



THE COMPANY JOURNAL And “The Feeder Line”

Fire Department News

Cambridge, Massachusetts

*From the desk of
Acting Chief Thomas F. Cahill, Jr.
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The last issue of The Company Journal and Feeder Line was sent out in September of 2021. As you can imagine, a lot has happened within the Cambridge Fire Department since then. Probably a little too much to fit into one issue. Consider this a rekindle in an effort to catch us up on department and personnel happenings. The plan going forward is to release an issue bi-annually.

Please e-mail any photos, notes, tips, etc. to wtyree@cambridgefire.org. We have had a lot of retirements since the last issue. If you know anyone who is not on the e-mail list, but would like to be, please have them email as well.

What's New

The Cambridge Firefighting Academy

With a large hiring class, and delays in reserving seats at the state academy, the idea of hosting our own Fire Academy came into view. The training division along with the department administration, and some key operations personnel developed and implemented The Cambridge Firefighting Academy. This was also made possible with help and resources from both Brookline and Boston Fire Departments, and the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. In September of 2022 the CFD put 24 people through the Fire Instructor 1 program. Those personnel, in addition to the 25 already certified, made up the instructor core for the academy. On October 1st, 2022, twenty-four recruits attended the academy introduction, better known as day zero. A month later the recruits came back to attend EMS training followed by day 1 of the Fire Academy on November 7th. Over the next 10 weeks the recruits attended 50 active training days. Twenty-two recruits graduated and became FFOP's on January 13th, 2023. This would not have been possible without all the support in house as well as support from our partnering fire departments. A special shout out goes to Assistant Chief Gover, DC Paul, DC White, and Lt. Morrissey whose combined experience and training knowledge made this possible.





RETIREMENTS

Since the last edition of the Company Journal, the following members have retired:

Deputy Chief Mark Cunningham on December 1, 2021; Appointed on April 24, 1988
Deputy Chief Edward B. Morrissey, Jr. on January 7, 2022; Appointed on March 17, 1985
Lieutenant Earl Howard on January 27, 2022; Appointed on June 21, 1987
Firefighter John J. Gallagher on March 6, 2022; Appointed on March 6, 1983
Lieutenant Christopher J. Melendy on March 22, 2022; Appointed on September 7, 1997
Captain Philip G. Arsenault on April 8, 2022; Appointed on June 27, 1993
Lieutenant David B. McKinley on April 15, 2022; Appointed on January 25, 1998
Deputy Chief Patrick E. Haggerty on June 29, 2022; Appointed on June 27, 1993
Captain Joyce Bowden on July 15, 2022; Appointed on November 14, 2004
Firefighter Terrence M. Coogan on August 16, 2022; Appointed on October 20, 2013
Fire Chief Gerard E. Mahoney on August 17, 2022; Appointed on March 6, 1983
Firefighter Michael S. Murphy on September 14, 2022; Appointed on March 6, 1983
Firefighter Joseph E. Nunley on October 11, 2022; Appointed on January 21, 2007
Firefighter Peter Mickiewicz on January 5, 2023; Appointed on September 23, 2007
Firefighter Jeffrey P. Turner on January 6, 2023; Appointed on June 21, 1987
Lieutenant Stephen J. Boyle Jr. on January 10, 2023; Appointed on June 21, 1987

PROMOTIONS

The following members have been promoted since the last edition of the Company Journal:

Effective October 31, 2021

Kenneth Albert to Captain
Joseph A Hallissey to Lieutenant
Edward B. Morrissey, III to Lieutenant

Effective January 16, 2022

Matthew Wood to Deputy Chief
Matthew B.F. Davison to Captain
Jon Powers to Lieutenant

Effective March 13, 2022

John R. Mulligan to Captain
Kyle J. McLaughlin to Lieutenant
Adam M. Shuman to Lieutenant
Keith Thorne-Bingham to Lieutenant

Effective April 24, 2022

Colin S. Walsh to Deputy Chief
Robert J. Jutras to Captain
Damien Mahaffey to Lieutenant

