The Company Journal
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Fire Department News

Cambridge, Massachusetts

A Class 1 Fire Department

From the desk of

Chief Gerald R. Reardon

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What's New

Motorola Portables - In mid August, **Tech Services** started issuing companies new XTS 5000 Motorola portables to replace the older HT 1000's that are no longer serviceable by Motorola. The new portable radios were bought using a federal grant through the Urban Area Security Initiative to increase our inter-operability with other public safety agencies in the Boston area. Division 1, Division 2 and Headquarters companies were issued the first radios on a trial basis. The rest of the companies received their new radios shortly afterward.

Labor Day/ Local 30 MDA Fill-the-Boot report – Unfortunately the Local 30 Fill-the-Boot campaign was not active this year and the Cambridge Fire Department was not represented - between losing the MDA representative and some family difficulties of Chairperson **FF Howie Smith** (Ladder 1, Group 1). They hope to be out in full force next year!

Actor **Randolph Mantooth** (also known as FF/Paramedic John Gage from the 1970's television show Emergency) stopped by fire headquarters on Thursday October 29, 2010 and said hello to members of Group 1 – many of whom had no idea who he was.

The Annual Cambridge Fire Department/Cambridge Firefighters Local 30Toys-for-Tots Drive will commence on Monday November 1, 2010 and run until Saturday December 4, 2010

The Cambridge Fireman's Relief Association announces that the 122nd FIREFIGHTER'S BALL will be held on Saturday January 29, 2011. (GRP 2 working) at the *Royal Sonesta Hotel* –Grand Ballroom. Retirees, please RSVP your intention to attend to: Vice President **Mark Massiah** c/o CFD @ **Engine 5 Group 1**. Current Department Members contact Director @ Large **Peter Mickiewicz** c/o **L1 Group 3** for tickets and seating.

The department placed a 2010 Ford Van into service as the new Squad 2 replacing the 2005 model.

Twelve new recruits will be joining the department in November 2010 and will start the Mass Fire Academy Recruit program in January 2011.

All Companies Working

August 9, 2010 Box 789 was struck for a fire in a closet at **2 Washburn Terrace**. Engine 4 arrived and stretched a line but used a water can to extinguish a small fire in the closet. The fire was set by a 6 year old girl that lived in the apartment. Group 1 on duty.

August 23, 2010 – Mutual Aid to Somerville Box 219 for a 3 alarm fire at 34 Houghton Street. The fire was in an approx. 70 x 30 two and a half story attached row frame. Cambridge Engine 5 was first due and found heavy fire on the second floor, extended to the cockloft in the middle of the row. Group 4 on duty

August 23, 2010 – W/F, Box 742, 2161 Mass Ave – Engine 4 and Ladder 4 dispatched to a central station fire alarm. Engine 4 requested Box on discovering smoke on floor 1. Engines 8 and 1, Ladder 1, Division 2, Squad 4, Squad 2 filled out the assignment. The main body of fire was located in the basement and was extinguished. Working fire truck was Ladder 2 and used as RIT and Engine 9 covered Engine 8. Group 4 on duty. A/ Deputy Fire Chief Blake was in command.

August 27th, 2010 – Box 68, 3 alarms 68 Hubbard Ave - At 18:21 Cambridge fire alarm struck box 68 for a possible building fire with smoke from the roof of 48 Hubbard Ave. The 1st alarm assignment was Engines - 4,8,1 Ladders 4, 1 Rescue Co. 1, Squad 4 and Division 2. First arriving Squad 4 reported smoke showing. Acting DFC M. Cunningham (Div 2) reported two 2.5 story wood frames with heavy exterior fire. He quickly ordered a 2nd and 3rd alarm. The 2nd alarm brought (WF) E-9 L-2 Sq. 2 Div 1 (2ND) E-5, E-6 L-3 (3RD) E-3, E-2 Somerville E-3 and Somerville Tower 1. Two Additional ladder companies were requested bringing Boston L-15 and Waltham L-2. The fire was quickly cut off by the first arriving engine companies using multiple 2.5 inch lines. Group 2 on duty. A/Deputy Fire Chief Cunningham was in command

November 2, 2010 – **Box 495, W/F, 12 Adams Terrace** – fire on third floor of a three story wood-frame structure. Adams Terrace is a dead end of Roberts Road. First due companies were Engine 5, Engine 1, Engine 6, Ladder 1, Ladder 3, Squad 4, Rescue 1, Division 1, directed by Deputy Chief Turner. The W/F response included Engine 8, Ladder 2, Squad 2 and Division 2.

