Condolences

Our sincere condolences to our brothers and sisters across the Charles River for their loss. On March 26, 2014 - Fire Lieutenant Edward J. Walsh of Engine 33 and Firefighter Michael R. Kennedy of Ladder 15 made the supreme sacrifice at Boston Box 9-1579. May They Rest In Peace!

Left: Firefighter Michael Kennedy Ladder 15 Right: Lieutenant Ed Walsh, Engine 33

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Also, a job well done by our members who assisted in many ways in the days and weeks after. Engine 2 and Ladder 1 covered at Engine 33 and Ladder 15 on March 26, 2014 during the initial fire and assisted the off duty Boston members.

The Cambridge Honor Guard was present at the wake and funeral services of both members with a large turnout of off duty members to pay their respects. Ladder 1 and Squad 4 provided manpower and apparatus coverage in Watertown on April 2, 2014 so that their members could attend the services for Lt. Ed Walsh who grew up in Watertown with many of those firefighters.

**All Companies Working**

**March 11, 2014** – **Car Fire, Mt. Auburn Street @ Dunster Street** – Engine 1, Ladder 1 and Rescue 1 extinguished a car fire.

**March 15, 2014** – **1 Alarm Fire, 24 Gray Gardens West, Box 687** – Engine 8 and Ladder 4 dispatched for a fire alarm. On scene found smoke in the basement as a result of a small fire in some electrical equipment.

**March 17, 2014** – **1 Alarm Fire, 225 Alewife Brook Parkway, Box 8923** – Companies found a small fire in a restaurant resulting from a microwave oven. A sprinkler head kept the fire from spreading in this early morning fire.

**March 28, 2014** – **3 Alarm Fire, 1 Main Street, Box 2519** – Construction workers ignited construction debris on fire on the top floor of a 14 story high rise building. A fire watch detail on scene initiated the fire department response. Winds at the time were gusting over 30 mph.

**March 25, 2014** – **Medical, 459 Broadway** – Engine 1 responded to a young male with stab wounds.

**March 26, 2014** – **Mutual Aid, Boston, 9 Alarm Fire, 298 Beacon Street, Box 1579** – Engine 2 and Ladder 1 covered at Boylston Street on the 6th Alarm.

**March 27, 2014** – **Mutual Aid, Somerville, 3 Alarm Fire, 119 Hancock Street, Box 431** – Engine 4, Engine 5 and Squad 4 and Division 2 responded to the fire on the 2nd Alarm, Ladder 1 covered in Teele Square. Ladder 1 to the fire on the 3rd Alarm.

**April 1, 2014** – **1 Alarm Fire, 403 Memorial Drive, Box 343** – Careless disposal of smoking materials resulted in a fire on the roof of a 5 story building. A hose line was brought of the aerial ladder of Ladder 3 and fire extinguished.

**April 2, 2014** – **Mutual Aid/Special detail, Watertown** - Ladder 1 and Squad 4 provided manpower and apparatus for coverage so Watertown members could attend the services for Boston Fire Lieutenant Ed Walsh.

**April 9, 2014** – **Mutual Aid, Boston, 9 Alarms, 85 Lexington Street** – Engine 2 and Ladder 1 covered on Boylston Street during the 9 alarm fire.
April 9, 2014 – 1 Alarm Fire, 50 Memorial Drive, Box 257 – smoke was observed on the second floor by a fire watch detail and initiated a response. Workers cutting caught pipe insulation on fire inside the wall. Engine 2 operated a hose line from a standpipe and Ladder 3 opened up.

April 10, 2014 – 1 Alarm Fire, 12 Bellis Circle, Box 687 – arriving companies had smoke showing from a 2.5 story wood frame dwelling. Fire was quickly extinguished and contained to room and contents. Oily rags left after a construction project were believed to be the cause.

April 13, 2014 – 1 Alarm Fire, 100 Memorial Drive, Box 257 – an occupant looking across the courtyard observed a fire. Companies found a planter on fire on an outside balcony on the 5th floor due to careless disposal of smoking materials. Initial extinguishment via water cans.

April 17, 2014 – 6 Alarm Fire, 888 Massachusetts Ave, Box 483 – Originally coming in as a central station alarm, Engine 6 and Ladder 3 were just about arriving when fire alarm informed them they were receiving calls for the odor of smoke in the lobby. Captain Peter Donovan (Truck 3) struck a working fire and then a second alarm. The fire was in the basement and quickly extended to the first and second floors. Although companies acted quickly a large, open pipe chase allowed high heat to extend to the upper floors and the fire was chased all the way up to the 5th floor requiring numerous hose lines to multiple floors as well as mutual aid. (note: see more news on this fire address in the Through the Lantern Lens Feature)

May 1, 2014 – Pedestrian Accident, Cambridge Street @ Inman Street – pedestrian struck by an automobile and transported to MGH.

May 2, 2014 – Car Fire, 575 Memorial Drive – a taxi cab had its engine compartment catch fire in the early morning hours requiring Engine 2 to stretch a line and Ladder 3 to assist with overhaul.

May 8, 2014 – Outside fire, Box 422, 20 Highland Ave – recycle bins next to a building caught fire and extended to the house.

