



The Company Journal
and "The Feederline"

Fire Department News
Cambridge, Massachusetts
A Class 1 Fire Department

From the desk of
Chief Gerald R. Reardon

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What's New



Guns and Hoses – A note from MDA Chairperson **Lt. Brandon Hugh (Engine Co. 5)** on the success of this year's MDA event:

I would like to thank everyone who attended and participated in this year's Cambridge Guns N' Hoses MDA Charity Hockey Game. It was a great game for a great cause, with Cambridge Fire defeating Cambridge Police 3-2 in Overtime. We had an excellent turnout of about 300 in attendance, which was mostly all CFD members and their families. We also received generous donations from Local 30, Cambridge Firefighters Federal Credit Union, Professional Ambulance, and the Galleria Mall. I'm very pleased to announce that between game admission, raffle tickets, and donations, we raised \$5,127 for the MDA. Given the success that we had, I look forward to making this an annual event to help increase our "Fill the Boot" campaign.

I would like to acknowledge and give thanks to the following people for their special roles in the event: CPD Detective Anthony Grassi for helping me coordinate and communicate all of the details with the CPD Hockey team and their membership, MDA Boston North Staff (especially our MDA Rep. Breanne Gingerich) for assisting during the game, Massachusetts MDA Goodwill Ambassador Joey Miller for attending the event and participating in the opening ceremonies, **Assistant Chief Gerry Mahoney** for being our Master of Ceremonies, CPD LT Pauline Carter-Wells for singing the National Anthem, and both of the Police and Fire Honor Guards for participating in the opening ceremonies. A very special thank you to **Attorney Neil Rossman** for providing the generous prize donations. Also, special thanks to **FF Joe Pinto (Engine Co. 5)** and the Braza Grill staff for accommodating all of those who came to the restaurant after the game. Lastly, thank you **Chief Gerry Reardon** for attending the event and showing support for the CFD Hockey Team

I can't emphasize enough that our success in this event and also last year's boot drives were only possible because of the great support and participation from all of our members!



Photo by Joe Vella

MDA Goodwill Ambassador, Joey Miller, poses with Cambridge Fire Local 30 and Cambridge Police Departments for the 2012 Guns n' Hoses Hockey game to benefit the MDA!



Photo by Joe Vella

MDA Ambassador Joey Miller drops the puck for the start of the Guns-N-Hoses Charity Event



Photo by Joe Vella

FF Tyler English (Engine Co. 6) chases the puck

Live Fire Training – Cambridge provided live fire training to all on duty crews during late April and early May using the Boston Fire Department burn building at Moon Island.

Marine 1 – Construction is progressing on the new Marine 1 and it should be complete by the next issue of the Company Journal.

Boston Marathon – The 116th running of the Boston marathon was held on April 16, 2012. Last year, the Cambridge Fire Department had almost a dozen runners participate – although there didn't seem as though there was as many this year. Congratulations to **FF Kyle Schweinshaut (Ladder Co. 3)** and his wife, Chloe who completed the marathon this year! If anyone else ran, we would love to give you credit but we didn't know!

Lowell Firefighters Road Race – Several members of the department (and Cambridge Police Department) also participated in the Lowell Firefighter's 5K Road Race on April 22, 2012.



Photo by DFC Gelinias-Retired

L-R, Cambridge Police Officer Kathy Sullivan, Deputy Fire Chief Brian Gover (Division 2), Cambridge Police Officer Joe Flynn, Cambridge Police Officer Tony Cacciola, Deputy Fire Chief Jack Gelinias (Retired) and Acting Captain Ray Vaillancourt (Engine 1) all ran in the Lowell Firefighters Road Race.

Local 30 Golf Outing - A Local 30 golf outing is planned for Wednesday, August 22, 2012 at the Wayland Country Club (Foursome/Best Ball). Registration is 0800 hours, Tee-Off at 0900 hours. Cost is \$125 per person. The day includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, lunch, CFD Golf polo shirt as well as prizes. Team Captains **MUST** sign up their foursome by contacting **Brandon Hugh (Engine No. 5, Group 3)**. Singles can also register and be placed on a team. Entry fees must be paid **IN FULL** no later than August 2, 2012. They accept cash, check or Paypal (via the Local 30 website). This event is open to all CFD Local 30 members, family and friends.

Firefighters Memorial Sunday – Firefighters Memorial Sunday will be held on Sunday, June 10, 2012 at the Cambridge Cemetery. Uniform of the day will be Summer Class A uniform. A collation will follow at the VFW Hall at 688 Huron Ave. In the case of inclement weather, the service will be held indoors at the VFW Hall. We hope to see you there, but if you can't make it – we hope you will at least take the time to remember all those before us that sacrificed so much.

All Companies Working

March 2, 2012 – Mutual Aid, Somerville, 2nd Alarm fire, Box 129, 48 Glen Street – Engine 5 and Ladder 1 were dispatched to cover Teele Square on the Working Fire. When the second alarm was struck, Engine 5 was diverted to the scene (along with Division 1 and Squad 2) and Engine 4 responded to cover Somerville Engine 7. The fire was in a 2-1/2 story dwelling with heavy fire in the attic.

March 6, 2012 – 1 Alarm Fire, Box 84, 73 Fayerweather Street – Companies responded to a reported fire on the 3rd floor. Companies found smoke coming from behind a closed door on the 3rd floor. Lines were stretched and a 35' ladder was thrown to a window in the fire room. The window was vented and fire was extinguished. A television set caught fire igniting combustibles nearby.

