

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 1**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
JANUARY 13, 2009**

**I. RETIREMENTS**

The retirement of the following named member in accordance with the provisions indicated became effective at 1700 hours, November 30, 2008:

District Fire Chief Patrick J. Ellard	District 11	S7-94,C32, M.G.L.
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District Fire Chief Ellard was appointed to the department on November 11, 1970 promoted to Fire Lieutenant on October 22, 1975, promoted to Fire Captain on June 11, 1980, and promoted to District Fire Chief on May 9, 1984. He leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

The retirement of the following named member in accordance with the provisions indicated became effective at 1700 hours, December 5, 2008:

Fire Fighter Joseph G. Battersby	Engine Company 5	S5, C32, M.G.L.
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Fire Fighter Battersby was appointed to the department on February 20, 1991. He leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

The retirement of the following named members in accordance with the provisions indicated became effective at 1700 hours, December 31, 2008:

District Fire Chief John W. Conway	Training Division	S7, C32, M.G.L
Fire Lieutenant Thomas E. Brassil	Fire Academy	S7, C32, M.G.L
Fire Lieutenant William F. Dennehy	Ladder Company 28	S7, C32, M.G.L
Fire Lieutenant William Nelson	Fire Prevention Division	S7-94, C32, M.G.L
Fire Lieutenant Robert Rull	Engine Company 2	S7-94, C32, M.G.L
Fire Lieutenant Walter James	Engine Company 55	S7, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter Kim M. Akins	Fire Prevention Division	S7, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter Robert F. Cahill	Engine Company 2	S7-94A, C32, M.G.L.

## (Retirements Continued)

Fire Fighter Stephen Cloonan	Rescue Company 1	S7, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter Thomas Flaherty	Ladder Company 19	S5-10, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter Robert Hardiman	Ladder Company 6	S7-94, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter Paul S. Hicks	Fire Prevention Division	S7-94, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter John B. Kennedy	Training Division	S7-94B, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter Richard Lopez	Mass Rehab Unit	S7, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter David Mendes	Engine Company 22	S7, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter Moses Pitts	Fire Prevention Division	S7, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter Lawrence Rocci	Engine Company 17	S7-94, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter Charles R. Santangelo	Tower Ladder 17	S7, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter David Sylvester	Ladder Company 23	S7, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter Walter Townsend	Ladder Company 28	S7, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter David Walker	Ladder Company 4	S7-94A, C32, M.G.L.

District Fire Chief Conway was appointed to the department on November 11, 1970 promoted to Fire Lieutenant on September 7, 1977, promoted to Fire Captain on May 9, 1984 and promoted to District Fire Chief on October 1, 1986.

Fire Lieutenant Brassil was appointed to the department on January 22, 1986 and was promoted to Fire Lieutenant on January 30, 2006.

Fire Lieutenant Dennehy was appointed to the department on September 27, 1978 and was promoted to Fire Lieutenant on August 26, 2005.

Fire Lieutenant Nelson was appointed to the department on February 24, 1969 and was promoted to Fire Lieutenant on May 7, 1997.

Fire Lieutenant Rull was appointed to the department on December 18, 1974 and was promoted to Fire Lieutenant on March 4, 1987.

Fire Lieutenant James was appointed to the department on September 27, 1978 and was promoted to Fire Lieutenant on December 8, 2001.

(Retirements Continued)

Fire Fighter Akins was appointed to the department on July 15, 2000.  
Fire Fighter Cahill was appointed to the department on March 19, 1975.  
Fire Fighter Cloonan was appointed to the department on July 7, 1971.  
Fire Fighter Flaherty was appointed to the department on March 20, 1974  
Fire Fighter Hardiman was appointed to the department on July 17, 1974.  
Fire Fighter Hick was appointed to the department on August 31, 1977.  
Fire Fighter Kennedy was appointed to the department on March 20, 1974.  
Fire Fighter Lopez was appointed to the department on July 15, 2000.  
Fire Fighter Mendes was appointed to the department on January 18, 1978.  
Fire Fighter Pitts was appointed to the department on February 6, 1980.  
Fire Fighter Rocci was appointed to the department on March 20, 1974.  
Fire Fighter Santangelo was appointed to the department on February 20, 1991  
Fire Fighter Sylvester was appointed to the department on August 20, 1986.  
Fire Fighter Townsend was appointed to the department on September 27, 1978.  
Fire Fighter Walker was appointed to the department on October 28, 1987.

All Members leave the department with the best wishes of their associates.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER  
RODERICK J. FRASER JR.

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 2**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
JANUARY 16, 2009**

**I. RETIREMENT**

The retirement of Chief of Department Kevin P. MacCurtain in accordance with the provisions of S5, C32, G.L., will become effective 1700 hours, Friday, January 16, 2009.

Chief of Department MacCurtain was appointed to the Department July 26, 1972, promoted to Fire Lieutenant August 16, 1978, promoted to Fire Captain August 25, 1982, promoted to District Fire Chief April 23, 1986, promoted to Deputy Fire Chief December 18, 1991, and appointed Chief of Department September 5, 2006

Chief of Department MacCurtain leaves the Department with the best wishes of his associates.

**To all of the members of the Boston Fire Department:**

I was truly honored to have the privilege of serving as the Chief of Department of the finest Fire Department in the nation. It is the people in this Department both uniform and civilian that make it the very best.

As I rose through the ranks I continued to learn from Firefighters, Officers and Chiefs. We are very fortunate to have such a talented, dedicated and courageous group of Firefighters and Officers who serve the citizens of Boston every day. When it comes to handling building fires and the many other dangerous incidents that you do on a routine basis no one does it better. Always remember, Boston is looked up to and admired by fire departments from across this country. There can be no higher compliment.

The best way to honor the memory of the firefighters who have been killed in the line of duty is to stand tall and wear your uniform proudly. Be proud of who you are, a Boston Firefighter there are none better.

I would like to thank all of you for your cooperation, support and selfless dedication, while I served as your Chief of Department.

Stay Safe.

Kevin MacCurtain  
Chief of Department

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 3**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
JANUARY 16, 2009**

**APPOINTMENT TO ACTING CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT**

Effective 1700 hours, January 16, 2009, the following named member is appointed to the position of Acting Chief of Department:

Deputy Fire Chief  
John Hasson

Chief of Operations, Support Services

**BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER  
RODERICK J. FRASER JR.**

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 4**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
JANUARY 20, 2009**

**I. FIRE LIEUTENANT KEVIN M. KELLY  
LADDER COMPANY 26**

It is with deep regret that the Fire Commissioner announces the death of Fire Lieutenant Kevin M. Kelley, Ladder Company 26, on January 9, 2009. Fire Lieutenant Kelley was appointed to the department on December 6, 1978.

The funeral was held from the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock Street, Quincy on Wednesday, January 14, 2009, at 0900 hours, followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Ann Church, 757 Hancock Street, Quincy at 1000 hours.

The Fire Commissioner made the customary detail to act as funeral escort and members of Divisions 1 and 2, Headquarters Division, Training, Maintenance and Research Division, Personnel Division, Fire Prevention Division, Emergency Management Division, Special Projects Division, Information Technology Division, Special Operations Command and the Honor Guard attended the service.

**BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER  
RODERICK J. FRASER JR.**

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 5**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
JANUARY 21, 2009**

**I. INVESTIGATION & ORDERS UNDER GENERAL LAWS  
CHAPTER 148, SECTIONS 4 & 5**

Pursuant to and in the exercise of the power invested in me under the provisions of General Laws, Chief Of Department, Chiefs of Operations, Deputy Fire Chiefs, District Fire Chiefs, Fire Captains, Fire Lieutenants, Fire Fighter Inspectors of the Fire Prevention Division, Fire Fighters in the Fire Fighting Force, Fire Department Chemist, Fire Department Plans Examiners, Fire Investigation Police Officers, Superintendent of Fire Alarm Section, and those designated by him as Inspectors of Fire Alarm Systems, are authorized to do and perform all and singular the acts and things which I, as Head of the Fire Department, by said Chapter 148, Sections 4 & 5, am empowered to do and perform. Specific authority is hereby delegated to the said Chief of Department, Chiefs of Operations, Deputy Fire Chiefs, District Fire Chiefs, Fire Captains, Fire Lieutenants, Fire Fighter Inspectors of the Fire Prevention Division, Fire Fighters in the Fire Fighting Force, Fire Department Chemist, Fire Department Plans Examiners, Fire Investigation Police Officers, Superintendent of Fire Alarm those designated by him as Inspectors of Fire Alarm Systems and Fire Department Inspectors to make investigations and inspections and to issue orders in writing pursuant to the provisions of said actions.

The above delegations of authority, effective as of January 31, 2009, shall continue in force and effect for a period of one year from the effective date, unless revoked at any time prior thereto. The above delegations of authority are not to diminish nor curtail any of the powers conferred upon me by said General Laws, Chapter 148, Sections 4 & 5.

**INVESTIGATION & ORDERS UNDER ORDINANCES OF 1979 CHAPTER 28,  
KNOWN AS BOSTON FIRE PREVENTION CODE**

Pursuant to and in the exercise of the power invested in me under the provisions of said Boston Fire Department Code, Chief of Department, Chiefs of Operations, Deputy Fire Chiefs, District Fire Chiefs, Fire Captains, Fire Lieutenants, Fire Fighter Inspectors of the Fire Prevention Division, Fire Fighters in the Fire Fighting Force, Fire Department Chemist, Fire Department Plans Examiners, Fire Investigation Police Officers, Superintendent of Fire Alarm, those designated by him as Inspectors of Fire Alarm Systems and Fire Department Inspectors are authorized to do and perform all and singular the acts and things which I, as Head of the Fire Department, by said Boston Fire Prevention Code, Section 1.21 & 1.22 am empowered to do and perform. Specific authority is hereby delegated to the said Chief of Department, Chiefs of Operations, Deputy Fire Chiefs, District Fire Chiefs, Fire Captains, Fire Lieutenants, Fire Fighter Inspectors of the Fire Prevention Division, Fire Fighters in the Fighting Force, Fire Department Chemist, Fire Department Plans Examiners, Fire Investigation Police Officers, Superintendent of the Fire Alarm General and those designated by him as

Inspectors of Fire Alarm Systems, to make investigations and inspections and to issue orders in writing pursuant to the provisions of said Code.

The above delegations of authority, effective as of January 31, 2009, shall continue in force and effect for a period of one year from effective date, unless revoked at any time prior thereto. The above delegations of authority are not to diminish nor curtail any of the powers conferred upon me by said Boston Fire Prevention Code, Sections 1.21 & 1.22.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER  
RODERICK J. FRASER JR.



**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 6**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
JANUARY 22, 2009**

**I. BOARD OF MERIT**

1.) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Lieutenant Edward M .Kelly, Ladder Company 2, for his actions on December 7, 2008. On that day, box 13-6151 was struck for a building fire in District 1 at number 2 Father Jacobbe Road, an elderly housing development. Many of these residents were handicapped or disabled and the fire would eventually go to three alarms.