May 10, 2014 – Water Rescue, Mass. Ave Bridge – companies were dispatched to a person who jumped off the Mass. Ave. Bridge. A water rescue response was sent and as companies were arriving, the party was pulled into a MSP boat uninjured.

May 19, 2014 – Working Fire, 9 Chauncy Lane, Box 64 – Group 1 had a fire in a 2.5 story garden style apartment building

May 21, 2014 – Mutual Aid, Belmont, Box 351 51 Marlboro St., 3 Alarms - Division 2, Engine 9, Engine 5, Ladder 1 and Squad 4 to Belmont for 3 alarm fire in 3-family wood frame residence. E9, D2, S4 and L1 assisted Belmont truck with 2 1/2” hose line to feed ladder pipe, and then took 1 3/4” line to floor #3 of Exposure Building D. Line played out window to fire building. Hose line was later moved to floor#2 of fire building. L1 also used chainsaw to open up Delta side of fire building to expose fire in wall. E5 left cover assignment on third alarm and operated on Bravo and Charlie sides of fire building.

May 31, 2014 – Mutual Aid, Somerville, Box 746, 23 Wallace Street, Working Fire – Engine 4 and Ladder 1 covered during their fire
June 6, 2014 – 1 Alarm Fire, 105R Mass. Ave, Box 261 – Detail companies on scene for the MIT Graduation received reports of a “crashing sound” and smoke on the 4th floor of Bldg 13. A small fire in a lab was extinguished with a dry chemical extinguisher.

Ladder 1 moving a 2-1/2” hose line into the 5th floor over Boston Ladder 15’s aerial at Box 483 for 888 Massachusetts Ave. At the tip is Firefighter Greg Kirylo (Ladder 1) followed by Firefighter Howie Smith (Ladder 1)

What’s New

Engine 2 and Ladder 3 returned back from Pierce where they received a complete refurbishment. Training on the new pieces began in early May and as of press time, Engine 2 was placed in service in late May and Ladder 3 will be placed in service any time. The old Ladder 3 will become the spare ladder truck.

The department will be appointing sixteen new FFOP’s this summer. Ten will be appointed on July 27, 2014 and six on August 17, 2014. After a two-week orientation in the city, they will spend nine weeks at the State Fire Academy for Recruit Fire Training.
These 15 men and 1 woman are being hired from the 2012 Statewide Fire Entrance Examination. All have gone through an exhaustive pre-employment background investigation as well as medical, psychological and physical fitness screening in accordance with guidelines established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Human Resources Division.

In addition, one new FFOP; Patrick Sullivan, will be appointed upon his discharge from active military service. Mr. Sullivan would have been appointed in October 2013 but he was on active military duty.

Chief Reardon is grateful to City Manager Richard Rossi and Personnel Director Sheila Keady Rawson for their support in filling vacancies due to retirements. The estimated cost of hiring each new member is $10,000.00.

Out and About

“2014 Retirees Reunion”

Front Row (L/R): John Mester (FDNY), Ed MacAskill, and Ken O’Connor
Back Row (L/R): Stan Kotowski, Dick Teas, Jim Marcantonio, Morgan Sheafer, John Ruffing, Bill Hugh, Bill Phelan, Dave Sholl, and Harold Grafe
Memorial Day Parade

May 25, 2014 - Assistant Chief Gerard Mahoney, Chief Reardon and only a handful of on-duty members prepare to march in the Memorial Day Parade on May 25, 2014 honoring veterans who gave their lives for our country.

Tough Ruck

The 182nd infantry used to run their “Tough Ruck” to raise funds for the Wounded Warrior Project during the Boston Marathon. However, due to security restrictions, “the good guys” were not able to run the course in Boston this year. Without giving up, they completed the 26.2 miles over the Lexington-Concord Battle Road on April 19, 2014 instead. Congratulations to FF Reed Frailey (Rescue 1) and his fellow troops for not forgetting about their brothers and sisters!
**New Kids on the Block?** Not really – just a throwback photo of several of Cambridge's finest! We can identify at least three of them. Front center, **FF Kevin Thompson (Ladder 3)**, next to right is **FF David Croak (Rescue 1)** and Lt. Chris Haynes (Rescue 1)

**Firefighter Ken Souza (Rescue Co. 1, Group 3)** and **Firefighter Jeff Keefe (Ladder Co. 1, Group 3)** have a few laughs after a fire at One Main Street in March 2014
Cambridge members and families pose with “Pat the Patriot” after the “MDA Muscle Walk” held at Gillette Stadium in March 2014.

Left (in white hat) **FF Dave Croak** and **FF Rick Feliciano (in sunglasses)** had the great honor of escorting Adrianne Haslet-Davis and her brothers across the finish line at the Boston Marathon. She was an amputee and her brothers ran the race in her honor. It was an emotional day for the Cambridge members that volunteered last year and were involved in the bombing. But at the end of the day, the inspiring courage and positive attitudes of runners and spectators raised everyone’s spirits.
Firefighter Mike Lencki (Ladder Co. No. 2) finishes the marathon with the Boston Fire Department team in honor of Lt. Ed Walsh and FF Mike Kennedy.
Firemen’s Memorial Sunday, June 8, 2014

CFD members march into Cambridge Cemetery to pay respects to our deceased firefighters.

