



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

*Fire Department News*  
*Cambridge, Massachusetts*  
*A Class 1 Fire Department*

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

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### What's New

**Engine 3 is now ALS!** – As of January 11, 2018 Engine 3 became the department's FIFTH Advanced Life Support (ALS) unit. ALS emergency care is now provided by Rescue 1, Squad 2, Squad 4, Engine 1 and Engine 3.

**Squad 2** – The new Squad 2 was placed into service on 9 February, 2019. Built by Fire One of Mendon, MA on a Ford F-450 chassis, 4WD with 4 door cab. A similar unit will be assigned to Squad 4 shortly. Squad 4 is at the motor squad being outfitted. These will replace the vans.



Gelinas photo

**Cambridge Firefighters Local 30 celebrates 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – Local 30 was formed in February 1918 making 2018 their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary! See complete story later in this issue!

New members – **FFOP David Landry** and **FFOP Andrew Masse** started on January 21, 2018. They started the Fire Academy on 22 January. **FFOP Donald O. Fitzgerald** joined the department on February 25, 2018 and will start the academy on February 26. Welcome!

### All Companies Working

**December 8, 2017 – Working Fire, 15 Lambert Street, Box 1961** – kitchen fire on floor 13 of a 18 story elderly high rise was contained by a sprinkler

**December 10, Working Fire, 49 White Street, Box 7** – fire in an underground electrical vault at the rear of StarMarket. No extension to the building was found.

**December 15, 2017 – Mutual Aid, Somerville, 15 Connecticut Ave, Box 153** – fire in a three story residential. Engine 5, Ladder 1, Squad 2 and Division 1 to the fire. Engine 4 covered and responded to the fire on the 3<sup>rd</sup> alarm.

**December 16, 2017 – 1 Alarm Fire, 362 Rindge Ave, Box 753** – fire in a laundry room. 1 sprinkler contained a fire in the laundry room of a 22 story high rise residential building

**December 23, 2017 – Hazardous Situation, Hancock Street** – elevated readings of CO in 7 story apartment building required evacuation of the entire building. A malfunctioning sump pump allowed flooding in the basement extinguished the pilot lights on the furnace.

**December 24, 2017 – Rescue, Central Square MBTA** – woman fell onto the tracks at the outbound station. Trains were halted, power to third rail shut off. Woman was extricated via a backboard and transported to the hospital.

**December 29, 2017 – 1 Alarm Fire, 5 Bennett Street, Box 5221** – dryer fire in Charles Square Hotel

**December 30, 2017 – Mutual Aid, Brookline, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm, Box 1734, 55 Village Way** – Ladder 1 covered in Brookline during their Working Fire. Fire in elevator shaft of elderly high rise

**December 31, 2017 – Mutual Aid, Brookline, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm, Box , 134 Babcock Street** – fire in 2.5 story woodframe. Ladder 1, Squad 4 and Division 2 responded to the fire. Ladder 3 covered.

**January 2, 2018 – 1 Alarm Fire, Box 782, 76 Matignon Road** – accumulated clothes under a clothes dryer caught fire and extended to nearby contents.

**January 2, 2018 – Working Fire, Box 435, 64 Putnam Ave** – Companies arrived to smoke showing from a residential building. Found a dryer on fire with a report of the occupant missing. Fire was knocked down quickly.

**January 3, 2018 – Working Fire, 11 Garden Street, Box 532** – Roofers working on copper-work ignited the roof on fire at the Congregational Church

**January 4, 2018 – Hazardous Condition, 35 Magazine Street** – Engine 6 responded to a call that a church steeple was unstable in the high winds. Engine 6 and other FD units secured the area. Multiple city departments involved. Steeple was removed days later via crane.

**January 6, 2018 – Mutual Aid, Somerville, W/F Box 726, 106 West Quincy Street** – Engine 4 and Ladder 1 covered during their working fire.

**January 6, 2018 – Mutual Aid, Boston, 7 Alarms, 7 Allston Street, Box 3415** – Engine 2 and Ladder 1 covered Engine 33 and Ladder 15.

**January 7, 2018 – Hazardous Situation, 44 Brattle Street, Box 511**– companies responded to smell of gas in a restaurant. Companies found readings of up to 1000 PPM. Building was evacuated. Faulty boiler unit was shut down and building vented

**January 8, 2018 – Mutual Aid, Everett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm, Box 271, 42 Hillside Ave** – Engine 4 covered Everett Engine 3 during their fire in a residential building

**January 10, 2018 - Water rescue, Charles River at BU bridge** – Witnessed jumper from BU bridge. Companies donned water suits and reached unresponsive victim with upper body trauma. Removed from ice and transported

**January 13, 2018 – Pedestrian Accident, Mass Ave @ Sidney Street** – Pedestrian struck by a motor vehicle in front of Lafayette Square. Transported to Boston hospital via ALS

**January 17, 2018 – 1 Alarm Fire, Box 3313, 40 Lansdowne Street** – electrical motor in a power room caught fire. Ansul extinguishers were used to extinguish the fire.

**January 17, 2018 – 1 Alarm fire, Box 361, 108 Pleasant Street** – fire in the wall of a residential building. Fire extinguished and overhauled. Suspected electrical in nature.

**January 25, 2018 – 1 Alarm Fire, Box 463, 22-24 Prescott Street** – smoke in the basement with sprinklers operating. Electric bike charger caught fire and sprinklers extinguished. Lines stretched, no extension

**January 26, 2018 – 2<sup>nd</sup> alarm, Box 2341, 1 Kendall Square Complex** – fire on the roof of an industrial building. Roof was opened up and lines stretched via standpipe and aerial. Fire was a result of contractors working on the roof earlier in the night.

**January 31, 2018 – 1 Alarm Fire with Hazmat, Box 321, 144 Albany Street** – DFC Mike Morrissey requested box for a sprinkler activation. Staff reported a burning odor but that in a radiation materials were also being used in the lab. Small fire controlled by sprinkler. Radiation meters detected negative contamination.

**February 1, 2018 – Mutual Aid, Brookline, 3<sup>rd</sup> Alarm, 5 Carlton Street** – Engine 2, Ladder 1, Squad 2 and Division 1 responded to Brookline for their 3 Alarm fire.

**February 13 – Rescue 810 Main Street** – worker had his arm stuck in machinery. Patient extricated using tools.

**February 14 – 1 Alarm Fire, Box 2584, 88 Ames Street** – outside fire with extension and exposure to gas meters. Fire extinguished, no extension.

**February 16, 2018 – Mutual Aid, Brookline, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm, Box 123, 77 Pond Ave** – Ladder 1 stood by as the RIT team at their 2<sup>nd</sup> alarm fire.

**February 17, 2018 – Mutual Aid, Revere, 5<sup>th</sup> Alarm, Squire Road, Box 135** – Engine 5, Squad 2 and Division 1 responded to the fire at an abandoned appliance store. Heavy fire throughout.

**February 20, 2018 – 1 Alarm fire, 1 Main Street, Box 2519** – car fire in an enclosed parking garage

**February 27, 2018 - Mutual Aid, Somerville, Box 263, 360 Beacon Street** – Engine 5, Squad 2 and Division 1 responded to the fire. Ladder 1 covered in Teele Square.