March 6, 2012 – 1 Alarm Fire, Box 613, 34 Myrtle Avenue – Contractors working on the exterior of a home dropped a piece of aluminum on the house service creating a significant arc/fireball and igniting a small fire in the wall. On arrival, there was light smoke coming from the eaves. A line was stretched to the third floor and companies opened several voids extinguishing any fire.

March 6, 2012, 1 Alarm Fire, Box 29, 227 Prospect Street – A dumpster against building caught fire and caused some exposure damage to the building.

March 6, 2012 – 1 Alarm Fire, Box 63, 1555 Massachusetts Ave – A welding torch started a fire inside a building under renovation. The fire was extinguished by a firefighter on detail. Engine 1 and Ladder 1 overhauled to ensure there was no fire spread.

March 8, 2012 – 1 Alarm Fire, Box 361, 117 Pleasant Street – Companies found a planter smoldering on the second floor porch.

March 8, 2012 – MVA 700 Block of Memorial Drive – Motor vehicle accident with two trauma alerts transported to the Beth Israel Hospital.

March 9, 2012 – 1 Alarm Fire, Box 39, 20 Prospect Street – cutting (hot work) inside a business started a fire inside a wall. The fire detail on scene called in the alarm and the fire was extinguished and overhauled.

March 9, 1 Alarm Fire, Box 793, 84 Dudley Street – A faulty microwave oven caused a fire to extend into the walls of a 2-1/2 story wood frame building. Lines were stretched and the wall was overhauled.

March 14, 2012 – 1 Alarm Fire, Box 217, 46 Willow Street – Companies responded to a kitchen fire on floor 1. Engine 5 stretched a line.

March 17, 2012 – 1 Alarm Fire, Box 3561, 608 Memorial Drive – Companies responded to the report of smoke in the building and found two small fires in the building. Fire Investigation Unit is investigating.

March 21, 2012 – MVA, Mass Ave @ Dover Street – Pedestrian accident with trauma alert to the Massachusetts General Hospital. Female patient with severe head trauma

March 21, 2012 – 1 Alarm Fire, Box 121, 22 Water Street – Companies found a fire on both floors of a vacant two story building at the end of Water Street. Companies opened the windows and operated two hand lines to extinguish the fire from the exterior. Two teams of firefighters then performed a primary search and found the building to be vacant.

March 21, 2012 – 1 Alarm Fire, Box 624, 10 Sacramento Street – Companies encountered a dryer fire. Line was stretched while searches and horizontal ventilation were performed.

March 22, 2012 – MVA, 1000 Block of Memorial Drive – An early morning accident resulted in a commercial tow truck that struck two large trees and a light post. Rescue 1 was used to extricate the driver from the truck. Engine 1 stretched a line and protected operations, while Ladder 1 tended to a disconnected fuel tank and small leak of diesel fuel.

March 23, 2012 – 1 Alarm Fire, Box 686, 6-8 Sherman Street - Embers from a charcoal grill on the first floor rear porch fell through the floor boards and ignited material beneath the porch. The fire was quickly extinguished.

March 26, 2012 – 1 Alarm fire, Box 89, 21 New Street - Small fire in the exterior wall of a 1.5 story wood frame structure. The fire was quickly extinguished. One fireplace insert was damaged, as well as a 6 foot by 3 foot section of the exterior wall.

April 1, 2012 – Mutual Aid, Boston, 7 Alarms, Box 6167, 331 Chelsea Street (East Boston)
Engine 2 covered at Engine 33 on the 4th alarm and Ladder 1 responded to cover Ladder 15

April 2, 2012 – Mutual Aid, Brookline, 2nd Alarm, Box 264, Walnut Place – Ladder 1 and Engine 2 responded to a cover assignment on the Working Fire. On the 2nd Alarm, Ladder 1, Division 2 and Squad 2 responded and assisted in pulling ceilings.

April 3, 2012 – Mutual Aid, Somerville, Working Fire, Box 424, 65 Hancock Street – Engine 4 and Ladder 1 responded to cover in Teele Square during an early morning fire

April 18, 2012 – Working Fire, 124 Inman Street – Companies encountered a fire on the exterior of the building, third floor that spread into the roof area. Quick work stretching lines and opening the roof prevented this fire from spreading any further.

April 19, 2012 – Mutual Aid, Waltham, 3rd Alarm, 19 Everett Street – Division 1, Ladder 1 and Squad 4 responded to Waltham's fire on Everett St. While on scene, assisted with extensive overhaul operations and chasing hot spots, roof venting and extinguishment. Ladder 1 performed vertical ventilation and operated on floor #2.

April 21, 2012 – 3 Alarms, Box 484, 83 Trowbridge Street – Fire alarm started receiving calls for a building fire on Trowbridge Street. Rescue 1 was first off and requested a 2nd alarm assignment when presented with heavy fire conditions showing from the top floor, alpha side. Division 1 (DFC Rossi) requested the 3rd alarm.



April 21, 2012 – 1 Alarm Fire, Box 627, 2A Forest Street – Companies responded to a building fire and found a homeowner has extinguished a fire on her deck as a result of smoking. The fire extended into the walls and companies opened up the walls and wetted down to ensure complete extinguishment.

April 22, 2012 – Mutual Aid, Arlington, 2nd Alarm, 40 Dudley Street – Engine 4 covered Arlington's fire headquarters during their early morning fire.

April 25, 2012 – Working Fire, Box 422, 4 Ellsworth Ave – Group 4 had a fire on the second floor of a 4 story brick apartment building. A dog expired in the fire.