Out and About

Friends and family of the Cambridge Fire Department family participated in the Annual Local 30 Cambridge Fire Department Family Day at Canobie Lake Park on August 10, 2010.

Children of **LT Matthew Wood (Training Division)** and niece & daughter of **Glenn Turner (Tech Services)**
Photo by Glenn Turner

Wife (Chloe) and daughter (Izzy) of **FF Kyle Schweinshaut, Ladder 3** Photo by Glenn Turner

Engine 4, Squad 4 visited a field day at the Peabody School. Because of the high heat, **Capt Brogan** set up a spray for the children to cool down, which was a hit. Lei-Anne Ellis from Childcare and Family Support services was elated at the response to this impromptu water park/ rehab operation.

Photo by Lt. Vaillancourt (S-4)

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FF Stephan Jeffres, CAPT L. Brogan and **FF C. Babineau (Engine 4)**

July 2010, **FF Aaron Young (L-1)** at High Angle Class conducted at Boston Fire Training Academy at Moon Island

Photo by Capt Gover

More Tech Rescue Training with Boston Fire Department. September 22, 2010. Group 3.

FF M. Tiede and FF A. Shuman (R-1, Grp 3)

L-R, FF Ansello, Capt Gover, FF Calvert, FF M. Worley (Quincy FD), FF S. Kelley, LT Drewicz

FF Calvert, FF Kelley, FF Worley (Quincy), LT Drewicz, FF Tiede, FF Shuman, FF Ansello, Capt Gover

Three photos above by Tara Bithia

Eight members of the Cambridge Fire Department family represented the department as “Team Cambridge Fire” at the Boston Firefighters Road Race 17 Oct 2010. **FF Michael Travers Jr. (E-2), FF Shawn Flanagan (L-3), Deputy Fire Chief/Operations J. Gelinas, Deputy Fire Chief Burns (Tech Services), FF Jeff McGourty (R-1), FF Nicole Zedalis (R-1), FF Gary Plunkett (E-1)** and **FF Joe Hallisey (E-1).** Congratulations to the runners on a job well done.

Photo submitted by DFC Gelinas

Cambridge Fire Department participated in an MBTA Water Rescue exercise in Medford on Sunday October 24th. Dive Rescue 2,
Rescue 1, Dive Rescue 1, Squad 2 , C-15 and C-17 were involved in the Dive rescue element of the drill.

FF. Mickiewicz (L-1) and FF M. Tiede (R-1) – Photos by Lt Wood

All four groups of Cambridge Rescue 1 trained with Boston for Trench Rescue during the month of October

Photos above courtesy Capt S. White (L-1)

Not many people can save a life and have the thankful person come back to the station and say "Thank You", but **LT Bell (Engine 4)** did!
LT Bell received a gift from that thankful person. Exact details at press time were unknown but the life changing event occurred on Magnolia Ave. The life he saved? A ferret…

Photos above courtesy of FF L. Prunty (E-4)

From the Archives

The photo below depicts half of the Cambridge Recruit Class in 1985 – better known as “the Class of ’85”. Photo from **FF J. Brogan (E-9).** How many faces (albeit younger) do you recognize?

The following two photos were supplied by **LT Towski (Fire Prevention)** of the funeral of **FF John Cullinane** of Ladder 2 who died in the line of duty. The funeral is passing by Ladder 2's old house on Portland Street.

Photo by LT Towski

The second photo shows Engine 3's wagon and Ladder 2 an incident on Gore Street. Engine 3's pump (or it might be Auxiliary Engine 12 acting Engine 3) is in the background.

Photo by LT Towski

Unidentified photo below shows a Cambridge FF being cooled off with a high pressure booster line at an unknown fire. In the background appears to be Engine 5's old Ford/Robinson Hose wagon.

Photo by Neil Rossman

History and Tradition

Chief Engineer's helmet from Cambridge, MA. Found on display at the Brockton Fire Museum in 2009

Photo by M. Humphreys

DFC E. Morrissey provided the photo below of a 1950's GMC/Robinson Hose Wagon that belonged to Engine 50 of the Boston Fire Department. The Boston Fire Dept. had an identical hose wagon also assigned to Engine 42. The bodies on these units were made by the Robinson Boiler Works on Second Street in Cambridge.