Local 30 President/FF Colin Walsh along with Chief of Department Gerald Reardon salute wreath placed at the resting place of our deceased members.
FF Robert McKinley, Engine 9-Retired and son Lt. David McKinley, Engine 9

L-R, Deputy Chief Frank Murphy (Retired), FF Larry Kuhn (Retired) and FF Donald “Speedy” Gonzalo, look at some old photos and reminisce of the “good ole days.”
FF Carolyn Domond - It’s always great to hear from retirees, but even better when the news is great! We heard from FF Carolyn Domond (retired) recently about her son Jevonte Domond. Jevonte is also the son of FF James Headd.

We will let Carolyn share her news: “Jevonte is a 6’6”, 300 pound right tackle out at Glendale Community College coming off a freshman season that put together jaw dropping film that had Division 1 college coaches drooling kind of like in the movie, “The Blind Side.” Domond went to high school at Maricopa but only played half of his senior season. That was the extent of his football experience before he first stepped foot in Glendale. Since, he has taken his game to a whole new level.

There are schools coming from everywhere to see him play while the Gauchos are participating in spring practice. Arizona came out on Tuesday, ASU on Wednesday, Oklahoma is coming on Friday, Wisconsin on Saturday and LSU on Tuesday. Schools like Wisconsin and LSU always pride themselves on the talent they possess in the trenches, so the fact that those two are interested to fly across the country, tells you all you need to know. Jevonte currently holds offers from Wisconsin, Cincinnati, Marshall, Kansas, San Diego State and Miami.”

Sounds like a proud parent there and rightfully so! Since receiving this note from Carolyn, we have found out that Jevonte chose Louisiana State University (LSU) and he is committed to attending and playing for the Tigers. We will watch for him in a Bowl Game coming to a television near you!

Photo provided

FF Carolyn Domond (Retired) and son Jevonte
The side story to this great story is that **Firefighter Jim Bergin (Engine Co. No. 4) and FF Kurt McLaughlin (Rescue Co. 1)** delivered Jevonte into this world.

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**Urban Shield 2014**

Cambridge Fire Department members once again participated in another Operation Urban Shield training exercise. The 24-hour training exercise was held on Saturday, May 3 and into May 4th using simulated large-scale public safety incidents to test local responders training and resources. The 11 staged public safety scenarios are based on past real-life events and include an “explosive device” found in the transit system, an “injured officer” situation in Cambridge and a “terrorist bombing with building collapse” in Boston. The exercise included about 2,000 personnel from the region including police, firefighters, EMTs and hospital staff.
**Acting Career?** FF Andrew Carrigan (Engine Co. 5) could possibly be leaving the fire service for an acting career. Andy was a key part of a Channel 5 news station story a few weeks ago on WPI’s (Worcester Polytech Institute) prototype device to monitor dangerous gases during firefighting operations. The media must have liked what they saw, because a few weeks later, Andy was also part of a NECN morning weather program that was filmed at the Mass. Fire Academy and showed how weather affected their recruit and flammable gas training. Both segments were filmed at the Fire Academy. Job well done Andy! Although word from Engine 5 is that he is too much of an asset to lose to Hollywood.

**Quotes of the Day**

- The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy. - Martin Luther King
- Kites rise highest against the wind; not with it. - Sir Winston Churchill
- Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm. – Sir Winston Churchill
- My grandfather once told me that there were two kinds of people: those who do the work and those who take the credit. He told me to try to be in the first group; there was much less competition. - Indira Gandhi

**Local 30 MDA**

Guns N’Hoses Hockey Game - **MDA Chairperson, Lt. Brandon Hugh (Engine Co. 5)** would like to thank everyone who supported the 3rd Annual Cambridge Guns N’ Hoses MDA Charity Hockey Game. This year’s event was another big success thanks to all of you! There was a great turnout and CFD beat the CPD by a score of 7-4. More importantly, we raised over $7,500 for Muscular Dystrophy! Special thanks to our VIP guests Joey Miller and family, our MDA Reps Vanessa and Molly for handling admission, **Bill Hugh, Stacia & Amy Joyce, Nicole & Darlene Costa** for handling raffles during the game, **Lt. Pauline Carter-Wells** for singing the National Anthem, **CFD and CPD Honor Guard Members, Deputy Chief Dan Turner** and **Bill Noonan** for taking photos, Body Armor Super Drink for supplying both teams with their product, Magoo’s for catering the post-game luncheon, and the Polish American Club for their hospitality and contribution after the game. Photos of the event can be found in the CFD Local 30 Facebook page or in the CFD Photo Gallery on the Local 30 website.