May 10, 2012 – Level 1 Haz Mat, 40 Lansdowne Street – a small spill in a lab splashed on a lab worker causing them to be transported for evaluation.

May 17, 2012 – 1 Alarm Fire, Box 25, Broadway at Third Street – Construction debris at a construction site at 1 Cambridge Center spread to the building requiring the walls to be opened on the second and third floors for extinguishment.

May 20, 2012 – Mutual Aid, Belmont, 67 Albert Ave, Working fire – Engine 9 and Ladder 4 responded to Belmont on their working fire.

May 23, 2012 – 1 Alarm Fire, Box 36, 19 Chalk Street – a small sauna caught fire. Most of the fire was extinguished with a water can while the line was stretched. Area overhauled. A department member was transported for evaluation.

May 24, 2012 – Rescue, 222 Memorial Drive, MIT– companies had two people stuck in an elevator in a blind shaft. Companies removed the trapped individuals through the roof hatch.

May 30, 2012 – Haz Mat, 620 Memorial Drive - Ladder 1 initiated a CO alarm response for a 5 story Type I laboratory building with carbon monoxide readings throughout.

May 31, 2012 – Mutual Aid, Belmont, Working Fire, 37 C Street – Assisted Belmont by covering at their working fire of a large storage shed at the DPW yard.

May 31, 2012 – Haz Mat, 400 Main Street, MIT –Haz Mat incident involved a small amount of fumes from various chemicals that required the companies to complete air sampling to deem the building safe.

Quotes of the Day

The ability to summon positive emotions during periods of intense stress lies at the heart of effective leadership.

- Jim Loehr

Leadership is not a one-day thing. It is a constant commitment to excellence, a habit . . . a daily practice.

-unknown

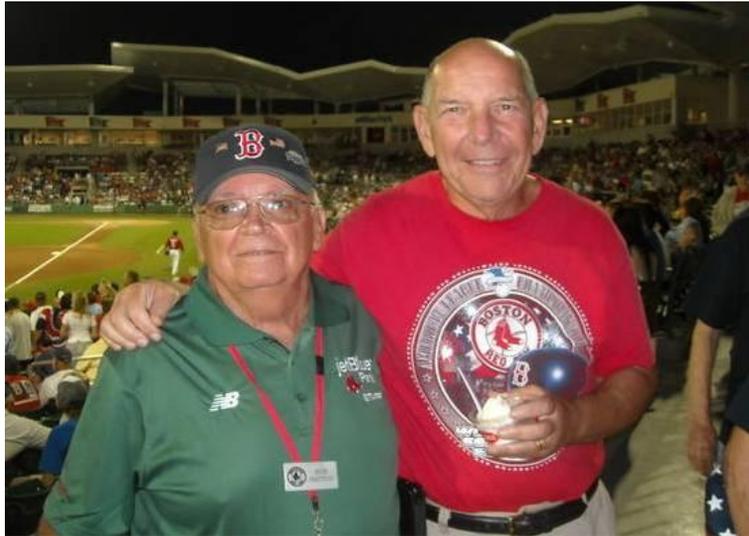
As a leader you should always start with where people are before you try to take them to where you want them to go.

- Jim Rohn

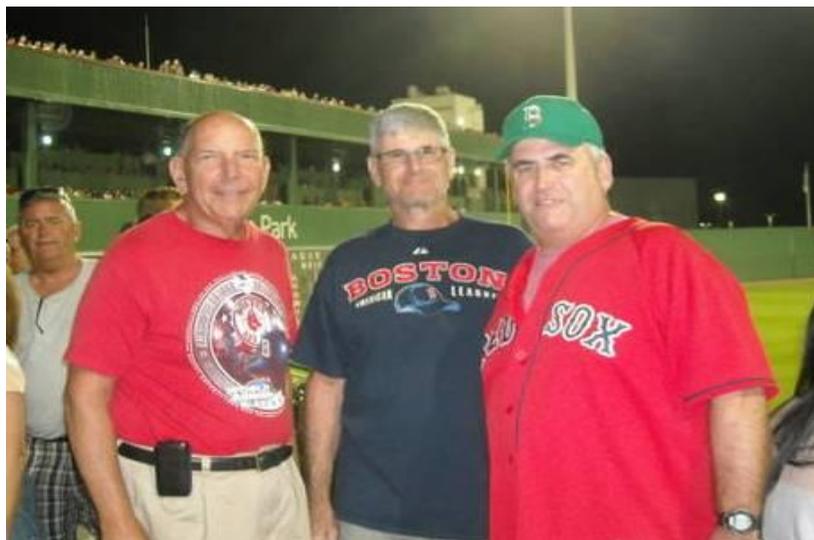
Out and About

Red Sox Fans

The following two photos were taken on March 10, 2012 at Jet Blue Park in Ft. Myers, FL during spring training by DFC Gerard Mahoney.



L-R, Firefighter Ron Mattos (Engine 2-Retired) and Lieutenant John Ruffing (Engine 5-Retired)



L-R, Lieutenant John Ruffing (Engine 5-Retired), DFC David Salvi (Somerville FD – Retired) and DFC Gerard Mahoney

Aerial View of Cambridge – View of Cambridge from the top of the Bunker Hill Monument taken in February 2012 by Cameron Smith (son of **Howie Smith, Ladder Co. 1**)



Photo by Cameron Smith

Looking at East Cambridge over Charlestown and Somerville – Middlesex County Jail building is on left.



