



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

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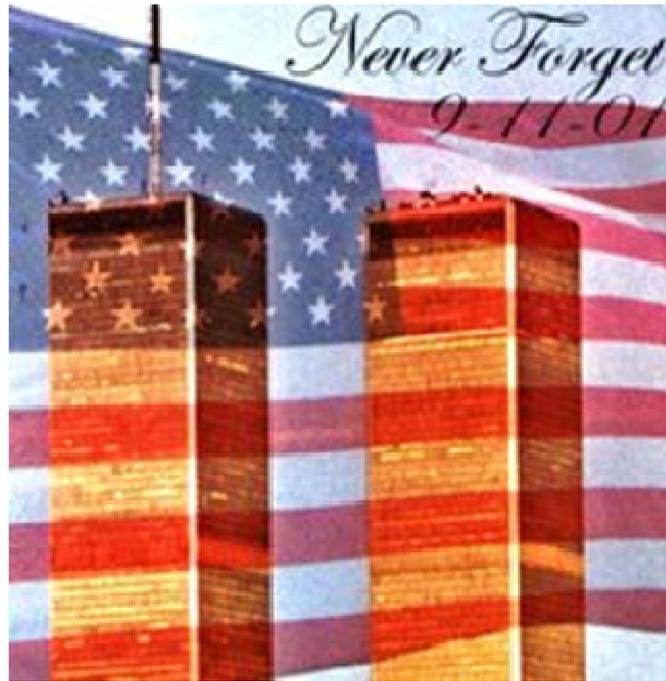
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*From the desk of*  
*Acting Chief Gerard Mahoney*

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September 11



## What's New



Photo Credit J. Gelinis

A new ambulance was delivered to the city the end of July. It is based on a Ford F-450 chassis and will be used for special events and details. Shown here at the maintenance shop to get lettered and equipped.

## FFOP's

The Department has hired six new firefighters that start August 20, 2017. They are:

**FFOP Christopher Abisla**  
**FFOP Douglas Boudrow**  
**FFOP Michael Cotton**  
**FFOP Derek Jordan**  
**FFOP Robert Martinello**  
**FFOP William Whalen**



Photo Provided

Please see General Order # 36 later in the issue. Welcome aboard!

### **All Companies Working**

**June 10, 2017 – 1 Alarm Fire, 18 Copley Street, Box 8** – fire on a third-floor porch of wood-frame residential. Engine 8 stretched a line.

**June 10, 2017 – Animal Rescue, 417 Concord Ave** – ducklings were rescued from storm drain. This was the second successful animal rescue of the shift. Ducklings were also rescued from a storm drain on Bond Street earlier in the day. (Please see photo elsewhere in the newsletter)

**June 13, 2017 – Mutual Aid, Revere, 4th Alarm, 4 Taft Street** – Engine 5, Division 1 and Squad 2 worked at the fire.

**June 13, 2017 – Weather related** – a downburst kept crews in Cambridge and metro Boston very busy chains trees, tree limbs, wires down and other weather-related calls throughout the afternoon/early evening.

**June 19, 2017 – 1 Alarm fire, 820 Mass. Ave, Box 4334** – fire in an air conditioning unit with extension.

**June 19, 2017 – Medical, Porter Square MBTA station** – Engine 4, Squad 4 and Pro worked a cardiac arrest on a crowded T subway car during the morning commute.

**June 25, 2017 – Mutual Aid, Belmont, Ladder 1** covered in Belmont while their crews worked a fire in a 30 yard construction dumpster with extensive overhaul required

**June 25, 2017 - - Transformer fire, Cambridge Street** – Companies responded to a transformer fire in the area of Cambridge Street and found a high power line on the ground on Jefferson St in the area of Harding and Marion.

**June 26, 2017 – Transformer fire, Irving Street** – Headquarters companies responded to a transformer on fire on a pole at the corner of Irving Street and Irving Terr. It resulted in an extended power outage in the area.

**June 26, 2017 – Mutual Aid, Somerville, Box 427, 237 Elm Street** – Engine 4 responded to Somerville on a line box for a fire in a 30-yard construction dumpster that extended to a commercial building.

**June 28, 2017 – MVA, Route 2, 4 car MVA involving a dump truck** – Engine 4, Rescue 1 and Division 2 responded, Accident in Belmont. Assisted on scene.

**June 28, 2017 – Mutual Aid, Boston, 6 Alarms, Box 3459, 1977 Dorchester Ave** – Engine 2 covered during their 6 Alarm fire.

**June 28, 2017 – 1 Alarm Fire, 47 Lincoln Way, Box 68** – A child playing with a lighter caught a bed on fire creating significant smoke and water damage.

**July 4, 2017 – Water Rescue Longfellow Bridge** – Prior to July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks, Marine 2 plucked 4 occupants out of the water that were in an overturned canoe.

**July 5, 2017 – MVA Rollover, Binney at First Street** – Rollover accident with one trapped occupant. Both cars stabilized and occupant removed. Three patients were transported in total.



Photo provided

**July 7, 2017 – 1 Alarm Fire, 988 Memorial Drive** – High voltage electrical wires caught fire. Companies stretched lines for exposure protection until Eversource could control the incident.

**July 10, 2017 – Mutual Aid, Somerville. 10 Essex Street** – Engine 5 and Ladder 1 covered in Teele Square.

**July 12, 2017 – Weather Related** – A severe rainstorm with flash flooding caused crews to respond to numerous indoor and outdoor water problem calls

**July 14, 2017 – 1 Alarm Fire, One Kendall Square Complex, Box 2371** – fire in a commercial meat smoker

**July 23, 2017 – Mutual Aid, Waltham, 8 Alarms. Elm Street** – Engine 9, Engine 5, Engine 2, Ladder 1, Squad 2 and Division 2 responded to Waltham to assist with multiple buildings under construction on fire. (Note the article written by Lt. Chris Towski; Fire Prevention on these types of incidents later in the issue!)

**July 25, 2017 – Level 1 Hazmat, 50 Vassar Street** – student splashed HCL in their eye in a lab. Hazmat response cancelled. Patient was transported to MGH.

**July 28, 2017 – Mutual Aid, Belmont** – Ladder 1 covered in Belmont. No further info.

**July 29, 2017 – Gas Leak, 100 Binney Street** – major gas leak in the area. Construction crews struck a 4” gas line. Several buildings had to be evacuated.

**August 4, 2017 – 1 Alarm Fire, Box 245, 80 Broadway** – reported smoke coming from roof. Determined it was a mulch fire on the roof deck as a result of carelessly discarded smoking materials. Engine 2 ran a line over Ladder 3’s aerial.

**August 6, 2017 – Gas Leak, 1030 Mass. Ave** – 50-gallon hydrogen tank leak, unable to turn off. Companies did a controlled release of product.

**August 6, 2017 – 1 Alarm Fire, Box 245 80 Broadway** – Fire in mulch on the roof of the building.

**August 11, 2017 – Building Collapse, 43 Cedar Street** – building under demo collapsed prematurely crushing a car.

**August 18, 2017 – Mutual Aid, Somerville, 321 Beacon Street** – Engine 5, Squad 2 and Division 2 assisted Somerville with a gas leak on Beacon Street.

**August 20, 2017 – 1 Alarm Fire, 224 Lexington Ave, Box 85** – mulch fire with slight extension to porch at a residential building.

**August 22, 2017 – 1 Alarm fire, 87 New Street, Box 89** – mulch fire and burned underground and extended to a porch floor in a nearby building

**August 24, 2017 – Gas leak, 148 Sidney Street** – high pressure gas line break due to construction. 3 buildings were evacuated. No readings. Leak shut off and buildings reoccupied

**September 1, 2017 – Mutual Aid, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm, Belmont, 5 Choate Road** – Engine 9 Ladder 1, Squad 4 and Division 2 responded to Belmont for their 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm fire.



Photo FF D. Smith; Engine 8

Engine 8 and Ladder 4 extinguish a car fire on August 22, 2017 in the Fresh Pond Mall parking lot

### **Social Media**

For those on social media and smartphones, Cambridge Fire has been on both Facebook and Twitter for over a year now. We are now on Instagram also! Follow and share please!



Follow us on Twitter [@CambridgeMAFire](https://twitter.com/CambridgeMAFire)



Follow us on Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/CambridgeMAFire@CambridgeMAFire>



[@cambridgemafiredepartment](https://www.instagram.com/cambridgemafiredepartment)

**Wanted:** FF Howie Smith; Engine 4 is looking for a clear photo, scan or will purchase an original Engine 7 “Black Sheep” uniform patch as well as an older style Engine 4 patch (Porterhouse). Please contact him at [hsmith@cambridgefire.org](mailto:hsmith@cambridgefire.org) if you can help

### **Trivia**

We often refer to the preconnected hoses above the pump panel on the engines as “crosslays,” “preconnects”, “preconnected lines” and sometimes “Mattydales.” Why is it called a Mattydale?

Answer later in the issue.

### **Jerry Lewis**

Sadly, Actor/Comedian Jerry Lewis passed away at the age of 91 just about 2 weeks ago. Lewis was a fixture with the Muscular Dystrophy Association. With the close association between MDA and the IAFF and firefighters everywhere, this was sad news.

The following is excerpted from the MDA website:

#### **In Loving Memory of Jerry Lewis**

Stephanie Hlywak 08/20/2017

#### **Jerry Lewis, Longtime MDA National Chairman, Telethon Star and Humanitarian, Dies**

In response to the passing of legendary comedian Jerry Lewis, former national chairman and telethon star of the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the extended MDA family today mourns his loss. Jerry was 91 and lived in Las Vegas, with his wife Sam of 34 years.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association is deeply saddened by the death of beloved comedian, performer, humanitarian and former MDA Telethon star and national chairman Jerry Lewis.

MDA would not be the organization it is today if it were not for Jerry’s tireless efforts on behalf of ‘his kids.’ His enthusiasm for finding cures for neuromuscular disease was matched only by his unyielding commitment to see the fight through to the end. Jerry’s efforts on the annual MDA Telethon transformed the broadcast into an American tradition each Labor Day weekend for 45 years.