**RAFFLE WINNERS:**
- Ron Gomes- Scratch Ticket Grand Prize
- Alice Moynihan- CFD Hockey Jersey
- Stacia Joyce- Bruins Tickets
- Mike Travers- Autographed Bruins Stick
- Jeremy Walsh- Autographed Bruins Puck
- Galvin Murphy- Autographed Bruins 8x10 Photo
Lt. Hugh attended the annual MDA Boot Camp at Mohegan Sun last week and accepted the “Hero” and “Goal-Breaker” awards on behalf of the Department for raising $21,000 in 2013. He’s proud to announce that we ranked #2 in the Boston North division and #6 overall in Massachusetts. That is a huge accomplishment and a great show of support by our membership, considering that the majority of the Departments raise money while on duty and we do not. As always, this accomplishment wouldn’t have been possible without all of your participation and support. So, congratulations and thank you! We’re confident that with your continued support, we will reach the $20,000 goal for 2014.

Please contact Lt. Brandon Hugh for information for this year’s MDA Golf Outing on July 9th @ Wayland Country Club (Group 4 working). The Grand Prize raffle information listed is for everyone, not just the golf participants. Those participating will have other prizes available to them at the event as well. Last year filled up fast so please let me know ASAP if you’re interested in playing. Hole Sponsorships are available for $100 per hole. Also, let me know if you would like to donate any items for the raffle.

MDA Summer Camp will be hosting “Firefighter Appreciation Day” if anyone is interested in attending with me @ Camp Allen (Bedford, New Hampshire) on July 8th. Our boot drive money allows the children to attend camp for 1 week at no charge. During this time, “the kids enjoy the benefit of lifelong friendships, increased self-esteem and confidence, and the chance to spend at least one week of the year in a place where physical disabilities are the norm rather than the exception. It also gives the parents a brief break from this stressful, 24 hour caretaker role - statement from the MDA site.”
Trivia

This concrete design is a common sight in many old fire stations - sometimes on the apparatus floor, sometimes on the front apron. Could it be architectural? Functional? What is it? Answer at the end of the newsletter.
From the Archives

Legal Counsel for Local 30, Neil Rossman, provided us with a few vintage (not that the people in them are “vintage”) photos of CBA signings between the City of Cambridge and Local 30 in the past. We shared one in the last issue of the Company Journal. Here are a few more. Thanks to Neil for sharing!

Rear, L-R Don Hawkes, Tom Scott, Larry Hodgdon, Arthur “Buddy” Largenton, Andy Bosworth
Front, City Manager Jim Sullivan, John Rocca, Neil Rossman

On April 17, 2014, 6 alarms were needed to extinguish a stubborn fire at Box 483, 888 Massachusetts Ave. The fire started in the basement and spread to floor 5 via a large pipe chase. The building contains two addresses, 884 and 888 Mass. Ave.

According to DFC Gover (EPAC), these were two separate buildings that were eventually joined in the front. That modification resulted in a courtyard separating the two buildings through the center from the rear. Both buildings, six stories high, contain 57 apartments. A fire door separates the two buildings on every level.

The builders and architects dubbed 884 “the Regent” and 888 was called “the Majestic” when built in 1889 by Israel Nesson. Advertising at the time promoted them as state of the art, with “modern furnishings, steam heat, hot & cold water, electric and gas light, coal and gas ranges, ice chests, elevators, servants rooms and janitor service.”

As they say, history has a tendency to repeat itself. Interestingly, FF John Hathaway (Ladder 2) uncovered a fire of similar note in the very same building that occurred in 1970:

**Box 43 - February 26, 1970 at 888 Mass. Ave**

1<sup>st</sup> Alarm - @ 9:51 PM Engines 2,6,1 Ladders 3,1 Rescue 1, Car 2 (Deputy Chief Reagan)

2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm - @ 9:59 PM Engines 5,7,9 Ladder 2 Car 3 (Deputy Chief Healy), Car 1 (Chief of Department Bill Cremins)

3<sup>rd</sup> Alarm - @ 10:12 PM Engines 4,8, Somerville Engine 3 & Ladder 4

SPECIAL CALL Engine 3, Boston Engines 3 & 10 with Arlington Ladder 1

The fire started in the basement of 888 and spread to floor 5

It was also pointed out by DFC E. Morrissey (Div 1) that a 3<sup>rd</sup> alarm assignment in 1970 consisted of a full department recall of off duty members resulting in 300 members on scene! A newspaper article at the time (also provided by DFC Morrissey) explains the response as a General Alarm fire.
This area has been a busy location for fires and 884 Mass. Ave. was also the scene of a fire in 1988. Photos below taken in 1988 were from the collection of Firefighter John Hathaway (Ladder Co. No. 2).

*December 12, 1988 at 1249 hours, Box 43 for 884 Mass. Ave. a Working Fire (4 engines and 3 trucks)*

*The standard running card was deviated from due to other incidents and training at the time.*

*Engines 2,5,7,3 – Ladders 1,2,3 – Rescue 1 and C-2 DFC Stanley Kotowski*
For anyone that operated at the scene in April, there was a parking lot on the “D” side where the Watertown and Boston aerials were set up. This was formerly a 3 story wood frame building located at 890-892 Mass. Ave that was destroyed in a 2 alarm fire in 1974. While companies were operating at the 2 alarm fire, a second fire occurred at 33 Inman Street. Responding to Inman Street were all out of town companies.

