The Company Journal
and "The Feederline"

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

Congratulations to FFOP's **John Bernard, Phillip Chandler, Michael Donnelly, Tyler English, Candice Murphy, Robert Sullivan, Kevin Thompson, Keith Thorne-Bingham and Martin Townsend** who all successfully graduated from the Massachusetts Firefighting Recruit Program on March 25, 2011. Our own **FF Reneau Cherant (Squad No. 2)** was the guest speaker at the graduation and spoke about his experiences in assisting with the relief effort following the earthquake in Haiti.

FFOP's Murphy Aquaro and **Joseph Bokuniewicz** are also new additions to the department**.** There will be a Swearing-in/Promotional/Commendation Ceremony at City Hall on June 10, 2011 at 0930 hours. All are welcome to attend and support those being recognized.

Taylor Square Re-Dedication Ceremony- Another important date that just passed was May 25th, when the Taylor Square fire station was re-dedicated in honor of Fred Taylor. Fred Taylor was a Cambridge resident who was killed in action during World War I.

> ***TAYLOR, FRANK JOSEPH****, Electrician, 1st class, USCG, (mother, Mrs. Anna J Taylor, 4 Winslow Street, Cambridge, Mass), USS Tampa, ex-USCG Cutter, ocean escort, left escort of HG.107, torpedoed and sunk by UB.91 off Bristol Channel in 50.40N, 06.19W (total of 115 crew and 16 passengers lost), September 26, 1918*

Cambridge Lighting Plant - In keeping with the Fire Company patches, the Cambridge Auxiliary Department is the latest addition to join the ranks.

Retirees- We are always looking for news, updates and photos from our friends that have retired from the Cambridge Fire Department family. Please send any information to **Chief of Operations Gelinas** or **Firefighter Howie Smith (Ladder Co. No. 1) hmaxims@yahoo.com**

Firefighters Memorial Sunday – Will be observed on Sunday, June 12, 2011. All members are encouraged to participate. Members will line up outside the Cambridge Cemetary at 0930 hours in Summer Class "A" uniforms to honor those departed members that came before us.

Engine 4 – The new Engine 4 has been completed and sent from Pierce in Appleton, Wisconsin to Minuteman Trucks in Walpole. From Walpole, it will soon be sent to the Motor Squad for final prep work before being placed in service.

Photo by Mark Roche (Captain, Newton FD)

With warmer weather coming up, MDA Chairperson, **Lt. Brandon Hugh (Engine Co. No. 5)** will once again be asking for the support of department members. Just two hours of your time at one of the "Fill-the-Boot" events planned for the spring/summer/fall would make a huge difference! There will be an MDA Representative for each group. Group 1, **FF Howie Smith (Ladder Co. No. 1**), Group 2 **Lt. Mike Francis (Engine Co. No. 1),** Group 3, **Lt. Brandon Hugh (Engine Co. No. 5)** and Group 4, **FF Phil Chandler (Ladder Co. No. 4).** PLEASE contact one of your reps and help represent Local 30 in a good light. The MDA and the IAFF have had a long partnership that we hope to continue in proud fashion.

Porter Square "T" Elevator – A reminder was sent out to department members in March about the elevator being out of service in the Porter Square MBTA station for the next year while it is replaced. The "T" station is one of the deepest stations in the United States at 105 feet underground. It was built deep due to the MBTA's decision to build the station in rock rather than soft clay, saving time and money in the construction process back in the early 1980's.

Some additional information on the Porter MBTA from **DFC Ed Morrissey (Division 1):**

It contains an unusually deep set of escalators (143 feet long) descending three levels
There are 60 steps from street level to the mezzanine

There are 117 steps from mezzanine to the upper platform

There are 22 steps from the upper platform to the lower platform.

This is 199 total steps to climb with a patient in the stair chair.

The lower platform is 105 feet below street level. (*On the plus side you gain 50 lbs forward pressure in the standpipe!)*

Local 30 Canobie Lake Park Day - Mark your calendars now! Thursday, August 11, 2011 Group 3 is working. More detailed information to follow! Any questions please contact:
Mike Dwyer, Ladder Co. 1, Group 1, 978-375-4096 (Cell) or 617-714-5030 (Firehouse)
MDwyer1@CambridgeFire.org –or- MDwyer65@gmail.com

Parade - The Massachusetts Antique Fire Apparatus Association will hold their 34th Anniversary Fire Truck Parade and Fire-matic Flea Market on June 11, 2011 in Lynnfield. There is NO admission charge! Antique and modern fire apparatus will be on display as well as food vendors. This is a great family day for those future firefighters.