MDA and the families we serve will always be grateful for the thousands of hours he dedicated through the telethon, which provided MDA with a platform to honor and acknowledge our longtime corporate partners and educate the American public who generously donated millions of dollars for unparalleled research and services.

Jerry’s love, passion and brilliance are woven throughout this organization, which he helped build from the ground up.

Though we will miss him beyond measure, we suspect that somewhere in heaven, he’s already urging the angels to give ‘just one dollar more for my kids.’ Thank you Jerry, you are our hero.

God bless you. We send our deepest condolences to his wife Sam, his daughter Danielle and his sons, Gary, Ronald, Scott, Christopher and Anthony, and the entire Lewis family.



AP photo

## **Background**

Lewis was one of the world's most successful performers. He was renowned as a comedian, director, writer, producer, inventor and headline entertainer on stage, screen and television. His tireless humanitarian efforts were the hallmark of the MDA Telethon for 45 years.

## **MDA Achievements**

Lewis served as MDA's honorary national chairman during the decades when the organization was developing the most comprehensive program of research and medical and community services of any nonprofit health agency in the country. Through telethons and other fundraising activities carrying his name, Lewis brought worldwide attention to the fight against dozens of neuromuscular diseases.

During Lewis' lifetime, MDA-funded scientists discovered the causes of most of the diseases in MDA's program, developing treatments, therapies and standards of care that have allowed many living with these diseases to live longer and grow stronger.

One of the most notable turning points in understanding neuromuscular disease came in 1986 when Louis Kunkel, Ph.D., discovered the genetic defect that causes Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD). Kunkel is a longtime MDA research grantee whose achievement, said Lewis, "was staggering."

“To see this breakthrough tells me that indeed in my lifetime, I’m going to see ‘my kids’ better than they are today,” Lewis said at a press conference during the announcement of the discovery.

In September 2016, Jerry, at 90 years of age, once again witnessed remarkable progress when the FDA approved the first-ever drug for the treatment of Duchenne muscular dystrophy. MDA has funded more than \$1 billion in neuromuscular disease research since 1950, with an unprecedented three drugs approved for Duchenne MD and spinal muscular dystrophy (SMA) in the last year illustrating the vibrancy of its research program and the impact Lewis has had on neuromuscular research.

The philosophy behind Lewis’ years of devotion to MDA is summed up in a motto he often quoted: “I shall pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.”

### **50-Plus Years of Service**

Lewis became associated with MDA in 1952, shortly after the organization was formed by a few adults with muscular dystrophy, parents of children with the disease and the late Dr. Ade T. Milhorat, then virtually the only American physician specializing in muscle diseases.

In the early 1950s, Lewis and his show-business partner, Dean Martin, held telethons broadcast in New York for MDA. The children with neuromuscular diseases that Lewis met during numerous personal appearances for MDA began to call themselves “Jerry’s kids,” in gratitude for the compassion they received from the country’s favorite young comedian. Lewis said over the years the children referred to themselves so often as “Jerry’s kids,” that it finally became a familiar phrase to millions.

During the next 50 years, Lewis courted sponsors for MDA; appeared at openings of MDA care and research centers; addressed meetings of civic organizations, volunteers and the MDA Board of Directors; successfully lobbied Congress for federal neuromuscular disease research funds, and made countless phone calls and visits to families served by MDA.

In January 2016, MDA unveiled a revitalized brand reflecting a renewed commitment to accelerate treatments and cures for the kids, adults and families it serves. To mark the occasion, Lewis taped a special message to the MDA community, urging continued support for MDA and the families he has championed for decades.

“I think it’s great that MDA has a new look and tagline — we’ve got to keep giving strength, independence and life to all the kids and adults who are fighting muscular dystrophy and other life-threatening diseases,” Lewis said. “Today, there are signs of real progress — and progress can’t come fast enough for my kids and our MDA families. Our work is not done.”

## **The Telethon**

In 1966, the MDA Telethon was broadcast on a single television station in New York, WNEW, and by 2010, Jerry's last telethon with MDA, the show was broadcast on more than 150 stations known as the MDA "Love Network."

In his heyday, Lewis convinced the top stars of music, theater, film, television and sports to appear on the telethon — without pay — to help spread the MDA message. Viewers saw hundreds of the biggest celebrities, including John Lennon, Jerry Seinfeld, The Rolling Stones, Johnny Cash, Cher, The Jackson 5 and Celine Dion, appear on the telethon over the years.

On May 16, 2011, Jerry announced that he was retiring as host of the annual MDA Labor Day Telethon. MDA held its last telethon in 2014.

## **Worldwide Honors**

Lewis was honored around the world for his efforts on behalf of MDA.

In 1977, then-Congressman Les Aspin nominated him for the Nobel Peace Prize, the first time an entertainer was so honored. In his nomination, Aspin said, "Jerry Lewis is a man for all seasons, all people and all times. His name has, in the hearts of millions, become synonymous with peace, love and brotherhood."

Lewis also received the Jefferson Award from the American Institute for Public Service; the French honored him with their two highest awards, the Legion Commander of the Legion of Honor and designation as Commander in the Order of Arts and Letters; U.S. Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service; honorary doctor of humane letters degrees from Mercy College in Westchester, N.Y., Emerson College in Boston and Chapman University in Orange, Calif.; and numerous other humanitarian awards.

Regarded as the most effective fundraiser in television history, Lewis was inducted in 1991 into the National Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame. The same year, he received a Comic Lifetime Achievement Award during cable television's annual ACE Awards. He was inducted into the International Humor Hall of Fame in 1992.

In December 1996, Lewis and MDA were recognized by the American Medical Association with Lifetime Achievement Awards "for significant and lasting contributions to the health and welfare of humanity."

In 2004, he received the Los Angeles Film Critics Association's Career Achievement Award. In 2005, he received the International Press Academy's TESLA Award in recognition of visionary achievements as an innovator in the field of visual technology for the cinema arts; that same year, in Berlin, the Axel Springer publishing company bestowed upon Lewis a Golden Camera Lifetime Achievement Award.

Lewis was recognized as the 2005 recipient of the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Governors Award for his accomplishments with the telethon.

In 2009, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences recognized Lewis with one of its greatest honors, the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award. The award, named after actor, past Academy president and motion picture industry supporter Jean Hersholt, is bestowed by the Academy on an individual in the motion picture industry whose humanitarian efforts have brought credit to the industry.

Lewis is survived by his wife, Sam; his daughter, Danielle; five sons, Gary, Ronald, Scott, Christopher and Anthony; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and was preceded in death by his son Joseph.

### **About MDA**

MDA is leading the fight to free individuals — and the families who love them — from the harm of muscular dystrophy, ALS and related life-threatening diseases that take away physical strength, independence and life. We use our collective strength to help kids and adults live longer and grow stronger by finding research breakthroughs across diseases; caring for individuals from day one; and empowering families with services and support in hometowns across America. Learn how you can fund cures, find care and champion the cause at [mda.org](http://mda.org).

**Comic Genius. Cultural Icon. Humanitarian.**



## Local 30 Golf Outing

Brothers and Sisters,

I'm happy to report that this year's MDA Golf Outing raised \$11, 296. I would like to thank all of you that supported the event by participating, sponsored holes, and/or bought raffle tickets. We had just over 100 golfers and nice weather. We had an appearance by the MDA State Ambassador Keisha Graves. She asked me to extend her gratitude to all of you for how much that we do for the MDA each year. Keisha is a Cambridge resident and looks forward to being a part of our future events. New to the event this year, we had a "golf ball cannon challenge" sponsored by Nationwide Insurance. The participants shot a golf ball out of an air rifle at the green (about 300 yards away). The person who got the ball closest to the hole received a 1 week vacation to their choice of 3,000 affiliated resorts (airfare not included). **The winner was Mike Kotowski (son of retired Lt John Kotowski)** with his ball landing only 9 feet from the hole. (For the record, my 6 year old son Will, shot the ball closer but was disqualified because of his age and that he wasn't a registered golfer!). The golfers had some great prizes to choose from and the Grand Prize went to **FF Jeff Keefe**. Thank you to the Wayland Country Club for their continued hospitality over the years. Thank you to Mike Fahey and Sylvia Williams of MIT Management for their continued support and coordination with getting another great turnout by the other MIT groups. In addition to MIT Management and their affiliates, I would like to thank Local 30, the Cambridge Firefighters Federal Credit Union, and **FF Steve Kelley** for their generous donations. Thank you to Local 30 President **Chris Haynes** for volunteering at the event. Special thanks to **Bill Hugh** for his time and dedication selling raffle tickets over the past month and volunteering at the event.

Thank you,

Lt. Brandon Hugh

Engine 5, Group 3

*(If anyone has photos from the event, please forward to **FF Smith**, [hsmith@cambridgefire.org](mailto:hsmith@cambridgefire.org))*

## Local 30 - Canobie Lake

Brothers and Sisters,

Please see the message below from FF Nick DiPace:

I regret to inform all of you that this year's Canobie Lake Outing has been cancelled due to lack of response. We needed 100 people in order to reserve the space but we barely got 50.

Hopefully, we will have more interest next year and will be able to carry on with this tradition. All money that was collected will be refunded.

Thank you,

**FF Nick DiPace (E2/G4)**

**Member Profile**

**FFOP Nicholas Jacobs**



Photo J. Gelinis

**FFOP Nicholas Jacobs** completed the Mass Fire Academy Recruit Program in June and will be assigned to Engine 3. While at the Fire Academy, FFOP Jacobs was the class spokesperson.



J. Gelinis photo

**L-R, Acting Chief Mahoney, FFOP Jacobs, Asst. Chief Cahill and Lt. Martel** at the graduation of FFOP Jacobs.

**Out and About**



Photo provided

**FF Dan Mahoney; Ladder 1** poses with a mom (whose husband is a firefighter in Ontario, Canada) and daughter who were visiting Cambridge in June 2017.



Photo credit Rich MacDonald

**DFC Cotter; Division 2 and Aide to Division 2 FF Craig Yearwood** confer with Asst. Chief Jackson at the 7<sup>th</sup> alarm fire in Reading in May 2017



Honor Guard looking sharp at Firefighter Memorial Sunday on June 11, 2017



J. Gelinis photo

Ladder 3 had perfect company attendance at Firefighter Memorial Sunday in June.