Photo by Aidan Smith

Left tall building (*behind church steeple*) is 1010 Memorial Drive, Middle is Memorial Hall, and right is James Hall.



Photo by FF Walter Grace (Aide Division 1- Retired)

LT Miguel Torres (Engine 5) and FF Andrew Carrigan (Engine 5) after a recent fire at 4 Ellsworth Ave.



Photo by FF Walter Grace (Aide Division 1- Retired)

L-R, FF Kevin Lawson (Ladder 3), FF Ed Morrissey Jr. (Weston Fire Department), LT Miguel Torres (Engine 5) and FF Dan Mahoney (Ladder 3)

From the Archives

This old Ladder 1 helmet shield from Cambridge was up for auction on the online auction website EBay in February 2012. It sold for almost \$300. It would have been found on an old "High Eagle" type leather helmet. The "high eagle" is a description of the brass finial that holds the shield at the top. The auction description said that it came from an estate sale and was clearly labeled as having come from the Cambridge, Massachusetts Fire Department in the mid 1800's.

It is hard to see, but there is a fancy, large, white colored "1" in the middle of the shield with crossed ground ladders. On the bottom in red letters on white background is "CFD". The top word is missing letters but was possibly the member's last name. At the time this shield was worn, Ladder 1 was called "Franklin Hook and Ladder 1" and ran out of a station located at Main Street near Windsor Street. The building still stands today.



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Belated condolences to the members of the Danvers Fire Department who lost a valued member of the department in March 2012 from occupational cancer.

PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS OF MASSACHUSETTS



LAST ALARM

BROTHER MATTHEW SMITH
DANVERS FIRE FIGHTERS IAFF LOCAL 2038

WHEN I AM CALLED TO DUTY, GOD, WHEREVER FLAMES MAY RAGE; GIVE ME STRENGTH TO SAVE SOME LIFE, WHATEVER BE ITS AGE. HELP ME EMBRACE A LITTLE CHILD, BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE, OR SAVE AN OLDER PERSON FROM, THE HORROR OF THAT FATE. ENABLE ME TO BE ALERT AND HEAR THE WEAKEST SHOUT; AND QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY TO PUT THE FIRE OUT. I WANT TO FILL MY CALLING, AND GIVE THE BEST IN ME, TO GUARD MY EVERY NEIGHBOR AND PROTECT THEIR PROPERTY. AND IF ACCORDING TO MY FATE, I AM TO LOSE MY LIFE, PLEASE BLESS WITH YOUR PROTECTING HAND, MY CHILDREN AND MY WIFE. - AUTHOR UNKNOWN.

Through the Lantern Lens



Through the Lantern Lens

by Mose Humphrey

In the mid 1800's, many larger metropolitan fire departments were abandoning their hand tubs for more modern firefighting equipment – steam engines or “steamers.” These steamers were quite heavy and the firemen could not pull these engines using manpower like they could with their smaller hose wagons and hand tubs. The most obvious option was to use horses due to their great strength and agility.

Horses were an addition that definitely made pulling the steamers look easy, but there was a great deal of training that had to take place before a horse was chosen to pull a steam engine. Getting to the fire was only half the battle. Once on scene, these horses had to stand patiently despite heat, cold, snow, ice, wind, intense heat, sparks and occasionally broken glass. In smaller departments, many horses just like the firemen themselves, received “on the job training” being paired with a more experienced horse. In some larger cities, they had the benefit of formal training. The City of Detroit even had a “horse college.” The campus consisted of an actual fire station where the horses were put through the process of “hitching up” repeatedly and praised until the horse automatically knew what to do at the sound of the gong.

Horses were chosen for their size, health and intelligence. Some horses were smarter than others. A horse in New York City (Engine Co. 8) could turn a water faucet on with his mouth, get a drink of water and turn the water faucet off again. This same horse could also catch a handkerchief in the air and place it back in a firefighter's pocket.

Another horse learned to recognize the box numbers as they were struck. Then the box started with a six, he knew it was for him and he neighed while getting into position to be hitched, as if to say to the firefighters "hurry up!"

Cambridge had a number of horses during the late 1800's and into the early 1900's. As of 1888, the department had five steamers (with a sixth as a spare) among other auxiliary equipment such as hose wagons, hose carriages, ladder and fuel wagons. The horses used to pull this apparatus were numbered as department property and named. For example, in 1916, Ladder 4 used:

Horse # 34 – "Harry", 1330 lbs

Horse # 35 – "Gray", 1380 lbs

Horse # 35 – "Pat", 1320 lbs



It is a common misconception that horse teams were always of the same color. If possible they were, however they it was more important to find two horses of the same size and matched power than it was color.

It was also common to have extra horses on hand in case of illness or injury. However, they were well cared for by Dr. Bolger who was the department veterinarian and on call 24 hours a day. With the invention of the internal combustion engine and mechanical pump, motorized apparatus slowly phased out the horses. Cambridge used horses until 1921. At that time, the department was completely motorized except for a spare chemical wagon that still used a team of horses until about 1930. Although gone, horses will always remain an integral part of our firefighting history.

History & Tradition

The photo below was taken at the Tampa Fire Museum. The museum is an old fire station that was left vacant upon the fire department moving into a new fire station across the street in 1974. The current museum building sat vacant until the museum was opened in 2007. There are grooves cut into the floor inside every door. What do you think they were there for? The answer can be found on the last page of the newsletter...