All Companies Working

March 18, 2011 – 2nd Alarm fire, area of Gilmore Bridge. Companies were dispatched to a reported motor vehicle fire under the bridge. On arrival, they discovered a debris pile on fire under the bridge that was fed with flammable mineral oil that leaked from the burning and deterioration of the overhead electrical wires. A working fire was transmitted by DFC Turner and Boston Fire Department also transmitted a box alarm assignment and operated on the other side the railroad tracks. After the fire was knocked down, a 2nd alarm was transmitted to assist with the hazardous materials aspect of the incident.

March 22, 2011 – Level I Working Hazmat, 675 West Kendall Street, a researcher spilled acid on her leg resulting in burns to her leg. Patient was cleansed, materials left in lab for proper disposal and incident terminated.

April 1, Water Rescue, Longfellow Bridge at Storrow Drive, Companies responded with Boston to a report of a female that jumped off the bridge/possible suicide. The woman was brought ashore on the Boston side, but Cambridge companies continued searching using the boat for children that were allegedly with the woman. The children were found to be safe in Florida.

April 6, 2011 – 1 Alarm, 31 Holyoke Street, Malkin Athletic Center, Box 47 was struck for the odor of burning in the building. Companies found a pile of rags burning in the basement which was extinguished with a pressurized water can.

April 6, 2011 – Mutual Aid, Arlington, 3rd Alarm, 100 Appleton Street, Box 644. Engine 4 responded to Arlington Headquarters to cover on their 2nd alarm fire. The 3rd alarm was struck sending Engine 4, Squad 4 and Division 2 to the fire on the third alarm.

April 9, 2011 – 1 Alarm, 55 Hayward Street, Box 255, Companies responded to a fire alarm sounding and found water coming from under a loading dock door. Further investigation revealed a smoke condition and fire in the kitchen area that was extinguished by the sprinkler system.

April 9, 2011 – 1 Alarm, 90 Norfolk Street, Box 28, Box was transmitted for a fire in apartment. On arrival, companies found a partially extinguished mattress fire that was wet down with a pressurized water can and removed to the exterior.

April 9, 2011 – 1 Alarm, 550 Memorial Drive, Box 343, Companies responded for an MIT alarm at Tang Hall. On arrival A/DFC Jenness filled out the assignment for the odor of burning with alarm activations on all the upper floors. Companies found a plastic trash bin that was burning in the trash room on the first floor and was extinguished by the sprinkler system. Fire was overhauled and sprinkler system was shutdown.

April 16, 2011 – Mutual Aid, Belmont, Working Fire Box 461, 26 Marine Street, Engine 9 and Ladder 1 covered in Belmont during their working fire.

April 19, 2011 – 1 Alarm, 170 Coolidge Hill Road, Box 565, Companies called to investigate smoke condition. Upon arrival, E-9 reported fire in the third floor ceiling. E-9 advanced hand-line to third floor. L-1 opened ceiling in area of fire. L-4 threw stick to roof. E-8 advanced back-up line to third floor. E-1 stood by with third hand-line at street level. Rescue and S-4 performed primary and secondary search. L-3 and S-2 were RIT team. E-6 staged on deputy's orders.E-9 extinguished fire with hand-line and all companies assisted in salvage and overhaul.

April 28, 2011 – 2nd Alarm, 216 Harvard Street, Box 28
Smoke showing on arrival from a 2 story wood frame dwelling. Companies pursued an aggressive interior attack . All the fire was in the cock loft and companies had to pull the entire 2nd floor ceiling to get to heavy fire above. Ladder 3 opened up the roof and Engines 6 and 2 used hand lines to knock down the fire. Primary and secondary searches were done by the squads and Rescue and all were negative.

Photo by Jay Connor

2nd alarm, Box 28, 216 Harvard Street

Photo by Jay Connor

Lt. John Kotowski (Ladder Co. No 1) taking a rest after the fire, Box 28, 216 Harvard Street

April 30, 3011 – Mutual Aid, 3rd Alarm, Waltham, 18 Norumbega Terrace. Division 2, Ladder 1 and Squad 4 responded to Waltham on their third alarm. Squad 4 worked the interior on floors 2/3. Ladder 1 was assigned as the RIT and assisted with ladders and lighting.

May 5, 2011 – Level 1 Haz-Mat, 50 Vassar Street, MIT. Companies responded to a reported chemical spill in the hallway at MIT, Building 36. One student was evaluated by EMS. Spill was actually in a hood and fumes vented out hood.

May 8, 2011 – 1 Alarm, 39 JFK Street, Box 5161 – Fire alarm was received from this address and on arrival, companies found water flowing from building; water gong operating. Forced rear door and found sprinkler head operating above rear door near exhaust fan. Wiring in area and/or fan ignited posters and other material stored there. Sprinkler extinguished fire.