Condolences to:

Firefighter Joseph C. Johnson; Ladder Co. 2-Retired on the passing of his Father, Mr. Clayton D. Johnson in March 2014
Mr. Johnson was also the Grandfather of Lt. Michael Lynch; Engine Co. 8

Assistant Chief Gerard Mahoney on the passing of his Father-in-Law, Rev. Mr. Robert P. Amerault, also the Father of Captain Robert Amerault of the Danvers Fire Department

Captain David S. Walles; Training Division on the passing of his Father, Mr. Albert Walles

Lt. Matthew Brannelly; Rescue Co 1.-Retired on the passing of his Father-in-law, Mr. Gerald Melanson

FF Paul Morrison (Rescue Co. No. 1) on the passing of his Grandfather, Firefighter James J. Morrison; Boston Fire Department, Ladder Co. 9 - Retired

FF Edmund Friel; Engine Co. 4-Retired on the passing of his sister, Leslie J. Richards
FF Harold Rosenberger; Division 1-Retired on the passing of his Brother, Edward J. Rosenberger

Lt. Michael Clinton; Engine Co. 6 on the passing of his Brother, John P. Clinton
Also Uncle of FF Barry Clinton; Engine Co. 9

Frederick Donahue; Engine Co. 9-Retired, on the passing of his wife
Mrs. Lillian M. Donahue
Also Mother of Firefighter James Donahue; Ladder Co. 2-Retired

Firefighter John S. McEachern; Engine Co. 1 on the passing of his Mother, Mrs. Anne McEachern

Firefighter David Liu; Engine Co. 6 on the passing of his Father, Teh Pao Liu

Lieutenant Chris Haynes, on the passing of his Mother-in-Law, Lorna Rutkauskas...

It is with extreme sadness that the Department remembers Lorna Rutkauskas. Lorna tragically passed away on May 29, 2014 in a boating accident, just a few short months after retirement. Lorna was more than just a secretary with the department for many years. She had thirty years as an employee with the Cambridge Fire Department and 40 years with the City of Cambridge. Her father FF Herb Martin was a firefighter in Cambridge.
Signal 10-15

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

Fire Chief Thomas V. Scott – Retired

Chief Scott was appointed to the department on February 4, 1951.

He was appointed Chief of Department on July 18, 1982

He retired on March 31, 1991

Chief Scott was a veteran of the United States Navy Air Corps.

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

Firefighter Edmund J. “Buddy” Friel Sr. Engine Co. 9-Retired

Father of Firefighter Edmund Friel Jr. Engine Company 4-Retired

Also the Uncle of

Captain Lawrence Brogan; Engine Co. 4 - Retired
Captain Steven Brogan; Engine Co. 8 - Retired
Firefighter John Brogan; Engine Co. 3
Retirements

General Order No. 7, Series of 2014

Effective March 19, 2014 at 1700 hours, Firefighter David L. George retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Firefighter David George was appointed on April 6, 1986.

May 18, 1986      Engine Company No. 3
September 8, 2013 Fire Headquarters

Firefighter George has faithfully served the citizens of Cambridge. We wish him great health and happiness in his retirement. (editor note: FF George can count himself one of the few people that had only one assignment during their entire career!)

General Order No. 7, Series of 2014

Effective May 2, 2014 at 0700 hours, Lieutenant Galvin C. Murphy retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Lieutenant Galvin C. Murphy was appointed on September 21, 1980.

November 16, 1980     Ladder No. 2
January 24, 1982     Rescue Company No. 1
January 31, 1988     Engine Company No. 6
March 1, 1988        Acting Lieutenant, Engine Co. No. 7
March 15, 1998       Promoted to Fire Lieutenant
May 1, 1988          Rescue Company No. 1
January 12, 1992     Engine Company No. 2
January 1, 1995      Rescue Company No. 1
June 30, 2002        Engine Company No. 9
June 24, 2010        Headquarters
August 22, 2010      Engine Company No. 9
Lieutenant Murphy has faithfully served the citizens of Cambridge. We wish Lieutenant Murphy much happiness and good health in his retirement.

**General Order No. 15, Series of 2014**

Effective May 25, 2014 at 0700 hours, **Captain Lawrence M. Brogan** retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Captain Lawrence Brogan was appointed on March 6, 1983.

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Captain Brogan has faithfully served the citizens of Cambridge. We wish Captain Brogan much happiness and good health in his retirement.
General Order No. 17, Series of 2014

Effective May 30, 2014 at 0700 hours, Captain Steven M. Brogan retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Captain Steven Brogan was appointed on March 17, 1985.