Photo C. Morrissey

**Captain Rob Morrissey; Engine Co. 4 and FF Rich Dahl; Retired** at the collation following Firefighters Memorial Sunday on June 11, 2017.



Photo J. Gelinis

Former Rescue 1, Group 4 members at Firefighter Memorial Sunday. All retired, **FF Dahl, FF Bergin, Lt. Hugh and FF Paone.**



Photo J. Gelinis

Engine 9 gave a tour of the station to the Montessori School in June 2017. Pictured with all the junior firefighters are **FF Simon Camelo**, **FF Brian Trelegan** and **FF Arthur Moy**.



Photo provided

June 10, 2017, Group 4 rescued baby ducklings from a storm drain on Bond Street.



Photo J. Gelinas

Squad 2, Group 4 – **Lt. Ian Moynihan** and **FF Pete Melo** between runs



Photo J. Gelinas

Ladder 3, Group 4 – **FF Shane Brown**, **A/Lt. Kevin Lawson** and **FF Pat Sullivan**



Photo J. Gelinis

Pic of **FF Aaron Young** and his nephew Tariq. Tariq is one of the members of the MSYEP Youth Fire Academy 2017. Aaron is the senior man on Ladder 1 (25 years).



Photo Lt. Steve Landry

**FF Bill Barry; Engine 4** gave a tour to some visitors in July – family of Lt. Steve Landry

## Local 30

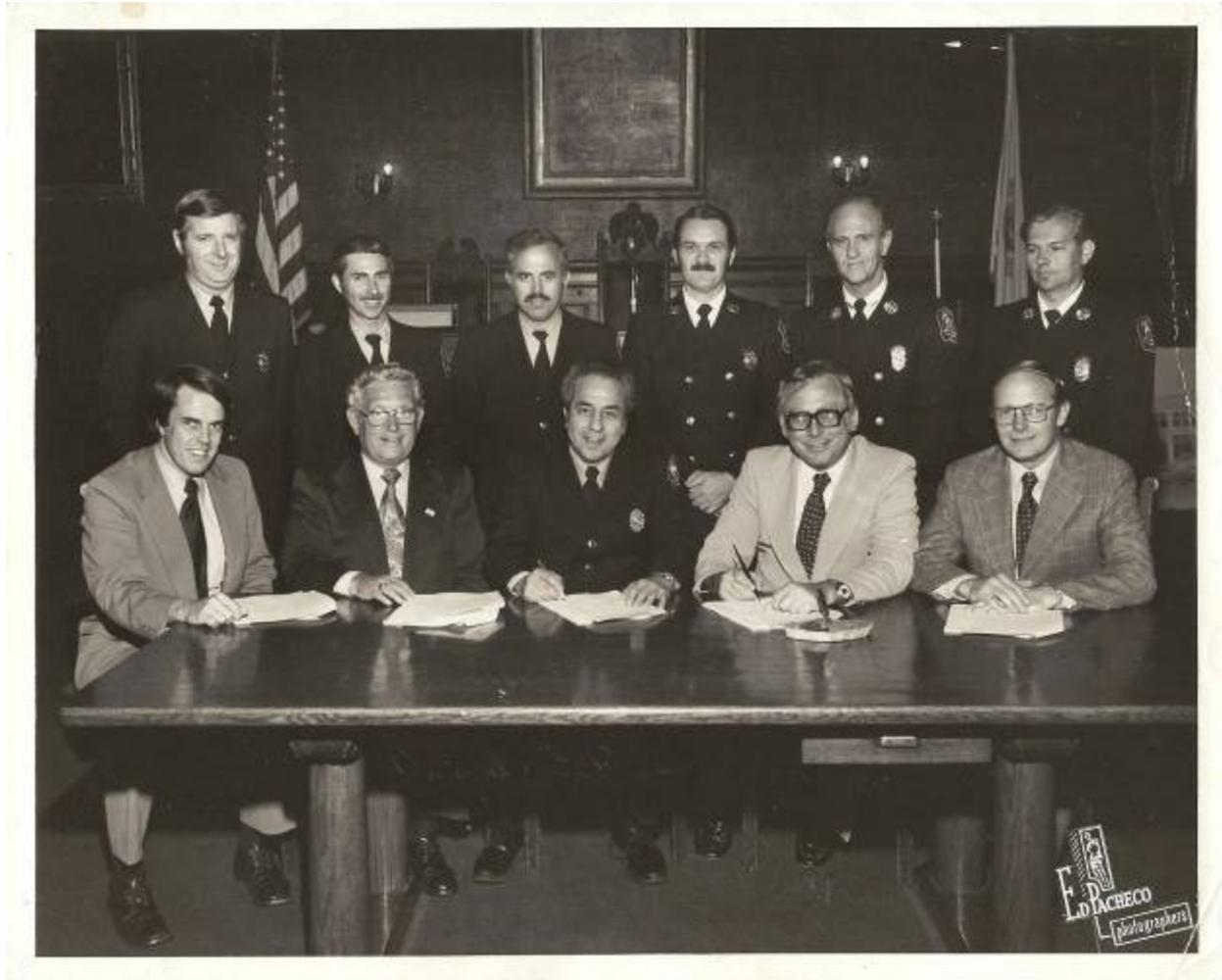


Photo from collection of Assistant Chief John O'Donoghue ;Retired

Photo from the collection of **Assistant Chief John O'Donoghue; Retired** shows a signing of the Local 30 contract in October 1975 in the City Hall Councilor Chamber. Standing L-R Andrew Bosworth (L-2), Larry Hodgkin (E-1), John "Jack" Sousa (E-6), Lt. John O'Donoghue (R-1), Deputy Chief Thomas Scott and Deputy Chief Walter Ellis  
Seated, L-R, Donald Hawkes (asst. City Manager), Mayor Walter Sullivan, John Rocca (Local 30 President), James Sullivan (City Manager) and David Wylie (City Council)

## Summer Youth Academy

We will have photos of the Mayors Summer Youth Academy in the next issue!

## Congratulations



Cambridge resident Mr. Dan Hogan stopped to thank the members of Rescue 1 (Group 4) for saving his life. Mr. Hogan suffered a cardiac arrest on Father's Day, June 18. Group 4 members on that day were the **Captain Jim Gomes**, and FF's **Sean Williams**, **Jeff McGourty**, and **Eric Moore** (not shown) pictured here today was **Capt. J. Walsh**

We have a lot of firefighters that retired since the last issue of the Company Journal. Congratulations to all the members that decided to hang up the boots recently: **FF Dave McCaffery**, **Lt. Dave Pierce**, **FF Pat Headley**, **FF Bryan Trelegan**, **FF Fran Gallagher** and **FF Steve Ryan**. Their notices and assignments can be found later in the issue. Congratulations guys! Don't be strangers!

Congratulations to Connor Gover, son of **DFC Brian Gover** on obtaining his Eagle Scout in June 2017! (see complete story elsewhere in issue)

Congratulations to **Lieutenant Chris Towski; Fire Prevention** who wrote an article on Building Construction Safety that will be printed in an upcoming issue of Firehouse Magazine. His article can be found online currently. Keep an eye out for it in the magazine!

Congratulations to **FF Jim Encalada; Ladder 2** who represented Cambridge Fire in the Scott FireFit Championship (Canada's version of the US Scott Firefighter Challenge) up in Canada. The Canadian FireFit Championship was held in St. John's, Newfoundland on Aug-5th. Jim was the only American firefighter to compete and his time was 2:39.



Photo provided

**FF Encalada; Ladder 2** competes in the Scott FireFit Championship in Canada on August 5, 2017



Photo provided

From L-R: Jims Girlfriend **Sara DeVore**, **FF Jim Encalada**, FF. Richard Hynes (2nd Place winner, St. John's FD), and FF. Sean Lawlor (4th Place winner, Conception Bay South FD & Rescue). Both were great hosts for Jim & Sara.

Congratulations to the new Cambridge Police Commissioner, Commissioner Bard and several new Deputy Superintendents including **Deputy Superintendent Leonard DiPietro**. Superintendent DiPietro is a former Cambridge FF (before transferring to the blue side) and father to **FF L.J. DiPietro; Engine 6**.



Photo from CPD Twitter

Newly promoted Deputy Superintendent of the Cambridge Police Department Leonard DiPietro is sworn in as Commissioner Bard looks on. Superintendent DiPietro is a former Cambridge FF and the father of **FF L.J. DiPietro; Engine 6**

### **Connor Gover - Eagle Scout**

By Conor Powers-Smith  
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Posted Jun 7, 2017 at 2:49 PM

When Connor Gover of North Reading's Boy Scout Troop 750 began thinking about the leadership service project he'd need to complete in order to become an eagle scout, he knew it would involve recognizing the service of others.

"I wanted to do something special for the veterans," Gover said. "They've done great work for our country."

The result—after raising over \$1,100 in donations, convincing fellow scouts and other volunteers to help, and joining them in putting in more than 70 hours of work—was 12 meticulously handcrafted American flag cases inscribed with the names of local veterans, which Gover presented to the honorees at the Lieutenant Norman Prince VFW Post in Melrose on Tuesday, June 6, the 73rd anniversary of the invasion of Normandy.

Gover's respect for veterans stems in part from his family's history of service. His father Brian is the deputy fire chief in Cambridge, part of a long line of emergency responders, and both grandfathers served in the military. Gover told recipients of his display cases that their sacrifices went beyond putting their lives in danger.

“Spending time away from your family and friends is never easy,” Gover said. “You have all missed memorable occasions such as family members’ birthdays, school, sporting events and holidays. Your family members have also made tremendous sacrifices as a result of your military service. I would like to take this time to say thank you to your family members who unselfishly assumed your responsibilities at home while you were not there.”

Gover’s mother Kerry saw the display cases come together, and was still impressed by the final products.

“I’m amazed by it,” she said. “I didn’t really expect they’d be as cool as they are, as professionally made as they are.”

Recipients shared that opinion.