Photo by Howie Smith

Signal 10-15

Special Signal 10-15 – The Chief of Department regrets to announce the death of
Firefighter William E. Crowley Jr., Aide to Division 1 – Retired

Date of Birth: January 22, 1934

Appointed to Reserve List: November 22, 1964

Appointed to Engine Co. 9: May 23, 1965

Retired: January 30, 1998

Died: March 3, 2012

*Son of **Fire Captain James E. Crowley** of Ladder Company 1, who died on April 30, 1951 at Cambridge Box 124 while operating at the Statler Tissue Warehouse fire in Somerville. Captain Crowley was Acting Deputy Fire Chief at the time of his death.*

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

Firefighter Robert M. Young; Engine Co. 7-Retired

Born November 14, 1938

Appointed June 6, 1965

Pensioned May 16, 1981

He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps

Condolences to:

Mrs. Jane Bennett, wife of **Late Captain Barry M. Bennett** on the death of their son,
Christopher Bennett in March 2012

(Editors Note): **Chief Reardon** and the **members of the Cambridge Fire Department** wish to express condolences to **Jane Bennett** and **Andrew** and **Zachary Bennett** on the death of **Christopher Bennett**. Christopher was the son of **Fire Captain Barry Bennett** of Engine Company No. 1 who died in the line of duty a few years ago. Christopher Bennett, following in his father's footsteps, was a member of the Stow Fire Department. He died on the 15th of March. Christopher was well respected and loved by his family, his extended family, and friends. This was evident by the very large turnout for his memorial service in Maynard. The **Stow Fire Department**, led by **Chief McLaughlin**, also provided support and dignity to the Memorial
Thanks to the members of the Cambridge Fire Department who participated in the memorial service for Christopher Bennett. The CFD members who attended were: **FF Michael Franks (E1)**, **FF Kurt McLaughlin (R1)**, **FF Shawn Burke (TL2)**, **DFC Steve Leonard (EPAC)** Thanks for their dedication and support.

Firefighter Francis Judd (Technical Services Division) on the passing of his brother,
Edward Judd in March 2012

Lieutenant Brian Casey (Squad 2) on the passing of his Mother-In-Law,
Mrs. Mary B. Feeney in March 2012

Firefighter Kenneth Cunningham (Ladder Co. 1) on the passing of his Father-in-Law,
Mr. Christ Kefalas in April 2012

Lieutenant Alan Beggelman (Engine Co. 8-Retired) on the passing of his mother,
Mrs. Charlotte Beggelman in April 2012

Retirements

General Order # 10, Series of 2012 Effective April 6, 2012 at 1900 hours

Effective April 6, 2012 at 1900 hours, **Firefighter Theodore V. Whitney** retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Firefighter Theodore Whitney was appointed on April 11, 1993.

June 27, 1993	Ladder Co. No. 1
October 17, 1999	Engine Co. No. 9
July 29, 2011	Engine Co. No. 5

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

General Order # 18, Series of 2012 Effective May 24, 2012 at 1700 hours

Effective May 24, 2012 at 1700 hours, **Lieutenant Bradford Tenney** retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Lieutenant Tenney was appointed on August 7, 1977.

October 2, 1977	Engine Company No. 9
July 2, 1978	Engine Company No. 2
February 14, 1988	Detailed to Headquarters
March 1, 1988	Acting Lieutenant, Headquarters
March 15, 1988	Promoted to Fire Lieutenant
May 1, 1988	Engine Company No. 3
December 4, 1988	Ladder Company No. 4
April 29, 2012	Fire Headquarters

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

Promotions

General Order #15, Series of 2012 Effective May 20, 2012 at 0700 hours

Firefighter Michael J. Lynch from Ladder Co. No. 1 to Acting Lieutenant, Engine Co. No. 8

General Order #17, Series of 2012

Effective May 20, 2012 at 0700 hours

Acting Fire Captain Raymond E. Vaillancourt promoted to Fire Captain
Acting Fire Lieutenant Kevin P. Mercer promoted to Fire Lieutenant

General Order #19, Series of 2012

Effective May 27, 2012 at 0700 hours

Acting Fire Lieutenant Kenneth E. Cunningham promoted to Fire Lieutenant

Transfers

General Order # 7, Series of 2012

Effective March 11, 2012 at 0700 hours

**Captain David J. House from Engine Co. 8 to Engine Co. 1
Captain Steven M. Brogan from Fire Prevention to Engine Co. 8**

General Order # 8, Series of 2012

Effective March 18, 2012 at 0700 hours

Captain Robert M. Morrissey from Ladder Co. No. 1 to Fire Prevention

General Order #13, Series of 2012

Effective April 29, 2012 at 0700 hours

**Fire Lieutenant Bradford Tenney from Ladder Co. No. 4 to Fire Headquarters
Fire Lieutenant Richard J. Turcotte from Engine Co. No. 4 to Fire Headquarters
Fire Lieutenant Matthew F. Brannelly from Rescue Co. No. 1 to Fire Headquarters**

**Fire Captain David J. House from Engine Co. No. 8 to Ladder Co. No.1
Fire Lieutenant Raymond E. Vaillancourt from Squad 4 to Acting Captain, Engine Co. No. 1
Fire Lieutenant Thomas G. Kotowski from Engine Co. No. 6 to Engine Co. No. 8
Fire Lieutenant Brian M. O'Regan from Engine Co. No. 2 to Engine Co. No. 4
Fire Lieutenant James Ferreira from Engine Co. No. 6 to Engine Company No. 2
Fire Lieutenant Robert A. Golden from Squad 2 to Rescue Co. No. 1
Fire Lieutenant Christopher G. Towski from Fire Prevention to Engine Co. No. 3
Fire Lieutenant Paul Marinelli from Engine Co. No. 3 to Fire Prevention
Fire Lieutenant Kenneth J. Hugh from Engine Co. No. 8 to Ladder Co. No. 4**