**March 3, 2018 – Mutual Aid, Rockland – Special** – Engine 5 and Division 1 responded to Rockland as part of a Metrofire task force to aid in flooding in a record breaking wind and rain storm.

**March 4, 2018 – Mutual Aid, Revere, 32 Gage Ave, Box 122** - Engine 5 covered during Revere's fire

**March 5, 2018 – 3 Alarm Fire, 50 Follen Street, Box 63** – Companies dispatched to a structure fire, arrived with nothing showing from exterior. Upon investigation found a fire in the 5<sup>th</sup> floor penthouse. Multiple lines stretched over aerials and hauling lines. This fire was the first shift for several new FFOP's.

### **Corrections**

No matter how hard we try and how many people proofread the newsletter, we still make errors. In the last issue, we incorrectly identified **FF Bill Whalen; Engine Co. 8** as **FF Simon Camelo; Engine Co. 9**. We apologize to both of them for the error!



J Gelinas photo

Engine 8 crew that delivered a baby boy on 18 Sept – L-R, **FF Mike Donnelly, A/L Gary Nagle and FF Bill Whalen**



### **Happy St. Patrick's Day**

Since everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day, it's important to get the name of the day right. It's St. Patrick's Day, the day for celebrating the patron saint of the Emerald Isle, St. Patrick, and all things Irish. We can start by getting the name of the holiday right.

It's St. Paddy's Day, not St. Patty's Day. In Gaelic, Patrick is Pádraig, hence St. Paddy. The Irish use Patty as a nickname for Patricia, or the female gender. So if you must, Happy St. Paddy's Day!

## Firefighter Memorial Sunday

Firefighters Memorial Sunday is a statewide day of recognition that is always held on the second Sunday in June. This year it will be **Sunday, June 10, 2018**. There has been a long tradition of honoring our deceased brothers and sisters. **Will you be there this year?**



Firefighters march into Cambridge Cemetary circa 1970's. Late Ed Fowler photo



1970s: Firefighter George Mickle, Fire LT Robert J. Morrissey, Firefighter Rich Dahl, Firefighter Jerome Cassassa, Firefighter W. Dilworth, Firefighter Frank Higgins and then-Firefighter Bill Hugh. Late Ed Fowler photo

## Awards

In December 2017, **Acting Chief Mahoney** and **Asst. Chief Sheehan** accepted the Mayors 2017 Luminary Award on behalf of the members of the department.



Photo Provided

**Act. Chief Mahoney & Asst. Chief Sheehan** accept the Mayor's Luminary Award on behalf of the members of the Cambridge Fire Dept. from Mayor Simmons, Vice-Mayor McGovern, & City Manager DePasquale at a special City Council meeting on 11 Dec 2017. The award is shown below:



## OFFICE of the MAYOR

E. Denise Simmons  
Mayor

Mayor  
2008-2009

### **PROCLAMATION**

- WHEREAS:** The City of Cambridge is a wonderful, inclusive, diverse community in which so many of our residents go about their daily lives quietly and determinedly engaging in acts of kindness or otherwise making positive contributions to the lives of those around them, and far too often the work of these unsung individuals is not properly recognized and fully appreciated for the outsized impact it has; and
- WHEREAS:** The 2017 Luminary Awardees are individuals who have exhibited a tremendous commitment to this community through their generosity of spirit and kindness, their above-and-beyond efforts to assist and support others in need, and the ongoing contributions they continually make that exemplify Mayor E. Denise Simmons' vision of One Cambridge; and
- WHEREAS:** The Cambridge Fire Department is a truly extraordinary group of men and women who routinely put their lives at risk in the service, protection, and rescue of others; and
- WHEREAS:** The Cambridge Fire Department personnel were critical first responders during the catastrophic fire in the Wellington-Harrington neighborhood in December 2016, and due to their extraordinary work, and their leadership and coordination at the scene, no lives were lost that day; now therefore be it
- PROCLAIMED:** That the Honorable Mayor E. Denise Simmons, on behalf of the entire City, extends her heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to all the courageous men and women of the Cambridge Fire Department for their exemplary and inspiring work, and bestows upon them this Luminary Award at a special ceremony to be held in the Mayor's Parlor on this 11th Day of December, 2017.



**Proclaimed by Mayor E. Denise Simmons**  
Monday, December 11, 2017

## Congratulations

Congratulations to **FF Jeff Keefe; Ladder 1, FF Dave Croak; Rescue 1, FF Matt Davison; Squad 2** and **FF Kevin Kenney; Engine 2** who all welcomed babies into the CFD “family” in December 2017.

Congratulations to the department for another successful **Toys for Tots program** in December 2017. This year was a remarkable year thanks to several strong partnerships with area businesses such as Andy’s Diner, Mt. Auburn Hospital, St. John’s Church, the Cambridge Public Library and many other businesses and organizations throughout Cambridge that collected toys.

Draper Labs in Kendall Square also deserves an extra mention. They have been conducting a toy drive for 12 years and this year the company matched their employee’s donations of \$5,000 worth of toys with a \$5,000 donation contributing a whopping \$10,000 towards toys for needy children in the metro Boston area. All should be commended for their dedication and support!

Congratulations to Cameron Smith, son of **FF Howie Smith; Engine 4**. Cam was accepted into the Fire Science program at both University of New Haven and Southern Maine Community College for the Fall 2018. He is scheduled to start an intern with the Danvers Fire Department this spring. If he follows his Dad into the fire service, he would be a 5<sup>th</sup> generation firefighter.

Congratulations to **Deputy Chief Peter Donovan; Fire Prevention** who completed the Chief Fire Officer program at the Massachusetts Fire Academy in January 2018.



J Gelinas Photo

Congratulations to the Stoneham High School Varsity Hockey team who advanced to the Finals and played Boston Latin on March 11, 2018. They won 2-1 and will now play for the MIAA Championship at Boston Garden on March 18. Two players on the team have connections to the CFD – Nate Landry, son of **Lt. Steve Landry; Engine Co. No. 4** and Nick Feliciano, son of **FF Rick Feliciano; Ladder Co. No. 2**. Nick scored the go-ahead goal to lift them over Boston Latin. The Spartans dedicated this season to one of their teammates, James Luti who took his life earlier in the season. Good luck in the Championship boys!

Congratulations to the members of Ladder 1, Rescue 1 and Division 2 who effected the rescue of a dog in the icy waters of the Charles River in February 2018. Please see the commendation and photos:

**General Order No: 05; Series of 2018**

**Date: February 1, 2018**

**Subject: Commendation**

On the afternoon of Saturday January 20, 2018 Ladder 1, Rescue 1 and Division 2 were dispatched to the Charles River near the Eliot Bridge for a reported dog in distress in the river.

Upon arrival companies were directed by onlookers to the Boston side of the river. From there they observed a dog approximately 75 yards off shore struggling in the icy water.

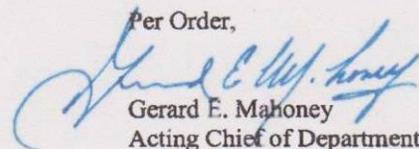
Firefighter Sean M. Williams; Rescue Co. 1 quickly donned a water rescue suit, and with the support of his fellow firefighters entered the icy waters of the river along with the Marsars Sled. Due to the amount of ice in the river, Firefighter Williams paddled and sometimes had to drag himself out to the struggling dog. As he approached the animal he said he could hear its' desperate cries.