“These came out great, it’s very humbling that I’ll be taking one of these home,” said Alderman Scott Forbes. “Very professional. They’re better than any store-bought thing I’ve seen.”

The timing was especially good for Forbes, who will be retiring from the Air Force later this month after over two decades. “This is my retirement gift,” he said. “It’ll be the perfect thing to hang up in my house to recognize the 22 years of service.”

Multiple generations of veterans received display cases, and all were impressed by their quality, and the sentiment they represented.

“We appreciate his efforts,” said James Zinchuk, who served in the Army during Vietnam. “Any time somebody puts the dedication and time in, we appreciate it.”



Connor Gover, front and center, with some of his fellow Boy Scouts who helped with the project, and recipients of his handmade display cases. [WICKEC LOCAL PHOTO / CONOR POWERS-SMITH]

For Joe McKean, a Navy veteran who served in Korea, it was refreshing to see a teenager takesuch an interest. “The younger generation doesn’t realize the service we did in past year, like Korea and the Second World War,” he said. “I haven’t come across it too much, but I can see it in the scouts here.”

“I think it’s a great thing, it’s a great was to connect us with the Boy Scouts,” said Steven Davis, a veteran of the Coast Guard who served during Operation Iraqi Freedom. “We’re a very community-based post, and this strengthens those ties.”

Alicia Reddin, district director of Veterans Services for Melrose, Wakefield, and Saugus, and a Navy veteran herself, appreciated the project on a number of levels.

“We are so happy to support this type of project,” she said. “As an honoree, I’m humbled. It’s no small feat. As a veteran, it’s comforting to know that our youth is really taking the time to learn about our veteran community.”

Gover did so well fundraising, and encountered such unexpected generosity from local businesses, that he was able to set aside over half the monetary donations he received for another project aimed at honoring Melrose vets.

“I raised \$1,165 from many generous people,” Gover said. “Expenses were \$551. That left \$614 remaining, which I intended to use to purchase flags. Fortunately, Robinson Funeral Home graciously donated flags, and as a result the \$614 will be donated to Melrose Veterans Services, who will use this money to fund the Veteran Respect Garden.”

That project is the brainchild of Melrose High School student Katie Meade, who attended Tuesday’s presentation to receive the donation and offer her thanks. She said she conceived the Respect Garden—which she hopes to have installed on the knoll across the street from the high school by next Memorial Day—to foster just the type of attitude embodied by Gover’s project.

“I wanted to establish that greater connection between students and the veteran community,” Meade said. Besides Gover’s donation, Meade’s effort received a \$500 check from Barbara Buggy, wife of honoree and Marine vet Michael Buggy.

Anthony O’Brien, assistant scoutmaster of Gover’s troop, said Gover chose his project wisely.

“Usually it’s better to be passionate about something, and Connor found his passion in veteran services,” he said. “He’s just a good person, and the project he chose is very reflective of his personality.”

James Santos, a representative from Congresswoman Katherine Clark’s office, was also on hand, to present Gover with a certificate of recognition for his work.

Gover said his respect for service will likely translate into a future career.

“I want to become an EMT and a firefighter,” he said, adding that military service and higher education are not out of the question either. “I’m still thinking about that as well, and thinking about college.”

**Retirees**



Photo J. Gelinas

**FF Dan Lewicki; Retired** (and Vietnam veteran) and **Assistant Chief Paul Sheehan** catch up before the Veterans Day Parade in Cambridge in May 2017. Looks like Dan is keeping busy playing with the Crusaders Drum & Bugle Corps.



Photo J Gelinas

Two great guys! **FF A.J. Johnson** and **FF Walter Grace** – both retired. Can't take the firefighter out of the man. They showed up to check on the troops at the fire on Reservoir Street in May 2017.



Photo H. Smith

**Chief of Operations John O'Donoghue; Retired** stopped by Engine 4 in Porter Square in June to have dinner with Group 2. Always glad to have his company and hear stories about his time with the Department!



Photo J. Gelinis

**FF Jack Shinkwin (Aide to Div. 2, in uniform)** with **Assistant Chief Jim Burns; Retired** and **Lieutenant Dick Teas; Retired** on Firefighters Sunday in June.

**Condolences to:**

The family and friends of the Mrs. Estelle Paris who passed away in June 2017  
Mrs. Paris was the Mother of the **late Firefighter Philip A. Paris; Ladder 2**

The family and friends of Mrs. Therese Fehlan who passed away in July 2017  
Mrs. Fehlan was the Widow of the late **Fire Lieutenant William Fehlan; Engine Co. 9-Retired**

**Firefighter Richard Thorne; Technical Services Division** on the passing of his Mother,  
Mrs. Muriel Linton  
Grandmother of **Firefighter Keith Thorne-Bingham; Ladder Co. 1**

To **Firefighter Roger Johnson; Retired** on the passing of his Brother,  
Mr. Robert K. Johnson

**Retired Deputy Fire Chief William Murray Jr.** on the passing of his wife,  
Mrs. Dorothy T. Murray

To the family of Mrs. Florence Bokuniewicz  
Mother of **Deputy Chief Lester Bokuniewicz; & Division 1-Retired, Firefighter Frederick Bokuniewicz; Engine 8-Retired**  
Grandmother to **FF Joseph Bokuniewicz; Engine 5**

**Not a Dalmation but...**

A friend of the department forwarded this photo. Mrs. Rita Watson, a friend of **DFC Ralph Chapman; Retired** passed it along. The dog named Lily, a French Bulldog, belongs to her son and daughter law who reside in close proximity to Boston Engine 50 and is a frequent visitor at the station. Since the company has been relocated to quarters of Engine 32 while remodeling is in progress she misses her drop in visits.



Report of the Fire Department 1886

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FIRE DEPARTMENT.

**Apparatus.**

The apparatus of the department, with few exceptions, is in good serviceable condition, and is classified as follows: Six steam fire engines, five in service, one in reserve, one double-tank chemical engine, one hose-wagon, four hose-carriages, two hook and ladder trucks, four fuel-wagons, three hose-pungs and the chief's wagon; also a wagon and pung used by the fire-alarm department.

Early in the year Engine No. 2 was sent to the shop for repairs. It was provided with a complete new boiler, new wheels, painted and otherwise improved and repaired. The engine is now in first-class condition.

Each hook and ladder truck was furnished with the necessary life-saving appliances as provided by chapter 310 of the Legislative Acts of 1888.

Both ladder carriages are greatly in need of repairs which should be made as early as possible, and as the department is not in possession of a spare carriage I would recommend to your Honorable Boards that a new one be purchased to take the place of No. 1, which is considerably worn; and the old carriage kept in reserve. It is essential that there should be a spare truck to take the place of either of those in service while making repairs on them or in case of accident which is liable to occur while answering an alarm of fire.

I would also recommend that a new fuel-wagon be bought to take the place of the one now in use at Engine House No. 2. It has been in service for more than twenty-five years and is not worth repairing.

**Hose.**

During the year 500 feet of hose has been condemned and 400 feet purchased. The total amount of serviceable hose, as near as it is possible to ascertain by frequent inspection, and now in use by the several engine companies, is 10,400 feet.

It will be necessary to purchase hose this coming year to replace that which becomes weak and unsafe for further service.

**Horses.**

There are twenty-five horses under the charge of this department. Four of them have been in the service for more than fourteen

Hiram Blood, engineer of Steamer No. 3, cut off the forefinger of his left hand with an axe, while splitting wood at the engine house on February 28.

Captain Francis P. Scanlan of Engine Co. No. 5, received severe injury to his right knee, by striking it against the frame of the chemical engine while riding to a fire March 19.

John Haley of Engine Co. No. 2, and John F. Brassell of Engine Co. 3, were painfully burnt on the hands and arms while working at a fire July 21.

#### Conclusion.

In conclusion I desire to extend my sincere thanks to his Honor the Mayor for his uniform courtesy to me, and for the deep interest manifested by him in all matters pertaining to this department.

To the City Council and Joint Standing Committee on Fire Department I also return thanks for their close attention to the requirements of the service.

My thanks are also due the officers and members of this department for the prompt and faithful discharge of their duty.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS J. CASEY,  
*Chief Engineer.*

It is unclear if the wood being split was for station heat (Engine 4 still has a non-functioning fireplace from the days it was used for heat), or for keeping the steamers "under fire" while in quarters.

#### Quotes of the Day

"Don't be busy – be productive" – unknown

"Great things never came from comfort zones" – unknown

"Yesterday's home runs don't win today's games." -- Babe Ruth

"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

## Through the Lantern Lens



Through the Lantern Lens

by Mose Humphrey

### In Memoriam - Cambridge Line of Duty Deaths from July-September

Please note, the last issue we shared LODD's that occurred during the time period April-June. This issue we cover July through September only.

**Private Joseph W. Hopkins, July 12, 1895** – Private Hopkins was a driver for the fire department and was killed when he was kicked by a horse. He was 30 years old and succumbed to his injuries at Mass General Hospital.