Lieutenant Kelly immediately ascended to the fire floor where he proceeded down the heavily charged corridor to the fire apartment. Due to the amount of fire emitting from the apartment and the attack line not yet in position, he had to reposition himself back down the corridor. It was at this time that Lieutenant Kelly encountered a woman who had managed to exit her adjacent apartment and had collapsed on the floor from the heavy smoke and extreme heat. Under deteriorating conditions and with great difficulty, due to her prosthetic leg braces, he began to move the victim to safety.

Because this rescue was made under rapidly deteriorating conditions, without the benefit of a charged line or proper ventilation, Fire Lieutenant Kelly placed himself at great personal risk. His aggressive actions and primary search saved the victim from more severe injury and possible death. Therefore, the Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Lieutenant Edward M. Kelly, Ladder Company 2, and refers this case to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

2.) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Brian Summering, Engine Company 8, for his actions on December 7, 2008. On that day box 13-6151 was struck for a building fire in District 1 at number 2 Father Jacobbe Road. The fire involved an elderly complex with dozens of residents, many with severe disabilities, and would eventually go to three alarms.

Fire Fighter Summering immediately ascended the aerial to the third floor window, where he encountered another fire fighter with a blind resident who refused to descend the aerial ladder. After informing the blind victim and the other fire fighter that he would search for another way out, he exited the apartment. While searching down the smoke and heat filled hallway he came upon another fire fighter struggling with a handicapped victim. Fire Fighter Summering immediately assisted with the safe removal of the victim through the heavily charged corridor to safety.

Because this rescue was made during extremely high heat and smoke conditions, without the benefit of a charged line or proper ventilation, Fire Fighter Summering placed himself at great personal risk. His initiative and prompt actions contributed to the safe removal of the victim from a very dangerous situation. Therefore, the Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Fighter Brian Summering, Engine Company 8, and refers this case to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

## II. UNIT CITATION

The Fire Commissioner commends the members of Engine Company 5, Engine Company 9, Ladder Company 2, Engine Company 56, Ladder Company 21, Engine Company 8, Ladder Company 1, Engine Company 10, and Rescue 1, for their actions on December 7, 2008. On that day box 13-6151 was struck for a building fire in District 1, at number 2 Father Jacobbe Road, an elderly housing development. During the initial stage of the incident the arriving fire companies were faced with the rescue of several dozen elderly, handicapped residents, many with severe disabilities. First arriving ladder companies had to lift ground ladders over chain link fences and then throw them to the upper floors to effect rescues. Some residents refused to get on the aerial ladders due to disabilities, including blindness, and had to be led to safety by firefighters who gave up their own face pieces in the heavy smoke conditions.

The interior attack teams were met with high heat, and thick smoke conditions. The upper floors were filled with extreme heat, heavy smoke and zero visibility, requiring multiple calls for assistance. Due to the amount of elderly and handicapped residents of the building, the fire eventually went to three alarms. The initial companies, quick response, initiative and aggressive actions involving extinguishment, ground ladder placement, and search, were key in the safe rescue of the victims. Therefore, the Fire Commissioner's Unit Citation is hereby awarded to:

### District 1

Acting District Fire Chief: Steven Waldron, Ladder Company 2

Incident Command Technician: Fire Fighter Kenneth Green, Engine Company 5

### Engine Company 9

Fire Lieutenant Gerard Sheehan  
Fire Fighter Raul Hernandez  
Fire Fighter Robert Broadway  
Fire Fighter Lendail McDowell

### Ladder Company 2

Fire Lieutenant Edward Kelly  
Fire Fighter Leroy James  
Fire Fighter Christopher Perachi  
Fire Fighter Manual Andrade

### Engine Company 56

Fire Lieutenant Stephen Avellino  
Fire Fighter Harry Davis  
Fire Fighter Michael Loftus  
Fire Fighter Dana Bradley

### Ladder Company 21

Fire Lieutenant Sean Linnell  
Fire Fighter Dennis Harrison  
Fire Fighter Joseph Spinale  
Fire Fighter Daniel Lynch

### Engine Company 8

Fire Lieutenant Paul Finn  
Fire Fighter Brian Summering  
Fire Fighter John Howard  
Fire Fighter Eric Logan

### Ladder Company 1

Fire Lieutenant David McCann  
Fire Fighter Thomas Flynn  
Fire Fighter Earl Almeida  
Fire Fighter William Vraibal

**Engine Company 5**

Fire Lieutenant Sean Coppney  
Fire Fighter Christopher Iacozza  
Fire Fighter Victor Battle  
Fire Fighter Michael Young

**Rescue Company 1**

Fire Lieutenant Santiago Lasa  
Fire Fighter Edward Loder  
Fire Fighter Leo Hughes  
Fire Fighter James McAdams

**Engine Company 10**

Fire Captain Richard Connolly  
Fire Fighter James Nee  
Fire Fighter Ballin Wright  
Fire Fighter Mark Baudouin

**III. COMMENDATION**

On the night of December 10, 2008 the Boston Police and EMS lost all contact (radio/MCT's) with their field units. The period during these events were confusing and very demanding on the members of Fire Alarm who were working. Principal Operator Barry Stafford was working that night along with Senior Operator Denis Sullivan, Operator Michael Dolan, Operator Kelly Keady, and Operator Barry Oakley. The problem was quickly identified by the Fire Alarm members and the following procedures were made.

The Police/EMS back-up 911 Center at Fire Alarm was activated until call-takers and dispatchers from Schroeder Plaza arrived. Principal Operator Stafford further remedied the difficult situation by allowing EMS to use the Boston Fire channel 4 as their primary and only radio contact with field units. He also suggested that EMS stage their units at firehouses in an effort to supplement radio traffic as needed on the Fire channel. The Operators contacted Radio Supervisor Joseph Brooks seeking possible solutions and suggestions on ways to assist the Police, one of which consisted of a cache of available fire radios.

Essentially the Fire Alarm Office was the only fully operable public safety dispatch center for the city and these members performed their duties with professionalism and dedication. The Operators received, processed and relayed numerous phone calls for service for all three agencies. Their efforts succeeded in stabilizing public safety communications until circumstances were brought under control. This commendation shall be made part of their personnel file

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER  
RODERICK J. FRASER JR.

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 7**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
JANUARY 29, 2009**

**I. TRANSFERS**

The following transfers will become effective on Sunday, February 1, 2009 at 0800:

District Fire Chief Robert L. Dowling	District 3	to	District 9
Fire Captain Gerald E. Hogan	Engine Company 33	to	Engine Company 14
Fire Lieutenant Sean B. Linnell	Ladder Company 21	to	Engine Company 22
Fire Lieutenant Sean E. Coppney	Personnel Division	to	Engine Company 56
Fire Lieutenant Mark J. O'Brien	EMRD	to	Ladder Company 23
Fire Lieutenant John L. Collins	Ladder Company 7	to	Training Div.-Academy
Fire Lieutenant David J. Connell	Engine Company 29	to	Fire Prevention Division
Fire Lieutenant James Foley	Personnel Division	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Harry W. Daniels	Engine Company 55	to	Engine Company 16 (ICT to Dist.8/Grp. 1)
Fire Fighter Dennis G. Hester	Ladder Company 11	to	Engine Company 29 (ICT to Dist. 11/Grp. 1)
Fire Fighter Franciso Centeio	Ladder Company 11	to	Engine Company 29 (ICT to Dist. 11/Grp. 3)
Fire Fighter Michael Ronan	Ladder Company 29	to	Fire Brigade
Fire Fighter Joseph R. Cullity	Ladder Company 25	to	Personnel Medical

**II. REINSTATEMENT**

Fire Fighter Ralph Davis has been reinstated and assigned to Engine Company 22, effective 0800 hours, January 12, 2009.

#### **IV. CORRECTION**

General Order No. 1 issued on January 13, 2009, shall be corrected to read District Fire Chief Patrick J. Ellard was appointed to the department on September 27, 1972 promoted to Fire Lieutenant May 9, 1984, promoted to Fire Captain June 3, 1987, and promoted to District Fire Chief April 7, 1993.

General Order No. 1 issued on January 13, 2009, shall be corrected to read Fire Lieutenant Walter G. James.

**BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER  
RODERICK J. FRASER JR.**

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 8**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
FEBRUARY 10, 2009**

**I. RETIREMENTS**

The retirement of the following named members in accordance with the provisions indicated became effective at 1700 hours, January 31, 2009:

District Fire Chief Frederick J. Sullivan	District 9	S5, C32, M.G.L.
District Fire Chief Cornelius J. Walsh	District 6	S5, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Lieutenant Gerard L. Jenkins	Ladder Company 23	S5, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter Steven Bowen	Fire Prevention	S5, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter Walter F. Duggan	Engine Company 5	S5, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter James F. Gallagher	Ladder Company 1	S5, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter Harry H. Hirtle	Fire Brigade	S5, C32, M.G.L.

District Fire Chief Sullivan was appointed to the department on May 17, 1972 promoted to Fire Lieutenant on August 16, 1978, promoted to Fire Captain on August 25, 1982, and promoted to District Fire Chief on March 4, 1982. District Fire Chief Walsh was appointed to the department on December 24, 1969 promoted to Fire Lieutenant on August 17, 1988, promoted to Fire Captain on September 17, 1992, and promoted to District Fire Chief on November 1, 1995. Fire Lieutenant Jenkins was appointed to the department on September 27, 1972 and was promoted to Fire Lieutenant on January 19, 1983. Fire Fighter Duggan was appointed to the department on November 11, 1970. Fire Fighter Hirtle was appointed to the department on July 26, 1972. Fire Fighter Gallagher was appointed to the department on September 5, 1979. Fire Fighter Bowen was appointed to the department on May 12, 1993.

All members leave the department with the best wishes of their associates.

**BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER  
RODERICK J. FRASER JR.**

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 9**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
FEBRUARY 24, 2009**

**I. TRANSFERS**

The following transfers will become effective on Sunday, March 1, 2009 at 0800 hours:

District Fire Chief John T. Coppney	Training Division	to	District 6/Grp. 3
Fire Captain Joseph D. Shea	Engine Company 20	to	Engine Company 33
Fire Lieutenant David M. Pfeil	Fire Academy	to	Engine Company 5
Fire Lieutenant Michael P. Boyle	Fire Brigade	to	Engine Company 29
Fire Lieutenant Brian D. Doherty	Engine Company 37	to	Ladder Company 7
Fire Lieutenant James J. Heffernan	Engine Company 52	to	Fire Brigade
Fire Lieutenant Sean M. O'Brien	Headquarters Division	to	Ladder Company 21
Fire Lieutenant Steven J. Mitchell	Engine Company 28	to	Ladder Company 26
Fire Fighter James M. Bernardi	Engine Company 4 (ICT to DFC/Grp. 4)	to	Engine Company 2
Fire Fighter Samuel Milligan	Tower Ladder 3	to	Engine Company 10
Fire Fighter Richard M. MacDonald	Tower Ladder 3	to	Engine Company 10
Fire Fighter Frank M. Rossi	Ladder Company 18	to	Engine Company 50
Fire Fighter John P. Kelly	Engine Company 50	to	Ladder Company 1
Fire Fighter Dave Dwyer	Ladder Company 16	to	Engine Company 53 (ICT to DFC/Grp. 3)
Fire Fighter Paul Hoban	Ladder Company 18	to	Ladder Company 1
Fire Fighter Patrick C. Hayden	Engine Company 28	to	Ladder Company 26

## **II. COMMENDATION**

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Mark Flynn, Engine Company 50, for his actions while off duty on January 10, 2009. While walking down Main St. in Charlestown, District 3, Fire Fighter Flynn came upon a person in severe distress lying on the sidewalk. He performed an initial survey and determined that the patient had a broken leg. He stabilized the injury, performed a secondary survey to determine if there were any other injuries, and then remained with the victim on the way to the hospital. Fire Fighter Flynn's actions calmed and comforted the victim and made a bad situation better. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

**BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER  
RODERICK J. FRASER JR.**



**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 10**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
MARCH 3, 2009**

**APPOINTMENT TO CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT**

Effective 0800 hours, Thursday, March 5, 2009, Deputy Fire Chief Ronald Keating of Division 2, will be appointed to Chief of Department:

**BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER  
RODERICK J. FRASER JR.**

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 13**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
MARCH 26, 2009**

**I. TRANSFERS**

The following transfers will become effective on Wednesday April 1, 2009 at 0800 hours:

District Fire Chief Dennis Costin	Headquarters Division	to	District 3 (eff. 3/1/09)
District Fire Chief John T. Coppney	District 6	to	Training Division
District Fire Chief Stephen D. McNeil	District 12	to	District 6
Fire Captain Jonathan Rodriguez	Headquarters Division	to	Engine Company 20
Fire Captain Quentin Lee	Ladder Company 24	to	Engine Company 22
Fire Lieutenant Phillip Sifford	Engine Company 50	to	Engine Company 5
Fire Lieutenant Patrick Lynch	Tower Ladder 17	to	Engine Company 28
Fire Lieutenant Michael P. Boyle	Engine Company 29	to	Engine Company 37
Fire Lieutenant Michael P. Finn	Fire Investigation Unit	to	Engine Company 52
Fire Lieutenant James O'Brien	Ladder Company 4	to	Training Division
Fire Lieutenant David Pfeil	Engine Company 5	to	Training Division
Fire Lieutenant Daniel Fossa	Office of Field Services	to	Personnel Division
Fire Fighter Dennis Hickey	Fire Preventions Division	to	Engine Company 2 (eff. 3/7/09 )
Fire Fighter Dennis Hickey	Engine Company 2	to	Engine Company 30
Fire Fighter Gregory Lavallee	Tower Ladder 3	to	Rescue Company 2
Fire Fighter Michael Blackley	Engine Company 24	to	Engine Company 55

Fire Fighter Aaron M. McCabe	Engine Company 39	to	Ladder Company 18
Fire Fighter Robert Craven	Engine Company 37	to	W-12 (eff. 3/10/09)
Fire Fighter Robert Martin	Fire Investigation Unit	to	Engine Company 7 (eff. 3/1/09) (ICT to DFC/Grp. 1)
Fire Fighter Daniel Mullen	Engine Company 33	to	Engine Company 4 eff. 3/1/09 (ICT to DFC/Grp. 1)
Fire Fighter Ronald Carroll	Engine Company 42	to	Engine Company 42 eff. 3/1/09 (ICT to DFC/Grp. 2)
Fire Fighter Larry P. McLaughlin	Rescue Company 2	to	Personnel Medical

## II. BOARD OF MERIT

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Alarm Operator Francis X. Sullivan, of the Fire Alarm Division, for his actions while off duty on January 21, 2009. He was sitting in the last car of an MBTA Orange Line train when he noticed a rush of passengers and then shouts of "Give it up, give it up." When the train pulled into the New England Medical Center Station Operator Sullivan noticed a passenger clutching his iPod as a suspected robber tried to pry it away. He then saw the suspect punch the victim in the face twice before grabbing the iPod and running off the train towards the escalator.

Operator Sullivan chased him and, at the base of the escalator, saw the suspect clutch at his waistline as if he had a weapon. He initially backed up but then dove at the man, tackling him. The two men struggled as they rode up the escalator to the upper level where Operator Sullivan held the suspect until police arrived and arrested him.

His initiative and determination under harrowing circumstances put him at great personal risk and bring great credit to the department. Therefore, the Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Alarm Operator Francis X. Sullivan and refers this case to the Board of Merit for further review.

### **III. COMMENDATION**

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Christopher M. Dunn, Ladder Company 24, for his actions while off duty on March 22, 2009. While returning from a weekend drill at Fort Devens and prior to arrival of emergency services, he came upon a serious vehicle accident on Route 2 in Acton. Several victims were ejected from the vehicle and Fire Fighter Dunn was triaging one victim with a first aid kit that he keeps in his trunk. Another off duty fire fighter came upon the scene and assisted with the assessment and the application of several bandages to the numerous lacerations on the victims. He continued to survey and monitored the victims` conditions until relieved by the Acton Fire Department. Fire Fighter Dunn`s initiative and quick thinking improved the chances for a successful outcome for all involved. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

**BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER  
RODERICK J. FRASER JR.**

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 14**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
APRIL 8, 2009**

**I. PROMOTION TO DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF**

The following named member was promoted to Deputy Fire Chief and transferred to the Personnel Division effective 0800 hours March 20, 2009:

District Fire Chief  
Bernard J. Tully

District 5

**II. PROMOTION TO DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF**

The following named member was promoted to District Fire Chief and transferred to the Personnel Division effective 0800 hours March 20, 2009:

Fire Captain  
Stephen P. Paschal

Ladder Company 6

**III. RETIREMENTS**

The retirement of the following named members in accordance with the provisions indicated became effective at 1700 hours, March 31, 2009:

Fire Captain		
Matthew Delvental	Ladder Company 14	S7-94, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Lieutenant		
John D. Teehan	Fire Brigade	S7-94, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter		
Elijah E. Magee	Ladder Company 28	S7-94, C32, M.G.L.

Fire Captain Delvental was appointed to the department on December 24, 1969, promoted to Fire Lieutenant on August 16, 1978, promoted to Fire Captain on May 9, 1984. Fire Lieutenant Teehan was appointed to the department on October 30, 1974, promoted to Fire Lieutenant on February 26, 1988. Fire Fighter Magee was appointed to the department on August 31, 1977. All members leave the department with the best wishes of their associates.

**BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER  
RODERICK J. FRASER JR.**

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 15**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
APRIL 28, 2009**

**I. TRANSFERS**

The following transfers will become effective on Friday, May 1, 2009 at 0800 hours:

Deputy Fire Chief John Hasson	Office of Support Services	to	Division 2
Deputy Fire Chief Bernard Tully	Personnel Division	to	Headquarters Div.
District Fire Chief Brian O'Donnell	District 7	to	Personnel Division
District Fire Chief William A. Tobin	Headquarters Division	to	District 5
District Fire Chief John F. Walsh	District 10	to	District 12
Fire Captain Stephen F. Daly	Engine Company 3	to	Ladder Company 6
Fire Captain David C. Harrison	Headquarters Division	to	Ladder Company 24
Fire Lieutenant Edward A. Godinho	Headquarters Division	to	Engine Company 5
Fire Lieutenant Francis D. Foley	Headquarters Division	to	Engine Company 29
Fire Lieutenant Sean Coppney	Engine Company 56	to	Engine Company 50
Fire Lieutenant Thomas M. Goggin	Engine Company 39	to	Ladder Company 4
Fire Lieutenant Sean M. O'Brien	Ladder Company 21	to	Tower-Ladder 17
Fire Fighter Steven P. Bradley	Engine Company 3	to	Engine Company 42
Fire Fighter Michael T. Costello	Ladder Company 29	to	Engine Company 49
Fire Fighter Duane B. Jenkins	Engine Company 49	to	Tower Ladder 17
Fire Fighter Kenneth J. Hayes	Rescue Company 1	to	Engine Company 50
Fire Fighter Mark Flynn	Engine Company 50	to	Engine Company 8
Fire Fighter Robert E. Martin	Engine Company 7 (Aide to DFC/Grp. 1)	to	Tower-Ladder 17

Fire Fighter Robert E. Martin	Tower-Ladder 17	to	Engine Company 7 (Aide to DFC/Grp. 1)
Fire Fighter Eamon M. O'Leary	Engine Company 22	to	Tower Ladder 17
Fire Fighter John T. MacDougall	Ladder Company 6	to	Rescue Company 2
Fire Fighter Ross D. Josie	Engine Company 52	to	Fire Prevention Div.
Fire Fighter Avelino J. Ruberio	Engine Company 49	to	Personnel Medical

## II. COMMENDATIONS

1.) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Robert T. Smith, Engine Company 14, for his actions while off duty on April 4, 2009. On that day Fire Fighter Smith witnessed a woman collapse at the Hibernia Hall adjacent to Engine Company 14's quarters. He immediately initiated a primary survey and determined that the patient was not breathing, had no pulse, and was in cardiac arrest. As he was doing CPR another off duty member arrived and took over CPR as Fire Fighter Smith called Fire Alarm on a cell phone. He then ran next door to Engine Company 14's quarters to alert the members and took the AED and returned to the scene. Fire Fighter Smith then assisted the other members of Engine Company 14 with life support until relieved by EMS. His initiative, dedication to duty and quick thinking reflect highly on the department and this commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

2.) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Timothy Shields, Ladder Company 26, for his actions while off duty on February 27, 2009. He responded to a building fire in District 10 where he assisted Engine Company 30's chauffer in running 400' of 4" feeder line with HAV to the nearest hydrant. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER  
RODERICK J. FRASER JR.

**BOARD OF MERIT**

The Board of Merit, consisting of the Fire Commissioner and the Deputy Fire Chiefs, has considered all meritorious acts referred to it during the year 2008. After careful consideration and study, the Board submitted the following recommendations which are hereby approved by the Fire Commissioner:

**1. Gerard J. Molito Award for Professional Excellence  
Fire Fighter/Dive Master Steven M. Murphy, Special Operations/Marine Unit**

Fire Fighter/Dive Master Steven M. Murphy of Special Operations/Marine Unit improved the capability of the Boston Fire Department's response to incidents involving water rescue and recovery. His efforts and the efforts of those under his command have reformed the Special Operations Dive Team. He has improved the safety of the members of the Boston Fire Department as well as the citizens and visitors of the City of Boston.