Cambridge Fire Softball Team

It's that time of year again! Softball season is back and the first game was on **May 9th 2011** at St. Peters Field. We are hoping to have willing players who are able to show up each week and PAY $65 which will include a new uniform t-shirt and hat. NO PAY, no uniform. If you are interested in playing, please have money ready on game 1!!

For more info contact, Ameer Moustafa Gr.3, Francis X. Gallagher Gr.1, or David Vigilante Gr.1

Softball Schedule:

JUNE 6 MON - 6:00 P.M. HOYT - **F.S.C** VS. CAMBRIDGE FIRE - **GP.2**

JUNE 13 MON - 6:00 P.M. HOYT - **CAMBRIDGE FIRE** VS. WIZARDS - **GP.3**

JUNE 20 MO - 6:00 P.M. ST. PETERS - **CAMBRIDGE FIRE** VS. DONAHUES - **GP. 1**

JUNE 27 MON - 6:00 P.M. HOYT - **CAMBRIDGE FIRE** VS. SUNSET - **GP. 2**

JULY 11 MON - 6:00 P.M. HOYT - **CLUB SOUZA** VS. CAMBRIDGE FIRE **GP. 4**

JULY 18 MON - 8:00 P.M. ST. PETERS - **CAMBRIDGE FIRE** VS. F.S.C. **- GP. 3**

JULY 25 MON - 8:00 P.M. ST. PETERS - **WIZARDS** VS. CAMBRIDGE FIRE - **GP.4**

AUGUST 1 MON - 6:00 P.M. HOYT - **DONAHUES** VS. CAMBRIDGE FIRE - **GP. 2**

AUGUST 8 MON - 6:00 P.M. ST. **PETERS - SUNSET** VS. CAMBRIDGE FIRE - **GP. 3**

AUGUST 15 MON - 8:00 P.M. ST. PETERS - **CAMBRIDGE FIRE** VS. CLUB SOUZA - **GP. 1**

AUGUST 22 MON - 6:OO P.M. ST. PETERS - **F.S.C.** VS. CAMBRIDGE FIRE - **GP. 2**

AUGUST 29 MON - 6:00 P.M. ST. PETERS - **CAMBRIDGE FIRE** VS. WIZARDS **- GP. 4**

Out and About

Retirement hasn't kept **Walter Grace (Aide to Division 1 – Ret.)** from making his rounds. He shared this photo he took at the **2nd Alarm, 216 Harvard Street, Box 28 (April 28).** Quite a few of the incident photos on the department "S" drive were taken by Walter. We hope he keeps sharing more great stuff with us in the future!

Photo by Walter Grace

L-R, **Lt. Chuck Lowe (Engine 1), FF Ed Fales (Ladder 1)** and **FF Mike Dwyer (Ladder 1)**

Training Tips

Static/Residual Rule

Pressure drop of 0 – 100% = 3 times the present flow available
Pressure drop of 10%-15% = 2 times the present flow available
Pressure drop of 15%-25% = 1 times the present flow available
Pressure drop more than 25% = minimal flow available

ALWAYS MAINTAIN 20 PSI RESIDUAL!

- Safety begins at roll call. Check your SCBA and personal protective equipment. When the bell hits, it's too late!

- Size up the building before you go in. Count the floors, count the windows and make a note of potential escape routes.

- All doors through which hose lines are stretched should be chocked and the hose should be prevented from running under the door.

- Is your portable radio on the right channel?

Operation Urban Shield – Members of the Cambridge Technical Rescue companies that completed the Structural Collapse training back in 2010 participated in a great deal of refresher training the last month in preparation for Operation Urban Shield.

Operation Urban Shield was a 24 hour "readiness" drill conducted on May 21 by the Department of Homeland Security that was funded by a $1 million dollar grant. Nearly 600 participants from 50 various police, fire and EMS agencies from many metro Boston departments participated in 12 simulated events in several locations to evaluate their skills and capabilities as first responders to several types of disaster events.

According to the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management: *The goal of Urban Shield is to test and evaluate specific public safety capabilities that have been developed and enhanced with the investment of grant funds received from the US Department of Homeland Security (primarily through the Urban Area Security Initiative or UASI grant program).*

Prior to the Urban Shield Exercise on May 21, Cambridge companies attended several refresher trainings. One of which was held in a vacant building in Somerville to train on interior shoring.

Photo by Jim Swanton, Somerville Fire Dept

FF. Kevin Mercer and **FF Brian Peebles (Rescue Co. No. 1)** set up a Para-tech shoring system

Photo by Jim Swanton, Somerville Fire Dept.

