

Dr. Jason Tracy, Chairman of the Emergency Department of the South Shore Hospital wrote to Lt. Brown; "Jeff McGourty put his own life on the line, as a husband and father, to render pre-hospital treatment to a man in a desperate situation, in desperate need." It took 99 hours to slowly decompress the diver over four days.

Dr. Christopher Logue; Director of Undersea and Hyperbaric medicine at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania who flew in from Philadelphia to advise on the case, also commented on how critical Firefighter McGourty was to the successful resolution.

Firefighter McGourty's actions were in the highest traditions of the Cambridge Fire Department and he is hereby commended for his actions.

Per Order,



Gerald R. Reardon
Chief of Department

Read & Initial

Group 1 _____
Group 2 _____
Group 3 _____
Group 4 _____

CAMBRIDGE FIRE HEADQUARTERS
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

October 2, 2013

GENERAL ORDER NO. 23, SERIES OF 2013

TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER

RE: Commendation

Upon the recommendation of Deputy Fire Chief Edward B. Morrissey members of this department are commended for their actions at an incident involving a Boston Duck Boat in the Charles River on Friday September 13, 2013.

At 1145 hours companies were dispatched to a reported fire on board a Duck Boat. Upon arrival at the scene Engine Co. 3 reported the fire had been extinguished but the boat had become stuck on rocks in the narrow channel that the boats use to get to shore.

The boat had 22 passengers including many small children as well as one crew member aboard. While sizing up the situation it was decided the best course of action was to evacuate the passengers onto Cambridge Fire Marine 1 and then onto the Marine 1 dock.

Under very difficult conditions Lt. Robert Golden; Rescue Co. 1 acting as the Pilot navigated Marine 1 into the narrow channel area and tied up to the stern of the disabled Duck Boat.

All passengers were safely evacuated on to Marine 1 and a Massachusetts State Police Boat.

Lt. Golden was accompanied by Firefighters Albert Coipel, Stephen Capuccio and John Bell.

Their actions were in the highest traditions of the Cambridge Fire Department and they are hereby commended for their actions.

Per Order,



Gerald R. Reardon
Chief of Department

Read & Initial

Group 1 _____
Group 2 _____
Group 3 _____
Group 4 _____

CAMBRIDGE FIRE HEADQUARTERS
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

October 3, 2013

GENERAL ORDER NO. 24, SERIES OF 2013

TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER

RE: Commendation

Upon the recommendation of Lt. Michael Travers; Squad Co. 4; Firefighter Paul C. Enos of Engine Co. 4 is hereby commended for his actions while off duty on October 2, 2013.

At 1322 hours Engine 4 and Squad 4 were dispatched to the area of the Porter Square MBTA Station for a report of a pedestrian struck by a motor vehicle.

Upon arrival companies found an approximately sixty year-old female supine in the roadway. She had been struck by a pickup truck and was conscious but non-verbal. The victim was in the care of Firefighter Enos who had witnessed the accident and stopped to render aid.

The victim had suffered a significant degloving/amputation injury to her right foot. According to Lt. Travers, FF Enos was able to provide an initial trauma assessment which expedited a care plan and quick packaging of the patient for transport to Mass. General Hospital. He also spoke to the patient in a comforting and consoling manner.

Firefighter Enos' actions were in the highest traditions of the Cambridge Fire Department and he is hereby commended for his actions.

Per Order,



Gerald R. Reardon
Chief of Department

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CAMBRIDGE FIRE HEADQUARTERS
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

December 3, 2013

GENERAL ORDER NO.31, SERIES OF 2013

TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER

RE: Commendation

On Sunday November 17, 2013 Cambridge Fire Department units responded to several incidents on the campus of MIT.

Among the incidents responded to was a rash of malicious false alarm activations, and later a fire of undetermined origin in the basement of Building Number 2. Due to the nature of the evidence discovered at this incident, the Fire Investigation Unit and MIT Police were able to identify a person of interest and a search began to apprehend the individual.

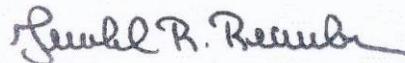
At approximately 2141 hours Sunday evening companies were dispatched to a report of a person in the Charles River at Memorial Drive opposite Killian Court. MIT Police reported the person in the water was the suspect from the prior incidents.

Upon arrival Firefighter R. Nicholas Menard; Squad 2 and Firefighter Richard Feliciano; Ladder 2 detailed to Ladder 3 donned water rescue suits and tied off. Using a roof ladder they descended into the water. The individual in the water was not complying with instructions and has a lengthy criminal history including assaulting police.