Photo from collection of DFC E. Morrissey

Stats and Fires

Congratulations to the members of the **Lafayette Square firehouse (E-2, L-3, S-2)** on being the busiest firehouse in Boston MetroFire in this year's *Firehouse Magazine* survey with 8416 runs. The Huntington Avenue firehouse, Boston was second with 7170 and Broadway, Somerville was third with 6838.

Congratulations to the members of **Division 1** for being the busiest chief in Massachusetts in this year's *Firehouse Magazine* run survey. Cambridge Division 1 was first with 1583 runs, Brockton Car 56 was second with 1398, and Somerville C2 was third with 1336.For those of you who would like a lateral transfer to Hawaii, Honolulu Battalion 1 was listed with 143 runs for the year

FY 2010/2011 RUN TOTALS

	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Oct-10	Nov-10	Dec-10	**SBTTL**	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-11	May-11	Jun-11	**TOTAL**
Engine 1	232	225	234	235			**926**							**926**
Engine 2	275	238	241	264			**1018**							**1018**
Engine 3	161	130	116	127			**534**							**534**
Engine 4	151	126	129	133			**539**							**539**
Engine 5	178	167	161	171			**677**							**677**
Engine 6	128	112	97	113			**450**							**450**
Engine 8	122	112	105	110			**449**							**449**
Engine 9	114	86	81	81			**362**							**362**
Truck 1	173	199	189	201			**762**							**762**
Truck 2	108	103	87	111			**409**							**409**
Truck 3	205	167	155	200			**727**							**727**
Truck 4	160	143	140	143			**586**							**586**
Rescue 1	169	205	190	199			**763**							**763**
Squad 2	247	239	249	263			**998**							**998**
Squad 4	236	184	182	161			**763**							**763**
Division 1	153	141	125	142			**561**							**561**
Division 2	122	126	132	135			**515**							**515**
HazMat 1	0	0	0	2			**2**							**2**
Special Units	26	24	9	37			**96**							**96**
Mutual Aid Units	7	30	10	10			**57**							**57**
TOTAL	2967	2757	2632	2838	0	0	**11194**	0	0	0	0	0	0	**11194**

FY 2010/2011 Incident Totals														
	Jul-11	Aug-11	Sep-10	Oct-10	Nov-10	Dec-10	SBTTL	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-11	May-11	Jun-11	**TOTAL**
Responses	2967	2757	2632	2838			**11194**							
Incidents	1311	1150	1155	1195			**4811**							
Division 1 incidents	734	644	647	657			**2682**							
Division 2 incidents	577	506	508	538			**2129**							
Building fires	8	8	4	6			**26**							
Inside fires	48	50	69	73			**240**							
All fires	64	62	77	79			**282**							
EMS	545	524	554	534			**2157**							
Elevator Rescue	12	9	11	8			**40**							
Hazardous materials	14	16	22	20			**72**							
CO emerg	4	2	4	13			**23**							
Electrical hazards	47	31	43	30			**151**							
Malicious false	29	15	17	27			**88**							
Malfunction	145	119	114	122			**500**							
Unintentional	162	154	120	151			**587**							
Bomb threats	8	7	7	8			**30**							
Bomb/expl removal	0	0	0	0			**0**							
Structure collapse	2	0	0	0			**2**							
Total Multiple Alarms	0	1	0	0			**1**							
2nd Alarms														
3rd Alarms		1					**1**							
4th Alarms														
5th Alarms														
Working Fires	0	1			1		**2**							
HM Lev 1 "Working"														

Congratulations

Congrats to **Airman Patrick Sullivan** who graduated from United States Air Force boot camp at Lockland Air Force Base in Texas. He has now been assigned to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri for further training. Airman Patrick is the son of **FF Bill "Bumper" Sullivan** of Ladder Co. 1.