**Lieutenant William J. Atkinson, Engine 4, August 17, 1931**, overcome by fumes while attempting to rescue a civilian trapped in a manhole near Engine 4's quarters. According to Engine 4 logbook: 6:40 AM notified by Pat Murray that boy had fallen into sewer in rear of Henderson Bldg. Members of Eng. 4 responded with wagon at 6:45 AM. Eng#4 at 6:53AM Breslin to hospital, Lt. Atkinson died at Camb. Hospital. 3:15PM Dr. Dow Medical Examiner in quarters and with Capt. Marshall visited the scene of accident. (In left margin "Lt. Atkinson suffocated") \* *Lt. Atkinson's death was the catalyst that prompted the department to form the Rescue Company.*

**Firefighter Charles Jones, (Ladder 1) killed August 27, 1968** as a result of an apparatus crash (Ladder 1) with a tractor trailer at the corner of Cambridge and Prospect Streets while responding to Box 211 (Roosevelt Towers). Lt. William J. Friel was critically injured but survived and retired due to his injuries. **FF Robert Muchata** was a new FF who was tilling at the time of the accident. He also survived and retired from Engine 9. \* *Please see story at end of newsletter concerning FF Jones helmet.*

**Firefighter Robert N. Ferreira, Engine 4, August 19, 1999** – passed away due to job related throat cancer.

**Firefighter Mike Edwards, Engine 9, September 7, 2009** passed away due to job related cancer.

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**Stats and Fires**

**FY 2016/2017 RUN TOTALS**

	Runs	Bldg Fires
Engine 1	2263	38
Engine 2	3411	29
Engine 3	1554	15
Engine 4	1490	20
Engine 5	1916	27
Engine 6	1404	28
Engine 8	1168	22
Engine 9	1057	14
Truck 1	1989	47
Truck 2	1218	20
Truck 3	2238	31
Truck 4	1373	28
Rescue 1	2300	42
Squad 2	3532	33
Squad 4	1837	33
Division 1	1741	36
Division 2	1206	34
HazMat 1	18	
Special Units	134	
Mutual Aid Units	269	
<b>TOTAL RUNS</b>	<b>32118</b>	

Incidents	14,280
Div 1 Incidents	8339
Div 2 Incidents	5941
Responses	32,118
EMS	6319
Bldg Fires	69
Inside Fires	936
All Fires	1083
Elevator Rescues	194
HazMat	183

Working Fires	5
2nd Alarms	1
3rd Alarms	0
4th Alarms	1
5th Alarm	0
10th Alarm	1

Incident Totals

FY 2017/2018 Incident Totals														
	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	SBTTL	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	TOTAL
Responses	2732						2732							2732
Incidents	1218						1218							1218
Division 1 incidents	725						725							725
Division 2 incidents	493						493							493
Building fires	1						1							1
Inside fires	62						62							62
All fires	72						72							72
EMS	519						519							519
Elevator Rescue	22						22							22
Hazardous materials	20						20							20
CO emerg	2						2							2
Electrical hazards	39						39							39
Malicious false	24						24							24
Malfunction	118						118							118
Unintentional	126						126							126
Bomb threats/susp	36						36							36
Bomb/expl removal	0						0							0
Structure collapse	1						1							1
Total Multiple Alarms							0							0
2nd Alarms							0							0
3rd Alarms							0							0
4th Alarms							0							0
5th Alarms							0							0
10th Alarms							0							0
Working Fires							0							0
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**Advice for new firefighters/FFOP's**

With all the new FFOP's starting, we thought it good to rehash some informal advice we've seen here in these pages before:

- Respect the job. Firefighting is one of the most respected professions in our country. For every person who wears a firefighter uniform, there are at least 10 more who wish they could. As much of an honor as it is to become a firefighter, it is equally as much of a dishonor to become complacent, and those who don't care about the job are disrespectful of the profession and their coworkers. Respect the job, work hard, and be proud of the profession you have chosen.
- Arrive to work early. Arrive at work at least 30 minutes before your shift begins. This will give you the opportunity to prepare by familiarizing yourself with the apparatus you are assigned to. Preparation for the big fire begins the moment you walk through the door, not the moment your shift begins.
- Be proactive around the firehouse. Don't wait for someone to tell you what to do. As a probationary firefighter, you basically do everything. If the phone rings, answer it. If someone knocks on the door, see who it is. After lunch, volunteer to do the dishes. If you sit and watch the other firefighters doing these things, they will develop an unfavorable opinion of you early on. As a rule of thumb, if you think you are not doing enough, you probably aren't.

Run Totals

**FY 2017/2018 RUN TOTALS**

	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	SBTTL	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	TOTAL
Engine 1	176						176							176
Engine 2	287						287							287
Engine 3	137						137							137
Engine 4	124						124							124
Engine 5	170						170							170
Engine 6	104						104							104
Engine 8	100						100							100
Engine 9	96						96							96
Truck 1	157						157							157
Truck 2	101						101							101
Truck 3	199						199							199
Truck 4	127						127							127
Rescue 1	210						210							210
Squad 2	282						282							282
Squad 4	149						149							149
Division 1	161						161							161
Division 2	121						121							121
HazMat 1	5						5							5
Spec & HQ Units	9						9							9
Mutual Aid Units	17						17							17

**Safety**

**Fire Prevention & Safety for Buildings Under Construction**

by Chris Towski On Jul 7, 2017 Firehouse.com

There have already been 10 newsworthy events related to construction site fires in 2017. They occurred in Knoxville, TN, on Jan. 5; Maplewood, NJ, on Feb. 4; Raleigh, NC, on March 17; Overland Park, KS, on March 20; College Park, MD, on April 24; Emeryville, CA on May 12; Los Angeles on June 12; Boston on June 28; London, England on July 2 and today in Oakland, CA. Ironically, the construction site in Maplewood, NJ, had two previous fires in 2010 and 2015.

Historical construction site fires

As with any other fire, life safety and property conservation hold two key purposes of why the fire service exists and history has shown that firefighters have been seriously injured and killed at construction site fires.

On June 17, 1972, a fire at the Hotel Vendome in Boston killed nine firefighters and injured eight others when a collapse took place an hour after the fire was determined extinguished. The

investigation found that, during an active remodeling, large portions of structural steel were removed in one wing of the structure to allow for new ventilation duct work.

The devastating effects of 9/11 led to the necessity to dismantle the Deutsche Bank in New York City. On Aug. 18, 2007, two FDNY firefighters were killed as efforts were hampered due to vital standpipes being removed too early in the demolition process.

Again in Boston, on March 26, 2014, unpermitted contractors welding an external handrail had red-hot slag find its way into an adjacent building causing the fire that killed two firefighters.

On Dec. 3, 2016 in Cambridge, MA, a small fire in a conventional three-family dwelling being completely gut-remodeled turned into a 10-alarm raging fire that affected 18 residential buildings and required an expansive amount of mutual-aid assistance. Miraculously, there were no civilian or firefighter lives lost or significantly injured during this event. These are just a few examples and there is no doubt that there have been numerous other significant fires involving construction.



In 2014, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) published a report where \$187 million out of more than \$654 million in fire losses, were lost in just 21 structure fires. Thirteen of these fires linked causes to heat and hot work too close to combustibles. Seven were related to buildings undergoing different stages of construction.

### Prevention at the local level

With the high-speed construction industry, there is a likelihood that most fire departments are not even aware that there is a building undergoing construction within their jurisdiction until it is too late. Some fire departments may be aware of construction projects within their jurisdictions, yet they may not know that they can have a voice in its fire safety. Other fire departments may know that there are codes and standards available and further take a position to be proactive with strong enforcement. This approach could lead to frustrations where fire service members may feel the construction industry may not be taking them seriously.

Buildings under construction become vulnerable to fire. Some reasons are because active fire protection systems—such as sprinklers and alarms, along with their passive fire protection in the form of gypsum wallboard—are either nonexistent, incomplete or impaired. Housekeeping factors contributing to the issue are flammable and combustible materials that somehow get ignited from a heat source. Hot-work processes, smoking products and heating appliances are typical sources of ignition.

The structure is aesthetically out of place and would appear to be a simple pile of combustibles waiting for an ignition source. A fire company could spot a site like this while doing some sort of neighborhood familiarization activity or maybe even stumble upon it before or after an unrelated fire or EMS call in the area. Coupled with the mental analyzing of seeing actual holes in the roof or missing floors and stairs begins to give the fire company an uneasy feeling as they imagine the building on fire. Scrambling thoughts of possible code violations starts the process of pulling in more technically savvy fire prevention and building officials in hopes something can be done to make this go away or at least not have a fire incident during that work shift. Occasionally, the outcome of the code enforcement leads to undesired setbacks for property owners when things like stop work orders are issued.

Today's world now has the reality for construction sites. These take a much different track. Many come with full or partial occupancy while under construction. The enveloping of construction staging and protective barriers should bring a natural concern for occupant and fire service ingress and egress. The unknown status of which fire protection features are active or impaired or the location and quantity of flammable and combustible products should raise additional concern for the fire service.

Fire companies and code enforcers need to be vigilant when it comes to construction sites and visit them as often as possible. This is to keep a watchful eye on changing site developments. Fire department members visiting construction sites during non-fire/EMS emergencies should use behavior consistent to any other invited guest. Most construction personnel will be receptive to a visit at any time, however, sometimes rescheduling may be necessary. When construction personnel are wearing hard hats, safety glasses and reflective vests then so should their visitors.

Housekeeping on a construction site will always be the most challenging task for management in the industry. Common items to watch for are:

- Accessibility is maintained to the site from the perimeter including streets and hydrants for apparatus placement
- Ingress and egress doors, stairs, and corridors are in a usable condition
- Ignition sources and processes such as smoking, heating units and hot work, including flammable gases, are properly permitted, stored and used appropriately
- Good management of accumulation and location of combustible construction and waste materials
- Utility shutoffs and controls for electric, gas and fuel oil are readily accessible
- Permanently fixed or temporary alarms, standpipe and sprinkler systems and portable extinguishers are in place for immediate use

Another very important item, and probably the most overlooked, is the importance of identifying the individual on site who is the fire prevention program manager. This person is charged with being responsible for the fire safety planning and implementation. Very few building owners and

construction contractors know of this role or what those duties include. This is one of the biggest gaps in the industry that is slowly making progress.