Effective December 4th, 2022

Brian Gover to Assistant Fire Chief

Effective January 8, 2023

Vinroy Paul to Deputy Fire Chief
Marvin Ramos to Captain
Ryan Murphy to Lieutenant

APPOINTMENTS

The following members have been appointed since the last edition of the Company Journal:

Effective September 12th, 2021

Michael G. Allain
Nathaniel A. Bachman
Daniel J. Curtin III
Taylor L. Davis
Jonathan M. Hart
Zachary S. Ingram
Matthew J. Reardon
Jesse M. Ribeiro
Taylor H. Soberg

Effective April 10, 2022

Patrick G. DeCoursey
Darrell B. Johnson

Effective May 22, 2022

Casey P. DiPanfilo

Effective October 2, 2022

Ryan J. Cheney
William T. Crowley
Zachary B. O'Neil
Brian N. Whalen

Effective October 30, 2022

Muna A. Anosike
Matthew J. Benoit
Columbine Miller
Khaneil R. Bruce
Sean D. Dillon
Michael R. Grenier
James D. Johnson
James Lawless
Zachary T. Love
Reid M. McCarthy
David M. McDermott
Terence J. McGeoghean
Allen R. McGlashing
John P. Phelan
Matthew B. Reagan
Matthew J. Riley
Chase R. Sanford
Paul L. Tague
Michael N. Wyche
Michael P. McNamara
Joseph R. Morrissey

Effective November 6, 2022

Nathan D. Pursley

Effective November 28, 2022

Fire Mechanic – Eric Lemay

FIREHOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

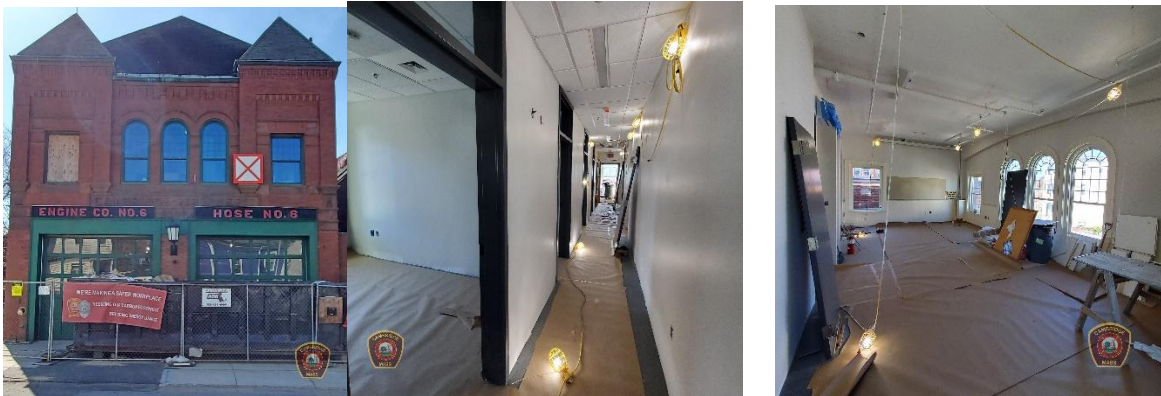
Renovations continue to the quarters of Engine 6 on River Street. From Chief Cahill's January newsletter, "We are close to having a decision from the city as to when work on the apparatus floor at Engine 6 will begin. We are optimistic the work will begin soon."

Engine 9 re-occupied their building on June 3rd, 2022! As of September, the renovation was substantially complete except for some punch list items.