Congrats also to **Seaman Jeffrey Gelinas**, who graduated from United States Navy boot camp at Great Lakes, Illinois. He has now been assigned to Groton, Connecticut for additional training. Seaman Gelinas is the nephew of **Chief of Operations John Gelinas.**

CAPT Mary Jo Majors, NC, USNR (representing Cambridge) was presented with the Outstanding Woman Veteran of the Year Award, having been nominated by the City of Cambridge Dept of Veterans Services. Mary Jo is a Vietnam Era Nurse who served on Active

Duty in Tennessee caring for wounded warriors from the Viet Nam Conflict, and again in Bethesda during the Persian Gulf War. Mary Jo continues to serve her country in the Naval Reserves and has been a mentor to many military women.

Promotions

General Order #19 of 2010 - Effective Sunday, July 25, 2010:

Acting Fire Captain David Walles to Fire Captain
Acting Fire Lieutenant Matthew Wood to Fire Lieutenant

Retirements - None at this time

Transfers and Assignments

General Order #21 of 2010 - Effective Sunday, August 22, 2010 – **Fire Lieutenant Galvin C. Murphy** from Headquarters to Engine Company 9

General Order # 22 of 2010 – Effective Sunday, September 12, 2010:

Deputy Fire Chief Lester Bokuniewicz from Division 1 to Fire Prevention

Deputy Fire Chief Daniel J. Turner from Fire Prevention to Division 1

Through the Lantern Lens

Through the Lantern Lens **by Mose Humphrey**

On the city line between Cambridge and Somerville (at the intersection of South Street and Willow Street) is a firefighter memorial dedicated to two Somerville firefighters killed in the line of duty at a fire back in 1974. Although, they were not Cambridge firefighters, their story merits some interest and has local ties.

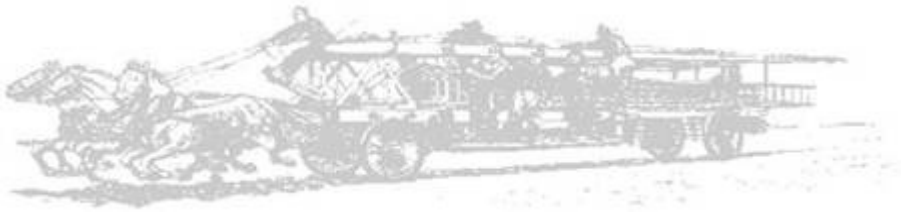
On June 10, 1974 at 8:20 pm, Box 21 was sounded for a fire in the Arrow Paper warehouse on Harding Street in Somerville. Firefighters Joseph Reilly and Robert Brickley, both members of Engine Company 2, died in the line of duty when the rear (north side) wall collapsed. Engine Company 3 (from Union Square) the assigned first due company, was covering Cambridge Engine 5 at the time because Cambridge had a fire going on already. (Editor note: had they not been at a fire in their own city, Cambridge Engine 5 would have responded to Somerville on a line box.)

At the time of their deaths, Firefighter Reilly was one of the most senior members of the department and Firefighter Brickley was one of the youngest (with just 4 months on the job).

A memorial to the two fallen firefighters was dedicated on June 6, 1999, marking the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Supreme Sacrifice made by Firefighters Joseph Reilly and Robert Brickley. Members are encouraged to visit the memorial and remember the sacrifices brother and sister firefighters from all departments make.

Photos by M. Humphreys

Another interesting note about Firefighter Reilly is that there is also a plaque (with photo) aboard the decommissioned battleship the USS Massachusetts which is now moored at Battleship Cove in Fall River, Massachusetts (as a museum) honoring Joseph Reilly for his service to the United States Navy aboard the USS Massachusetts.
-Information obtained from the Somerville Local 76 and the City of Somerville Fire Department websites.



Signal 10-15

---The Chief of Department regrets to announce the death of **Firefighter Philip A. Paris** of Tower Ladder Company No. 2 - retired**.** Firefighter Paris was appointed to the Cambridge Fire Department on 7 May 1978. His assignments were as follows:

2 July 1978	Engine Company No. 3
27 April 1980	Aerial Tower Company No. 1
12 September 1993	Engine Company No. 3
18 January 1998	Tower Ladder Company No. 2
6 January 2008	Headquarters

FF Paris retired on 26 February 2010. He died on 4 September 2010. He was born on 20 April 1952. Firefighter Paris was a veteran of the United States Army.