Firefighters Menard and Feliciano were able to subdue the individual pending the arrival of a Massachusetts State Police Marine Unit, when he was removed from the water, placed into custody and transported to a nearby dock.

Upon the recommendation of Deputy Chief Michael J. Morrissey, Firefighter R. Nicholas Menard and Firefighter Richard Feliciano are hereby commended for their actions which were in the highest traditions of the Cambridge Fire Department and the fire service.

Per Order,



Gerald R. Reardon
Chief of Department

Did you know?

The only boxer ever to knock out Jack Dempsey was a fireman?

On February 13, 1917 a boxer by the name of Jim Flynn entered the ring with a young up-and-comer Jack Dempsey. Jim Flynn who had passed the height of his career charged to the center of the ring and quickly sent the Manassa Mauler to ground with a devastating right. Twenty seconds later, Dempsey was still trying to find his feet. Here is an account of the knockout.

'With Dempsey still bent over and walking toward Flynn, both forearms and gloves covering his face, Flynn rushed again. The Pueblo battler gave Dempsey's head a quick shove toward his right and sent a short right hand hook through Dempsey's guard and straight to the point of the chin. (Salt Lake Telegram). Dempsey was down 10 seconds in to the bout.' That quick, embarrassing loss was the only time in Jack Dempsey's storied career (66-6-11) that the future champion was ever knocked out and it was the highlight of Jim Flynn's career, a fighter who 'fought them all' but never earned the heavyweight title.

For a time, Fireman Jim Flynn was the best hope of defeating the feared Jack Johnson but was never able to best the 'Galveston Giant' in three tries. Jim Flynn was famous however for knocking out aspiring contenders with such neatness that he became known as the 'Destroyer of Hopes.' Jim Flynn ended his career with 47 wins, 41 losses, and 17 draws. Jim Flynn was born in Hoboken, NJ with name Andrew Chiariglione. When Flynn was a young man, the family moved to Pueblo, CO where he took up railroading and became a fireman for the Pueblo Fire Department. Jim Flynn remained with the fire service throughout most of his boxing career. - *Thanks to Hooks & Irons for the info*

Letters

The following letter was received on October 18, 2013:

Dear Lt. Hughes,

On behalf of the parishioners of St. Mary's Parish, I would like to thank you for helping to make our Parish Day such a success. The visit of members of the Cambridge Fire Department with a fire engine was a high point of the day and made the children so happy.

Many thanks to you and the firefighters who visited us.

Sincerely,

Father Gabriel Troy

(Editors note: the crew was Engine 5, Group 1. Nice job to Lt. Mike Hughes, an often unsung representative of the department to the community)

The following letter was received on November 11, 2013:

Dear Assistant Chief Gerard Mahoney, Lt. William Wood, FF Todd Koen, FF Keith Thorne-Bingham, and FF Gregory Kirylo,

Just a short note to thank you all for the awesome display you made for our students as they participated in our "Hands Across the Park" event. We wanted to let you know how much, as the people organizing this event, it meant to us that you would go to such lengths to make our day so special. The students loved it and were still talking about it the next day. So thank you!!

We also want to let you know that the students are making a card for you and we will deliver it to Ladder Co #1 on Friday. Is 491 Broadway the correct address?

Sincerely,
Cheryl Vernick
Kyoko Ono

The following letter was received on August 4, 2013:

Dear Chief Reardon,

My family and I want to thank you and your firefighters for saving our house at 33 Calvin Street in Somerville during the conflagration on Thursday, July 25, 2013. Your prompt and professional action saved our tenants lives as well as a building that's been in our family for many, many years.

My maternal grandfather, John J. Balfe Sr. was a member of the Cambridge Fire Department from July 1893 to his retirement at age 70 in 1942. He was always so proud of his service to the people of Cambridge and because of that we continue to hold him and the Department in the highest esteem.

We're all very grateful to you and appreciate all that you do each of your working days but especially what you did that particular day. Wishing you "all the best." I am...

Frances Calabro

The following letter was received on October 29, 2013:

Dear Chief Reardon,

I owe my life to 911! On September 30th, around 12 o'clock, I ate a crab meat sandwich and immediately had an attack, fighting for each breath of air. Never in my lifetime did I know I was allergic to this type of shellfish.

Your 911 EMT team rescued me and sent me to Mount Auburn Hospital, where I am now fully recovered.

I appreciate the efforts of the EMT team and would like to individually express my gratitude. I would appreciate it if you could tell me their names, phone no. etc. It feels good to see the sun shining again.