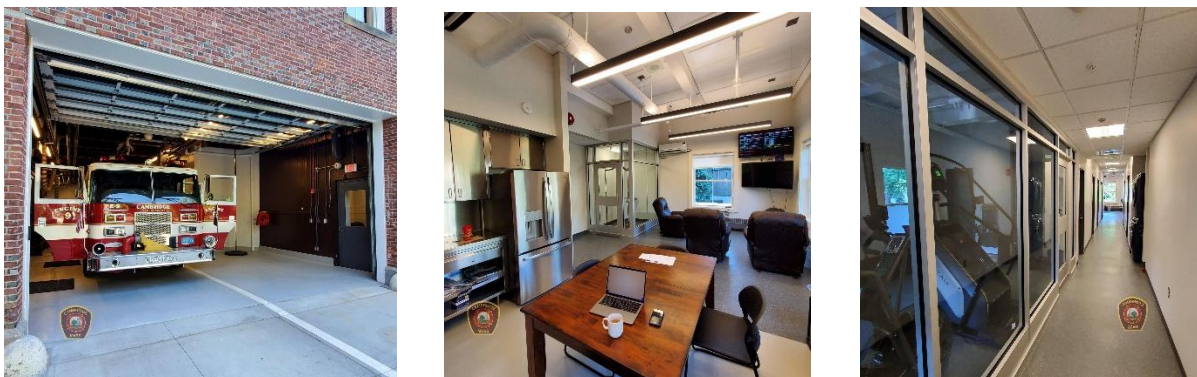
Rescue 1 was relocated to station 3 and the temporary station 10 has since been taken down.

The Fire Headquarters project has been delayed. The initial phase of the renovation is expected to begin this winter when the administration divisions move into a rented facility. Roughly a year after, E-1, L-1, and R-1 are expected to move into a temporary station on Hovey Ave. and work on the building will begin. The project is estimated to be completed in the summer of 2026.

Engine 6's Quarters – River St – built 1891



Engine 9's Quarters – Lexington Ave – built 1894



SIGNAL 10-15

The following members have passed away since the last edition.



Firefighter **Thomas J. Toomey** - Engine 3 retired - November 3, 2021
Firefighter **Michael E. Holtzclaw** - Headquarters retired - November 27, 2021
Firefighter **Francis L. Dudley** - Engine 9 retired - January 12, 2022
Firefighter **John A. McDonald** - Engine 9 retired - April 8, 2022
Firefighter **Harold F. Turcotte** – Retired- August 15, 2022
Lieutenant **Robert J. Fitzgerald** – Retired – October 21, 2022
Firefighter **Dominic A. Musto** – Retired – December 4, 2022

Active Duty Death

Fire Mechanic **Steven Lopez** Passed away on November 30, 2022 after a courageous battle with cancer.





Cambridge Fire Annual Totals - Calendar Year 2021

	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Bldg Fires</u>
Engine 1	2568	36
Engine 2	3645	39
Engine 3	1923	19
Engine 4	1487	16
Engine 5	2156	30
Engine 6	1339	34
Engine 8	1159	17
Engine 9	1476	15
Truck 1	1943	39
Truck 2	1319	26
Truck 3	2223	38
Truck 4	1628	25
Rescue 1	1835	48
Squad 2	2930	40
Squad 4	1875	31
Division 1	1593	47
Division 2	1081	25
Bike Team	50	
HQ & Spec'l Units	339	
HazMat 1	42	
Mutual Aid Units	217	
TOTAL	32828	

Emergency Incidents	14,995
Div 1 Incidents	8682
Div 2 Incidents	6313
Responses	32,828
EMS	7021
Building Fires	65
Inside Fires	770
All Fires	877
HazMat	184
CO contamination	62

Working Fires	6
Total Multiples	4
2nd Alarm	0
3rd Alarm	3
4th Alarm	1



Cambridge Fire Annual Totals - Calendar Year 2022

	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Bldg Fires</i>
Engine 1	3214	32
Engine 2	3899	26
Engine 3	2040	19
Engine 4	1841	18
Engine 5	2272	37
Engine 6	1485	28
Engine 8	1375	19
Engine 9	1472	13
Truck 1	2210	43
Truck 2	1365	26
Truck 3	2288	30
Truck 4	1797	23
Rescue 1	1778	43
Squad 2	3232	36
Squad 4	1930	37
Division 1	1671	37
Division 2	1297	25
Bike Team	41	
HQ & Specl Units	196	
HazMat 1	32	
Mutual Aid Units	224	
TOTAL	35659	