L-R, FF Joe Hallissey, FF Ken Cunningham, LT. Eric Nugent and **FF Gary Gannon** shore up a door opening

Jay Connor photo

Group 2 participated in an exterior shoring refresher on May 1, 2011

During the actual event on May 21, **Group 4** participated in a 12 hour training exercise on Saturday from 7am until 7 pm and **Group 1** participated in a second 12 hour training exercise from 7pm until 7am Sunday morning. Although Group 1 and Group 4 predominately worked the event, several members of Groups 2 & 3 filled in as needed making it a department effort!

The main focus for fire department responders included three separate stations of 1.) Interior shoring, 2.) Exterior shoring and 3.) Breaching & Breaking followed by a fourth combined event that included all of the above in a simulated terrorist event with total building collapse.

Photo by Mike Worley/Quincy FD

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L-R, FF. K. Mercer, FF H. Smith (with tool) and **FF R. Epps (Somerville FD)** at the breaking and breaching prop

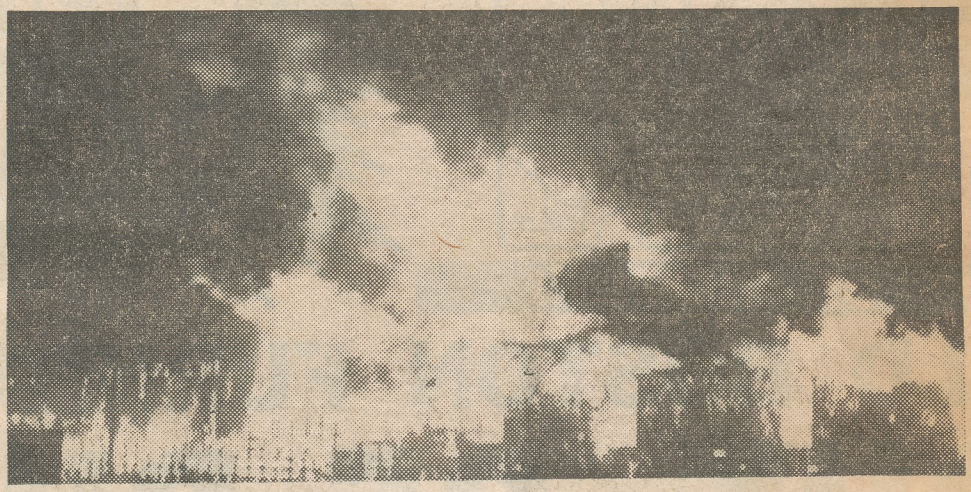
Photo by Mike Worley/Quincy FD

FF K. Cunningham (L-1) oversees the removal of simulated victim from rubble while **FF N. Zedalis, FF B. O'Neil and FF H. Smith** coordinate removal.

From the Archives

In the Spring Issue (#58), we had some photos of the **February 24, 2011 - 2nd Alarm fire** at **1 Tyler Court** along with the history of fires either at the Tyler Court location or having to do with Fawcett Oil. We recently found a copy of the newspaper clipping of the May 24, 1961 fire at the Metropolitan Ice Co listed as 34 Cottage Park Ave. It was found in some newspaper clippings of **FF Edward Morrissey Sr. (Ladder 2 – Retired).** The newspaper article reports the fire was a general alarm fire.

State Probes $500,000 Cambridge Plant Fire



OIL-FED FLAMES sweep through two big storage sheds at the Metropolitan Ice Co., North Cambridge, in $500,000 general alarm fire. 5-24-61

The state fire marshal's office is probing a $500,000 general alarm fire at the Metropolitan Ice Co., 34 Cottage Park Ave., North Cambridge last night.

The inferno—one of the worst in the city's history—was battled by firefighters from eight communities.

The oilfed flames destroyed two main 300-foot long storage sheds, 18 vehicles and consumed 200,000 gallons of fuel oil.

About 5,000 gallons of gasoline in underground tanks beneath the sheds were lost as explosions ripped off the roofs of both sheds.

The explosions sent foot-thick beams soaring 200 and 300 feet into the air. The debris landed on railroad tracks at the rear of the plant.

One firefighter, William Dilworth of Cambridge, was overcome by smoke. He was revived after treatment at the scene.

FIREFIGHTERS SAVE ADMINISTRATION BLDG.

The firefighters managed to save the brick office and administration building of the company.

They kept a constant stream of water on other nearby structures and also saved the Emerson Resuscitator Co., at 22 Cottage Park Ave.

"This was one of the worst fires Cambridge has had in many years," Cambridge Fire Chief Vincent P. Galvin said. "It certainly had conflagration potentials."

Chief Galvin called for the probe by the state fire marshal's office.

The fire, watched by 10,000 spectators gathered along Massachusetts Ave., brought aid from Somerville, Boston, Medford, Arlington, Newton, Watertown and Belmont.