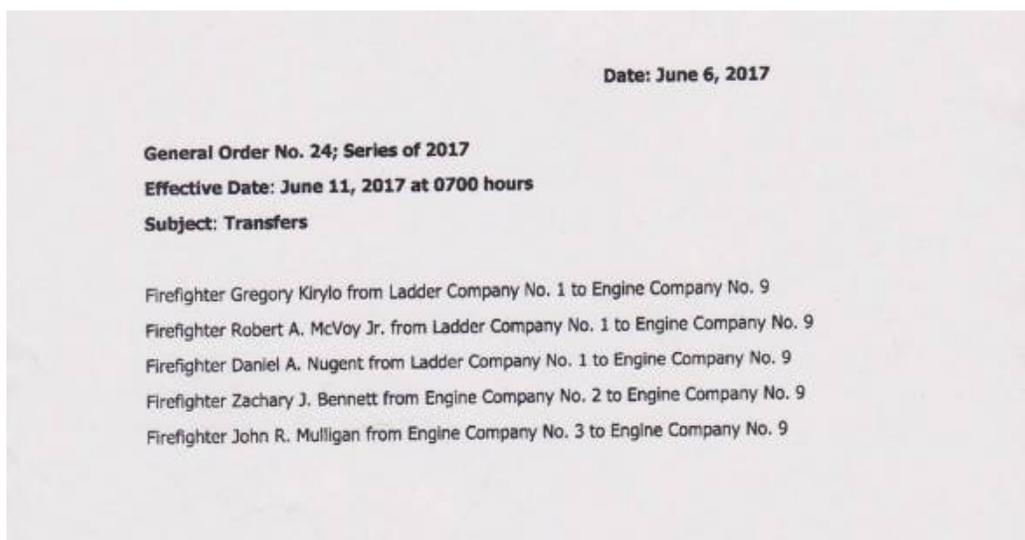
There is a lot of work ahead of us in the fire service when dealing with construction site fire safety, including interactions with the contractors and building owners. What seems to be working is enforcement through the implementation of education and training programs geared toward fire prevention. This approach is a much better choice than the last-minute enforcement style that confuses property owners and construction teams, which further causes delays in their projects.

Owners and construction contractors are not blind or silent to fire safety needs. They are simply, most likely, caught up in the fast pace of time constraints with deadlines to meet and charged with keeping overall costs to a minimum. The reality of fire safety is probably assumed that someone else is taking care of that or the rules and regulations of an entity like what OSHA prescribes are being followed to cover all the fire safety needs.

If we continue to reach out to contractors and owners with the purpose to engage them with our issues, we can guide them through the codes at hand in a fashion completely different from the conventional force feeding of regulations. This style is proving that the time to start talking fire safety awareness and planning is in the relaxed environment early in the process. This is where discussions with the property owners, construction design teams and installation contractors can be far more receptive for getting the point across explaining the fire service jurisdictional needs. Fire safety plans at a minimum will need to address each construction's site specific needs. NFPA 241 [www.nfpa.org/241](http://www.nfpa.org/241) has fire safeguarding information that addresses certain individual's responsibilities, planning and contributing construction processes. This standard can be used as a tool for assisting all stakeholders with guidance.

To keep this momentum moving forward, it will be imperative that there be collaborative leg work among the fire and building officials, the building owners, the design engineering consultants, and the general contractor associations. This relationship has the representation necessary to achieve maximum construction site fire safety results.

### **New Hires, Transfers, Promotions & Retirements**



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**General Order No. 25; Series of 2017**

**Effective Date: June 16, 2017**

**Subject: Retirement, Firefighter Patrick D. Headley**

Effective June 16, 2017 at 0700 hours, Firefighter Patrick D. Headley retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Firefighter Patrick Headley was **appointed on March 17, 1985.**

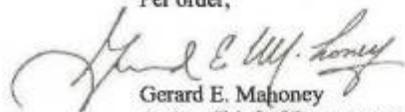
- **May 5, 1985**      **Engine Company No. 3**
- **March 10, 1991**      **Engine Company No. 1**
- **October 29, 2000**      **Engine Company No. 9**

Firefighter Headley has faithfully served the citizens of Cambridge.

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

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

Per order,

  
Gerard E. Mahoney  
Acting Chief of Department



**Date: June 20, 2017**

**General Order No. 26; Series of 2017**

**Effective Date: June 27, 2017**

**Subject: Retirement, Lieutenant David J. Pierce**

Effective June 27, 2017 at 1630 hours, Lieutenant David J. Pierce retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Lieutenant David Pierce was **appointed on March 6, 1983.**

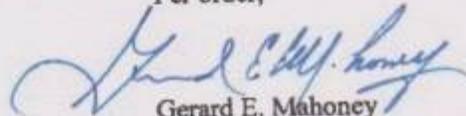
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| • April 17, 1983   | Ladder Company No. 2                    |
| • July 10, 1997    | Promoted to Fire Lieutenant             |
| • July 20, 1997    | Pivot Officer                           |
| • January 18, 1998 | Ladder Company No. 3                    |
| • April 27 2008    | Ladder Company No. 2                    |
| • April 12, 2009   | Fire Investigation Unit/Fire Prevention |

Lieutenant Pierce has faithfully served the citizens of Cambridge.

We wish Lieutenant Pierce much happiness and good health in his retirement.

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Per order,



Gerard E. Mahoney  
Acting Chief of Department



Date: June 23, 2017

**General Order No. 27; Series of 2017**

**Effective Date: June 30, 2017**

**Subject: Retirement, Firefighter Francis X. Gallagher**

Effective June 30, 2017 at 1900 hours, Firefighter Francis X. Gallagher retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Firefighter Francis Gallagher was **appointed on June 21, 1987.**

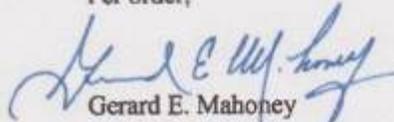
- August 9, 1987 Engine Company No. 6
- December 6, 1987 Engine Company No. 1
- March 10, 1991 Rescue Company
- September 17, 2006 Aide to Deputy Fire Chief Division 1

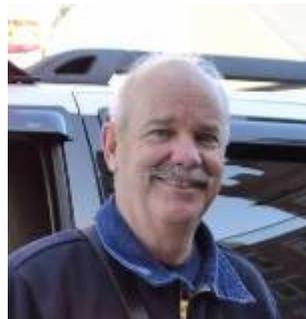
Firefighter Gallagher has faithfully served the citizens of Cambridge.

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

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Per order,

  
Gerard E. Mahoney  
Acting Chief of Department



**Date: June 23, 2017**

**General Order No. 28; Series of 2017**

**Effective Date: June 30, 2017**

**Subject: Retirement, Firefighter David McCaffrey**

Effective June 30, at 1900 hours, Firefighter David McCaffrey retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Firefighter David McCaffrey was **appointed on June 21, 1987.**

- **August 9, 1987** Aerial Tower
- **January 7, 1990** Rescue Company No. 1
- **March 9, 1997** Ladder Company No. 1
- **January 4, 2009** Aide to Deputy Fire Chief Division 1

Firefighter McCaffrey has faithfully served the citizens of Cambridge.

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

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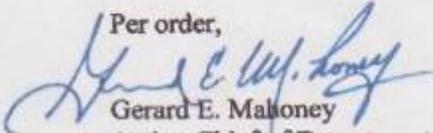
Per order,  
  
Gerard E. Maloney  
Acting Chief of Department



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Date: June 23, 2017

General Order No. 29; Series of 2017

Effective Date: June 30, 2017

Subject: Retirement, Firefighter Bryan J. Trelegan

Effective June 30, 2017 at 1900 hours, Firefighter Bryan J. Trelegan retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Firefighter Bryan Trelegan was **appointed on June 21, 1987.**

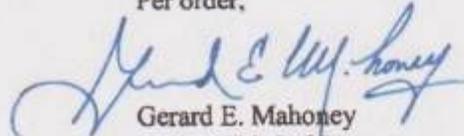
- August 9, 1987      Ladder Company No. 2
- March 10, 1991    Engine Company No. 3
- June 27, 1993     Ladder Company No. 4
- April 23, 2006    Engine Company No. 9

Firefighter Trelegan has faithfully served the citizens of Cambridge.

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

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Per order,



Gerard E. Mahoney  
Acting Chief of Department



Date: June 23, 2017

General Order No. 30; Series of 2017

Effective Date: June 30, 2017

Subject: Retirement, Deputy Fire Chief Stephen G. Leonard

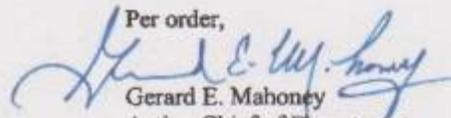
Effective June 30, at 1900 hours, Deputy Fire Chief Stephen G. Leonard retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Deputy Fire Chief Stephen Leonard was appointed on June 27, 1993.

- September 12, 1993 Engine Company No. 1
- January 18, 1998 Ladder Company No. 1
- September 18, 1998 Promoted to Fire Lieutenant
- September 27, 1998 Pivot Officer
- July 11, 1999 Engine Company No. 6
- May 1, 2000 Acting Fire Captain, Technical Services
- June 26, 2000 Promoted to Fire Captain
- February 18, 2001 Engine Company No. 8
- November 24, 2002 Engine Company No. 4
- November 6, 2005 Promoted to Deputy Fire Chief  
Assigned to Division 1
- September 13, 2009 Deputy Fire Chief, Division 2
- January 8, 2012 Emergency Planning and Coordination
- September 9, 2012 Deputy Fire Chief Division 2

Deputy Fire Chief Leonard has faithfully served the citizens of Cambridge.

We wish Deputy Fire Chief Leonard much happiness and good health in his retirement.

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Per order,  
  
Gerard E. Mahoney  
Acting Chief of Department



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**Date: June 23, 2017**

**General Order No. 31; Series of 2017**

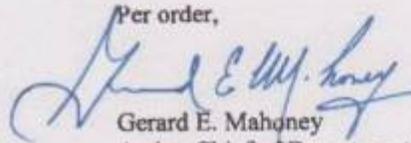
**Effective Date: July 2, 2017 at 0600 hours**

**Subject: Transfers**

Firefighter Daniel Mahoney from Ladder Company No. 1 to Aide to Deputy Fire Chief Division 1

Firefighter Mark D. Massiah from Engine Company No. 5 to Aide to Deputy Fire Chief Division 1

Per order,



Gerard E. Mahoney  
Acting Chief of Department

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**Date: June 28, 2017**

**General Order No. 32; Series of 2017**

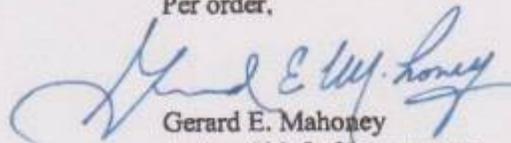
**Effective Date: Sunday, July 2, 2017 at 0700 Hours**

**Subject: Promotion**

Firefighter Pedro O. Gonzalez promoted to Acting Fire Lieutenant assigned to Fire Prevention

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Per order,



Gerard E. Mahoney  
Acting Chief of Department

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Date: June 29, 2017

General Order No. 33; Series of 2017

Effective Date: June 30, 2017

Subject: Retirement, Firefighter Stephen M. Ryan

Effective June 30, 2017 at 1900 hours, Firefighter Stephen M. Ryan retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Firefighter Stephen Ryan was **appointed on April 6, 1986**.