Firefighter Williams successfully rescued the dog, and both were assisted back to the shore by the other members on scene. The dog was immediately given to its' owner who transported it to Angell Animal Medical Center in Boston. In a telephone conversation a few days later, the owner expressed his sincere gratitude for the actions of all Cambridge Fire Department personnel who responded, but made particular mention of "the courageous actions of Firefighter Williams."

Firefighter Sean M. Williams actions were in the highest traditions of this department and the fire service and he is hereby commended for his actions.

As a side note related to this incident, as of January 29, 2018 this story had generated over 32,000 interactions on the Cambridge Fire Department Twitter account, and we received messages of appreciation from throughout the United States and several foreign countries.

Per Order,



Gerard E. Mahoney  
Acting Chief of Department



Photo by Jay Connor

**FF Sean Williams** grabs the dog before bringing it to shore.

**Reminder**

This shouldn't be a surprise to most of us, but a little warning, never hurt. Daylight savings time was March 11 when we turned our clocks ahead. A reminder to our friends and family to change the batteries in your smoke detectors also!



Retirees

**FF Frank Beninati; Engine Co. 4 Retired** shared a photo of Engine 4's old patch as requested by **FF H. Smith**. Photo is below:



Thank you to **FF Beninati** for sharing a part of the departments recent past. It was great to hear from him. He reports that retirement is treating him well and he is keeping busy with the addition of two new grandsons/twins. Shown below is granddaughter Leah showing off the twins, Nicholas and Ryan in December 2017. I'm sure it doesn't need to be said to all our retirees, that the coffee pot is always on and visits to the stations are welcome!



Photo provided

## **Local 30 Celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Founded on April 30, 1917, Cambridge Local 30 is one of the oldest locals in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Several events were planned to celebrate this milestone. Several members of the Executive Board traveled to Washington D.C. to memorialize the signing of the original membership charter back in 1917.



Brothers and Sisters,

The International Association of Firefighters will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Wednesday, February 28, 2018. We also take great pride in sharing that Anniversary. Cambridge Firefighters IAFF Local #30, or “City Firefighters Union #30, Cambridge, Mass” as we were referred to in 1918 was one of the 66 original locals of the International Association of Firefighters.

The IAFF has grown over the last 100 years to represent over 300,000 members and their families across the United States of America and Canada. Over the years, they have been instrumental in providing guidance to your local leadership in all areas ranging from wages, staffing, work hours, education, and most importantly, our safety. We attempt to extend the same values here in Cambridge.

This is not only a milestone for our Labor Organization at the International, State, and Local level. This is a milestone for our profession as a whole. Congratulations and thank you to the IAFF, to our predecessors, and in some cases, ancestors. They have laid the foundation for where we stand today. We have created a challenge coin as a keepsake for our members to commemorate this special occasion. We are proud and honored to represent you.

We hope you also take pride in celebrating the Centennial of our Union. Stay Safe.

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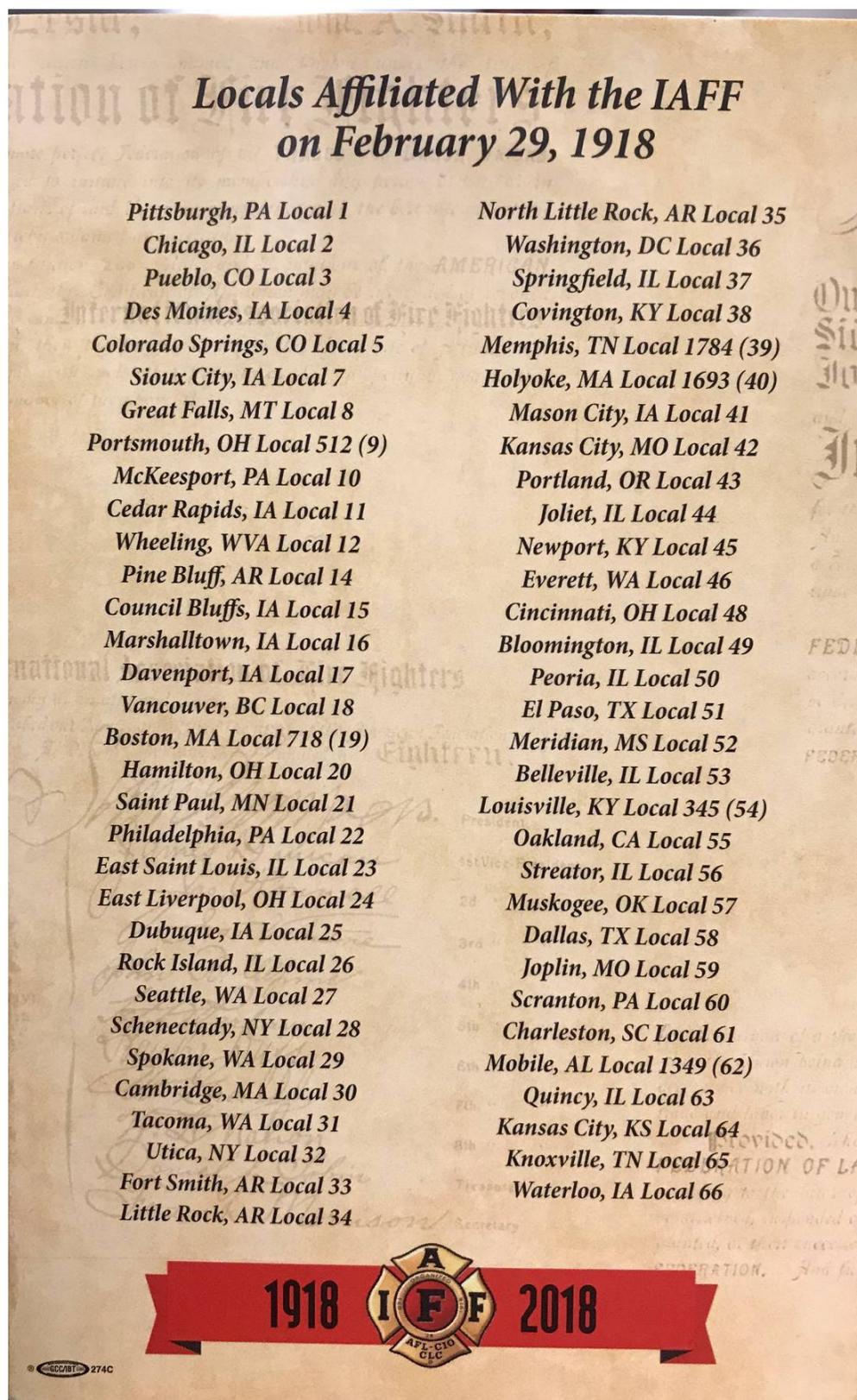
Your Executive Board

An original copy of the Local 30 charter was found in the attic of the Porter Square fire station last year, where the union was first headquartered. It has been since reframed.