The explosions, apparently from oil drums and propane gas containers, came with roars which rattled windows in houses in the area.

Flying embers landed on the roof of the Granada Wine Co., a three-story building on Harvey st. The blaze there was quickly controlled.

History and Tradition

The following two photos were taken in the old fire alarm office next to Fire Headquarters at 489 Broadway. Fire Alarm operated out of this building from 1932 when Headquarters was built until January 14, 2009 when they moved to their present location at the police station at 125 Sixth Street.

Photo from Ed Fowler Collection

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L-R – in the background are the circuit boards for each “circuit loop” in the city. In the foreground are the ticker tape reels that punched in the number of the “telegraph” boxes indicating what box was tripped

Through the Lantern Lens

Through the Lantern Lens **by Mose Humphrey**

The fire on March 18, 2011 under the Gilmore Bridge triggered many memories for those that remember the fire that consumed the Prison Point Bridge back in July 1971.

The “Prison Point Bridge” is officially called the John F. Gilmore Bridge, named after a former State Representative from Charlestown. It connects Cambridge to Charlestown from Memorial Drive and Edwin Land Boulevard, crossing MBTA north side commuter rail, the MBTA Orange Line rapid transit, the new North Point Boulevard, and the former course of the Miller's River.

In 1971, the old Prison Point Bridge (which was abandoned at the time) burned for many days. The old bridge was steel with wood decking and the wood decking contributed to the heavy fire load. Cambridge and Boston both transmitted 3 alarms to extinguish the fire which was an extensive operation.

Ed Morrissey Collection

Signal 10-15

March 11, 2011 - The Chief of Department regrets to announce the death of

Firefighter Herbert A. Martin, Aide to Deputy Fire Chief – retired.

Firefighter Martin is the father of Lorna Rutkauskas of Headquarters Administrative Services

He is the grandfather-in-law of **Fire Lieutenant Christopher Haynes of Rescue 1**

Note: FF Martin joined the department on February 8, 1948 after serving in World War II in the United States Navy. During the war, he received several medals including: World War II Victory Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Medal and the American Area Campaign Medal

Ed Fowler Collection

Firefighter Herbert Martin circa 1980

Condolences to:

Condolences to **Firefighter Robert Currier; Rescue Co. - Retired** on the passing of his Brother-In-Law, Dr. Thomas Cordima

Condolences to **Deputy Fire Chief Lester Bokuniewicz (Fire Prevention)** on the passing of his Brother-In-Law, Michael Mottola. Michael was also the uncle to FFOP Joseph Bokuniewicz

Condolences to **Captain Lawrence M. Brogan; Engine Co. 4, Captain Steven M. Brogan; Fire Prevention Bureau** and **Firefighter John F. Brogan Jr.; Engine Co. 9** on the passing of their mother, Mrs. Grace Brogan. Mrs. Brogan was also the Aunt of **Firefighter Edmund J. Friel** Jr.; Engine Co. 4

Condolences to **Firefighter Michael A. Pearson; Engine Co. No. 4** on the passing of his Father, Harold E. “Buddy” Pearson On March 23, 2011

Condolences to **Firefighter George R. Cotter; Engine Co. 6** on the passing of his Mother, Mrs. Rose T. Cotter Anderson

Condolences to **Firefighter Howard Smith; Ladder Co. No.1** on the passing of his Aunt, Mrs. Patricia Manuel

Condolences to Firefighter **Brian Joyce; Ladder Co. No.3** on the passing of his Father, Lieutenant Edward Joyce-Boston Fire Department; Retired

Condolences to **Lt. William Hugh; Ladder Co. 2-Retired,**
Act. Lt. Kenneth Hugh; Engine Co. 8 on the passing of their mother, Mrs. Mary Reeves.
Mrs. Reeves was also the Grandmother of **Lt. Brandon Hugh; Engine Co. 5**