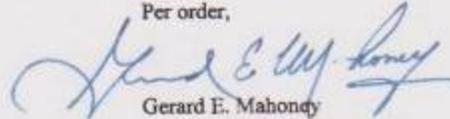
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| • May 18, 1986       | Ladder Company No. 2 |
| • October 12, 1986   | Engine Company No. 1 |
| • August 9, 1987     | Rescue Company No. 1 |
| • January 5, 1992    | Engine Company No. 5 |
| • September 12, 1993 | Ladder Company No. 4 |
| • August 23, 1998    | Engine Company No. 3 |
| • April 30, 2000     | Ladder Company No. 3 |
| • July 13, 2008      | Engine Company No. 9 |
| • January 3, 2016    | Ladder Company No. 4 |

Firefighter Ryan has faithfully served the citizens of Cambridge.

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

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Per order,



Gerard E. Mahoney  
Acting Chief of Department



**Date: July 11, 2017**

**General Order No. 34; Series of 2017**

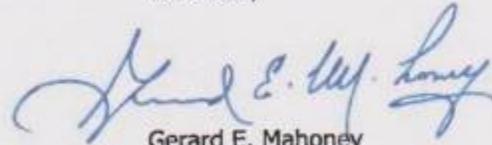
**Effective Date: Sunday, July 16, 2017 at 0700 hours**

**Subject: Assignment**

F.F.O.P. Nicolas C. Jacobs assigned to Engine Company No. 3

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Per order,



Gerard E. Mahoney  
Acting Chief of Department

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**Date: August 8, 2017**

**General Order No. 36; Series of 2017**

**Effective Date: August 20, 2017**

**Subject: Appointments and Assignments**

Effective Sunday, August 20, 2017 at 0700 hours, the following members are appointed as Firefighters-on-Probation to the Cambridge Fire Department. They will report to Training Division at 0800 hours August 21, 2017.

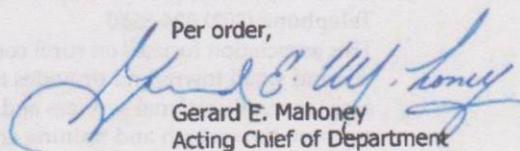
**Christopher E. Abisla  
Douglas A. Boudrow  
Michael J. Cotton  
Derek G. Jordan  
Robert A. Martinello  
William B. Whalen**

Effective 0700 hours Sunday, August 27, 2017 Company Assignments are as follows:

<b>Christopher E. Abisla</b>	<b>Engine Company No. 3</b>
<b>Douglas A. Boudrow</b>	<b>Engine Company No. 3</b>
<b>Michael J. Cotton</b>	<b>Engine Company No. 3</b>
<b>Derek G. Jordan</b>	<b>Engine Company No. 3</b>
<b>Robert A. Martinello</b>	<b>Engine Company No. 3</b>
<b>William B. Whalen</b>	<b>Engine Company No. 8</b>

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Per order,



Gerard E. Mahoney  
Acting Chief of Department

**Date: August 10, 2017**

**General Order No. 37; Series of 2017**

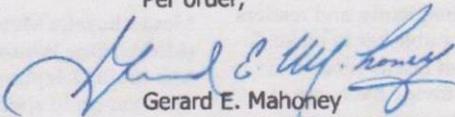
**Effective Date: August 20, 2017 at 0700 hours**

**Subject: Transfers**

Firefighter David M. Pereira from Engine Company No. 3 to Engine Company No. 5

Firefighter Michael W. Franks from Engine Company No. 1 to Engine Company No. 8

Per order,



Gerard E. Mahoney  
Acting Chief of Department

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**Date: August 28, 2017**

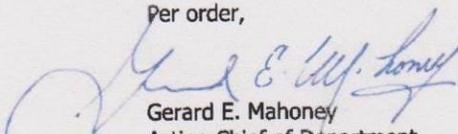
**General Order No. 38; Series of 2017**

**Effective Date: September 3, 2017 at 0700 hours**

**Subject: Transfer**

Firefighter Gary J. Gannon from Engine Company No. 3 to Ladder Company No. 4

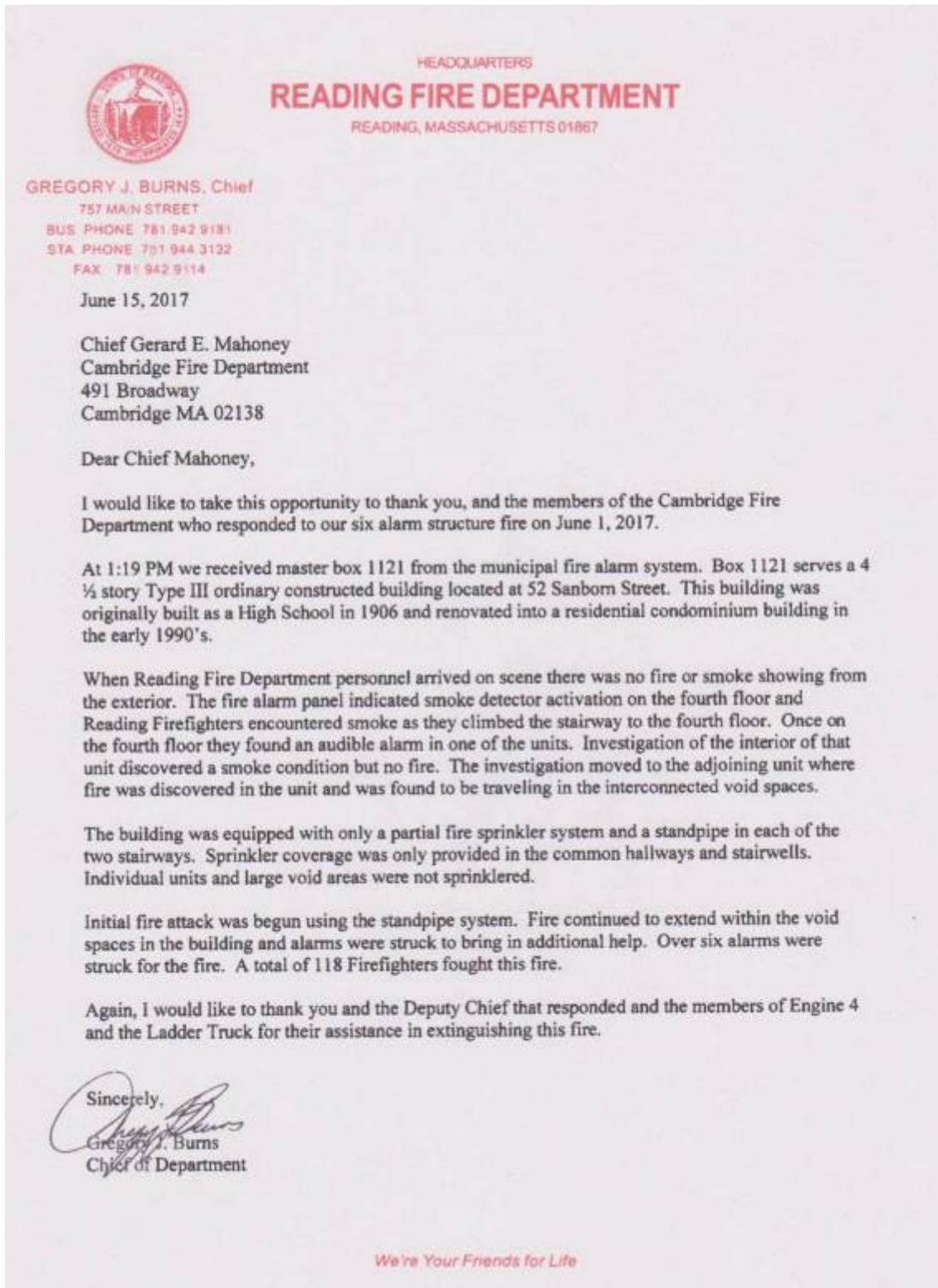
Per order,



Gerard E. Mahoney  
Acting Chief of Department

Letters

The following letter was received June 20, 2017:



The following note was received on June 22:



BRIAN M. ARRIGO  
Mayor

The City of REVERE, MASSACHUSETTS  
FIRE DEPARTMENT

CHRISTOPHER P. BRIGHT • CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT

400 BROADWAY, REVERE, MA 02151

781-286-8365 • FAX 781-286-8375

June 22, 2017

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

**Re: Box 4-252 @ 41 Taft Street**

Dear Chief Mahoney,

I wish to thank you and your fire fighters, on behalf of the City of Revere and the Revere Fire Department, for your assistance responding to our 4 alarm fire on Taft Street, which occurred in the early morning hours of June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Our crews worked extremely well together containing this fast moving fire, in what was an extremely labor intensive effort. In the end, two 2 ½ dwellings were destroyed, and an additional 5 buildings exposed and damaged. Thankfully, nobody was killed. If not for the assistance of our brothers and sisters from neighboring Metro Fire Departments, the damage and loss would have been much worse.

Please extend our thanks to your members. This incident proves once again, the value and necessity of working together through mutual aid.

Sincerely,

Christopher P. Bright  
Chief of Department

**FF Jim Bergin, Tech Services; Retired** had the following note to share in the previous issue. Due to an editorial error, it was accidentally omitted. We apologize to Jim!

What's Up?

7/22/17

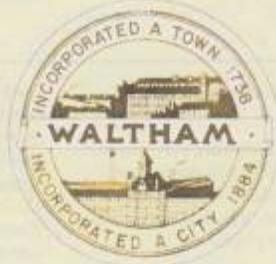
My career with the Cambridge Fire Department, which spanned more than four decades, is an achievement I will forever be proud of. For a 21 year old kid from North Cambridge to be hired by the Cambridge Fire Department was a dream come true and the thrill of a lifetime. And then the thrills just kept coming and coming. And now it is over.