Fire Fighter/Divemaster Murphy's dedication to training has brought to the Boston Fire Department a measure of professionalism in issues involving Dive Team Special Operations that has never before been achieved by this Department. His dedication to training and safety will live on with his training programs.

The Board recommends that Fire Fighter/Dive Master Steven M. Murphy of Special Operations/Marine Unit be awarded the Gerard J. Molito Award for Professional Excellence.

**2. Case of Fire Fighter Joseph Boucher, Ladder Company 19**

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Joseph Boucher, Ladder Company 19, for his actions while off duty on August 28, 2008. While traveling on Geneva Ave., District 7, he came upon a stabbing victim who was losing a large amount of blood. Fire Fighter Boucher, without benefit of any medical equipment, immediately exited his vehicle and began administering first aid to stem the flow of blood. Fire Fighter Boucher took these actions at great risk by exposing himself to large amounts of blood and not knowing if the attacker was still in the area.

Because his actions were performed at great personal risk, the Fire Commissioner highly commended Fire Fighter Joseph Boucher, Ladder Company 19 in General Order No. 42 of 2008.

The Board recommends that Fire Fighter Joseph Boucher of Ladder Company 19 be awarded the Distinguished Service Award.



### **3. Case of Fire Fighter on Probation Alector F. Tavares, Tower Ladder Co. 10**

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter on Probation Alector F. Tavares, Tower Ladder Company 10, for his actions while off duty on August 28, 2008. While working at home he heard a commotion outside of his house and raced to the scene of the incident. He came upon another fire fighter working on a stabbing victim who was bleeding profusely. Fire Fighter on Probation Tavares quickly joined in and together they administered first aid until arrival of B.F.D. apparatus and E.M.S. personnel. Fire Fighter on Probation Tavares took these actions at great risk by exposing himself to large amounts of blood, and not knowing if the attacker was still on scene.

The Fire Commissioner highly commended Fire Fighter on Probation Alector F. Tavares of Tower Ladder Company 10 in General Order No. 42 of 2008.

The Board recommends that Fire Fighter on Probation Alector F. Tavares, Tower Ladder Company 10 be awarded the Distinguished Service Award.

### **4. Case of Fire Fighter James J. Kenney, Ladder Company 4**

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter James J. Kenney, Ladder Company 4, for his actions while off duty on October 29, 2008. After watching the final game of the World Series in Philadelphia, Fire Fighter Kenney and another Boston Fire Fighter encountered a man on the subway in obvious medical distress. Police were on the scene to contain the crowd which had formed around the victim and Fire Fighter Kenney identified himself, asking if they needed assistance. They accepted and he performed a primary survey including vital signs and concluded that the victim was in cardiac distress.

The ambulance could not approach the scene because the subway was extremely crowded with people celebrating the game. Both fire fighters carried the victim up several flights of stairs and walked a block to the awaiting ambulance. While carrying the victim, the mob was pushing, throwing bottles, and other objects at them and the police.

Fire Fighter Kenney took these actions while being taunted by the celebrating mob, having bottles and objects thrown at them, and making it difficult to exit the subway to a safe area. While exposing himself to unusual personal risk, his initiative and quick response brought credit to this department.

Because his actions were performed at great personal risk, the Fire Commissioner highly commended Fire Fighter James J. Kenney in General Order No. 45 of 2008.

The Board recommends that Fire Fighter James J. Kenney of Ladder Company 4 be awarded the Distinguished Service Award.

### **5. Case of Fire Fighter Charles B. Starr, Engine Company 14**

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Charles B. Starr, Engine Company 14, for his actions while off duty on October 29, 2008. After watching the final game of the World Series in Philadelphia, Fire Fighter Starr and another Boston Fire Fighter encountered a man on the subway in obvious medical distress. Police were on the scene to contain the crowd which had formed around the victim and Fire Fighter Starr identified himself, asking if they needed assistance. They accepted and he performed a primary survey including vital signs and concluded that the victim was in cardiac distress.

The ambulance could not approach the scene because the subway was extremely crowded with people celebrating the game. Both fire fighters carried the victim up several flights of stairs and walked a block to the awaiting ambulance. While carrying the victim, the mob was pushing, throwing bottles and other objects at them and the police.

Fire Fighter Starr took these actions while being taunted by the celebrating mob, having bottles and objects thrown at them, and making it difficult to exit the subway to a safe area. While exposing himself to unusual personal risk, his initiative and quick response brought credit to this department.

Because his actions were performed at great personal risk, the Fire Commissioner highly commended Fire Fighter Charles B. Starr, Engine Company 14 in General Order No. 45 of 2008.

The Board recommends that Fire Fighter Charles B. Starr of Engine Company 14 be awarded the Distinguished Service Award.

### **6. Case of Fire Lieutenant Edward M. Kelly, Ladder Company 2**

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Lieutenant Edward M. Kelly, Ladder Company 2, for his actions on December 7, 2008. On that day, box 13-6151 was struck for a building fire in District 1 at number 2 Father Jacobbe Road, an elderly housing development. Many of these residents were handicapped or disabled and the fire would eventually go to three alarms.

Fire Lieutenant Kelly immediately ascended to the fire floor where he proceeded down the heavily charged corridor to the fire apartment. Due to the amount of fire emitting from the apartment and the attack line not yet in position, he had to reposition himself back down the corridor. It was at this time that Fire Lieutenant Kelly encountered a woman who had managed to exit her adjacent apartment and had collapsed on the floor from the heavy smoke and extreme heat. Under deteriorating conditions and with great difficulty, due to her prosthetic leg braces, he began to move the victim to safety.

Because this rescue was made under rapidly deteriorating conditions, without the benefit of a charged line or proper ventilation, Fire Lieutenant Kelly placed himself at great personal risk. His aggressive actions and primary search saved the victim from more severe injury and possible death.

Because these actions were performed at great personal risk the Fire Commissioner highly commended Fire Lieutenant Edward M. Kelly of Ladder Company 2 in General Order No. 6 of 2009.

The Board recommends that the name of Fire Lieutenant Edward M. Kelly of Ladder Company 2 be placed on the Roll of Merit.

#### **7. Case of Fire Fighter Brian Summering, Engine Company 8**

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Brian Summering, Ladder Company 1, for his actions on December 7, 2008. On that day box 13-6151 was struck for a building fire in District 1 at number 2 Father Jacobbe Road. The fire involved an elderly complex with dozens of residents, many with severe disabilities, and would eventually go to three alarms.

Fire Fighter Summering immediately ascended the aerial to the third floor window, where he encountered another fire fighter with a blind resident who refused to descend the aerial ladder. After informing the blind victim and the other fire fighter that he would search for another way out, he exited the apartment. While searching down the smoke and heat filled hallway he came upon another fire fighter struggling with a handicapped victim. Fire Fighter Summering immediately assisted with the safe removal of the victim through the heavily charged corridor to safety.

Because this rescue was made during extremely high heat and smoke conditions, without the benefit of a charged line or proper ventilation, Fire Fighter Summering placed himself at great personal risk. His initiative and prompt actions contributed to the safe removal of the victim from a very dangerous situation.

Because these actions were performed at great personal risk, the Fire Commissioner highly commended Fire Fighter Brian Summering, Engine Company 8 in General Order No. 6 of 2009.

The Board recommends that the name of Fire Fighter Brian Summering of Engine Company 8 be placed on the Roll of Merit.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER  
RODERICK J. FRASER JR.

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 17**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
MAY 7, 2009**

**130TH ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY**

The 130th Annual Awards Ceremony of the Boston Fire Department will be held Saturday evening, May 23, 2009 at Florian Hall, 55 Hallet Street, Dorchester, MA 02124

The Fire Commissioner and the Officers of the Boston Firemen's Relief Fund have given considerable time and thought in preparing a program that will be interesting and enjoyable for all.

Insofar as the proceeds from this event are used for the assistance of department members, past and present, the Fire Commissioner requests all off duty members to attend this function.

It is your organization. Help support it.

**PROGRAM**

1930 hours	General Admission
1955 hours	Boston Fire Department Acappella Quartet Deputy Fire Chief Richard J. DiBenedetto District Fire Chief Michael J. Ruggere Fire Lieutenant James J. Hoar Fire Fighter William Carey
2000 hours	Invocation by Reverend Daniel J. Mahoney Chief Chaplain, Boston Fire Department
2010 hours	Greetings by the President of the Boston Firemen's Relief Fund, Fire Fighter Michael E. Tierney  Thomas M. Menino, Mayor, City of Boston Fire Commissioner, Roderick J. Fraser Jr. Chief of Department, Ronald W. Keating  Master of Ceremonies Frederick J. Sullivan, District Fire Chief (retired)

**Presentation of the Gerard J. Molito Award for Professional Excellence to**

Fire Fighter/Dive Master  
Steven M. Murphy

Special Operations/Marine Unit

**Presentation of the Distinguished Service Award to**

Fire Fighter

Joseph Boucher

Ladder Company 19

Fire Fighter

James J. Kenney

Ladder Company 4

Fire Fighter

Charles B. Starr

Engine Company 14

Fire Fighter on Probation

Alector F. Tavares

Ladder Company 10

**Presentation of the Roll of Merit to**

Fire Lieutenant

Edward M. Kelly

Ladder Company 2

Fire Fighter

Brian Summering

Engine Company 8

Memorial Prayer

Reverend Carl Thompson  
Chaplain, Boston Fire Department

Drawings

Belknap Memorial Award  
Staples Scholarship Awards  
Vendome Memorial Awards  
Boston Ambulance Squad Award

Music and Dancing

Award recipients will be excused from duty from 1800 hours, May 22, 2009 to 1800 hours, May 24, 2009.

The Honor Guard will be under the direction of Fire Fighter Charles D. Sudhalter. The Honor Guard will be excused from duty from 0800 hours, May 23, 2009 to 0800 hours, May 24, 2009

The Gaelic Fire Brigade will be excused from duty from 0800 hours, May 23, 2009 to 0800 hours, May 24, 2009.

The Boston Fire Department Acappella Quartet will be excused from duty from 0800 hours, May 23, 2009 to 0800 hours, May 24, 2009.

The Relief Fund members will be excused from duty from 0800 hours, May 22, 2009 to 1800 hours, May 24, 2009. The Relief Fund Office will be closed all day May 22, 2009.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER  
RODERICK J. FRASER JR.

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 18**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
MAY 14, 2009**

**I. RETIREMENTS**

The retirement of the following named members in accordance with the provisions indicated became effective at 1700 hours, April 30, 2009:

Deputy Fire Chief Richard J. Mullen	Fire Prevention Division	S7-94, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Captain, Drill Master Hugh Duffy	Fire Academy	S7, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter James D. Davidson	Engine Company 52	S7, C32, M.G.L.