Stats and Fires

FY 2010/2011 RUN TOTALS

	Aug-10	Sep-10	Oct-10	Nov-10	Dec-10	**SBTTL**	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-11	May-11	**TOTAL**
Engine 1	225	234	235	172	201	**1067**	208	218	193	215	177	**2078**
Engine 2	238	241	264	213	266	**1222**	285	248	232	224	239	**2450**
Engine 3	130	116	127	114	124	**611**	150	125	117	111	138	**1252**
Engine 4	126	129	133	128	135	**651**	143	128	113	111	118	**1264**
Engine 5	167	161	171	159	161	**819**	213	178	144	151	169	**1674**
Engine 6	112	97	113	97	96	**515**	141	111	102	90	120	**1079**
Engine 8	112	105	110	85	105	**517**	100	102	100	83	80	**982**
Engine 9	86	81	81	84	86	**418**	107	79	78	82	80	**844**
Truck 1	199	189	201	149	172	**910**	186	165	163	171	149	**1744**
Truck 2	103	87	111	95	97	**493**	125	117	79	86	106	**1006**
Truck 3	167	155	200	146	165	**833**	215	176	160	155	174	**1713**
Truck 4	143	140	143	118	147	**691**	148	115	114	100	104	**1272**
Rescue 1	205	190	199	205	203	**1002**	221	238	205	202	187	**2055**
Squad 2	239	249	263	254	260	**1265**	285	271	283	250	261	**2615**
Squad 4	184	182	161	151	178	**856**	170	160	158	181	169	**1694**
Division 1	141	125	142	125	115	**648**	176	149	125	143	126	**1367**
Division 2	126	132	135	105	110	**608**	100	115	93	105	99	**1120**
HazMat 1	0	0	2	4	0	**6**	4	2	7	4	3	**26**
Spec & HQ Units	24	9	37	17	10	**97**	17	47	10	22	15	**208**
Mutual Aid Units	30	10	10	20	15	**85**	5	26	16	16	9	**157**
TOTAL	2757	2632	2838	2441	2646	**13314**	2999	2770	2492	2502	2523	**26600**

FY 2010/2011 Incident Totals												
	Aug-10	Sep-10	Oct-10	Nov-10	Dec-10	SBTTL	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-11	May-11	TOTAL
Responses	2757	2632	2838	2441	2646	**13314**	2999	2770	2492	2502	2523	**26600**
Incidents	1150	1155	1195	1025	1101	**5626**	1360	1070	1034	1016	1062	**11168**
Division 1 incidents	644	647	657	574	606	**3128**	775	621	579	549	595	**6247**
Division 2 incidents	506	508	538	451	495	**2498**	585	449	455	467	467	**4921**
Building fires	8	4	6	9	6	**33**	8	7	5	8	10	**71**
Inside fires	50	69	73	81	82	**355**	83	88	52	65	79	**722**
All fires	62	77	79	89	89	**396**	88	94	61	74	88	**801**
EMS	524	554	534	503	514	**2629**	545	511	511	460	506	**5162**
Elevator Rescue	9	11	8	10	8	**46**	9	6	7	8	12	**88**
Hazardous materials	16	22	20	18	16	**92**	17	23	13	11	14	**170**
CO emerg	2	4	13	6	7	**32**	10	8	3	4	3	**60**
Electrical hazards	31	43	30	23	28	**155**	145	42	23	25	18	**408**
Malicious false	15	17	27	11	14	**84**	10	20	16	22	21	**173**
Malfunction	119	114	122	89	87	**531**	110	75	68	81	78	**943**
Unintentional	154	120	151	96	128	**649**	135	95	126	106	115	**1226**
Bomb threats	7	7	8	13	3	**38**	8	4	5	14	14	**83**
Bomb/expl removal	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Structure collapse	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0	2	0	2	0	**4**
Total Multiple Alarms	1	0	0	0	0	**1**	0	2	1	1	0	**5**
2nd Alarms								2	1	1		**4**
3rd Alarms	1					**1**						**1**
4th Alarms												
5th Alarms												
Working Fires	1			2	0	**3**				1	1	**5**
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Transfers and Assignments

General Order No. 05, Series of 2011

Firefighter Brian D. Gallant has resigned from the Cambridge Fire Department effective 0700 hours on Sunday, March 6, 2011 and transferred to the New Bedford Fire Department.

General Order No. 06, Series of 2011

Effective Sunday, March 27, 2011 at 0700 hours:

Fire Captain Robert D. Blake from Ladder Company No. 4 to Fire Headquarters
Fire Captain William J. Braithwaite from Engine Company No. 8 to Ladder Company No. 4
Fire Lieutenant David J. House from Engine Company No.1 to Acting Fire Captain, Engine Company No. 8
Fire Lieutenant Kenneth Albert from Engine Company No. 8 to Ladder Company No. 2
Fire Lieutenant Eric J. Nugent from Ladder Company No. 2 to Engine Company No. 1
Firefighter Kenneth Hugh from Engine Company No. 3 to Acting Fire Lieutenant, Engine Company No. 8
Firefighter Reggie Pagan from Engine Company No. 3 to Headquarters - Detailed to Administrative Services
Firefighter John F. Brogan Jr. from Engine Company No. 9 to Engine Company No. 3
Firefighter John R. DeCourcey from Ladder Company No. 3 to Engine Company No. 4
Firefighter John T. Pasquarello from Engine Company No. 8 to Engine Company No. 2
Firefighter Robert P. McCarthy from Engine Company No. 8 to Engine Company No. 2