Sincerely,
Carl Kale

Safety

Just because a structure is built with fire resistant construction, doesn't mean that it doesn't present challenges during firefighting operations. This fully fire-sprinklered building on Vassar Street has a wall breach with combustible materials stored within 18" of the sprinklers (*the cardboard boxes stacked above the partition wall*). Any fire that ignites the combustibles could potentially burn unchecked above the sprinkler heads and spread fire through the breached wall.



America's Heroes, Medal – FDNY

**Hugh Bonner Medal
Honor Legion Medal**

FIREFIGHTER THOMAS J. FEE - Squad 270



*SQUAD COMPANY 270 (ASSIGNED)
SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND (DETAILED)*

October 29, 2012, 2000 hours, Box 1377, Queens

The night of Hurricane Sandy was one that we all remember, some because we were in it and some because we watched it on television. There are 13 New Yorkers--including a pregnant woman and several children-- who will never forget it, nor will they forget FF Thomas Fee, Squad 270, who played a major role in their survival.

On that night, October 29, 2012, FF Fee was assigned to Swift Water Team 6, consisting of a spare pumper and a boat for water emergencies. The raging storm and rising flood waters put numerous people in jeopardy and, as a result, Swift Water Team 6 was having a busy night. There were 80-mph winds and the storm surge had risen to five feet in some areas. The flood waters raced like an angry river through the streets, carrying all sorts of debris floating on its surface, as well as hidden beneath the surface. The overhead power lines were in danger of falling into the waters below, adding yet another level of danger to rescuers' efforts.

By 2000 hours, FF Fee already had put in more than a day's work; he had helped to remove several trapped people from buildings and pulled others out of the raging, chest-high flood waters. At that time, the members of Swift Water Team 6 encountered several buildings engulfed in flames on Rockaway Beach Boulevard and 114th Street. The hurricane force winds drove the fire toward 13 trapped people, who had taken refuge on the roof of a building next to those on fire. Forced to the roof by the rising water, engulfed in smoke and facing an advancing, wind-driven fire, they were understandably panicked. In desperation, two of them jumped into the water. One of the jumpers was on fire. Quick action by Swift Water Team 6 members pulled both into the boat before they were swept away by the angry waters.

Quick action was needed to rescue the remaining trapped people. The fire threatened to engulf the building that was their refuge. Dressed in a Mustang suit--a neoprene water survival suit--FF Fee climbed from the boat and onto a security gate. Then, using a knife to cut foot holes into an awning, he climbed up the awning and onto the roof where the waiting group of frightened victims huddled.

Despite a language barrier, FF Fee calmed them and managed to lower two victims down to the waiting boat. The fire's progress was making the roof untenable and the rescuer knew he had to get the remaining people off the roof and out of the fire's path. There was no time to lower any more of them. Fire had spread to the surface of the roof they were on and the wind-driven smoke made breathing and seeing difficult.

Using his ingenuity, FF Fee obtained a door from the building and bridged the gap to an adjoining building, exposure #2, with the door. He then safely shepherded the victims across the alley, through a window and into the rear apartment of the adjoining building. Using the same door as a barrier, he tried to block the window, hoping to stop or at least delay the fire's extension through it and into their new refuge.

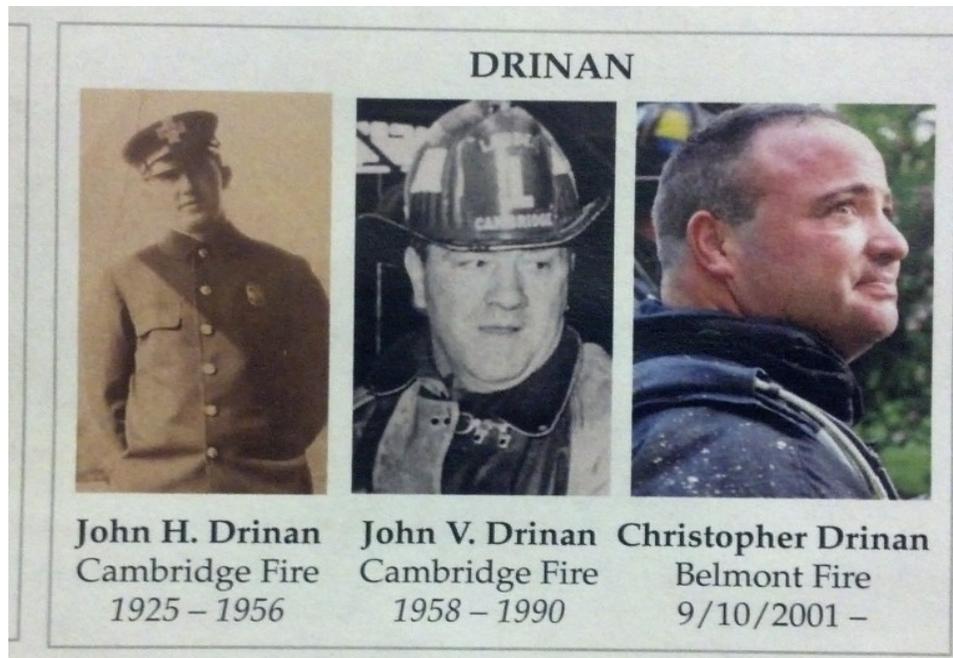
FF Edward Morrison, Rescue 2, forced entry into the building from the flooded street and ascended the stairs, joining FF Fee and the trapped civilians in the rear apartment. The rapidly extending fire now blocked their egress to the street below and their position in the apartment was becoming untenable.