May 5, 1985  Engine Company No. 3  
March 19, 1991  Engine Company No. 1  
February 11, 1996  Ladder Company No. 1  
January 18, 1998  Acting Fire Lieutenant/Pivot  
February 24, 1998  Fire Lieutenant/Pivot  
September 27, 1998  Engine Company No. 6  
May 9, 1999  Ladder Company No. 1  
May 7, 2006  Engine Company No. 6  
January 14, 2007  Acting Fire Captain, Fire Prevention  
February 18, 2007  Fire Captain, Fire Prevention  
March 11, 2012  Engine Company No. 8

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

Thinking about Retirement? Any member that is considering retirement has the option of depositing a portion of their severance payment into their Deferred Compensation Plan if they have one. This will reduce their income tax liability. This process is dictated by IRS guidelines. For additional information contact Asst. Chief Mahoney at Headquarters.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Firefighter Ameer Moustafa (Engine Co. 5) on his engagement to Nicole Costa

Congratulations to Firefighter Reed Frailey (Rescue Co. 1) on completing the “Tough Ruck” on April 19th which raises money for provide support and assistance to the families of fallen military comrades throughout the United States.
Congratulations to **Firefighter Michael Lencki (Ladder Co. 2)** who ran the Boston Marathon on April 21, 2014 in memory of Lt. Ed Walsh and FF Mike Kennedy. Mikes goal was to raise $2000 and he raised $4000!

Congratulations to **Lieutenant Jeremy Walsh (Squad 2)** on earning his Master’s Degree from Cambridge College.

**Engine 8 - Deputy Chief Ralph Chapman - Retired** shared the following photo recently. The black and white “factory or delivery photos” and the colored photo are from the collection of **Thomas F. Cahill., Chief Fire Alarm Operator - Retired.**
The caption under the photo reads, “In November 1935, Chief Herman Gutheim, Cambridge Fire Dept. received the last of 3 Seagrave rigs. Engine 8 was put in service November 11, 1935. After 26 years of heavy fire, it was put out of service on December 21, 1952. Kept in storage for 25 years, it was moved to Truck 3’s quarters and rebuilt in 1992. It is now used for Public Relations.”

Unfortunately, the truck is not in running condition at this time. A search for a gear driven generator (to maintain the charge to the electrical system) has been underway.
"Ten years ago on June 13, 1994, the 1904 Taylor Sq. firehouse was rededicated after an extensive renovation"
Many Firefighters can have a long, outstanding career without ever making a successful rescue. Timing and being in the right place are critical to many rescues. Such was the case for an April 14, 2012, fire in the Bronx. FF Kevin M. McCabe was in position to rescue a Brother Firefighter as he faced his toughest challenge.

At 1311 hours that April day, the Bronx Communications Office received a report of a building fire. Box 3217 was transmitted. The first unit to arrive at this location notified responding units of a serious fire and heavy smoke condition at this address. The fire building was a three-story, wood-frame, 25-by 95-foot, occupied multiple dwelling, with four apartments on the upper floors and a church on the first floor.

While en route and alerted to a serious fire, the members of Engine 48 were prepared for any assignment given to their unit. Through company drills and other training, they were taught to expect the unexpected. Shortly after initiating operations at this fire, the unexpected did occur.

The fire was spreading throughout the church, extending to the upper floors and already had threatened an adjoining building. With this amount of fire and extension to exposure #2, multiple alarms were transmitted by the Chief in Charge. Engine 48 was operating a hand-line on the first floor, approximately 20 to 25 feet from the front entrance. While moving this charged hose-line forward, extinguishing fire, the floor above collapsed on these members,
knocking them down and causing injuries to all members in the vicinity. Engine 48 initially was disoriented from the weight of the debris and the heavy smoke condition.

Although it was chaotic in the area, two members of this unit retrieved and regained control of the nozzle. They then continued fighting the fire from their position. At this time, two maydays were heard over the handie-talkie radio, indicating trapped Firefighters due to the second-floor collapse onto the first floor.

FF McCabe happened to be in the right place and noticed that a trapped Firefighter was nearby. He informed his Officer of this important information. FF McCabe sprang forward, toward the sound of a voice pleading for help. Although injured himself and with no regard to the danger posed by a large fire and high heat condition, FF McCabe climbed over the pile of rubble and collapsed flooring in an effort to free the member trapped by debris.

He worked tirelessly in an attempt to extricate the firefighter from an unstable pile of rubble. Although exhausted and with visibility obscured due to the smoke in the area, he continued digging by hand without the use of extrication tools. Finally, FF McCabe reached the Firefighter’s hand and reassured him that his rescue was imminent.

Efforts by FF McCabe atop the burning collapse pile were remarkable. He was knocked down and injured by the initial collapse, but re-grouped in order to rescue a brother Firefighter. Conditions at the time of this rescue were difficult, not only due to poor visibility and a heated atmosphere, but because both rescuer and victim were subjected to a possible secondary collapse, which frequently occurs in this kind of situation.

FF McCabe used his courage, tenacity and dedication to overcome all obstacles to effect this rescue. For his heroic actions without regard for his own safety, the Fire Department is proud to honor FF Kevin M. McCabe with the Emily Trevor/Mary B. Warren Medal.--EB

Words of Wisdom

Offer to help before you are asked.

The one true measure of a successful shift is returning home safely. -Everyone Goes Home

Share your ideas and observations. You never know it could save someone's life.

Knowing how to do something is knowledge. Knowing why we do it is wisdom.

Treat your body well. You’ll be glad you did.