Photo D Boudrow

The original 64 locals that formed the IAFF in 1918:





Just a few more glimpses at part of our Local 30 history! Two old style patches, maybe a new design would be a collectible some day?

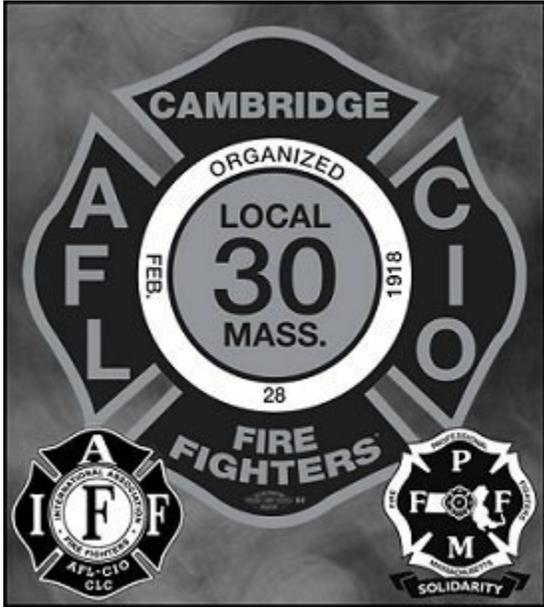


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H Smith photo

A closeup of the what the front of the challenge coin looks like. Second image is very similar to the reverse of the challenge coin but with IAFF markings.



Local 30 license plate “topper” date unknown.



H Smith collection

Speaking of Local 30...

### **Guns N Hoses Hockey Game**

A note from **Lt. Brandon Hugh; Engine 5**: Thanks to all who came out to support the 2018 Guns and Hoses Cambridge Fire vs Cambridge Police charity hockey match for Muscular Dystrophy Association on Saturday, 17 Feb, 2018. Thanks to all participants, players, supporters, and Local 30. Before the game, CFD and CPD families were able to skate together.



Photo B Hugh

**FF Ameer Moustafa; Engine 5** and family enjoy the ice before the hockey game



Photo B Hugh

Cambridge Police and Fire before the game.



B Hugh photo

Ceremonial puck drop



Department photo

**Lt. Brandon Hugh; Engine 5 and Acting Fire Chief G. Mahoney** present a check for \$16,800 to MDA/Muscular Dystrophy representatives Keisha Greaves and Vanessa Malfitano as City Manager DePasquale witnesses.

**Signal 10-15**

**Special Signal 10-15** The Chief of Department regrets to announce the passing of **Firefighter Hilary L. Chester; Engine Company 4-Retired**

Firefighter Chester was appointed May 10, 1959  
He retired June 17, 1985

Firefighter Chester passed away on January 8, 2018.



**Special Signal 10-15** The Chief of Department regrets to announce the passing of  
**Firefighter Daniel J. Maloney; Aide to Division 1; Retired**

**Firefighter Maloney** was appointed August 13, 1972  
He retired March 24, 2013  
He was 69 years of age



**Condolences to:**

**Firefighter Gary Gannon; Engine Co. No. 3** on the passing of his Father,  
Mr. Thomas Gannon Sr. in December 2017

**Firefighter Dennis Tevlin; Ladder Co. No. 3; Retired** on the passing of his Sister,  
Miss Kathleen Tevlin in December 2017

**Firefighter Jon W. Powers; Engine Co. No. 5** on the passing of his Father,  
Mr. John R. Powers in January 2018

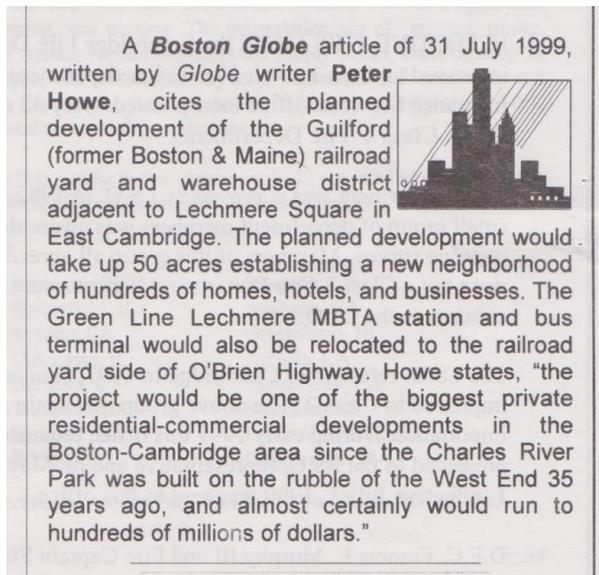
The family of the late **Lt. Timothy J. O'Leary; Ladder 4-Retired** on the passing of his  
Widow, Mrs. Gabriella O'Leary

**Retired Chief of Department Gerald R. Reardon** on the passing of his Mother,  
Mrs. Catherine T. Reardon  
Mrs. Reardon was also the Mother of Cambridge Assessing Director Robert P. Reardon

Family and friends of the late **Lt. James J. Nagle; Engine 4-Retired** on the passing of his  
Widow, Mrs. Patricia M. Nagle

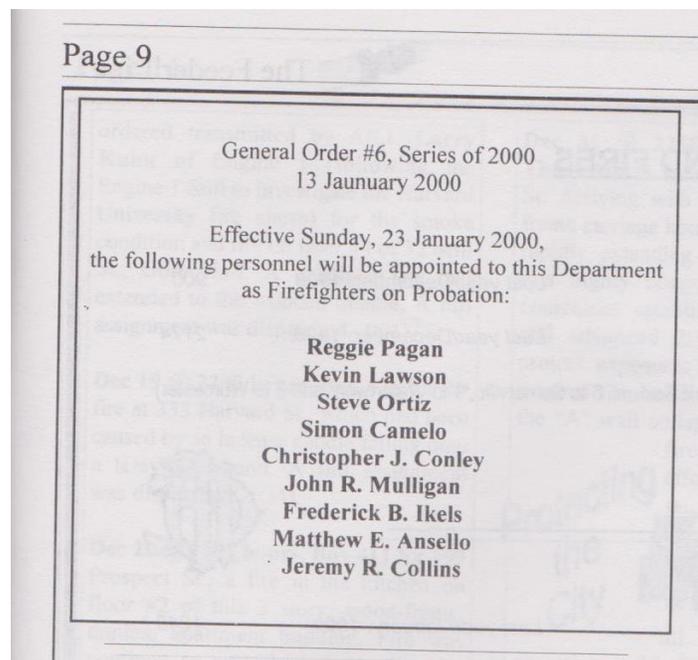
## Time Capsule

Excerpt from the Feederline Issue # 38, June/July 1999:



We all know that development was later named Northpoint and continues to be developed today – one of the many reasons why Engine 3 recently went ALS (See news elsewhere in this issue!)

The Feederline Co-Editors in 1999 were **DFC Brian Gover, DFC Mike Morrissey and DFC John Gelinas.**



## **130<sup>th</sup> Annual Fireman's Ball**

The 130<sup>th</sup> Annual Fireman's Ball was held on February 10, 2018 at the Royal Sonesta Hotel. Tip of the helmet to the **Cambridge Firefighters Relief Association, Local 30** and the **Fire Dept. Administration** for a job well done. Several retirees were in attendance to receive their recognition awards. As **Acting Chief Mahoney** mentioned that night, this is one of the last social events that the department conducts. If you weren't there, you missed a great meal, time spent with your work "family" socializing and dancing the night away.