Emergency Incidents	16,484
Div 1 Incidents	9151
Div 2 Incidents	7333
Responses	35,659
EMS	7892
Building Fires	59
Inside Fires	877
All Fires	999
HazMat	215
CO contamination	73
Elevator Rescue	199

Working Fires	5
Total Multiples	4
2nd Alarm	4
3rd Alarm	0
4th Alarm	0

3-ALARM FIRE

On December 29, 2021, three alarms were ordered, Box 3-23, for the fire at 49 Webster Av, a 3-story, wood-frame, multi residence. Time of the box was 0724 hours. The fire was knocked down by 0825 with the “all-out” at 1440 hours. Group 1 was on duty. Sadly, one resident perished in this fire.



2-ALARM FIRE

On January 25, 2022, two alarms were ordered, Box 2-281, for the fire at 259 Broadway, a 3-story, wood-frame, occupied multiple dwelling. Time of the box was 1128 hours. The “all-out” was at 1513 hours. Group 1 was on duty.



2-ALARM FIRE

On July 6, 2022, two alarms were ordered, Box 2-38, for the fire at 171 and 173 River St., a 3-story, wood-frame, occupied multiple dwelling. Time of the box was 0028 hours. The “all-out” was at 0703 hours. Group 3 was on duty. In the early stages of the fire, firefighters of Ladder 1 & Ladder 3 rescued a trapped resident under heavy smoke conditions via a 35’ ladder in a rear alley.



WORKING FIRE

On August 30, 2022, the Working Fire were ordered, Box 45-89, for the fire at 365/367 Concord Av a 2 1/2-story, wood-frame, occupied multiple dwelling. Time of the box was 2305 hours. The “all-out” was at 0058 hours. Group 3 was on duty.



Working Fire

On October 31st, 2022, a working fire was ordered for box 45-685 at 45 Upland Road. This was a three story, occupied multiple dwelling. The time of the box was 0935 hours. A working fire was ordered at 0941 hours. All out was given at 1141 Hours. Group 2 was on duty.



Working Fire

On December 22, 2022, a working fire was ordered for box 45-9 at 66 Holworthy Street. This was a 1 ½ story wood frame dwelling. The time of the box was 1535 hours. A working fire was ordered at 1559 Hours. The All out was given at 1829 Hours.



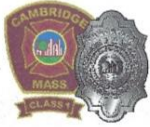
Technical Rescue

April 11, 2022. Companies were called to a construction site for a stabbing. Responding companies provided medical care and extricated two stabbing victims. One was removed via high angle operations.



Commendations

FF Cam Monagle



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Date: September 21, 2021

General Order No. 37; Series of 2021

Subject: Commendation

On September 8, 2021, at approximately 1912 hours, ECC received a call for an individual who had jumped off the Harvard Bridge into the Charles River. The Boston Fire Department had also received a call, and BFD companies witnessed the individual jumping as they arrived.

Cambridge Fire Companies Engines 1 and 2, Ladders 2 and 3, the Rescue along with Squads 2 and 4 and Division 1 were dispatched.

Off duty Firefighter Cameron Monagle, Engine Co. 5 was in his personal pleasure craft in the river with family members and also witnessed the individual jump into the water.

Firefighter Monagle brought his vessel alongside the victim and grabbed hold of him to prevent him from going under. The man became combative, which made Firefighter Monagle's efforts more difficult. He was able to hold him above water until the Massachusetts State Police Marine Unit was able to pull the man aboard their vessel.