From www.TrainTheBrotherhood.com
### FY 2013/2014 RUN TOTALS

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**1946 Statistics** – (taken from 1946 City report) Today’s fire department is made up of nine engine companies, a rescue squad for lifesaving work, and a repair division with does the repairing and painting of all apparatus. Special equipment includes eight hose wagons, four ladder trucks, an 85 foot wooden aerial, three 100 foot duralumin aerials, all hydraulically operated, one 75 foot aerial, one service truck, and two 750 gallon-per-minute reserve engines. A mutual aid agreement is now in effect with Arlington, Belmont, Boston, Somerville and Watertown. This service was first started in the ’nineties between Cambridge and Somerville.

In 1946 there were 2,674 alarms or 479 more than the year before. 347 of these were false, 39 more than 1945. 137 alarms were outside of Cambridge, and there were nine multiple alarms.
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**Arrow Paper Fire Anniversary**

June 10, 2014 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Arrow Paper Fire in Somerville in which two Somerville Firefighters lost their lives – FF Joseph Reilly and FF Robert Brickley (Both of Engine Co. 2).

Arrow Paper was a paper warehouse at 29 Harding Street. The two firefighters were killed when a masonry wall collapsed on them. Somerville Engine 3 would normally be first due to this location but was covering at Cambridge Engine 5 as Cambridge had a fire in at the time.

If you have not visited the memorial to these two brothers, you should take the time before or after shift. It’s located in a small park on South Street between Windsor Street and Willow Street just over the Cambridge city line. Thanks to DFC E. Morrissey for making us aware of the date.
Fire extended to 238 Prospect St., the "delta" exposure, a 3 sty w/ occupied residence.
The temp at the time of the box was 5 degrees.

Immediate prior to Box 43, some of the normally assigned first alarm companies had been dispatched to a full box on Thordike St. and to a still alarm on Harvard St., both incidents unrelated to the fire.

Correction
In the Company Journal – Spring Issue # 70, it was reported that President Obama held a Roundtable Workshop at the Harvard Square Hotel in March 2014. It was actually held at the Charles Hotel.
Promotions and Transfers

General Order No. 8, Series of 2014

Effective Sunday, April 13, 2014 at 0700 hours:

Acting Fire Captain Paul Marinelli to Fire Captain
Acting Fire Lieutenant Brian E. Joyce to Fire Lieutenant
Acting Fire Lieutenant Daniel J. Lewicki to Fire Lieutenant

General Order No. 11, Series of 2014

Effective Sunday, May 4, 2014 at 0700 hours:

FF Peter J. Mahoney from Ladder Co. No. 3 to Acting Lieutenant, Engine Company No. 2
Lieutenant Daniel J. Lewicki from Engine Company No. 2 to Engine Company No. 9
FF Clemente J. Pinto from Engine Company No. 9 to Engine Company No. 5
FF Justin C. Cully from Engine Company No. 8 to Ladder Company No. 4
FF Brian M. Peebles from Engine Company No. 1 to Engine Company No. 3

General Order No. 13, Series of 2014

Effective Sunday, May 11, at 0700 hours:

FF Michael L. Donnelly from Engine Company No. 3 to Engine Company No. 8

General Order No. 14, Series of 2014

Effective Sunday, May 11, 2014 at 0700 hours:

FF John T. Bernard assigned to Ladder Company No. 4

General Order No. 16, Series of 2014

The following Firefighters On Probation (F.F.O.P) have reached the status of Firefighter effective June 2, 2014 at 0700 hours:

Matthew B.F. Davison
Reed M. Frailey
Jeremy N. Marrache
Kyle J. McLaughlin
Edward B. Morrissey III
Derek J. O’Leary
Charles M. Stewart
Letters

The following letter was received on March 26, 2014:

Dear Chief Reardon,

On behalf of our family, we want to extend our deepest appreciation for all the kindness and support Cambridge Fire provided my father and our family during visiting hours and the funeral.

The Honor Guard and display of apparatus truly recognized and respected my father’s devotion to the fire service and his long and distinguished career with the Cambridge Fire Department. Please extend our many thanks to the members who attended and honored him.

Finally, a personal thanks to you and Assistant Chief Gerry Mahoney for your leadership and your personal attention to the arrangements.

Thank you.

Robert Scott DFC-Retired & the family of Chief Thomas V. Scott

The following email was sent to the Department April 7, 2014:

On behalf of my entire family, I wish to thank the many members of this department for their numerous expressions of sympathy last week, upon the passing of my father-in-law.

Your kindness was very much appreciated.

Thank you,

Assistant Chief Gerard E. Mahoney
Cambridge Fire Department

The following note was sent to Engine 4 and Squad 4, but was shared with the Company Journal for the sincerity and true meaning of the words:

Thanks to each of you. Thanks to all of you. Someone once said the BRAVEST thing a firefighter does is walk in to a firehouse. I think the HARDEST thing a firefighter does is to walk out of a firehouse on his last day.