---The Chief of Department regrets to announce the death of **Fire Captain Edward L. Rose** of Engine Company No. 9 - retired**.** Fire Captain Rose was appointed to the Cambridge Fire Department on 1 May 1966. His assignments were as follows:

1 May 1966	Training Drill School
29 May1966	Engine Company No. 2
29 October 1972	Aerial Tower Company No. 1
12 January 1975	Engine Company No. 3
5 December 1976	Promoted to Acting Fire Lieutenant – Engine Company No. 1
13 Mach 1977	Promoted to Fire Lieutenant
16 November 1980	Ladder Company No. 3
9 May 1982	Promoted to Fire Captain – Ladder Company No. 3
2 January 1983	Ladder Company No. 2
31 March 1991	Engine Company No. 6
14 February 1993	Engine Company No. 9

Fire Captain Rose retired on 24 September 1994. He died on 10 September 2010. He was born on 30 May 1935.
Fire Captain Edward L. Rose was a veteran of the United States Navy.

---The Chief of Department regrets to announce the death of **Firefighter William A. Lawson** of Engine Company No. 9 - retired**.** Firefighter Lawson was appointed to the Cambridge Fire Department on 16 June 1957. His assignments were as follows:

16 June 1957	Engine Company No. 7
10 September 1961	Ladder Company No. 3
3 January 1971	Engine Company No. 9

FF Lawson retired on 29 April 1981. He died on 18 October 2010. He was born on 4 November 1930.

Firefighter William A. Lawson is the brother of Fire Lieutenant Francis L. Lawson of Engine Company No. 8 – deceased.
He is the uncle of Firefighter Kevin F. Lawson of Ladder Company No. 3.

The Chief of Department regrets to announce the death of **Firefighter Francis J. Higgins** of Engine Company No. 4 - retired**.** Firefighter Higgins was appointed to the Cambridge Fire Department on 15 April 1956. His assignments were as follows:

15 April 1956	Ladder Company No. 2
19 Jan 1969	Engine Company No. 8
15 April 1979	Engine Company No. 4

Firefighter Higgins retired on 28 January 1981. He was born on 1 July 1923. He died on 5 July 2010.

Firefighter Higgins was a United States Navy veteran of World War II. As Gunner's Mate Second Class, he served on the ***Liberty Ship Benjamin Rush*** and on the ***USS LST-706***. LST-706 participated in the Leyte landings in November 1944 and the Lingayen Gulf landing. He was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific 2 star bronze Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Theatre Medal, the American Theatre Medal, the Philippine Liberation Medal 1 star, Good Conduct Medal, and the WWII victory Medal.

The Chief of Department regrets to announce the death of **Deputy Fire Chief Edward L. Dudley,** of Fire Headquarters - retired**.** Chief Dudley was appointed to the Cambridge Fire Department on 4 February 1951. His assignments were as follows:

4 Feb 1951	Ladder Company No. 3
21 Feb 1965	Promoted to Fire Lieutenant, pivot Engine Company No. 4/Engine Company No. 9
9 Jan 1966	Ladder Company No. 3
5 March 1972	Promoted to Acting Fire Captain, Ladder Company No. 2
21 May 1972	Promoted to Fire Captain, Ladder Company No. 2

18 Jan 1981	Engine Company No. 6
10 Jan 1982	Promoted to Deputy Fire Chief, Property Office
18 July 1982	Administrative Aide to the Chief of Department

Chief Dudley retired on 20 September 1986. He was born on 12 August 1927. He died on 4 November 2010.

Chief Dudley was a United States Army Veteran of World War II.

Condolences to:

Condolences to the friends and family of **Herbert Kelley Jr**. Former Fire Alarm Operator/Dispatcher; Cambridge ECC
Condolences to **Lt. David Pierce** (FIU) on the passing of his brother Tom Pierce
Condolences to **Captain David Walles** (Training Div) on the passing of his brother Albert Walles
Condolences to ECC Supervisor **Larry Silva** on the passing of his mother Evelyn Silva
Condolences to **FF Howard Smith** (Ladder 1) on the passing of his uncle Courtney DeBlois

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Letters

The following letter was written on July 14, 2010

July 14, 2010

Dear Chief, I wanted to write this letter to thank members of your Department for their assistance on July 10. We had what was almost a critical incident in the McGrath Highway tunnel. A woman was rescued from the top of her car. WE still had four cars submerged in the tunnel. I called the State Police and Cambridge dive teams to the scene to conduct a search. Deputy Chief Paul Sheehan and FF Ed Oliver responded with members of the dive team. FF Paul Morrison suited up with a Sergeant from the State Police and conducted a search of the submerged vehicles. Thankfully no victims were found. I'm sorry but I do not know the other members of the dive team who responded.