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

Per order,

Gerard E. Mahoney
Chief of Department

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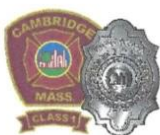
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FF Aaron Young



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Date: July 20, 2022

General Order No. 32; Series of 2022

Subject: Commendation

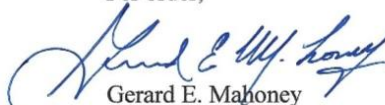
On Wednesday July 6, 2022 at 0028 hours, Emergency Communications received a 911 call reporting a kitchen fire on floor 2 of 171 River Street. Upon arrival fire companies reported smoke showing from a 3-story occupied wood frame multiple dwelling. While performing a reconnaissance of the conditions, Firefighter Ryan Murphy, Aide to Division 1, reported to the Incident Commander, Deputy Chief Colin Walsh a victim was straddling a window on the third floor on the Charlie side of the fire building.

Ladder Company 1, assisted by Ladder Company 3 raised a 35' ladder to the victim in the window. Firefighter Aaron Young of Ladder Company 1 ascended the ladder and brought the victim to safety. This operation, which resulted in the safe rescue of a victim from a smoke charged environment, was effected under difficult conditions. The victim later reported he had thrown his phone out the window and was prepared to jump until firefighters arrived.

FF Young commented that his experience and training is what allowed him to effect this rescue under these conditions.

His actions were in the highest traditions of the Cambridge Fire Department and the fire service, and he is hereby commended for his actions.

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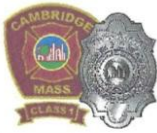


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Assistant Chief Brian Gover



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Date: June 28, 2022

General Order No. 28; Series of 2022

Subject: Commendation

On Tuesday June 14, 2022 at 1544 hours a 14 year-old child was struck by a motor vehicle in the vicinity of 897 Main Street in Melrose, MA.

Upon arrival the Melrose Fire Department found off-duty Cambridge Fire Deputy Chief Brian Gover administering first aid to the youngster who had sustained significant facial and chest lacerations.

Deputy Chief Gover had applied trauma dressings and bandages all while keeping the victim calm. He continued to work with the Melrose Fire personnel in preparing the victim for ALS transport to a Boston hospital.

Deputy Chief Gover's actions were in the highest traditions of the fire service and the Cambridge Fire Department, and he is hereby commended for his actions.

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Group 4: R1, E3, E6, S2, S4, L1, L4, D1, HM1, K1, and Fire details DC Grimm and Lt. Thorne-Bingham



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Date: November 17, 2021

General Order No. 42; Series of 2021
Subject: Commendation

Upon the recommendation of Deputy Chief Sean P. White.

At 0928 hours on November 9, 2021, the Emergency Communication Center (ECC) received a call for a broken high-pressure gas line at a construction site near the corner of Land Blvd and O'Brien Highway. Prior to arrival ECC directed the companies to the corrected address of 100 CambridgeSide Place, the CambridgeSide Mall.

Upon arrival, construction workers directed Division 1 to the construction area. A high-pressure gas main had been broken apparently by construction machinery and gas was leaking into the construction site, as well as the mall, and adjacent eight-story hotel. Companies were immediately assigned to the evacuation of the mall, as well as metering the area including the hotel to determine the need for evacuation. D1 assumed command, created a safe zone, and requested police to shut down the streets in the area. Division 100 assessed the evacuation of the construction site, the securing of hot work, confirmed all workers were at the muster point, and continued to update command throughout the incident.

Engines 3 and 6 were ordered to lay lines in preparation for protection of personnel who would make entry. On arrival, the Rescue Company was advised of the situation and prepared to make entry. Ladder 1 was assigned to be the Rapid Intervention Team and Ladder 4 was assigned as the back-up to the Rescue. HZ assisted on scene with metering of adjacent buildings and the exposed hotel. Fire Department personnel on paid detail secured assigned areas prior to arrival, making a seamless transition into emergency operations.

With the immediate concerns of the life hazard, in the adjoining mall and neighboring hotels, the Rescue Company was deployed to assess and possibly secure the gas main, which required the Rescue and Engines 3 and 6 to enter into an immediately dangerous to life and health (IDLH) environment. The coordinated effort and rapid securing of the broken high-pressure gas main resulted in a safe outcome for all the occupants in the affected buildings and members of the fire department. Companies remained on the scene utilizing fans and meters until gas readings throughout the buildings were brought back to normal range. K1 arrived on the scene to assist with reoccupying the construction sites.