Deputy Fire Chief Mullen was appointed to the department on May 12, 1971, promoted to Fire Lieutenant on October 22, 1975, promoted to Fire Captain on June 11, 1980, and promoted to District Fire Chief on March 7, 1984, and promoted to Deputy Fire Chief on December 8, 2006. Fire Captain Duffy was appointed as a Provisional Fire Alarm Operator on March 12, 1975, and appointed to the department on September 5, 1979, and promoted to Fire Lieutenant on May 9, 1984, and promoted to Fire Captain on July 14, 1988. Fire Fighter Davidson was appointed to the department on August 31, 1977. All members leave the department with the best wishes of their associates.

**II. RESIGNATION**

The resignation of the following named member became effective at 1700 hours, on May 10, 2009:

Fire Fighter on Probation Scott M. Perry	Engine Company 53
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**BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER  
RODERICK J. FRASER JR.**

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 19**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
MAY 28, 2009**

**I. TRANSFERS**

The following transfers will become effective on Monday, June 1, 2009 at 0800 hours:

District Fire Chief Paul S. Miller	District 9, Group 1	to	District 7, Group 2
District Fire Chief Stephen P. Paschal	Headquarters Division	to	District 10, Group 1
Fire Captain Paul F. Burke	Engine Company 7	to	Engine Company 3
Fire Lieutenant James F. Haines	Engine Company 39, Gr. 2	to	Engine Co. 39, Gr. 1
Fire Lieutenant Michael J. Whelan	Headquarters Division	to	Engine Company 56
Fire Lieutenant Gerald J. Powers Jr.	Headquarters Division	to	Ladder Company 21
Fire Lieutenant Michael Kenney	Detail Admin. Unit	to	Fire Prevention Div.
Fire Lieutenant Kevin P. McDonough	Fire Prevention Division	to	Personnel Medical
Fire Fighter Timothy S. Dale	Tower-Ladder 10	to	Engine Company 55
Fire Fighter Stephen W. MacDonald	Engine Company 55	to	Rescue Company 2
Fire Fighter Scott M. Coyne	Engine Company 16	to	Ladder Company 6
Fire Fighter Paul Flaherty	Ladder Company 6	to	Rescue Company 2
Fire Fighter Gregory P. Conlan	Ladder Company 7	to	Ladder Company 29
Fire Fighter Reginal R. Creighton	Rehab Unit, W-25	to	Rescue Company 1
Fire Fighter Joseph P. Sullivan	Engine Company 22	to	Rescue Company 1
Fire Fighter William J. Berrio	Engine Company 22	to	Rescue Company 1
Fire Fighter Gary R. Dardia	Engine Company 24	to	Rescue Company 1
Fire Fighter Joseph Cardoza	Fleet/Maintenance	to	Personnel Medical



(TRANSFERS CONTINUED)

Fire Fighter Francisco Salas	Engine Company 17 (ICT to DFC/Grp. 2)	to	Engine Company 17
Fire Fighter Gladstone Weekes	Engine Company 28	to	Tower-Ladder 10 (ICT to Div. 2/Grp. 4)
Fire Fighter Richard Taylor	Engine Company 5	to	Engine Company 5 (ICT to DFC/Grp. 3)
Fire Fighter William Cosby	Engine Company 30	to	Engine Company 37 (ICT to DFC/Grp. 3)
Fire Fighter Russell Boone	Engine Company 42 (ICT to DFC/Grp. 1)	to	Engine Company 17 (ICT to DFC/Grp. 2)

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER  
RODERICK J. FRASER JR.

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 20**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
JUNE 2, 2009**

**MEMORIAL SUNDAY**

The One Hundred and Sixteenth Anniversary of Firemen's Memorial Sunday will be held on Sunday, June 14, 2009. This year marks the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Fireman's Memorial Statue. Father Daniel Mahoney, Boston Fire Department Chaplain, will conduct the ceremonies at Forest Hills Cemetery at 0930 hours. Fire Fighter Leo P. Hughes, President of the Charitable Association of the Boston Fire Department, will be Chief Marshal. The Archbishop Cardinal Sean O'Malley will be Orator of the day.

Trustees of the Charitable Association of the Boston Fire Department and the Boston Fire Department Honor Guard will report to Deputy Fire Chief Robert Dunderdale at the archway via the Morton Street entrance at 0915 hours. Regulation uniform for all members will be sack coat with tie and white gloves.

The Fire Commissioner and the Chief of Department earnestly urges all off duty members to make every effort to attend these services.

A Catholic Mass will be celebrated at the Forsyth Chapel, Forest Hills Cemetery, by Reverend Daniel Mahoney before the Memorial Service at 0830 hours for all who wish to attend.

**BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER  
RODERICK J. FRASER JR.**

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 21**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
JUNE 9, 2009**

**I. RETIREMENTS**

The retirement of the following named members in accordance with the provisions indicated became effective at 1700 hours, May 31, 2009:

Fire Captain Joseph McDonnell	Engine Company 18	S7, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Captain Edward Kirk	Engine Company 50	S7, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Lieutenant Manuel J. Arruda	Training Division	S7, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter Gerard Fowkes	Fire Brigade	S7, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter Paul Bateman	Ladder Company 7	S7, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter Luis E. Gonzalez	E.P.P. Division	S7, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter David Hale	Engine Company 24	S7, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter Robert M. Harrington	Engine Company 8	S7, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter Gary Miller	Engine Company 17	S7, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter Richard Gordon	Tower Ladder 3	S7, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter John Magoon	Training Division	S7-94B, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter John R. Grant	E.P.P. Division	S7, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter Ronald Riding	Ladder Company 1	S7-94, C32, M.G.L.

Fire Captain McDonnell was appointed to the department on August 22, 1973 was promoted to Fire Lieutenant on April 10, 1985. was promoted to Fire Captain on January 10, 1997. Fire Captain Kirk was appointed to the department on December 18, 1974 was promoted to Fire Lieutenant on September 1, 1983 was promoted to Fire Captain on June 1, 1994. Fire Lieutenant Arruda was appointed to the department on September 5, 1979 was promoted to Fire Lieutenant on March 4, 1987. Fire Fighter Fowkes was appointed to the department on October 20, 1971. Fire Fighter Bateman was appointed to the department on December 18, 1974. Fire Fighter Gonzalez was appointed to the department on May 18, 1977. Fire Fighter Hale was appointed to the department on January 18, 1978. Fire Fighter Harrington was appointed to the department on September 27, 1978. Fire Fighter Miller was appointed to the department on September 5, 1979. Fire Fighter Gordon was appointed to the department on February 6, 1980. Fire Fighter Magoon was appointed to the department on October 31, 1984. Fire Fighter Grant was appointed to the department on January 27, 1988. Fire Fighter Riding was appointed to the department on July 13, 1994. All members leave the department with the best wishes of their associates.

## II. RESIGNATION

The resignation of the following named member became effective at 1700 hours, on May 30, 2009:

Fire Fighter  
Sean M. Berte

Tower Ladder 17

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER  
RODERICK J. FRASER JR.

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 22**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
JUNE 26, 2009**

**I. TRANSFERS**

The following transfers will become effective on Wednesday, July 1, 2009 at 0800 hours:

District Fire Chief Paul S. Miller	District 7/Grp. 2	to	District 9/Grp. 1
District Fire Chief Stephen P. Paschal	District 10/Grp. 1	to	Personnel Division
District Fire Chief James F. Loftus	District 10/Grp. 2	to	Personnel Division
District Fire Chief Andre R. Stallworth	District 10/Grp. 3	to	Personnel Division
District Fire Chief Kevin P. Hession	District 10/Grp. 4	to	Personnel Division
District Fire Chief John P. Carey	District 5/Grp. 1	to	Special Response Chief/Gr. 1
District Fire Chief Kevin F. Boccuzzo	District 5/Grp. 2	to	Special Response Chief/Gr. 2
District Fire Chief Mark Buchanan	District 5/Grp. 3	to	Special Response Chief/Gr. 3
District Fire Chief William A. Tobin	District 5/Grp. 4	to	Special Response Chief/Gr. 4
Fire Captain Colin Kelly	Personnel Division	to	Engine Company 7
Fire Lieutenant Edward A. Godinho	Engine Company 5	to	Engine Company 39
Fire Lieutenant Sean O'Brien	Ladder Company 17	to	Fire Academy
Fire Lieutenant Gerald Powers	Ladder Company 21	to	Fire Academy
Fire Fighter John Maguire	Engine Company 10	to	Engine Company 22
Fire Fighter Robert B. O'Neill	Ladder Company 26	to	Engine Company 50
Fire Fighter Orlando A. Riberio	Engine Company 55 (ICT to DFC/Grp. 2)	to	Engine Company 55
Fire Fighter Andre C. Bridges	Engine Company 55 (ICT to DFC/Grp. 3)	to	Ladder Company 9

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(TRANSFERS)

Fire Fighter Michael J. Bernier	Engine Company 55 (ICT to DFC/Grp. 4)	to	Engine Company 48
Fire Fighter James Wright	C-11/Hospital Rep.	to	Engine Company 3
Fire Fighter John Flowers	C-11/Hospital Rep	to	Engine Company 50
Fire Fighter John Flowers	Engine Company 50	to	Engine Company 4 (ICT to DFC/Grp. 4)
Fire Fighter Stephen Langone	C-11/Hospital Rep.	to	Engine Company 50
Fire Fighter Richard M. Rizza	Engine Company 55	to	Engine Company 22
Fire Fighter Anthony Thompson	Engine Company 48	to	W-25
Fire Fighter Russell Boone	Engine Company 17 (ICT to DFC/Grp. 2)	to	Engine Company 42 (ICT to DFC/Grp. 1)

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER  
RODERICK J. FRASER JR.

# Boston

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Division One  
Division Two  
All Districts  
Safety Chiefs  
Fire Alarm

**FROM:** Chief of Department Ronald W. Keating *R.K.*

**DATE:** June 26, 2009

**RE:** Duties of the Special Response Chief - Effective July 1, 2009

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The duties of the Special Response Chief are:

Respond as the 2<sup>nd</sup> alarm Chief citywide.

Respond to all Mutual Aid outside of the city. Acting District Chiefs will now be permitted to respond outside the city on mutual aid.

Cover other Districts when they are training, out of service etc.

Assume the duties of the DECON Chief for Division 2 (will be trained).

Respond to incidents when requested by the Deputy or other District Chiefs.

Continue to do all fire/construction permits in former District 5.

The Special Response Chief will have the call sign Z-1 and his Incident Command Technician (ICT) will have call sign Z-100.

Special Response Chief vacancies will be filled by a pool District Chief if available. If none are available then the senior Fire Captain assigned in Division 2 will fill the vacancy.

Special Response Chief vacancies will not be posted in orders as a vacancy.

For the time being, the Special Response Chief will be assigned to the Office of Field Services. If a Special Response Chief has the most seniority in Division 2, he will be assigned as the Acting Deputy Chief in Division 2 when the opportunity presents itself.