General Order No. 07, Series of 2011

RE: Assignments

F.F.O.P. Joseph T. Bernard to Ladder Co. No. 4
F.F.O.P. Joseph F. Bokuniewicz to Engine Co. No. 5
F.F.O.P. Phillip J. Chandler to Engine Co. No. 9
F.F.O.P. Michael L. Donnelly to Engine Co. No. 9
F.F.O.P. Tyler D. English to Engine Co. No. 6
F.F.O.P. Candice J. Murphy to Engine Co. No. 8
F.F.O.P. Robert F. Sullivan to Ladder Co. No. 2
F.F.O.P. Kevin M. Thompson to Ladder Co. No. 3
F.F.O.P. Keith C. Thorne-Bingham to Engine Co. No. 8
F.F.O.P. Martin J. Townsend to Engine Co. No. 9

General Order No. 8, Series of 2011

F.F.O.P. Travis L. Barnes was terminated from the Cambridge Fire Department effective 1700 hours on March 25, 2011. Please see that each member is present for a reading of this notice.

General Order No. 9, Series of 2011

Effective March 27, 2011 at 0700 hours. Transfer - F.F.O.P. Joseph F. Bokuniewicz from Engine Co. No. 5 to Headquarters.

Retirements

Special Notice No. 02, Series of 2011 – Retirement of Robert L. Curley, Assistant Fire Apparatus Repairperson

Effective March 25, 2011 at 1530 hours, **Robert L. Curley** retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Robert Curley was appointed on **December 9, 1985**.

Robert Curley has faithfully served the citizens of Cambridge.

We wish Robert Curley much happiness and good health in his retirement.

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

Photo courtesy of Ed Fowler Collection

L-R, This dated photo shows the **Late Ronald Gardner (M-1), Bob Curley (M-2),** and **Steve Lopez, (M-3)**

Bill Noonan, Boston Fire Department - Unfortunately, it was discovered just after our spring issue was released in early March (and too late to be included) that **Firefighter Bill Noonan** from the Boston Fire Department would retire in March 2011.

Although not a member of the Cambridge Department, in his capacity as the Chief Photographer in the Fire Investigation Unit of the Boston Fire Department, Bill has taken well over 100,000 photographs during his career, and not just in Boston, but all over the Boston Metro area. His many photos have contributed to the history of the Boston Fire Department as well as the Cambridge Fire Department, along with many other departments.

We wish Bill a happy and healthy retirement!

Photo courtesy of Ed Fowler collection

L-R, Eddie Loder (Boston Rescue 1) and Bill Noonan

Safety

The following photos were taken of a fire hydrant in a local community taken back in March 2011. This is an obvious case of a fire hydrant knocked over by a plow truck during the harsh winter. However, plow damage may not be so obvious - one of the many reasons why we “flush” the hydrant – to make sure it works before we waste our time and effort connecting to a hydrant that may not work.

Letters

The following letter was received February 17, 2011 from Chief Frizzell, Belmont Fire Department

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Cambridge Fire Department for the mutual aid assistance received on February 9, 2011 at our 2 alarm fire. On behalf of the Belmont Fire Department, the Town officials and myself, we are very proud of the performance of your Department.

Thank you for all the support you gave us throughout this fire. Please extend to the Division Chief, and those members of Engine 9, Engine 5, Squad 4 and Ladder 1 who responded to 20

Trowbridge Street that their help is greatly appreciated, and please offer our thanks for their assistance and a job well done. Without mutual aid assistance like that from your Department, the outcome of the fire could have been even worse.

Sincerely,

David L. Frizzell
Chief of Department

***The following letter was received February 25, 2011 from the American Red Cross in regards to a fire that occurred on January 11 at 16 Chester Street**.*

Dear Chief Reardon,

On behalf of the American Red Cross of Eastern Massachusetts, I want to thank you for notifying us of the above incidents. Thanks to your timely notifications, during the month we were able to efficiently provide:

Financial assistance to 7 individuals
Emergency Lodging to 1 individual

Disaster relief services provided by the American Red Cross can include temporary lodging, emergency financial assistance for food and clothing including seasonal clothing, personal comfort items and hygiene kits, mental health support and resource referrals to other relief agencies – all based upon the needs of the affected residents.

Than k you for being a valuable partner in the fulfillment of the American Red Cross Mission to help people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Chaplain
Associate Director, Planning & Response

The following letter was received on March 4, 2001 from People for Ethical Treatment of Animals:

Dear Chief Gelinas,

On behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and our more than 2 million members and supporters, including thousands in Massachusetts, I am pleased to present the Cambridge Fire Department with our Compassionate Fire Department Award in recognition of your firefighters, heroic actions in rescuing a dog who had fallen through the ice on the Charles River.