H Smith photo

**Firefighter Jimmy Bergin; Engine 4 Retired** receives his retirement plaque from **Acting Chief Mahoney** and **Assistant Chief Sheehan**



H Smith photo

**Firefighter Dennis Maragiolo; Ladder 4 Retired** receives his retirement plaque from **Acting Chief Mahoney** and **Assistant Chief Sheehan**



H Smith photo

**Firefighter Fran Gallagher; Aide to Division 1 Retired** receives his retirement plaque from **Acting Chief Mahoney and Assistant Chief Sheehan** while his former Rescue 1 crew was present.

L-R FF Kevin McGonigal: Retired, DFC Ed Morrissey; Division 1, Assistant Chief John O'Donoghue; Retired, FF Fran Gallagher, Acting Chief G. Mahoney and Asst. Chief P. Sheehan and Lt. Steve Landry; Engine 4



H Smith photo

**Lt. Kenny Albert; Ladder 1 and wife Jeanette**

### **Tough Ruck**

Please see the following message from the son of **FF Paul Gallagher; Engine 4:**

Its Tough Ruck Time once again! I will be rucking the full 26.2 mile Boston Marathon Route in order to raise money and awareness for Fallen Service Members and Veterans in need. Last year I was able to raise \$1,350 for a great cause and I completed the Tough Ruck in just over 7 hours, coming in 35th place in my heat! My goal this year is to raise \$2,000, finish with a sub 6:30 time and place in the top 20!

Please donate to this great cause. Anything will help! I would like to raise as much money as possible, all donations go directly to families of Fallen Service members and Veterans in need.

I will be wearing ribbons with the names of Fallen Service Members (military as well as first responders). If anyone has lost a loved one or friend that you would like me to honor during the ruck, please let me know! (no donation needed!)

One of the ribbons of remembrance John will carry is that of late **FF Kevin J. O'Boyle; Engine Co. 5.** Editor note: Thank you John for your dedication and commitment and for honoring FF O'Boyle for his service.

To donate, please go to: <https://www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/paul-revere-battalion-johngallagher38>

Thanks and God Bless America!

### **Lafayette Square Challenge Coins**

The Lafayette Square firehouse, along with Ladder Company 3, will celebrate their 125th anniversary in 2019. The members currently assigned here are working to plan a reunion for CFD members, past and present, and their families. A limited edition challenge coin has been produced to kick off fund raising for this milestone event. The coins are numbered 1-303. If you would like to reserve a coin with your badge number please contact Captain Lowe or FF Lawson in Group 4. The cost is \$10.



**Out and About**



Photo R. McCarthy

**FF Rob McCarthy; Squad 4** saw the departments old bus at the Patriots AFC Championship game in Foxboro in January.



Photo provided

Nice work by all participants at the B-Fit First Responder Challenge at TD Boston Garden. CFD raised \$4300 for the 100 Club of Massachusetts. Thanks to Cambridge Firefighters and Local 30 for their support.



Photo provided D Smith

Engine 8 advances a line over Ladder 1's aerial for a small fire on the roof at 11 Garden Street on 3 January 2018.

### **From the Archives**

Recollections from **Deputy Ralph Chapman; Retired...aka "Citywide Commander"**

Second Alarm Box 2-483  
8 January 1968  
42 Quincy Street

Just after 0100 hours on 8 January 1968, Engine 1 was stilled to the area of 5 Sumner Road (a large three decker) and 7 Sumner Road (an apartment building) for smoke in the area. On arrival, there was a heavy smoke condition in the area and Engine 1 Captain Ralph Chapman initially believed the fire was in the rear of the Ambassador Hotel at the corner of Cambridge St. and Sumner Road. Engine 1 reverse laid from the alley between the buildings and Engine 1's pump took the hydrant on Sumner Road opposite Irving Terrace. Upon further investigation in the heavy smoke, Capt. Chapman determined that the fire was in the building at 42 Quincy Street. Box 483 had been transmitted. Engine 1's wagon relocated into the yard of 42 Quincy and went into a deck gun.

Engine 8, responding from quarters on the box, actually had first water on the fire in this well involved 3 story, wood-frame, mansard building. The box was transmitted at 0103 hours: Engines 1, 5, 8; Ladders 1, 4; Rescue 1; and Car 3 were assigned. The second alarm was

transmitted at 0108 hours: Engines 6, 4, 2, a Somerville Engine; Ladder 3; and Cars 2 and 1 were assigned.

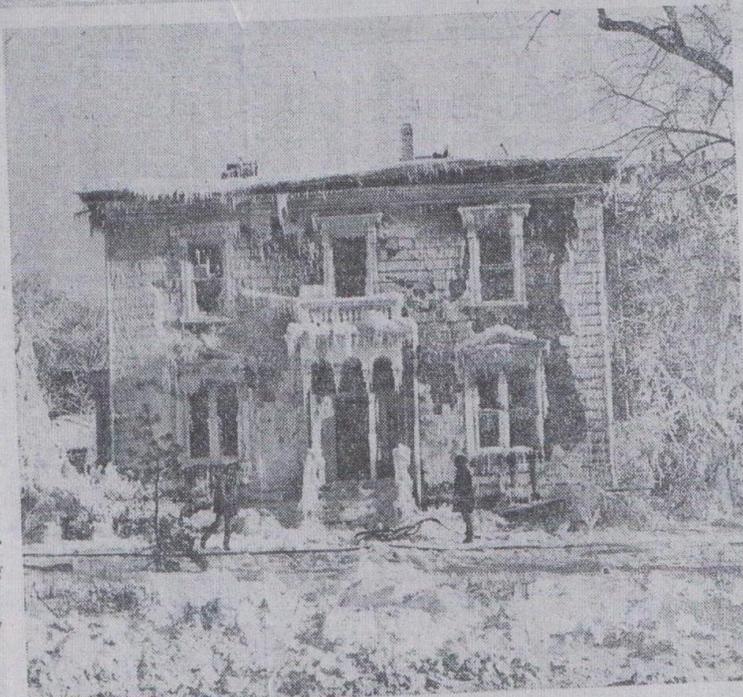
Deputy Fire Chief Kenney was the incident commander. Deputy Fire Chief O'Donnell and Chief of Department William Cremins also worked at the fire. The weather conditions were brutal. The temperature at the time of the fire ranged from 2 below zero to 5 degrees. There was a 22-mph wind.



**Winter's  
Lacework  
Embroiders  
Ravages  
Of Fire**

*Ice-shrouded Victorian house in Cambridge used as a Harvard office building, makes striking picture study the day after being destroyed by fire.*

(Herald Traveler Staff Photos by Dan Murphy)



There was a storm recall in progress, an emergency group X and Y recall, so all companies were running double strength. Engine 1 was running with 2 officers and 4 firefighters (Captain Chapman, Lt Sullivan, and FFs McCoy, Hodgdon, Blomquist, and Desmond). Remember that in this time period, recalls were common for multiples and weather emergencies. No overtime was paid.