**CC:** Commissioner Roderick J. Fraser, Jr.  
Andrew O'Halloran, Chief of Field Services



Thomas M. Menino, Mayor/FIRE DEPARTMENT/115 Southampton Street 02118

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 23**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
JULY 7, 2009**

**I. CHANGES IN RESPONSE**

Effective 0800 hours, July 1, 2009, company commanders shall make the following changes in response on assignment cards (**see attachment**).

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER  
RODERICK J. FRASER JR.

(ELIMINATION OF DISTRICTS 5 & 10)

(LINK TO ATTACHMENT)



**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 24**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
JULY 13, 2009**

**I. RETIREMENTS**

The retirement of the following named members in accordance with the provisions indicated became effective at 1700 hours, June 30, 2009:

District Fire Chief Arthur E. Perkins	District 5	S5, C32, M.G.L.
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District Fire Chief Perkins was appointed to the department on August 12, 1970 was promoted to Fire Lieutenant on March 15, 1978 was promoted to Fire Captain on August 25, 1982 was promoted to District Fire Chief on March 2, 1988.

Fire Captain John J. McKenna	Rescue Company 2	S5, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Captain Maurice J. Mahoney	Fire Prevention Division	S5, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Captain Walter T. McGinn	Ladder Company 19	S7, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Captain Richard Parker	Headquarters Division	S5, C32, M.G.L.

Fire Captain McKenna was appointed to the department on December 30, 1970 was promoted to Fire Lieutenant on March 15, 1978 was promoted to Fire Captain on November 4, 1987. Fire Captain Mahoney was appointed to the department on September 27, 1972 was promoted to Fire Lieutenant on May 23, 1979 was promoted to Fire Captain on January 19, 1983. Fire Captain McGinn was appointed to the department on July 17, 1974 was promoted to Fire Lieutenant on July 1, 1986 was promoted to Fire Captain on January 3, 1990. Fire Captain Parker was appointed to the department on October 19, 1983 was promoted to Fire Lieutenant on January 31, 1993 was promoted to Fire Captain on December 21, 2005.

Fire Lieutenant Robert T. Kavanaugh	Headquarters Division	S7, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Lieutenant Kevin P. McDonough	Fire Prevention Division	S5, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Lieutenant Kevin P. Cusack	Headquarters Division	S5, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Lieutenant Robert F. Moriarty	Engine Company 33	S7-94, C32, M.G.L.

## (RETIREMENTS CONTINUED)

Fire Lieutenant Patrick J. Brady	Fire Prevention Division	S5, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Lieutenant James A. White	Engine Company 55	S7, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Lieutenant Joseph R. Wilson	Engine Company 5	S7, C32, M.G.L.

Fire Lieutenant Kavanaugh was appointed to the department on February 19, 1983 was promoted to Fire Lieutenant on July 5, 1989. Fire Lieutenant McDonough was appointed to the department on October 20, 1971 was promoted to Fire Lieutenant on January 19, 1983. Fire Lieutenant Cusack was appointed to the department on May 17, 1972 was promoted to Fire Lieutenant on June 5, 1991. Fire Lieutenant Moriarty was appointed to the department on September 27, 1972 was promoted to Fire Lieutenant on October 4, 1995. Fire Lieutenant Brady was appointed to the department on February 6, 1980 was promoted to Fire Lieutenant on March 29, 2000. Fire Lieutenant White was appointed to the department on October 31, 1984 was promoted to Fire Lieutenant on April 30, 2002. Fire Lieutenant Wilson was appointed to the department on January 27, 1988 was promoted to Fire Lieutenant on May 5, 1999.

Fire Fighter Robert H. Lindsay	Training Division	S7-94, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter David Wadman	Ladder Company 6	S5, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter Francis A. Baxter	Rescue Company 2	S5, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter Lawrence A. Woodbury	Engine Company 28	S5, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter Lawrence F. Pelosi	Engine Company 50	S5, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter Kirk Johnson	Engine Company 16	S5, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter Joseph P. Hurley	Marine Unit	S5, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter Avelino John Ruberio	Engine Company 49	S5, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter Otilio Santiago	Engine Company 18	S5, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter George P. Healey	Engine Company 5	S5, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter Francis W. Kelly	Fire Prevention Division	S5, C32, M.G.L.

## (RETIREMENTS CONTINUED)

Fire Fighter			
Robert J. Munroe	Engine Company 24		S7-94, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter			
Marshall A. Smith	Engine Company 21		S5, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter			
Joseph R. Cullity	Ladder Company 25		S5, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter			
John P. Collins	Engine Company 8		S5, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter			
Eugene T. Marsters	Engine Company 2		S5, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter			
Val G. Piazza	Engine Company 20		S5, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter			
Edward P. Rose	Ladder Company 15		S5, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter			
Kenneth B. Jones	Engine Company 39		S5, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter			
Scott Martin	Engine Company 50		S5, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter			
James P. MacDonald	Training Division		S5, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter			
Robert D. MacLean	Engine Company 39		S5, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter			
John Walton	Engine Company 41		S7, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter			
William J. Boyle	Engine Company 8		S7-94, C32, M.G.L.

Fire Fighter Lindsay was appointed to the department on October 22, 1969.  
 Fire Fighter Wadman was appointed to the department on December 24, 1969.  
 Fire Fighter Baxter was appointed to the department on March 10, 1971.  
 Fire Fighter Woodbury was appointed to the department on July 7, 1971.  
 Fire Fighter Pelosi was appointed to the department on May 17, 1972.  
 Fire Fighter Johnson was appointed to the department on December 18, 1974.  
 Fire Fighter Hurley was appointed to the department on December 18, 1974.  
 Fire Fighter Ruberio was appointed to the department on January 19, 1977.  
 Fire Fighter Santiago was appointed to the department on August 3, 1977.  
 Fire Fighter Healey was appointed to the department on January 18, 1978.  
 Fire Fighter Kelly was appointed to the department on May 17, 1978..  
 Fire Fighter Munroe was appointed to the department on September 27, 1978.  
 Fire Fighter Smith was appointed to the department on September 15, 1979.  
 Fire Fighter Cullity was appointed to the department on October 19, 1983.  
 Fire Fighter Collins was appointed to the department on October 31, 1984.

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Fire Fighter Marsters was appointed to the department on August 20, 1986.  
Fire Fighter Piazza was appointed to the department on September 24, 1986.  
Fire Fighter Rose was appointed to the department on January 27, 1988.  
Fire Fighter Jones was appointed to the department on February 22, 1989.  
Fire Fighter Martin was appointed to the department on February 22, 1989.  
Fire Fighter MacDonald was appointed to the department on February 20, 1991.  
Fire Fighter MacLean was appointed to the department on February 20, 1991.  
Fire Fighter Walton was appointed to the department on February 20, 1991.  
Fire Fighter Boyle was appointed to the department on July 9, 1997.

All members leave the department with the best wishes of their associates.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER  
RODERICK J. FRASER JR.

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 25**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
JULY 14, 2009**

**I. TRANSFERS**

The following transfers became effective on Wednesday, July 1, 2009 at 0800 hours:

Fire Captain John Dolan	Office of Fields Services	to	Emergency Planning and Preparedness
Fire Lieutenant Gerard Powers	Ladder Company 21	to	Fire Academy
Fire Fighter Daniel Gomes	Engine Company 56	to	Fire Academy

**II. COMMENDATION**

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Michael Blaney, Ladder Company 14, for responding to an accident scene while off duty. On June 24, 2009 he came upon a vehicle crash with victims trapped in the wreckage and immediately went to their aid. As Ladder Company 25 and Engine Company 30 arrived Fire Fighter Blaney then assisted with the extrication and boarding of the two passengers. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

**BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER  
RODERICK J. FRASER JR.**

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 26**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
JULY 28, 2009**

**I. TRANSFERS**

The following transfers will become effective on Saturday, August 1, 2009 at 0800 hours:

District Fire Chief			
Kevin F. Boccuzzo	Special Response Chief	to	District 7, Group 2
Fire Lieutenant			
Michael P. Finn	Engine Company 52	to	Fire Academy
Fire Lieutenant			
Scott R. Boyle	Personnel Division	to	Engine Company 5
Fire Lieutenant			
Christopher McGrath	Personnel Division	to	Tower Ladder 17
Fire Lieutenant			
Kevin E. Weekes	Personnel Division	to	Ladder Company 21
Fire Fighter			
Frederick C. Adams	Engine Company 2	to	Engine Company 30
Fire Fighter			
James Wright	Engine Company 3	to	Engine Company 49
Fire Fighter			
Michael J. Bernier	Engine Company 48	to	Engine Company 55
Fire Fighter			
Kenneth J. Doneghy	Ladder Company 14	to	Engine Company 55
Fire Fighter			
Timothy S. Dale	Engine Company 55	to	Ladder Company 1
Fire Fighter			
Christopher Smith	Ladder Company 4	to	Ladder Company 1
Fire Fighter			
Mark Flynn	Engine Company 8	to	Fire Academy

**II. PROMOTION TO FIRE LIEUTENANT**

The following named members were promoted to Fire Lieutenant and transferred to the Personnel Division effective 0800 hours July 17, 2009:

Fire Fighter	
Scott R. Boyle	Engine Company 42
Fire Fighter	
Christopher McGrath	Engine Company 17
Fire Fighter	
Joseph Briscoe	Ladder Company 25

Fire Fighter

James McAdams

Rescue Company 1

Fire Fighter

Kevin E. Weekes

Ladder Company 16

### **III. COMMENDATION**

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Michael Blaney, Ladder Company 14, for responding to an accident scene while off duty. On June 24, 2009 he came upon a vehicle crash with victims trapped in the wreckage and immediately went to their aid. As Ladder Company 25 and Engine Company 30 arrived Fire Fighter Blaney then assisted with the extrication and boarding of the two passengers. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

**BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER  
RODERICK J. FRASER JR.**

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 27**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
AUGUST 27, 2009**

**I. RETIREMENTS**

The retirement of the following named members in accordance with the provisions indicated will become effective at 1700 hours, August 31, 2009:

Fire Captain			
Edward J. Callahan	Engine Company 2		S5, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter			
William M. Manning	Engine Company 32		S5, C32, M.G.L.

Fire Captain Callahan was appointed to the department on August 12, 1970, promoted to Fire Lieutenant on March 15, 1978 and promoted to Fire Captain on March 7, 1984. Fire Fighter Manning was appointed to the department on March 19, 1975. All members leave the department with the best wishes of their associates.