I am issuing this letter to all the men and women of the Cambridge Fire Department, past and present. To the recently retired Chief, the current Acting Chief, Assistant Chiefs, Deputy Chiefs, officers and firefighters (especially Group 4 which I was part of for over 37 years), Training, Fire Prevention, Technical Services, F.I.U., the Motor Squad, Credit Union, Fire Alarm Operators, Professional Ambulance, E.P.U.C. and the civilian personnel in Administrative Services, I only have this to say - Thank you all for having my back. I could not have done it without you. God bless you.

See you around,  
"Bergie"  
(James E. Bergin)

Following correspondence was received on July 30, 2017:

# City of Waltham Massachusetts



## Official Proclamation

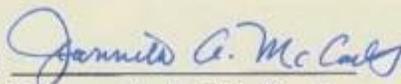
Be it hereby proclaimed that I, Jeannette A. McCarthy, Mayor of the City of Waltham, extend my commendation and congratulations to:

### Cambridge Fire Department

#### In Recognition of:

Your utmost professionalism and heroic efforts while fighting a 10 alarm fire on Sunday, July 23, 2017. Your quick response and quality decision making was key in preventing the fire from spreading, and causing further damage and/or possible injuries or fatalities.

Given this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017 at  
City Hall, Waltham, Massachusetts

By:   
Jeannette A. McCarthy  
Mayor

**Of Interest...**

Thanks to **Deputy Chief Ralph Chapman; Retired** for sharing....

**Sherborn's new fire chief was once in the NFL**

By Lenny Megliola Globe Correspondent June 23, 2017



Erron Kinney (left) battled fires at the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

It might have taken a giant leap of faith to predict Erron Kinney would carve out a nice career in the National Football League. Ironically, it's less of a stretch that Kinney would wind up as Sherborn's fire chief.

"I hadn't really thought about it that way," said Kinney, 39, who was appointed fire chief in January, and has since made monthly visits to Sherborn. He signed a five-year contract and officially takes over July 1.

He and his wife, Julie, who is from Arlington and attended the Winsor School in Boston, are house-hunting. A town with a solid girls' basketball program is a priority. Their 6-foot-2 daughter Geanna, is a high school freshman and a promising player. "I've looked at Medfield and Natick High," said Kinney. Both programs have been successful recently.

Kinney played a lot of sports when he was a kid growing up in Richmond, Va. Football wasn't one of them. "When I was 10, my brother Earl bought me a pair of cleats. So my dad signed me up for youth football."

His father, Dr. John Kinney, dean and professor of theology at Virginia Union, and Earl, Erron's older brother by 13 years, played football at Howard University.

Damien Woody and Kinney were teammates at Patrick Henry High School in Ashland, Va. They led the team to the state title. When Woody made a recruiting visit to Boston College, Kinney went with him. Kinney liked the campus, but "Boston was too cold." So he went to Florida — "they were building a national power" — and played for Steve Spurrier. Woody went to BC and played five seasons with the Patriots in a 12-year NFL career.



Erron Kinney played six years with the Titans.

Kinney, a 6-foot-5, 275-pound tight end, was selected by the Tennessee Titans in the third round of the 2000 draft. He played six years — all for the Titans — had 178 catches for 1,750 yards and 10 touchdowns. His best games came against the Steelers, including a game-winning TD reception in overtime.

Kinney was one of 30 candidates for the Sherborn fire chief position. The evaluation committee included Scott Boothby, Ashland's fire chief, and William Miller, Hopkinton's deputy chief. Kinney had been fire chief in Mt. Juliet, Tenn.

Kinney was a finalist for the Framingham fire chief position last year. “That’s how I found out about Sherborn.”

He became fascinated with firefighting early in life. “It’s always been there,” he said. “I became a junior firefighter when I was 13 in Ashland, Va. I got to hang around the station and do small stuff. I read books and wrote stories [he was editor of his high school paper] about firefighters. I loved the big red trucks that made a lot of noise.”

Toy fire trucks were the only Christmas or birthday gifts he wished for.

Whether it’s around his wife’s home town of Arlington or the western suburbs, Kinney will stop and visit any fire station he sees. “Sherborn is an opportunity to use the things I’ve learned,” he said. “I’ve been trying to [relocate] to New England for years. Sherborn is gorgeous. The people have been welcoming. I’m excited.”

Kinney’s relationship with football wasn’t a smooth one. “The NFL wasn’t on my radar. I was preparing to be a firefighter or a teacher.” Kinney said got more out of his time at Florida playing two seasons for basketball coach Billy Donovan, now the coach of the Oklahoma City Thunder. “Honestly, if it weren’t for him I wouldn’t have made it to the NFL,” said Kinney.

He related to Donovan’s style more than to the football staff’s. Even though Kinney was a bench player, “Billy believed in me,” said Kinney. “I was the defensive energy guy, doing the dirty work.”

He wasn’t NBA-bound, though, and a football career seemed doubtful. “He wasn’t looking at the NFL at all,” said Julie, who enjoyed tailgating at Gainesville more than the games. Kinney did play in a couple of all-star games and in the Senior Bowl. He certainly had the size. Some team might bite. The Titans took him in the third round of the 2000 NFL Draft.

Despite the dicey winters, Kinney now revels in the Boston area, particularly quaint western suburbs like Sherborn.

### **America’s Heroes - FDNY Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia Medal**



**Firefighter Sean M. Heater  
Ladder Company 4**

February 7, 2016, 1232 hours, Box 75-2376, Bronx  
Appointed to the FDNY on September 14, 2003. Previously assigned to Engine 74.

At approximately 1230 hours on February 7, 2016, Ladder 42 was returning to quarters from a previous run. While stopped at a light at the corner of Prospect Avenue and East 163rd Street, members noticed an alarmed woman waving her hands and pointing at the corner building. Firefighter Donal F. Finnegan looked up to see smoke issuing from a second floor window at a 200- by 150-foot, six-story, Class 1, occupied multiple dwelling.

Alerting the Officer of the condition, the members began to don their personal protective equipment. As Captain Joseph P. McConnell attempted to contact the Bronx Communications Office, Ladder 42 received an alarm via MDT for a report of a fire at the same address. Captain McConnell acknowledged the alarm and transmitted a 10-75 via the Department radio.

As FF Stephen W. Hopkins, the chauffeur, positioned the apparatus, FF Sean M. Heater, the outside vent Firefighter, made a visual size-up of the exposure #2 side of the building, noting the heavy smoke venting from the windows and the severe downward grade of the street. Firefighter Heater removed the 24-foot extension ladder and a step chock from the apparatus, placing the ladder at the window to the fire apartment with the step chock making up for the street's grade difference.

As FF Heater ascended the ladder, the upper portion of the window began to fail and visible fire could be seen through it. Knowing he would be unable to enter the fire room, FF Heater reported the failing window via handie-talkie and retreated down the ladder for another route into the apartment. He repositioned the ladder and step chock for best access to an adjacent window. After hearing radio transmissions of reports of missing occupants, FF Heater climbed the ladder and removed the window's child gate, in preparation for entry.

Firefighter Heater contacted Captain McConnell and was granted permission to perform vertical ventilation. Donning his face piece, the Firefighter removed the window and entered the room. With conditions in the room rapidly deteriorating and no protection of a charged hose-line, FF Heater began his search quickly, starting with the bed. As FF Heater swept the mattress, he felt something wedged between the bed and wall. With visibility now at zero, FF Heater used his flashlight to verify that it was a motionless female. FF Heater transmitted a 10-45 and his location to Captain McConnell.

Knowing the precarious positioning of the ladder from which he entered the apartment, FF Heater decided the best way to remove the victim was through the apartment. Assisted by FFs Finnegan and Jeff Nevitt, Ladder 31, FF Heater maneuvered the victim through the smoke-filled apartment. With FF Thomas E. Morrison holding back the rapidly extending fire with the extinguisher, FF Heater pulled and shielded the woman through the apartment, out into the public hall and down the stairs toward the lobby. Once in the lobby, FF Heater assessed the woman's vitals. He began CPR until care was transferred to arriving EMS units.

In recognition of his extraordinary efforts in effecting this rescue, FDNY honors FF Sean M. Heater with the Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia Medal. – TM

Story and photos from FDNY Medal Day Program, June 7, 2017.

**Trivia Answer:**

The preconnected hose-lines are also referred to as Mattydales after the fire department in New York that invented them, Mattydale New York. These hose lines can be seen on a 1939 pumper that is now owned by the FASNY Museum of Firefighting in Hudson New York. Chief Burton L. Eno came up with the idea and it has taken hold in the fire service. Thanks to **Somerville District Chief Frank Lee** for providing the photos he took on a trip to Hudson this year.



Photo Courtesy Somerville District Chief Frank Lee



Photo Courtesy Somerville District Chief Frank Lee

**From the Tailboard...**



H Smith photo

**FF Charlie Jones** served on Ladder 4 prior to serving on Ladder 1 where he was assigned when he was killed in the line of duty in 1968 (*see notes under Line of Duty Deaths*). At a flea market a few years ago, **FF Howie Smith** purchased a Cambridge Ladder 4 fire helmet with the initials “CAJ” and badge number 63 in it. It turns out to be the helmet that FF Jones wore when he was a firefighter at Ladder 4. If you don’t think it’s important to mark your gear for identification now, you could potentially be making history (or at least providing clues) years from now – hopefully in a positive way!

**1971 Maxim pumper** - In the last issue, it was noted that the former 1971 Maxim pumper (lettered for Engine 7) was put out to bid. It was sold and quickly changed hands a few times, but is now owned by a friend of the Cambridge Fire Department. Some new tires/rims and cosmetic work as it looking sharp again and rumor has it there is more to be done. It’s now in good hands.



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**Information**

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**E-mail list**

If any retirees or friends of the Cambridge Fire Department wish to be added to the **Company Journal** e-mail list, send us the e-mail address!

**Websites**

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

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

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**REMEMBER THE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN OUR ARMED  
SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.  
THEY ARE PROTECTING OUR COUNTRY, OUR LIBERTY, AND OUR  
FREEDOM.  
THANK OUR VETERANS!**

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