Both Engine 1's wagon and Ladder 1 were frozen in ice. All hose wagons which were not actually flowing water were backed into fire headquarters to prevent freezing. Headquarters was also used as a rehab site for firefighters. At 0800 the next morning, Engine 1's pump relocated to Cambridge and Quincy Streets. Engine 1 finally returned to quarters at 1845 hours that night.

The site of this building is now occupied by Harvard University's Gund Hall Graduate School of Design.

- *Thanks to Deputy Fire Chief Ralph Chapman (retired) for the first-hand information. Thanks also to FF John Hathaway for the research on the box, times, response, and personnel.*



Photo from collection of Walter Grace

Circa 1980's Photo from the collection of Walter Grace; Aide to Division 2; Retired shows from L-R, Bob O'Leary, Buddy Largenton, Water Grace, Joe Thorp and Bill Morrison

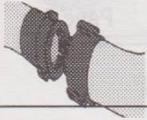


Photo credit – DFC Brian Gover  
L-R, Barry Bennett, Bob Dahl, Bob Blake, Bill McGovern



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Training circa 1970's. In white shirt is **Captain Steve Persson; Training Division: Retired**. We believe the rest to be: closest to camera **FF Edmund "Buddy" Friel, father of retired FF Ed Friel**, middle possibly **FF Rick DeFrancisco** and furthest is **FF Julio Volpe?**



# THE FEEDER LINE

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**Lt. Mike Bruno (E3) stretches a line up Green St. at the second alarm on January 10. A series of brutal early winter storms has created conditions around the city that require more than the usual exceptional efforts of the brothers and sisters. (Photo by Ed Fowler)**

**Stats and Fires** – Thanks to **Information Specialist and Retired DFC J. Gelin**as for providing the statistics as always!

## Cambridge Fire Annual Totals - Calendar Year 2017

	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Bldg Fires</u>
Engine 1	2330	36
Engine 2	3527	30
Engine 3	1582	15
Engine 4	1614	15
Engine 5	1900	27
Engine 6	1410	27
Engine 8	1215	20
Engine 9	1168	15
Truck 1	2026	43
Truck 2	1223	20
Truck 3	2227	34
Truck 4	1494	23
Rescue 1	2335	42
Squad 2	3677	34
Squad 4	1928	27
Division 1	1691	35
Division 2	1223	28
Special/HQ Units	104	
HazMat 1	21	
Mutual Aid Units	209	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32904</b>	

Emrgncy Incidents	14,695
Div 1 Incidents	8512
Div 2 Incidents	6183
Responses	32,904
EMS	6625
Building Fires	58
Inside Fires	966
All Fires	1108
HazMat	188
CO contamination	56

Working Fires	10
Total Multiples	3
2nd Alarm	1
4th Alarm	2

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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	2912	3047	3038	2825	2952	<b>17506</b>	3559	2395					<b>23460</b>
Incidents	1218	1289	1373	1355	1245	1279	<b>7759</b>	1506	1105					<b>10370</b>
Division 1 incidents	725	766	785	758	725	729	<b>4488</b>	884	635					<b>6007</b>
Division 2 incidents	493	523	588	597	520	550	<b>3271</b>	622	470					<b>4363</b>
Building fires	1	8	5	5	9	3	<b>31</b>	13	6					<b>50</b>
Inside fires	62	59	90	93	93	68	<b>465</b>	94	93					<b>652</b>
All fires	72	85	100	99	98	76	<b>530</b>	96	99					<b>725</b>
EMS	519	586	639	619	568	578	<b>3509</b>	607	536					<b>4652</b>
Elevator Rescue	22	7	14	16	14	14	<b>87</b>	25	14					<b>126</b>
Hazardous materials	20	26	14	14	21	14	<b>109</b>	25	14					<b>148</b>
CO emerg	2	3	1	5	7	10	<b>28</b>	10	5					<b>43</b>
Electrical hazards	39	7	28	93	27	40	<b>234</b>	34	23					<b>291</b>
Malicious false	24	18	27	19	11	12	<b>111</b>	10	12					<b>133</b>
Malfunction	118	133	141	125	107	140	<b>764</b>	158	82					<b>1004</b>
Unintentional	126	148	125	131	129	140	<b>799</b>	162	111					<b>1072</b>
Bomb threats/susp	36	27	19	28	23	12	<b>145</b>	15	7					<b>167</b>
Bomb/expl removal	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	0	0					<b>0</b>
Structure collapse	1	1	0	0	0	0	<b>2</b>	0	0					<b>2</b>
Total Multiple Alarms					1		<b>1</b>	1						<b>2</b>
2nd Alarms							<b>0</b>	1						<b>1</b>
3rd Alarms							<b>0</b>							<b>0</b>
4th Alarms					1		<b>1</b>							<b>1</b>
5th Alarms							<b>0</b>							<b>0</b>
10th Alarms							<b>0</b>							<b>0</b>
Working Fires			1		3	3	<b>7</b>	2						<b>9</b>
HM Lev 1 "Working"							<b>0</b>							<b>0</b>

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	201	253	228	191	192	<b>1241</b>	224	150					<b>1615</b>
Engine 2	287	346	319	322	288	296	<b>1858</b>	345	266					<b>2469</b>
Engine 3	137	131	163	123	154	141	<b>849</b>	213	142					<b>1204</b>
Engine 4	124	124	129	148	163	175	<b>863</b>	187	124					<b>1174</b>
Engine 5	170	162	159	176	148	175	<b>990</b>	227	141					<b>1358</b>
Engine 6	104	133	134	133	117	126	<b>747</b>	151	95					<b>993</b>
Engine 8	100	107	132	115	89	117	<b>660</b>	129	89					<b>878</b>
Engine 9	96	118	119	112	92	96	<b>633</b>	118	100					<b>851</b>
Truck 1	157	176	192	205	164	185	<b>1079</b>	241	145					<b>1465</b>
Truck 2	101	107	133	96	108	110	<b>655</b>	149	90					<b>894</b>
Truck 3	199	205	173	192	171	193	<b>1133</b>	246	162					<b>1541</b>
Truck 4	127	132	143	145	149	171	<b>867</b>	192	101					<b>1160</b>
Rescue 1	210	204	210	205	183	185	<b>1197</b>	240	172					<b>1609</b>
Squad 2	282	321	337	358	336	348	<b>1982</b>	299	230					<b>2511</b>
Squad 4	149	163	169	184	173	188	<b>1026</b>	206	182					<b>1414</b>
Division 1	161	154	147	161	138	134	<b>895</b>	192	109					<b>1196</b>
Division 2	121	114	111	114	113	91	<b>664</b>	152	77					<b>893</b>
HazMat 1	5	2	3	1	3	1	<b>15</b>	3	2					<b>20</b>
Spec & HQ Units	9	6	5	6	15	10	<b>51</b>	20	5					<b>76</b>
Mutual Aid Units	17	6	16	14	30	18	<b>101</b>	25	13					<b>139</b>