**II. TRANSFERS**

The following transfers will become effective on Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at 0800 hours:

District Fire Chief			
James F. Loftus	Personnel Division	to	Special Response Chief/Grp.2
Fire Lieutenant			
David J. Montoya	Ladder Company 15	to	Engine Company 52
Fire Fighter			
Orlando A. Ribeiro	Engine Company 55	to	Engine Company 37 (ICT to DFC/Grp. 2)
Fire Fighter			
Francisco Salas	Engine Company 17	to	Engine Company 17 (ICT to DFC/Grp. 2)
Fire Fighter			
John Flowers	Engine Company 4 (ICT to DFC/Grp. 4)	to	Engine Company 2
Fire Fighter			
John Flowers	Engine Company 2	to	Engine Company 4 (ICT to DFC/Grp. 4)
Fire Fighter			
Joseph M. Bacchi	Engine Company 37 (ICT to DFC/Grp. 4)	to	Engine Company 2
Fire Fighter			
Joseph M. Bacchi	Engine Company 2	to	Engine Company 37 (ICT to DFC/Grp. 4)



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Fire Fighter				
Edward J. Matthews	Engine Company 3	to	Engine Company 2	
Fire Fighter				
Thomas L. Hughes	Engine Company 14	to	Engine Company 22	
Fire Fighter				
Nathalie F. Delsoin	Engine Company 50	to	Engine Company 49	
Fire Fighter				
Thomas G. Connelly	Engine Company 49	to	Engine Company 10	
Fire Fighter				
Daniel E. Reardon	Engine Company 22	to	Ladder Company 14	
Fire Fighter				
Paul Arathuzik	Rescue Company 1	to	Personnel Medical	
Fire Fighter				
Walter Godino	Engine Company 55	to	Personnel Medical	

### III. COMMENDATION

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend District Fire Chief John Dempsey, District 1, for responding to an incident while off duty. On the night of August 12, 2009, while driving in the vicinity of Appleton and Dartmouth Streets, he came upon a crowd of people standing over a man down in the middle of the street. He immediately went to the aid of the victim and performed a primary survey while notifying the Fire Alarm Office to have the nearest apparatus respond. Chief Dempsey continued to monitor the patient until relieved by the members of Engine Company 7. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER  
RODERICK J. FRASER JR.

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 28**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2009**

**I. RETIREMENT**

The retirement of the following named member in accordance with the provisions indicated became effective at 1700 hours, August 31, 2009:

District Fire Chief Michael J. Gaurenté	District 4	S5, C32, M.G.L.
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District Fire Chief Gaurenté was appointed to the department on June 23, 1976, promoted to Fire Lieutenant on September 3, 1989, promoted to Fire Captain on August 6, 1997 and promoted to District Fire Chief on January 10, 2003. He leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

**II. TRANSFERS**

The following transfers will become effective on Thursday, October 1, 2009 at 0800 hours:

District Fire Chief Andre R. Stallworth	Headquarters Division	to	District 4/Grp. 3
Fire Captain Donald J. Price	Ladder Company 18	to	Engine Company 2
Fire Lieutenant Mark Loschiavo	Engine Company 33	to	Ladder Company 15
Fire Fighter Gino Roach	Ladder Company 26	to	Engine Company 22
Fire Fighter Kevin Hastie	Engine Company 28	to	Engine Company 55
Fire Fighter Andre Bridges	Ladder Company 9	to	Engine Company 7 (ICT to DFC/Grp. 3)
Fire Fighter Paul Capeless	Ladder Company 18	to	Engine Company 10
Fire Fighter Mark Flynn	Fire Academy	to	Engine Company 8 (eff.-9/18/09)
Fire Fighter Brian Sellon	Ladder Company 4	to	Fire Academy (eff.-9/1/09)

### III. HIGH COMMENDATIONS

1.) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Lieutenant John Soares, Ladder Company 24, for his actions on August 5, 2009. On that date, companies responded to 53 State Street for a malfunctioning scaffold unit listing and tilting between the thirty seventh and thirty eighth floors. Fire Lieutenant Soares located a victim pounding on the glass window on the low end of the scaffold in a panic. Recognizing the extreme danger to the victim, he ordered his crew to tie him off with his rescue rope as the other members broke out the window. While the other members held him, Lieutenant Soares reached down and out the window to grab hold of the panicked victim. The other members of Ladder Company 24 then pulled him and the victim up through the window to safety.

Fire Lieutenant Soares' initiative and quick response exposed himself at great personal risk to the victim's precarious situation almost four hundred feet above the street. Therefore, the Fire Commissioner highly commends Fire Lieutenant John Soares and refers this case to the Board of Merit for further review.

2.) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Robert T. Smith of Engine Company 14 for his actions while off duty on April 4, 2009. Fire Fighter Smith witnessed a woman go into cardiac arrest at the Hibernia Hall in Roxbury, District 7. After an initial survey he determined she had no pulse, no respiration and immediately initiated CPR. Another off duty Fire Fighter took over CPR while Fire Fighter Smith updated Fire Alarm on his cell phone as he ran next door to Engine 14's quarters. There he alerted the members to the victim's condition, took the AED, ran back to the scene and assisted the members of Engine 14 with life support until relieved by Boston EMS. His initiative and quick thinking reflect highly on the Boston Fire Department and for the citizens of Boston. Therefore, the Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Fighter Robert T. Smith and refers this to the Board of merit for further review.

3.) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Kevin Bailey, Engine Company 5, for his actions while off duty on Wednesday August 26, 2009. While traveling on Fenno Street, District 7, he came upon a stabbing victim bleeding profusely from multiple stab wounds to the head and neck. In order to control the serious bleeding, he applied direct pressure to the wounds with a towel, exposing himself to the victim's blood. Despite this exposure he maintained control of the bleeding until relieved by Boston Fire and EMS personnel.

Due to the danger of an unprotected exposure as well as working at the scene of a violent crime, Fire Fighter Bailey placed himself at great personal risk. His selfless act and aggressive actions helped save the victim from more severe injuries and possible death. Therefore, the Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Fighter Bailey and refers this case to the Board of Merit for further review.

**IV. COMMISSIONER’S UNIT CITATION**

1.) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend the members of Ladder Company 24 and Rescue Company 1 for their actions on August 5, 2009. On that date, companies responded to 53 State Street for a malfunctioning scaffold unit, listing and tilting between the thirty seventh and thirty eighth floors. Companies found two victims at either end of the scaffold in a very agitated condition, dangling almost four hundred feet above the street. Ladder Company 24’s members broke out the window and secured one member with a rescue rope to safely bring the first victim inside the building. Simultaneously, Rescue Company 1 removed the window and secured two members with a lifeline to rescue the second victim.

Due to the extreme danger of working outside of a building and with two victims hanging almost four hundred feet above the street, Rescue Company 1 and Ladder Company 24 contributed greatly to the successful outcome. Therefore, the Fire Commissioner’s Unit Citation is hereby awarded to:

**Ladder Company 24**

Fire Lieutenant John Soares  
Fire Fighter Christopher Dunn  
Fire Fighter Edward Neff (Detailed, E-7)  
Fire Fighter Robert Linnell (Detailed, E-7)

**Rescue Company 1**

Fire Fighter Senior Man Edgar Rodriguez  
Fire Fighter Thomas Curtin  
Fire Fighter Shawn Donovan  
Fire Fighter Ronald Cook

2.) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend the members of Engine Company 4 and Ladder Company 24 for their actions on August 22, 2009 in a building located at Anderson and Myrtle Streets, District 3. At 0340 hours a 25 year old male had accidentally exited a roof party and plunged three to four stories, wedging himself into a nine inch space between the walls of a first floor laundromat. After hearing cries for help, members searched and found the location of the victim and determined the best way to remove him. A wall was breached and three members entered the confined space. The victim had multiple traumas and was carefully removed after a time consuming carry of more than twenty feet through the confined space and placed in the care of Boston EMS.

Due to the extreme conditions of a confined space, the excessive heat, and the time involved, all the members of Engine Company 4 and Ladder Company 24 played an intrinsic role in the successful outcome of this incident. Therefore, the Fire Commissioner’s Unit Citation is hereby awarded to:

**Engine Company 4**

Fire Lieutenant Ralph Walker  
Fire Fighter Daniel Mullen  
Fire Fighter Joseph Johnson  
Fire Fighter Michael Atwood

**Ladder Company 24**

Fire Lieutenant John Soares  
Fire Fighter Keith Condry  
Fire Fighter Rory Thorton (Detailed E-52)  
Fire Fighter Patrick Malone (Detailed L-29)

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER  
RODERICK J. FRASER JR.

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 29**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
OCTOBER 2, 2009**

**I. FIRE PREVENTION WEEK ACTIVITIES**

The Boston Fire Department is engaged in a program of promoting fire prevention to the public. To assist in setting this example, it is the sincere wish of the Fire Commissioner and the Chief of Department that all members of the department support its Fire Prevention Week activities. This may be done by conveying to your family, friends and relatives those events which are in support of this worthwhile activity and by requesting their presence whenever possible. The Fire Prevention Division has issued Fire Prevention Banners to all firehouse. These banners shall be displayed during Fire Prevention Week which is October 4<sup>th</sup> through October 10<sup>th</sup> this year. This year's theme is *Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned.*

**BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER  
RODERICK J. FRASER JR.**

**BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT  
I. INTERNET AND ONLINE COMPUTER SERVICES USE POLICY  
FOR BFD MEMBERS  
OCTOBER 2009**

*This Policy is based on Policies of the City of Boston. It is not the intention of this Policy to conflict with Policies created and implemented by the City of Boston Management Information Services Department. City Policies can be found by employees under Documents on the City of Boston employee Hub site.*

The Boston Fire Department (BFD) computer network is connected to the Internet and other online services in order to allow Department staff to serve the public more efficiently and effectively. The Fire Department hardware, software, connections and peripherals are the property of the Boston Fire Department / City of Boston and are to be used only for business purposes of the Department. Internet connections, e-mail, and other technology resources are to be used for business purposes. Employees, at all times, are to use such resources in a lawful, ethical, and businesslike manner in their individual and collective capacity. An employee's use of the Fire Department and/or City of Boston e-mail system and/or access to the Internet constitutes his/her agreement to comply with the provisions of this Policy.

Use of these capabilities is subject to the same management oversight and supervision as any other employee activity. Such use must conform to all applicable laws and regulations. All official policies and procedures established by the Fire Commissioner or his/her designees to regulate the behavior and performance of Fire Department employees shall apply to the use of these computer capabilities. Failure to comply with the guidelines in this policy may result in termination, suspension, or other limitation of an employee's privileges for access to Internet-related capabilities, and may be the cause for further discipline up to and including termination.

These regulations may be updated from time to time and amended at the discretion of the Fire Commissioner.