The actions of all were in the highest traditions of the fire service and the Cambridge Fire Department, and they are hereby commended for their actions.

<u>Rescue 1</u>	<u>Engine 3</u>	<u>Engine 6</u>	<u>Squad 2</u>
Captain J. Gomes	Lt. P. Enos	Lt. P. Amenkowitz	Lt. I. Moynihan
FF J. McGourty	FF P. Russo	FF A. Mendonca	FF G. Gutoski
FF S. Boudrow	FF N. Navarrett	FF S. McDonald	
FF J. Moore			
<u>Squad 4</u>	<u>Ladder 1</u>	<u>Ladder 4</u>	<u>Division 1</u>
Lt. B. O'Neil	Lt. M. Francis	A/Lt. J. Cully	DFC S. White
FF R. Cherant	FF D. Landry	FF J. Bernard	FF C. Donnelly
	FF P. Morrissey	FF M. Duggan	

<u>HazMat 2</u>	<u>Fire Details</u>	<u>K1</u>
Lt. J. Martel	DFC J. Grimm	DFC B. Hugh
	FF K. Thorne-Bingham	

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Captain Jeremy Walsh

City of Cambridge Employee of the Year Awards – 2022

Captain Walsh was one of twelve City of Cambridge employees who was recognized as an Outstanding City Employee at a ceremony at City Hall on Friday May 13, 2022.



Department History

Rescue Company Anniversary - Ninety Years

Rescue Company No 1 marked 90 years of continuous service in March of 2022. The “all hazards” Rescue Company was organized in March of 1932. Notice this is the Porter Square Firehouse. Rescue 1 ran out of Porter square at the time. Thank you to all those brave firefighters who have worked on the Rescue, past and present.



Rescue Company No. 1 in 1932 – 1932 Ford Rescue



Rescue Company No. 1 in 2022 – 2016 Pierce Dash Heavy Rescue

“The Back Step”

Cambridge Firefighters riding the tailboard of Engine 5’s wagon during the blizzard of 1978. This photo was taken on Cambridge Street at Leonard Ave. near where the Spaulding is currently. At the time it was called The Holy Ghost Hospital.

Photo credit: Ed Morrissey Jr, DC Retired.



From left to right: FF Frank Bransfield, FF Sandy Francis, FF Frank Williams

“The Last Engine 7”

Written and submitted by FF Doug Boudrow

In Late 1971 and early 1972 four Maxim S Model pumpers were delivered to the Cambridge Fire Department. They had 1250 gpm pumps and 300-gallon water tanks. Built in Middleborough, MA, they were the first CFD pumpers to come new with diesel engines automatic transmissions, and single stage pumps. Each piece sported a Detroit 8-71 motor with an Allison automatic transmission. The 8-71 designation stood for 8 cylinders, 71 cubic inches each.

The pieces were assigned as the pumpers for Engines 1,4,7 and 9. At that time, engines companies ran with two pieces; a pumper and a wagon. Shop designation numbers were P7101-P7104. P7101 was assigned to Engine 1 and served at headquarters until it became spare Engine 10 in 1984. P7102 was assigned to Engine 9 from 1971 to 1986. At that time Engine 5 and Engine 9 swapped pieces. The 1979 Continental that was assigned to Engine 5 was moved to Lexington Ave and Engine 9 became a single piece engine. Engine 5 used this piece until 1989. At that time, it was sent to EJ Murphy Company in Hopkinton, MA, refurbishment. The roof was painted white to match the new department paint scheme and the rig was lettered for Engine 7 replacing P7103 which had served at the Kendall Square firehouse since being delivered new. P7103 became spare engine 11 at that time. P7104 served its entire CFD career assigned to Engine 4. It also got refurbished in 1989 and received the white roof and updated paint scheme. After being retired from CFD P7104 spent time as the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy.