I was impressed by the professionalism of all your members who responded and I am personally thankful for their service.

Respectfully submitted,
James C. Hodnett
Deputy Chief
Somerville Fire Department

(*Editor's note: Group 2 was on duty and responded with Rescue 1, Dive Rescue 1 and Division 2*)

The following letter was received in late July

Hello Chief Reardon,

On July 23 I found myself in an emergency situation. I broke a cable and had no way to steer my boat. I was in front of the Constitution Marina without steerage and was drifting toward the marina when I flagged down your fire boat group 3 and asked if they could keep me from drifting into the marina. The crew went right to work and secured my boat to the fire boat with great professional care. The fire boat stayed with me until SeaTow arrived and took me under tow. Chief Reardon, I would like to thank you and the crew of the fire boat group 3 for their help as I was in a bad situation.

Thank you,
Paul McDougall
87A Thirteen Street
Charlestown, MA 02129

(*Editor's note: Group 3 was on duty*)

The following letter was written on July 21, 2010

Dear Chief Reardon,

July 6, 2010 Saugus Fire Alarm received a call reporting a missing boater in the vicinity of the public boat launch on the Saugus River. The man's boat was found adrift in the vicinity but his pickup truck and trailer was missing from the parking lot. The Cambridge Fire Department Dive Team was called to the scene. Their response was very quick. Deputy Chief Mahoney conferred with the Saugus Incident Commander and the dive team went to work. A search pattern was established and the victim was located, secured and removed from the water.

It should be noted that the Saugus River is well known for its swift tidal currents and it's almost impossible visibility. The skill and professionalism of the Cambridge Fire Department Dive Team was remarkable. Their dogged efforts in this difficult waterway gave a family closure on what could have been a very long missing person search. On behalf of the deceased's family, the citizens of Saugus and the Saugus Fire Department, please convey my sincere thanks to this dedicated team of professionals.

Sincerely,
Chief James L. Blanchard

(*Editor's note: Group 4 was on duty and Rescue 1, Dive Rescue 1, Div 1, Squad 2, Motor Boat 2, C-17responded*)

The following letter was received in October 2010

Dear Sirs,

We recently had to call on the Cambridge Fire dive team to help find a motorist who lost control of her vehicle and plummeted into the Pines River on the Revere, Saugus line of Route 107. The team made a remarkably fast response and was in the water conducting a search in no time. The river is very swift and dangerous in this area as it funnels through a narrow bridge. It is also a dumping spot for tossed shopping carts, old bikes, truck and car parts. In short it is a very hazardous environment and affords near zero visibility. The professionalism and team effort of the entire Cambridge Dive Team under very dangerous conditions is a tribute to the training and dedication of these dedicated firefighters. On behalf of the citizens of Saugus, The Saugus Fire Department and the family of the deceased motorist, please accept my sincere thanks for mitigating a very difficult and dangerous recovery.

Sincerely

Chief James L Blanchard

August 17, 2010

Chief Gerald R. Reardon
Cambridge Fire Department
491 Broadway
Cambridge, MA 02138

Dear Chief Reardon,

We would like to express our sincere thanks to you and the members of the Cambridge Fire Department for the recent show of respect and support given to our Dad, retired Cambridge Firefighter Francis J. Higgins at his wake and funeral.

He was proud of the 25 years of service to the City as a member of the Cambridge Fire Department. The presence of the Honor Guard to his company truck as part of the funeral procession was a heartfelt last farewell show of respect to a retired brother. We know he would be smiling with pride.

Sincerely,

The Family of Francis J. Higgins

9-10-10
Williston Road
Belmont, MA 02478

Cambridge Fire and Emergency Department

Dear Sirs and Madam,

Even though this letter is somewhat late and, I apologize for its lateness, I do wish to THANK EVERYONE on your staff, especially Ms. Joyce Bowden, for assisting me on Aug., 19, 10 at my doctor's office at 725 Concord Ave., Cambridge and transporting me safely and professionally to Mount Auburn Hospital's Emergency Department.