**Firefighter Kevin P. Mercer from Rescue Co. No. 1 to Acting Lieutenant, Engine Co. No. 6
Firefighter Kenneth E. Cunningham from Ladder Co. No. 1 to Acting Lieutenant, Engine Co. No. 6
Firefighter Joyce T. Bowden from Engine Co. No. 3 to Acting Lieutenant, Squad No. 4
Firefighter Jeremiah D. Hart to Acting Lieutenant, Squad No. 2
Firefighter Stephen A. Capuccio from Engine Co. No. 1 to Rescue Co. No. 1
Firefighter Peter Melo from Engine Co. No. 1 to Rescue Co. No. 1
Firefighter Adam M. Shuman from Rescue Co. No. 1 to Engine Co. No. 3
Firefighter Gary J. Gannon from Rescue Co. No. 1 to Engine Co. No. 3
Firefighter Silvio S. Estrada from Engine Co. No. 3 to Rescue Co. No. 1
Firefighter R. Nicholas Menard from Engine Co. No. 2 to Squad No. 2
Firefighter Bryan B. O'Neil from Squad 2 to Engine Co. No. 6
Firefighter Donald E. Calvert from Engine Co. No. 1 to Ladder Co. No. 1
Firefighter Michael L. Donnelly from Engine Co. No. 9 to Engine Co. No. 3
Firefighter Kenneth Flibotte from Engine Co. No. 2 to Squad No. 2
Firefighter Candice J. Murphy from Engine Co. No. 8 to Engine Co. No. 1**

Firefighter Pedro O. Gonzalez from Engine Co. No. 3 to Engine Co. No. 1

General Order #14, Series of 2012
Effective April 29, 2012 at 0700 hours

Firefighter Marvin E. Ramos from Engine Co. No. 6 to Engine Co. No. 5

Congratulations

To **Chief of Operations John "Jack" Gelinas (Retired)** on the birth of his grandson. Odin Timothy Prudente was born at 2320 hours on 9 April 2011. He weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 19 inches long. Mother Melissa, Father Tim, and baby Odin are all doing fine.

To Firefighter **Jerry Bernardo (Engine Co. No. 1)** on the birth of his son, Jacob in April 2012!

To **Acting Captain Ray Vaillancourt (Engine Co. No. 1)** on the birth of a son, "P.J." also in April 2012!

Stats and Fires

FY 2011/2012 "Code 111" Building Fire TOTALS

	Sep-11	Oct-11	Nov-11	Dec-11	SBTTL	Jan-12	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12	May-12	TOTAL
Engine 1	0	4	2	3	9	5	3	10	5	7	39
Engine 2	3	2	2	5	12	6	6	6	4	2	36
Engine 3	0	2	1	1	4	4	4	2	2	1	17
Engine 4	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	4	3	3	14
Engine 5	2	3	2	5	12	6	7	7	5	3	40
Engine 6	2	1	1	5	9	5	5	5	4	2	30
Engine 8	0	1	1	1	3	2	1	5	3	4	18
Engine 9	0	0	0	2	2	1	3	3	3	1	13
Truck 1	2	5	2	6	15	7	7	14	6	7	56
Truck 2	1	1	2	2	6	5	4	4	3	1	23
Truck 3	2	2	2	4	10	5	6	7	3	3	34
Truck 4	0	1	1	2	4	3	2	6	4	4	23
Rescue 1	2	2	3	5	12	7	8	11	6	7	51
Squad 2	2	3	2	6	13	3	7	10	3	4	40
Squad 4	0	2	3	4	9	6	5	11	5	4	40
Division 1	3	3	2	5	13	5	8	8	4	3	41
Division 2	0	2	1	3	6	5	3	9	5	4	32

FY 2011/2012 RUN TOTALS

	Aug-11	Sep-11	Oct-11	Nov-11	Dec-11	SBTTL	Jan-12	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12	May-12	TOTAL
Engine 1	212	221	198	180	187	998	169	166	177	205	203	1918
Engine 2	295	268	310	237	205	1315	220	220	261	221	277	2514
Engine 3	137	125	146	101	132	641	110	108	116	101	127	1203
Engine 4	121	102	132	112	125	592	104	98	100	119	108	1121
Engine 5	173	158	181	153	153	818	163	167	138	128	131	1545
Engine 6	126	111	136	99	89	561	119	77	101	86	101	1045
Engine 8	106	88	98	94	97	483	83	83	74	108	102	933
Engine 9	102	69	79	71	78	399	77	72	52	75	73	748
Truck 1	159	171	189	171	163	853	159	142	151	151	170	1626
Truck 2	103	86	106	76	79	450	95	92	84	71	84	876
Truck 3	197	214	233	170	141	955	181	164	157	141	164	1762
Truck 4	155	109	140	121	142	667	102	92	87	106	122	1176
Rescue 1	188	184	201	202	185	960	189	209	199	178	192	1927
Squad 2	276	253	294	236	207	1266	255	254	288	226	257	2546
Squad 4	149	143	174	145	179	790	150	133	141	156	136	1506
Division 1	132	141	161	125	101	660	132	128	109	113	152	1294
Division 2	102	107	119	106	121	555	99	81	90	89	95	1009
HazMat 1	1	3	2	1	2	9	5	1	0	3	5	23
Spec & HQ Units	23	12	25	12	17	89	9	20	14	17	12	161
Mutual Aid Units	7	3	6	8	13	37	17	8	10	29	7	108
TOTAL	2764	2568	2930	2420	2416	13098	2438	2315	2349	2323	2518	25041

Street Awareness...