With the help of FF Morrison, FF Fee acquired another door and used it to create a bridge back to the front apartment in the original building. The fire was spreading in the building, but FFs Fee and Morrison were able to evacuate the group down the stairs and out of the building into the waiting boat. The building then became engulfed in fire.

FF Fee, despite being equipped for water rescue as opposed to structural firefighting, saw the imminent peril that threatened 13 panicked civilians and took quick and decisive action to save lives. Surrounded by danger--a rapidly spreading, wind-driven fire, flooding and hurricane- force winds--FF Thomas Fee risked his life to save 13 people from the double threat of fire and water. For his initiative, determination and bravery, he is presented with the Hugh Bonner Medal and Honor Legion Medal. – **Courtesy of FDNY Medal Day Program 2013**

Of Interest...

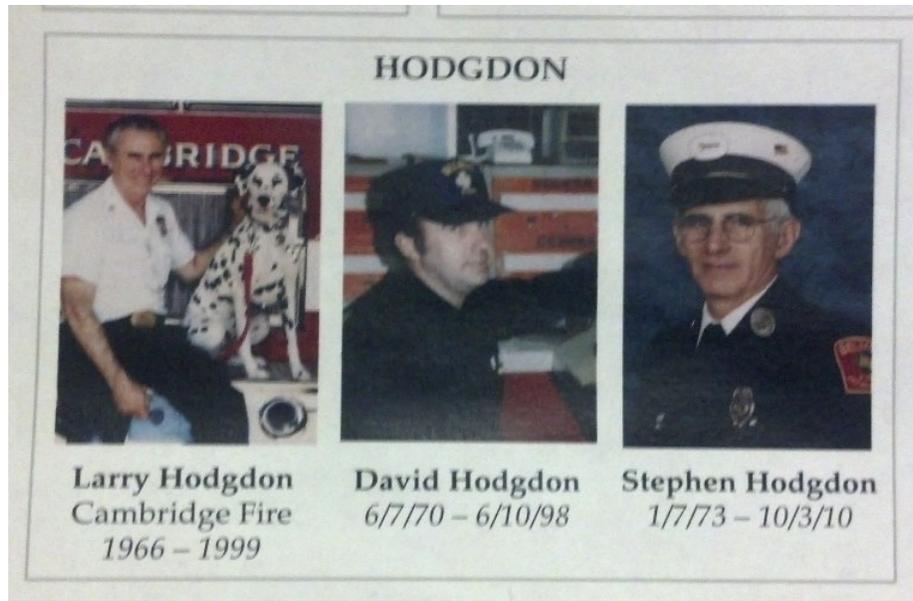
They say that firefighting is a “brotherhood” (and sometimes “sisterhood”), but the family ties often run deeper than that. Firefighting is sometimes a family affair also. Recently, we came across a creative “Legacy Tree” posted on the bulletin board at **Belmont Fire Department** that shows a “family tree” of sorts of all the related firefighters on job in Belmont and relatives of Belmont firefighters on other jobs. Many of those families have connections here in Cambridge and there were too many to not mention! In no particular order:



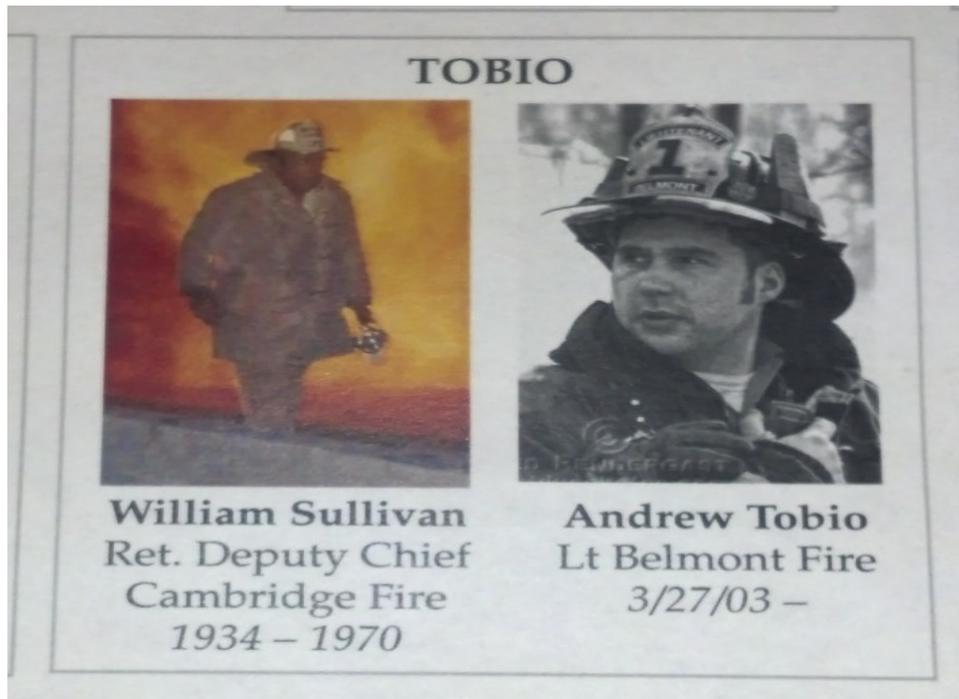
John H. Drinan was a Captain in Cambridge who was killed in the Line of Duty in 1956 while operating at Box 194. He was a veteran of WWI

John V. Drinan was a firefighter who was assigned to Engine 6, Engine 9, Ladder 1 (when his photo was taken) and Rescue 1. He was a veteran of WWII

Chris Drinan is a Belmont firefighter and grandson of John V. Drinan and great-grandson of John H. Drinan (*Chris is also one of the “authors” of this Legacy Tree*)



Capt. Larry Hodgdon retired from Cambridge as a Captain in 1999. He currently works for the Department of Fire Services in the Code Compliance Division. His brother David was a firefighter in Belmont and brother, Stephen was a Lieutenant in Belmont.



Lt. Andrew Tobio of Belmont was the grandson of **Deputy Chief William Sullivan of Cambridge**. He is also third cousins to **DFC Ed Morrissey (Division 1)**, **Capt Rob “Rocky” Morrissey (Fire Prevention)**, **DFC Mike Morrissey (Division 1)** (and the rest of the Morrissey’s) as well as the late **Cambridge Lt. George Spindler**.



FFOP Matthew Davison (Engine 2) was hired as a firefighter in Belmont before getting hired in Cambridge. He is the son of **Belmont Assistant Chief Angus Davison**. Matthew's Grandfather, Fred Metts was a Belmont firefighter before transferring to Boston Fire Department. He was assigned to Engine 51 in Oak Square and the Arson Squad before his death.

The late Belmont FF Ronald Gomes was the father of **Cambridge Lieutenant Ronald Gomes (Engine 2)**. FF Ronald Gomes recently passed away. The father of **Lt. Paul Marinelli (Fire Prevention)** is a retired Belmont **Firefighter Peter Marinelli**, as well as **FF Brian Collymore's (Engine 3)** father retired Belmont Firefighter Elijah Debnam.

Yet another connection is Belmont Fire Captain Dave DeMarco's brother, **Steve DeMarco**, is **Deputy Superintendent in the Cambridge Police Department**.

There were more families of firefighters on the Legacy Tree, and there are many family connections from Cambridge to other departments but these are only the familiar faces and names that were discovered recently! If we missed any, please let us know. We hope the **Belmont Fire Department** doesn't mind us sharing some photos of their project! Maybe someone (who has LOTS of time) could put together a Cambridge book?

From the Tailboard...



Photo by

Santa (aka **FF Darryn DeGrace, Engine 1**), **FF James Encalada (Ladder 2)**, Santa (aka, **FF Greg Kirylo (Ladder 1)**) and Santa (aka **FF Matt McDonald, Rescue 1**) gather around to see what FF Encalada had on his Christmas wish list. Rumor has it that it was a G.I. Joe Aircraft Carrier.

Since this is the last newsletter before the end of the year, the staff of the Company Journal would like to wish each and everyone and Happy and Safe holiday season, no matter what holiday season you celebrate and a Healthy and prosperous New Year!! See you in 2014!



Information

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Websites

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Check out Cambridge Firefighters Local 30's website at <http://www.cambridgelocal30.org/>

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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!**