I greatly appreciate all your kindness towards me.

With sincere gratitude and best wished to all,

Kaethe Frey

Engine 8, Squad 4, and Professional Ambulance PM3 were dispatched to this incident, Incident # 10001941, Still Alarm at 1340 hours on 19 August 2010. Members on duty were:

Engine 8: ***FLT. James Drewicz., FFs Gary Nangle*** *and* ***Joseph Nunley***
Squad 4: FLT. ***James Gomes*** *and* ***FF Joyce Bowden***
Professional Ambulance PM3: ***Paramedic Jon Ryan*** *and* ***EMT Nate Dubreuil***

October 28, 2010
To: Mahoney, Gerard E
Cc: Cherant, Reneau
Subject: Fire Evacuation Procedures

Deputy Chief Gerard Mahoney,

Gerry,

By now you may have received a letter from Alison Cservenschi, from the Elder Service Plan of the Cambridge Health Alliance thanking **Firemen Reneau Cherant**, for the great work he did in developing and presenting the Fire & Evacuation Procedures for the Cambridge Health Alliance employees. I just wanted to let you know that Reneau was a true professional in all that he did. He was easy to work with, was always prepared and has a tremendous knowledge and expertise in the topic presented and never complained once about repeatedly teaching the course material. I hope that I am able to work with Reneau in the future, he is a true professional of which you should be very proud.

Sincerely,

Dave Degou
CHA Public Safety

Safety!!!

Information about the following photo is unknown and this photo has been circulating the internet. When using an aerial be mindful of the position of the master stream nozzle and if applicable, move it back to the "rescue" or second fly position when operating near roofs. When in doubt consult your SOP's, training division, training manuals or manufacturer recommendations. Please be careful out there and know your equipment! Credit to original photographer.

America's Heroes

Medal of Honor – Carl L. Sitter - Korean War

Rank: Captain United States Marine Corps, Company G, 2rd Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division (Rein). Place and Date: Hagaru-ri, Korea, 29 and 30 November 1950

Citation reads: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life and above and beyond the call of duty as commanding officer of Company G, in action against enemy aggressor forces.

Ordered to break through enemy infested territory to reinforce his battalion the morning of 29 November, Capt. Sitter continuously exposed himself to enemy fire as he led his company forward and, despite 25 percent casualties suffered in the furious action, succeeded in driving through his objective.

Assuming the responsibility of attempting to seize and occupy a strategic area occupied by a hostile force of regiment strength deeply entrenched on a snow-covered hill commanding the entire valley southeast of town, as well as the line of march of friendly troops withdrawing to the south, he reorganized his depleted units the following morning and boldly led them up the

steep, frozen hillside under blistering fire, encouraging and redeploying his troops as casualties occurred and directing forward platoons and they continued to drive to the top of the ridge.

During the night when a vastly outnumbering enemy launched a sudden, vicious counterattack, setting the hill ablaze with mortar, machinegun and automatic-weapons fire and taking a heavy toll in troops, Capt. Sitter visited each foxhole and gun position, coolly deploying and integrating reinforcing units consisting of combat team and instilling in every man the will and determination to hold his position at all costs.

With the enemy penetrating his lines in repeated counterattacks, which often required hand-to-hand combat, and, on one occasion infiltrating to the command post with hand grenades, he fought gallantly with his men in repulsing and killing fanatic attackers in each encounter.

Painfully wounded in the face, arms, and chest by bursting grenades, Capt. Sitter staunchly refused to be evacuated and continued to fight on until a successful defense of the area was assured with the loss to the enemy of more than 50 percent dead, wounded and captured. His valiant leadership, superb tactics, and great personal valor throughout 36 hours of bitter combat reflect the highest credit upon Capt. Sitter and the U.S. Naval Service.

Editors note: This year marks the 60th anniversary of the Korean War that started on June 25, 1950.

Quotes of the Month: "Great thoughts speak only to the thoughtful mind, but great actions speak to all mankind."

"Never throughout history has a man who lived a life of ease left a name worth remembering."

-Theodore Roosevelt, 26th President of the United States

Information

Please submit any information, photographs, or narratives for inclusion in the ***Company Journal***.

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

Visit the Cambridge Fire Department website at www.Cambridgefire.org

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

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!

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