There are a number of “split streets” in Cambridge. Drivers and chauffeurs should be aware of street numbers and street breaks.

Amherst Street – split between Ames & Wadsworth and Mass. Ave and Amherst Alley

Banks Street – from Mount Auburn Street to Peabody Terrace and from Hingham Street to Bruce Street

Bent Street – Between Fulkerson and Third Street and small section between First & Second Street

Norfolk Street – Somerville line across Cambridge Street to dead end and from Mass. Ave to DPW yard off Hampshire Street

Otis Street – From First to Second Street Third to Fulkerson Street

Rogers Street – Between Fifth and Sixth Street and from Land Blvd to Third Street

Sheridan Street – Dead end off Raymond Street and dead end off Cadbury Road at Wood Street

Trowbridge Street – one way from Cambridge Street to Kirkland Street, between Broadway and Mass. Ave

Webster Avenue – Somerville line to Cambridge Street and from Windsor Street to Hampshire Street

Of Interest...

How many people know what the building is that is used on our Cambridge Fire Department logo on our apparatus and uniform patches?

How many people know the name of the building? The building is a former Harvard building that no longer exists. Gore Hall was located in Harvard Yard where the original Widener Library stood (the first one burned down.) The Widener Library replaced Gore Hall in the early 1900's.



The building was named after Christopher Gore who attended Harvard in the late 1700's at the age of 14. After graduating, Gore went on to become a lawyer and served in various important capacities; as the first U.S. Attorney for the State of Massachusetts, as a Representative, a Senator as well as a Governor of the Commonwealth.

The building was first used in 1846 on the Cambridge City Seal.



Thanks to **Firefighter Kevin Conroy (Engine Co. 2)** for the information and the story.

Letters

The following letter was received on February 13, 2012:

Re: January Incident(s)
8 Brown Street, Fire, 1/30/2012

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 10 individuals
Emergency Lodging to 10 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,

Michael A. McCaffrey
Interim Chief Emergency Services Officer

The following letter was received on February 29, 2012:

Dear Chief Reardon,

On behalf of the Waltham Fire Department, I would like to express my appreciation to you and the members of your Department for the Mutual Aid assistance we received at our recent third alarm fire at 91 Orange Street on February 18, 2012.

One of the greatest aspects of the fire service is that we always help each other selflessly and that was certainly displayed by your members who responded that day.

With Gratitude,
Michael J. Quinn
Acting Chief of Department

The following letter was received via email in regards to an incident that occurred on April 3, 2012:

Hi,

On April 3rd at around 7pm I had to call 911 because our 15-month-old son suddenly stopped responding and was almost not breathing at all. The paramedics arrived very quickly at 812 Memorial Dr. #1608 and after stabilizing our son who was having a complex seizure we run to the hospital. We spent three days at the hospital and luckily our son is now feeling just great.

I have no idea who I talked to on the phone when I called 911, but I wanted to thank the 911 dispatcher very much: he has been very professional and warm at the same time and really helped me through those frightening minutes until the paramedics arrived.

I wanted to thank the paramedics too. They did their job and got my son to the hospital.

I really hope this message of heartfelt thanks will reach the dispatcher and the paramedics who helped in keeping our son Angelo alive.

THANKS!

Luisa & Nicola Ferralis and son Angelo

On the incident were:

Engine 6: Capt. Jenness, FF's Ramos and FF English

Squad 2: A/Lt. Schweinshaut, FF Peebles

Child transported to Children's Hospital by P-6 with CFD aboard

Great job!

The following letter was received on April 23, 2012:

Dear Chief Reardon:

On behalf of the Waltham Fire Department, I would like to express my appreciation to you and the members of your Department for the Mutual Aid assistance we received at our recent third alarm fire at 19 Everett Street, on April 19, 2012.

One of the greatest aspects of the fire service is that we always help each other selflessly and that was certainly displayed by your members who responded that day.

With Gratitude,

Paul J. Ciccone
Chief of Department
Waltham Fire Department

Note: Group 1 was on duty. Division 1, Ladder 1, Squad 4 to the fire and Engine 9 covered in Waltham.

The following letter was received on April 30, 2012:

Dear Chief Reardon:

Just a sentence or two to say "THANK YOU" to you, and through you to your firefighters at the station on Mass. Ave., North Cambridge for the extraordinary work done by them about 5:30 P.M. on Thursday, April 26 when, as I drove into my home driveway, wisps of smoke were coming out of the directional signal area on the steering column.

They knew so well what they needed to do that there was no use of chemical or water. Had I not called them, a catastrophe not only for the car, but for our home would have been the result. B&B Towing were on scene shortly and took the car to my usual garage in Lexington. The diagnosis was an electrical fire in the mechanism which houses the turn signal. Replacement was been accomplished so that I have the car back this afternoon.

It proved again the truth of the saying. "where there's smoke, there's fire." Again, my thanks.

Sincerely,

David Noonan
44 Haskell Street
Cambridge

Safety

Roof Safety - Thanks to Tom Carmody www.northeastfirephotos.smugmug.com for sharing his pictures and account of an extremely close call that he captured today in Pawtucket, RI with www.FirefighterClosecalls.com.