We hope that the firefighters' kindness will inspire others always to come to the aid of animals in need.

You will find the department's certification enclosed. Some delicious vegan chocolates will arrive separately. We are thankful for your fire department's compassion.

Sincerely,

Tracy Reiman
Executive Vice President

The administration received an email from Jay Milliken – Retired who retired in 1992 who wanted to let his friends from the Cambridge Fire Department know he is keeping tabs on everyone:

Hi, well I had a great life as a firefighter for the many years, working for the city of Cambridge. The men I worked with had a rough time as in those days. The safety equipment we had wasn't <safe>. Before that I was a firefighter down in the Quincy ship yard for 7 years . Before that I was a firefighter also in the Navy for 4 years and enjoyed serving. I read the Boston Globe most every day up here and receive the notices from the department of the passing of all I used to know as friends. I think of the many good times on the job when they made a difference in returning to the barn. It saddens me to hear of their passing, but reminds me of those good times we were together. Well enough of reminiscing. Stay happy and healthy. Jay

The following email was received on April 28, 2011 via Deputy Chief Gerry Mahoney:

Dear Deputy Chief Mahoney,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the City of Cambridge's Fire Department who responded to this Monday's (4/25) suspicious package incident at 100 Technology Square. The quick and professional response from your staff is truly appreciated by both the Alexandria Real Estate staff as well as all of our tenants here at Technology Square. Through the years the Cambridge Fire Department has always serviced and supported this property with the highest standards, and Monday was no exception. On behalf of my team as well as all of our tenants, we want to say thanks for a job well done.

Please feel free to contact should I be of any service, thanks again.

Regards,
Ted O'Leary
Senior Director - Facility Services
Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc.
700 Technology Square

Corrections

In the last issue, we erroneously listed the Korean War as starting in 1960. It was actually 1950. We apologize for the typographical error.

Quotes of the Day

It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God that such men lived.
George S. Patton

We herd sheep, we drive cattle, we lead people. Lead me, follow me, or get out of my way.
George S. Patton

Don't tell people how to do things, tell them what to do and let them surprise you with their results.
George S. Patton

America's Heroes

Part of the greatness of this country is found in those Americans who behaved so gallantly on the battlefields to which they were sent. Then, there were the select few, those who distinguished themselves to the highest level of bravery, those who were awarded the Medal of Honor. Here is one such man:

Thomas W. Fowler, Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army, 1st Armored Division, World War II

Citation reads: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at risk of life above and beyond the call of duty, on 23 May, 1944, in the vicinity of Carano, Italy.

In the midst of a full-scale armored infantry attack, 2nd Lt. Fowler, while on foot, came upon two completely disorganized infantry platoons held up in their advance by an enemy minefield. Although a tank officer, he immediately reorganized the infantry. He then made a personal reconnaissance through the minefield, clearing a path as he went, by lifting the anti-personnel mines out of the ground with his hands.

After he had gone through the 75 yard belt of deadly explosives, he returned to the infantry and led them through the minefield, a squad at a time. As they deployed, 2nd Lt. Fowler despite small arms fire and the constant danger of anti-personnel mines, made a reconnaissance into enemy territory in search of a route to continue the advance. He then returned through the minefield and, on foot, led the tanks through the mines into a position from which they could best support the infantry.

Acting as a scout 300 yards in front of the infantry, he led two platoons forward until he gained his objective, where he came upon several dug-in enemy infantrymen. Having taken them by surprise, 2nd Lt. Fowler dragged them out of their foxholes and sent them to the rear. Twice, when they resisted, he threw hand grenades into their dugouts.

Realizing that a dangerous gap existed between his company and the unit to his right, 2nd Lt. Fowler decided to continue his advance until the gap was filled. He reconnoitered to his front, brought the infantry into position where they dug in and, under heavy mortar and small arms fire, brought his tanks forward. A few minutes later the enemy began an armored counter-attack. Several Mark VI tanks fired their cannons directly on 2nd Lt. Fowler's position. One of his tanks was set afire.

With utter disregard for his own life, with shells bursting near him, he ran directly into the enemy tank fire to reach the burning vehicle. For a half hour, under intense strafing from the advancing tanks, although all other elements had withdrawn, he remained in his forward position, attempting to save the lives of the wounded tank crew. Only when the enemy tanks had almost overrun him, did he withdraw a short distance where he personally rendered first aid to nine wounded infantrymen in the midst of the relentless incoming fire.

2nd Lt. Fowler's courage, his ability to estimate the situation and to recognize his full responsibility as an officer in the Army of the United States, exemplify the high traditions of the military service for which he later gave his life.

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

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

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

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