Lt. Bob Bell
The following note was sent by FF Mike Lencki (Ladder No. 2) on April 23, 2014:

Dear Members,

I would like to thank all Cambridge Fire Members, Local 30, the Relief Association, the Cambridge Fire Credit Union, and the City of Cambridge on supporting my Boston Marathon Run. I have been given an incredible amount of support by all of you and would like to thank you for allowing me to represent Cambridge Fire for the Lt. Walsh and Firefighter Kennedy Memorial Fund. I needed 10 Days to raise $2000 and I ended up raising over $4000! The Lt. Walsh and FF Kennedy Fund, the Boston Fire Department, and the PFFM greatly appreciate all of your efforts. Most importantly I am proud to have been able to represented all of you.

Sincerely,

Firefighter Mike Lencki
Ladder 2 Group 4

The following letter was received in May 2014:

Just to let you know, Steve is out of the hospital and doing fine. Apparently he caught a bug they believe. He stayed overnight at the Mt. Auburn Hospital for his high heart rate. So incredibly thankful to all you brave firefighters. I wish to thank you for the bottom of my heart for your services on Mother’s Day. It was so good to know we could depend on you and that you’re such caring people. Bless you all.

Grace & Steve Williams
16 Rice Street
North Cambridge

Engine 4 (Group 1) Acting Captain Charles Anderson, FF Charles Babineau and FF David Vigilante as well as Professional Ambulance responded to this call.

The following letter was received on May 27, 2014:

Dear Chief Mahoney:

As Postmaster of Cambridge, I am writing to personally thank you and the Fire Department for their display of the flag and their presence at our Memorial Day Ceremony.

Every day we remember the sacrifices that are being made on our behalf, so that we can remain free and safe from those who would wish us harm. The flag is a representation of that sacrifice.

Please convey our appreciation to the Cambridge Fire Department for a job well done.
Sincerely,
Katherine E. Lydon
Safety

In the last issue, we covered saw safety for the Truck Companies. This time, we will cover a few simple reminders for the Engine Companies. The following photos were taken in one building in Cambridge and can pose challenges to an Engine Company advancing a hose line in limited visibility.

Although we inspect buildings regularly, we can’t be on top of them all. Expect combustible and flammable materials to be stored under stairways!

Ask yourself, what’s burning at the bottom of those stairs? This is the electrical panel exposed (through the protective fence) at the bottom of those same stairs.
Lastly, what are the exposures? Although they are properly secured, these hydrogen and oxygen cylinders are directly in the vicinity of the electrical area and present exposure hazards in themselves.

**Of Interest...**

Many new buildings, and any undergoing restoration, are designed to save money in the form of energy conservation and recycling resources. “Green Buildings” (or Green Construction or sustainable construction) refers to a structure that is environmentally responsible and resource-efficient.

Cambridge is one of those communities that is on the forefront of green construction. Although good for the environment, these buildings—like any others, present specific hazards when it comes to emergency responses.

- Landscaping that minimizes asphalt and concrete surfaces may limit fire apparatus access.
- Air tight, energy efficient windows present ventilation problems.
- Vegetative roof systems also present vertical ventilation challenges.
- Electricity manufacturing in the form of photovoltaic (PV) systems (solar panels) and wind-power generators (wind turbines). Caution must be taken as these systems are live until properly shut down.
- Rain water collection—rain water is stored in tanks and treated before being re-used in lavatories for flushing and other non-potable uses.
This rain-water collection tank at 150 Bent Street uses 12 gallon containers of Sulfuric acid and Sodium Hydroxide in small dosages to treat and neutralize rainwater before being used in building systems. However in the event of leak or fire, these containers can pose a threat to responders.

**Trivia Answer**

The “lines” across the front apron or on the floor of a firehouse were indeed functional. It gave the horses traction as they started to pull the heavy steamers out of the fire station. This one is in front of Engine 9’s quarters on Lexington Ave. Next time you go by, you will notice that this only covers about ¾’s of the floor in front of the overhead door. At one time, the door was smaller and widened to allow room for modern apparatus.

**From the Tailboard…**

If anyone has bought a hat, patch or shirt at Headquarters recently, you may have noticed the Cambridge Fire Department “challenge coins” also for sale in the cabinet. How many people know the origin of these? If you were in the military you might.

The exact origin is a mystery, but one story has it that during World War I, an American pilot was shot down in combat. French soldiers captured him as a prisoner but he quickly produced his “squadron coin” to identify himself as an American.

Upon returning to American soil, he quickly spread word of how his coin saved him. After that, his squadron started carrying their coins on them at all times, even off duty. In their down time, someone came up with the idea to ensure compliance in carrying their respective coin. Anyone could strike the coin on a hard surface such as a bar top and all others present had to follow in kind. If someone could not produce their coin, the round was on them. The drawback? If you initiate the coin tap and everyone produces their coins, the round is on you!
Fire Truck Show – Free Admission, June 14, 2014
Edgewater Park, Wakefield 9a-2p
Rain or Shine, fun for all ages!

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10:00AM - 2:00PM
Muster Site: Edgewater Office Park –
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Parade starts at 10AM
from Lynnfield High School - Essex Street

NO DOGS, BIKES, ROLLERBLADES OR SKATEBOARDS
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THANK OUR VETERANS!
Brothers and Sisters,
STAY BRAVE!
STAY VIGILANT!
STAY SAFE!

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