**FY 2017/2018 "Code 111" Building Fire 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	0	4	3	2	7	2	18	9	3					30
Engine 2	1	3	4	3	4	1	16	5	4					25
Engine 3	1	2	1	1	3	1	9	5	1					15
Engine 4	0	2	1	1	2	1	7	2	0					9
Engine 5	1	2	3	2	7	1	16	8	3					27
Engine 6	0	2	2	2	6	1	13	6	3					22
Engine 8	0	4	1	1	4	2	12	3	0					15
Engine 9	0	3	1	1	3	1	9	4	0					13
Truck 1	1	5	4	3	8	2	23	10	3					36
Truck 2	1	2	1	1	5	1	11	6	2					19
Truck 3	1	3	4	3	7	1	19	7	3					29
Truck 4	0	4	1	2	3	3	13	5	0					18
Rescue 1	1	6	3	4	8	2	24	8	3					35
Squad 2	1	3	3	3	7	1	18	6	2					26
Squad 4	0	4	2	1	4	3	14	7	2					23
Division 1	1	4	4	3	7	1	20	7	4					31
Division 2	0	4	2	1	5	3	15	8	3					26

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

**Date: December 19, 2017**

**General Order No. 52; Series of 2017**

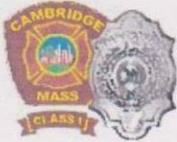
**Effective Date: January 7, 2018 at 0700 hours**

**Subject: Transfers**

Captain Matthew G. Wood from Engine Company No. 6 to Engine Company No. 3

Captain Jason A. Grimm from Engine Company No. 3 to Engine Company No. 6





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**Date: January 16, 2018**

**General Order No. 02; Series of 2018**

**Effective Date: January 21, 2018 at 0700 hours**

**Subject: Transfers**

Captain Philip G. Arsenault from Engine Company No. 1 to Fire Prevention  
Captain Jeremiah D. Hart from Fire Prevention to Engine Company No. 1

Firefighter Peter M. Benevides from Engine Company No. 1 to Rescue 1  
Firefighter Paul J. Finnegan from Ladder Company No. 4 to Engine Company No. 3  
Firefighter Brian M. Peebles from Engine Company No. 3 to Engine Company No. 1  
Firefighter Gregory Kirylo from Engine Company No. 9 to Ladder Company No. 4

Per order,

Gerard E. Mahoney  
Acting Chief of Department



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**Date: January 17, 2018**

**General Order No. 03; Series of 2018**

**Effective Date: January 21, 2018**

**Subject: Appointments**

The following members are appointed as Firefighters-on-Probation to the Cambridge Fire Department.

**David J. Landry**  
**Andrew D. Masse**

They will report to the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy in Stow, MA for Recruit Firefighter training at 0700 hours Monday, January 22, 2018.

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

Per order,

Gerard E. Mahoney  
Acting Chief of Department

Date: January 22, 2018

General Order No. 04; Series of 2018

Effective Date: January 27, 2018

Subject: Retirement, Captain Charles F. Murphy

Effective January 27, 2018 at 0700 hours, Captain Charles F. Murphy retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Captain Charles Murphy was appointed on March 17, 1985.

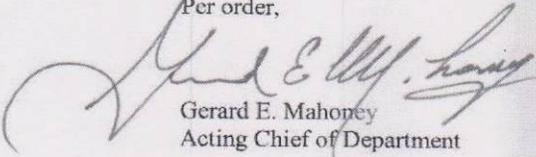
- May 5, 1985 Engine Company No. 8
- May 18, 1986 Ladder Company No. 3
- July 30, 1995 Engine Company No. 9
- July 11, 1999 Acting Fire Lieutenant/Pivot
- July 30, 1999 Promoted to Fire Lieutenant/Pivot
- February 20, 2000 Engine Company No.1
- February 18, 2001 Engine Company No. 2
- December 28, 2003 Engine Company No. 3
- July 29, 2007 Engine Company No. 9 /Acting Fire Captain
- November 4, 2007 Promoted to Fire Captain

Captain Murphy has faithfully served the citizens of Cambridge.

We wish Captain Murphy 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: February 22, 2018**

**General Order No. 06; Series of 2018**

**Effective Date: February 25, 2018**

**Subject: Appointment**

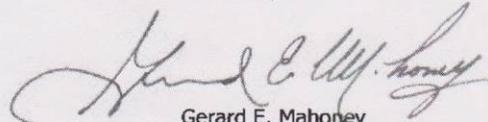
The following member is appointed as a Firefighter-on-Probation to the Cambridge Fire Department.

**Donald O. FitzGerald**

He will report to the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy in Stow, MA for Recruit Firefighter training at 0700 hours Monday, February 26, 2018.

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

Per order,



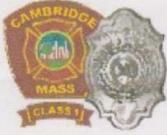
Gerard E. Mahoney  
Acting Chief of Department

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**Did you know?**

The BU Bridge has long held a distinction as the only bridge in the world where a boat can row under a train driven under a car driven under an airplane. However that's not exactly true. The Steel Bridge across the Willamette River in Portland, Ore., and the 25 de Abril Bridge in Lisbon, Portugal, claim the same quirky distinction.

Originally named the Cottage Farm Bridge (after a nearby Brookline neighborhood), the bridge was built in 1928. In 1949, a group of Boston University students lobbied state lawmakers to rename the bridge, which at the time marked the western boundary of the Charles River Campus.



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**Date:** February 27, 2018

**General Order No. 07; Series of 2018**

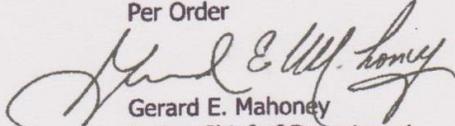
**Effective Date: March 4, 2018**

**Subject: Transfers and Assignments**

Firefighter John W. Bell from Ladder Company No. 3 to Engine Company No. 4  
Firefighter Zachary J. Bennett from Engine Company No. 9 to Engine Company No. 2  
Firefighter Michael S. DeAmbrose from Engine Company No. 6 to Ladder Company No. 4  
Firefighter John R. DeCoursey from Ladder Company No. 4 to Engine Company No. 6  
F.F.O.P. Nicolas C. Jacobs from Engine Company No. 3 to Ladder Company No. 3  
Firefighter Shayne W. McDonald from Engine Company No. 8 to Engine Company No. 6

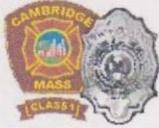
F.F.O.P. Wes L. Anderson assigned to Engine Company No. 6  
F.F.O.P. Stephen J. Boudrow assigned to Engine Company No. 6  
F.F.O.P. Matthew J. Duggan assigned to Engine Company No. 9  
F.F.O.P. Brendan G. Marshall assigned to Engine Company No. 9  
F.F.O.P. Corey J. McGrath assigned to Engine Company No. 9  
F.F.O.P. Michael P. Owens assigned to Engine Company No. 8  
F.F.O.P. Barry J. Paddock assigned to Engine Company No. 3  
F.F.O.P. Joseph J. Stegner assigned to Engine Company No. 8

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## Commendation



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**General Order No: 01; Series of 2018**

**Date: January 10, 2018**

**Subject: Commendation**

On Friday December 29, 2017 at 1019 hours ECC received Box 5221, The Charles Hotel at 1 Bennett Street.

FF Condorcet M. Roberts; Ladder Co. 2 was performing a hot-work fire detail in the garage of the hotel at the time. When the alarm activated he ordered the hot work to cease and instructed the workers to exit the building.