Engine Company 7 was located at 350 Main Street in Kendall Square. On July 1st, 1993, the company was disbanded and the firehouse was closed. P7102 was reassigned as a spare piece still carrying the Engine 7 designation. As time went on, the aging piece was used less as a spare and more as a parade piece with occasionally being brought out to pressure test the standpipes in the MBTA stations. In October 2016 the piece was declared surplus and put up for sealed bid. There would no longer be an Engine 7 on the CFD roster. Several months later I had an opportunity to purchase the piece. We settled on a price and the work began.

New wheels and tires were the first priority in order to make the piece safe to drive. The oil, filters and other fluids were replaced as needed. The red and white paint was heavily waxed. The diamond plate was repainted, and the piece was equipped with period correct equipment. Future projects include getting the pump working again and tracking down a fuel pressure leak that is causing difficult starting in colder weather. The piece has been shown at multiple events and parades where it has won multiple awards. This piece of history will be preserved for future generations.

Cambridge (4) 1971 Maxim Pumps



Engine 1 Pump (1971-1984) # P7101
(Became Reserve Engine 10 in 1984)



Engine 4 Pump (1971-1995) #P7104
(Refurbished by E.J. Murphy in 1989)



Engine 7 Pump (1971-1990) #P7103
(Became Reserve Engine 11 in 1990)



Engine 9 Pump (1971-1986) #P7102
Engine 5 Pump (1986-1989)
(Refurbished in 1990 by E.J. Murphy)
Engine 7 Pump (1990-1993)



Engine 4 After Refurbishment in 1989



Engine 7 (X-E-9) After refurbishment in 1990
(NOTE: Engine Co.7 disbanded July 1, 1993)



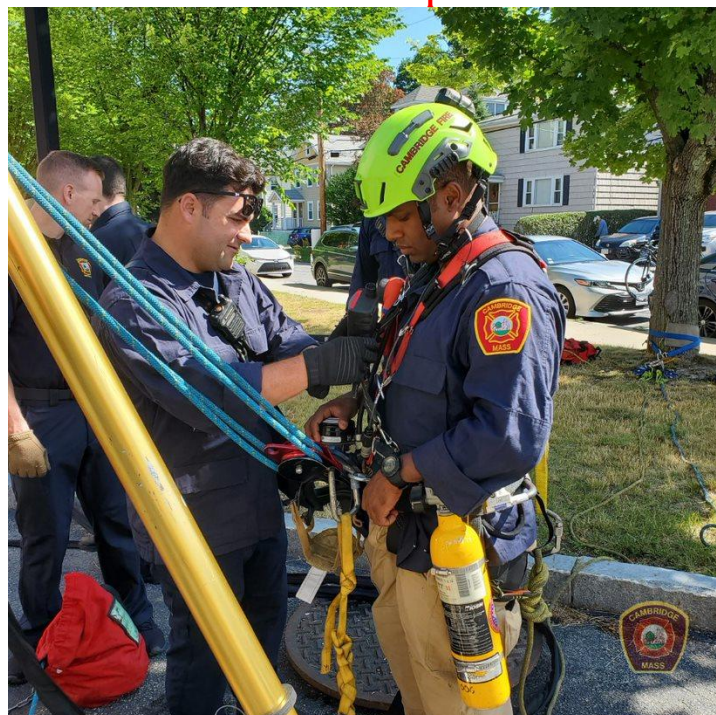
TRAINING

Fire Department training continues throughout the year on various topics and skills.

Surface Ice rescue



Confined Space



Advanced Forcible Entry



Marine operations



Pump and ladder Drills



Dive Rescue



HAZMAT



Mass Decontamination Unit



Community Involvement

The Cambridge Fire Department continues to be an active part of the community. Throughout the year, the department participates in open houses, station tours, community days, and charitable causes.

Toys For Tots



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“A good firefighter knows how. An educated Firefighter knows why.”

-Alan Joos

**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!**



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