Please make sure to visit Tom's site for his entire collection of photos.

According to Tom: "For the first time in years, I was in the right place at the right time. Have to say it was the first time I thought I was watching two guys that were dying in front of my eyes but it ended fine with minor injuries. Members of Ladder 1 had finished opening the roof and were heading back to the ladder. On the way the roof burned out below them and they went with it. One guy rolled down the roof and miraculously came to a stop a foot from falling off the top of the 3rd floor. The other guy's leg went through the hole and he fought to get it out."



Although, these photos are just a snapshot in time and admittedly, all the facts of the incident are NOT known, it is safe to presume that things may not have progressed so badly if the firefighters were operating from the safety of a roof ladder. One of the firefighters is not wearing a Nomex hood either. Had the firefighters fallen through the roof and not down it, they are not fully protected.

No matter the circumstances, we need to take proper steps to prevent injuries from occurring that could be prevented!

Fire Service Heroes - Hugh Bonner Medal – FDNY

Firefighter John M. Hand

Ladder Company 113

August 26, 1999, 0742 hours, Box 75-1048,
12 Miami Court, Brooklyn

Appointed to the FDNY on December 17, 1977. Previously assigned to Engine 249. Member of the Holy Name and Emerald Societies. Cited for bravery three times previously. Brothers-in-law FF John Kenny is assigned to L-23 and Lieutenant Gerard Mallarky is assigned to L-47. His cousin is Battalion Chief George Lonergan. Resides in Stoney Point, Rockland County, with his wife, Rita, and their son, Timmy, 15. Their older son, Danny, 20, is in the Navy and daughter, Susannah, lives in Taiwan.

The August 25th night tour started and progressed like many night tours before for FF John Hand. That all changed for the unassuming, 23-year FDNY veteran at 0742 hours the next morning.

At that time, the Brooklyn dispatcher transmitted Box 1048 for a fire in a private dwelling with people trapped. Both Engine 249 and Ladder 113 were first-due and by the time they had exited quarters, there were numerous phone calls. As they had many times before, "Camp Rogers" was going to work, but this fire would be anything but typical.

The fire address of 12 Miami Court is located in the middle of turn-of-the-century, two-story, attached private dwellings. The only access to these buildings is through a maze of alleys and courtyards that, unfortunately, are too narrow to accommodate Fire Department apparatus. Upon arrival at Maple Street and Miami Court, there was a heavy smoke condition visible in the street. The exact location of the fire building could not be determined, but hysterical residents calling for help seemed to indicate the fire was somewhere in the middle of Miami Court.



Captain Peter Gannon of Engine 249 gave a 10-75 and the members of Ladder 113, familiar with this area, knew they had to proceed on foot. Ladder 113's forcible entry team, which consisted of FF John Hand with the irons and FF Brian Murray with the can, along with Lieutenant Eric Schenck, proceeded along an interior footpath,

trying to locate the fire building.

One hundred feet down the courtyard, Mr. Jasper Walker--who just had jumped from a second-story window--was lying on the ground outside 12 Miami Court. Injured and stunned, Mr. Walker provided vital information: "He's still inside...He's on the stairs, on the left."

Ladder 113 now had a confirmed life hazard. With no time to wait for a hand-line or portable ladder, the firefighters made their way to the front door, which was open. Fire could be seen encompassing the entire first-floor hallway, from front to rear, starting to extend up the open interior stairs to the second floor.

Little did they know, but the entire basement was engulfed in flames as a result of a mattress fire communicating to a five-gallon gas can. Through already incredible heat and thick smoke, they crawled to the foot of the stairs, where FF Murray used the can to hold back some of the fire, which was lapping from behind the stairs, up the wall and across the ceiling.

FF Hand and Lieutenant Schenck now tried to make a move up the narrow stairwell, where paneling and wooden stairs were fueling the escalating fire. This attempt failed.

With Lieutenant Schenck now burnt and pushed back from the heat, FF Hand knew he had to make his move. With an adjustment of his collar, a deep breath and pure determination, somehow the firefighter crept under the heat and flames to the second-floor landing. Forced to his belly by the extreme heat, knowing his time was limited and in zero visibility, he searched the hallway, working toward the front of the building.

In the front bedroom, FF Hand found Mr. Earl Greene, 76, unconscious, with his legs already badly burned. FF Hand quickly went to the window, hoping to find a portable ladder. A tree directly in front of the window made ladder placement impossible.

FF Hand now knew Mr. Greene's chances for survival depended upon rapid removal down the interior stairs. With exhaustion setting in, FF Hand dragged Mr. Greene down the hall to the second-floor landing. FF Hand then charged down the stairs, shielding Mr. Greene from the flames which, at this point, were burning through the wooden stairs. He continued his super-human effort until Mr. Greene was down the hall and out the front door. Mr. Greene then was turned over to EMS and transported with his vital signs present.

FF Hand operated alone on the floor above extremely heavy fire with no hand-line. His extraordinary ability to withstand the most severe heat, along with his quick decision-making, afforded Mr. Earl Greene a chance to live. For this courageous, selfless act and placing himself at great personal risk, we honor him today.—DW (Reprinted from the City of New York website - <http://home.nyc.gov>)



From the Tailboard...

... the answer to the question posed in the **History & Tradition** section is that the grooves were cut into the floor for traction for the horses during the horse drawn era. Remember that the horses were shod with metal horse shoes and the metal horse shoes slipped on the smooth granite floor trying when the horses started out the door pulling the weight of a very heavy steam engine.

Information

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

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