Upon investigation, he determined the alarm activation was caused by a fire in a dryer in the hotel laundry room. FF Roberts grabbed a dry-chemical extinguisher and without protective clothing or breathing apparatus operated several extinguishers on the fire, thereby confining it to the area of origin.

FF Roberts then met the arriving fire companies and directed them to the fire location.

Upon the recommendation of Captain Jason Grimm; (Act. Deputy in Div. 2) FF Condorcet M. Roberts is commended for his actions which were in the highest traditions of the fire service and the Cambridge Fire Department.

Per Order,

Gerard E. Mahoney  
Acting Chief of Department

## Quotes of the Day

“There has never been a man in our history who led a life of ease whose name has been worth remembering.” Theodore Roosevelt

Letters



January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Chief Gerald E. Mahoney  
Cambridge Fire Department  
491 Broadway  
Cambridge, MA 02138

Dear Chief Mahoney:

I want to thank the Fire Department, and especially the two members who came to our aid at HRI in the middle of the night of Sunday, December 31st. Without your assistance, we would have faced a much bigger disaster than what we did. Our burglar alarm had gone off and the police suspected that a pipe had burst and alerted your department. We are not only grateful for your swift response, but also for locating the valves to the failed pipe and shutting them down. Due to your quick and decisive action, we suffered only minimal damage. We have always appreciated your efforts and our admiration and gratitude continues to grow. Again, please extend our utmost appreciation to everyone. We hope that you, your team, and your families have a great new year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter Daly", is written over a blue circular stamp. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Peter Daly  
Executive Director, HRI

The following message was received via the Fire Department web site. This occurred on Cardinal Medeiros Avenue sometime on Friday January 5, 2018, (Group 2 on duty).

To Whom it May Concern,

I just wanted to reach out to your fire department and say thank you! Last Friday, I was attempting (and failing) to shovel out my car after the snow storm. 4 of your firemen were driving by, stopped, and all jumped out of the truck with shovels to help me clear out my car. I was so incredibly thankful. You have a wonderful department of extraordinary, helpful, and genuine employees! I cannot think of enough fabulous things to say. Thank you again!!

All the best,  
Ariel Schuman

### **Of Interest...**

Ladder Dogs!

If anyone remembers back to drill school or the basic firefighter training you may remember being shown how to use ladder dogs to secure a ground ladder to a window. If you weren't, you at least climbed over a ladder secured to a window by ladder "dogs".

While researching some old tools, **FF Howie Smith** found these photos of some old farrier tools that are actually called clinch cutters. Farriers were the people responsible for shoeing horses (and still are.)

The blade on the left was used for removing/scraping the soft "sole" of a horse's hoof. The right side was used as a pick to remove dirt before a new horseshoe was added.



He couldn't help but notice the resemblance that if you modified these tools by removing the blade and attaching a chain and loop, it looks very much like the ladder dogs used today.

Given that the fire service has a long history of "borrowing" tools from other professions for our own use, it might be possible! Pike poles were borrowed from the logging industry, positive pressure ventilation fans were borrowed from the hot air balloon hobby. There are probably others if anyone knows of more!

Does anyone know why ladder chains are called ladder dogs? We don't but are curious if you do! Please let us know!

**America's Heroes, FDNY - Lt. James E. Zahn/Lt. Peter L. Troiano Memorial Medal**

**Firefighter Michael R. Conicelli  
FDNY Engine Company 16**



August 30, 2016, 1758 hours, Box 8473, Manhattan

Appointed to the FDNY on May 25, 2004.

Member of the Holy Name and Emerald Societies. Recipient of one Service Rating A, two Unit Citations and three Pre-Hospital Saves.

On the evening of August 30, 2016, the members of Engine16 arrived at Manhattan Box 8473, where they were met by multiple people waving and pointing toward the East River. Although Engine 16 was assigned as the CFR-D engine, the scene they were about to encounter would require a different set of immediate lifesaving actions.

Quickly approaching the frantically pointing people, Lieutenant Michael McWeeney and FFs Michael Lynam, Michael Mongno, Joseph DeMaio and Michael R. Conicelli moved to the river's edge to assess the situation. Sixty feet from shore, they saw that a fully clothed adult male was losing a struggle to stay afloat in the East River.

The assigned water rescue unit was stuck in traffic and not yet on-scene. Yet it was immediately obvious that the struggling man was floundering in exhaustion. That was enough for FF Conicelli to see before taking the unhesitating initiative (without the benefit of a water rescue suit) to prepare for a water entry. As FFs Lynam and Mongno tied a utility rope securely around FF Conicelli, FF DeMaio rushed to retrieve a flotation device and Lieutenant McWeeney determined the safest point of entry into the river.

There was a strong northbound current to fight as FF Conicelli swam hard toward the victim, who now was facedown and going under. With selfless determination, FF Conicelli covered the 60 feet, arriving to find that the drowning man had completely submerged and was barely visible below the dark surface of the river. Nonetheless, FF Conicelli was able to grab hold of him and turn the victim's face out from the water, then place the barely conscious man between himself and the flotation device. While keeping the man's face free of the water, FF Conicelli held him secure with the flotation device as FFs Lynam, Mongno and DeMaio hauled the utility rope to help bring them in.

By now, the assigned water rescue unit, Ladder 7, had arrived and secured a FDNY 20-foot straight ladder in place at the edge of the sidewalk down to the river. Firefighter Devin Powers (wearing a water rescue suit) entered the river to assist FF Conicelli with stabilizing the victim against the ladder. Together, FFs Conicelli and Powers were able to secure the victim into a rescue harness specifically for water rescue use. Members of Engine16 and Ladder 7 hauled the victim up the ladder to the dry sidewalk, where waiting EMS personnel performed necessary care and transported the patient to the hospital.

With the nearly drowned victim now safely removed from the river, FFs Conicelli and Powers both removed themselves as well, climbing the 20-foot straight ladder out and to the conclusion of a job well-done. For his initiative and quickness of action demonstrated under perilous river circumstances and the bravery exhibited in executing this lifesaving rescue, FF Michael R. Conicelli is awarded the Lieutenant James E. Zahn/Lieutenant Peter L. Troiano Memorial medal.

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### **From the Tailboard...**

In the early 1900's when automobiles started becoming the norm, the streets of most cities got a lot louder with engines and horns. The traditional fire bell was no longer loud enough to clear streets. Something else was needed.

In 1923 two men named Robert Anderson and Frederick Rike patented a car/truck exhaust whistle built by Buckeye Iron and Brass Works in Dayton Ohio. Buckeye Brass Works already manufactured train and industrial whistles. The whistle was inserted into the truck exhaust in the exhaust pipe. The officer could pull a cord which would close a butterfly valve directing the exhaust through the whistle instead of out the muffler. The noise was absolutely deafening. (**Note:** maybe this would get the attention of the pedestrians and bikers with earbuds in and glued to cellphone screens!)

Credit to Vintage Fire Truck Magazine for story and photo.



Vintage fire truck magazine



### Social Media

As always, a regular reminder that Cambridge Fire is also on Facebook and Twitter



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THANK OUR VETERANS!**

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