The following use of the e-mail/Internet system is strictly prohibited: users receiving such material must immediately report the incident to their supervisor who will take appropriate action consistent with this Policy:

1. The creation and exchange of messages that are potentially offensive, harassing, defaming, obscene or threatening;
2. Any illegal activity, including but not limited to, the transmission of copyright or trade secret material, or the participation in any type of criminal activity;

3. The transmission of materials or communications used for commercial promotion, product endorsement, or any profit-making activity;
4. The transmission of materials or communications concerning political activity, whether partisan or non-partisan, for or against any party, person, organization, or faction thereof;
5. The transmission of materials or communications that may violate the state Conflict of Interest Law, Campaign Finance Law, or other law affecting the conduct of public employees;
6. Messages should not be read or sent from another user's account except under proper delegate arrangements;
7. Altering a message or attachment received from another user without the permission of the originator;
8. Users must not compromise the privacy of their password by giving it to others or exposing it to public view;
9. Messages will be retained in accordance with the guidelines published by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Boston Law Department and City Clerk's Archives and Records Management Division. Copies of the current guidelines can be found on "The HUB". Every department member is responsible for understanding the requirements of the published guidance.
10. Sending "Global" or "all staff e-mail" is limited to those having a business purpose. It is not to be used as an open bulletin board. Messages sent unnecessarily can impact system and user performance. Those wishing to send a "Global" or "all-staff email" must be obtain authorization from and distribute such email via a Command Staff member network account;
11. Attempts to violate the computer security systems implemented by the Boston Fire Department or other institutions, organizations, companies, or individuals;
12. Software piracy, or the downloading and transferring of software for which the user does not have the proper licensing.

13. No personal devices should be attached to Boston Fire Department / City of Boston computers or other peripheral devices or to network connections. No software shall be loaded, downloaded, or used unless that software has been issued by the Fire Department or City of Boston MIS departments. Nothing in this section shall preclude a user from utilizing a personalized storage device as long as the device includes an embedded encryption system, such as an IRONKEY™. Approved personalized storage devices may only be attached to department computers configured with anti-virus protection.

E-mail messages are considered public records, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 66, and are therefore legally discoverable and subject to record retention policies. Employees should not expect that e-mail messages (even those marked "personal") are private or confidential. Once e-mail or any Internet connection, e.g. "cookie," is created it becomes public record subject to the provisions of the Public Records laws.

The Human Resources Office may, for legitimate business reasons, approve the monitoring of e-mail messages. Legitimate business reasons include, but are not limited to, system checks, review of employee productivity when proper usage is called into question by a supervisor, investigations into claims of possible criminal activity, and investigations into claims of inappropriate use of the Boston Fire Department / City of Boston Internet or online services.

Users of electronic mail services should be aware that even though the sender and recipient have discarded their copies of an electronic mail record, there may be back-up copies that can be retrieved.

Systems may be "backed-up" on a routine or occasional basis to protect system reliability and integrity, and to prevent potential loss of data. The back-up process results in the copying of data onto storage media that may be retained for periods of time and in locations unknown to the originator or recipient of electronic mail. The practice and frequency of back-ups and the retention of back-up copies of email vary from system to system.

The Boston Fire Department and the City of Boston maintains mail archives of all electronic mail sent or received. Electronic mail is normally backed up only to assure system integrity and reliability, not to provide for future retrieval, although back-ups and archives may at times serve the latter purpose incidentally. Operators of Boston Fire Department electronic mail services are not required by this Policy to retrieve email from such back-up or archive facilities upon the holder's request, although on occasion they may do so as a courtesy. Upon termination or separation from the Fire Department, access to e-mail including the ability to download, forward, print or retrieve any message stored in the system will be denied.



Employees in an official leave status for a period exceeding 21 calendar days will have their departmental account placed in a disabled status with no access to any Fire Department data or services.

All users are expected to undertake precautions to prevent infection of Fire Department computers by computer viruses. In particular, executable programs imported from other sites to Department computers must not be used unless they have been authorized by the IT Division and they have been subjected to virus detection procedures approved by the IT Division. The IT Division may, from time to time, impose additional restrictions or regulations on the importing of remote files and such restrictions or regulations shall be considered part of this Policy.

Use of the Fire Department system constitutes consent to monitoring of e-mail transmissions and other online services and is conditioned upon strict adherence to this Policy.

Managers and supervisors are responsible for ensuring that all their employees using computers have read this Policy and understand its applicability to their activities.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER  
RODERICK J. FRASER JR.

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 31**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
OCTOBER 27, 2009**

**I. RETIREMENTS**

The retirement of the following named members in accordance with the provisions indicated became effective at 1700 hours, September 30, 2009:

Fire Captain		
Paul E. Alfieri	Engine Company 8	S7-94B, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter		
James E. France	Engine Company 39	S7-94B, C32, M.G.L.

Fire Captain Alfieri was appointed to the department on August 20, 1986, promoted to Fire Lieutenant on July 10, 1996, and promoted to Fire Captain on September 2, 2000. Fire Fighter France was appointed to the department on December 30, 1970.

The retirement of the following named members in accordance with the provisions indicated became effective at 1700 hours, October 9, 2009:

District Fire Chief		
Gerard F. Lucas	District 9	S7-94, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Captain		
Edward J Coan	Ladder Company 1	S7-94, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Lieutenant		
James M. Foley	Engine Company 3	S7-94, C32, M.G.L.

District Fire Chief Lucas was appointed to the department on October 30, 1974, promoted to Fire Lieutenant on January 19, 1983, promoted to Fire Captain on April 22, 1986, and promoted to District Fire Chief on December 6, 1989. Fire Captain Coan was appointed to the department on December 6, 1978, and was promoted to Fire Lieutenant on September 30, 1986, and promoted to Fire Captain on March 2, 1994. Fire Lieutenant Foley was appointed to the department on December 6, 1978, and was promoted to Fire Lieutenant on August 6, 2000.

The retirement of the following named member in accordance with the provisions indicated will become effective at 1700 hours, October 31, 2009:

Fire Fighter		
Robert Little	Engine Company 50	S5, C32, M.G.L.

Fire Fighter Little was appointed to the department on March 20, 1974. All members leave the department with the best wishes of their associates.

## II. TRANSFERS

The following transfers will become effective on Saturday, October 31, 2009 at 0800 hours:

Fire Captain				
Scott D. Wahlen	Personnel Division	to	Ladder Company 18	
Fire Captain				
Richard M. Quinlan	Tower Ladder 17	to	Training Division	
Fire Lieutenant				
Mark Loschiavo	Ladder Company 15	to	Engine Company 33	
Fire Fighter				
Daniel Mullen	Engine Company 4 (ICT to Dist.3/Gp.1)	to	Ladder Company 18	
Fire Fighter				
Daniel Mullen	Ladder Company 18	to	Engine Company 4 (ICT to Dist. 3/Grp. 1)	
Fire Fighter				
Philip J. Cetrino	Engine Company 24	to	Rescue Company 1	
Fire Fighter				
Jason Wallace	Training Division	to	W-25	
Fire Fighter				
Michael Dannaher	Ladder Company 1	to	Mask Repair Unit	

## III. COMMENDATION

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Senior Fire Alarm Operator Diane Clifford, of the Fire Alarm Division, for her actions on September 25, 2009. While on duty that day State Police Operations transferred to Fire Alarm a cell phone call for a medical emergency. Operator Clifford fielded the call and on the line was a hysterical woman reporting her friend had fallen, struck her head and was not breathing. After notifying apparatus and Boston EMS, Operator Clifford calmed the caller and assured her that help was reroute, then proceeded to give her pre-arrival instructions in rescue breathing. Operator Clifford's comforting demeanor eased the caller's anxiety and made her more receptive to her instructions.

As she was encouraging the caller, the victim suddenly started to breath on her own. Operator Clifford praised the caller and told her that she would remain on the phone until the arrival of apparatus or Boston EMS. Her command of the situation and her professional manner helped to stabilize a serious incident and reflects greatly on the Fire Alarm Division and the Boston Fire Department. This commendation shall be made part of her personnel file.

#### IV. COMMISSIONER'S UNIT CITATION

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend the following named members of Engine Company 10, as an addition to General Order 27, dated September 14, 2009, for their actions on August 5, 2009.

On that date, companies responded to 53 State Street for a malfunctioning scaffold unit, listing and tilting between the thirty seventh and thirty eighth floors. Initial companies found two workers at either end of the scaffold. Engine Company 10 identified and supplied the necessary rope rescue equipment for the companies to operate at the incident. They secured said equipment to the roof and helped fasten individual harnesses to Ladder Company 24 and Rescue Company 1. They also provided the incident commander with timely high angle technical expertise throughout the entire operation. All of these actions affected a successful rescue of the two panicked workers dangling almost 400 feet above the street. Therefore, the Fire Commissioner's Unit Citation is hereby awarded to:

##### **Engine Company 10**

Fire Lieutenant Daniel Dowling  
Fire Fighter Brian Kirk  
Fire Fighter Matthew Murphy  
Fire Fighter Spencer Arnold

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER  
RODERICK J. FRASER JR.

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 32**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
NOVEMBER 9, 2009**

**I. DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF, SAFETY DIVISION**

Effective with this order is the establishment of the position of Deputy Fire Chief, Safety Division. The Deputy Fire Chief shall have complete responsibility for all related safety concerns of the Department, will report directly to the Chief of Operations, Field Services, and will work with the complete authority of that office. His duties shall include but not be limited to coordinating and enforcing all policies relating to the safe operation of this Department, investigating all Department motor vehicle accidents, issuing safety bulletins, evaluating and testing equipment such as PPE for use by the Department, and serving as Chair Officer on the Safety Committee. The Safety Division District Chiefs will report directly to the Deputy Fire Chief, Safety Division and will be guided by his/her orders.

**II. TRANSFER**

The following transfer will become effective on Monday, November 09, 2009 at 0800 hours:

Deputy Fire Chief  
Bernard J. Tully                      Headquarters Division                      to                      Safety Division

**BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER  
RODERICK J. FRASER JR.**

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 33**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
NOVEMBER 25, 2009**

**I. TRANSFERS**

The following transfers will become effective on Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at 0800 hours:

Fire Captain Gerald E. Hogan	Engine Company 14	to	Tower-Ladder 17
Fire Lieutenant James P. Greene	Engine Company 33	to	Ladder Company 15
Fire Fighter Michael J. Pavone	Engine Company 3	to	Engine Company 42
Fire Fighter Thomas J. Carroll	Engine Company 18	to	Ladder Company 6
Fire Fighter Scott Coyne	Ladder Company 6	to	Rescue Company 1
Fire Fighter Wayne E. Abron	Engine Company 7	to	Tower-Ladder Company 17
Fire Fighter Brian S. Lynch	Tower-Ladder 10	to	Ladder Company 25
Fire Fighter Michael T. Keating	Engine Company 17	to	Personnel Medical

**II. COMMISSIONERS UNIT CITATION**

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend the members of Engine Company 16 for their actions on November 12, 2009. On that date Box 3495 was struck for a building fire at 83 Evans St., District 8, with reports of a person trapped inside. Upon arrival Engine Co. 16 reported heavy fire showing from the basement windows, with fire extending rapidly up the interior stairwell. Fire Fighter Brian Martinage and Fire Fighter Michael Sweeney immediately advanced the attack line down the driveway knocking down the fire emanating from the windows and up the exterior. They then entered the basement via a three foot drop and continued the attack under extreme fire conditions.

As other occupants confirmed that someone was still inside, Fire Lieutenant Michael Sameski and Fire Fighter Robert Dillon Jr. attempted to enter the building, but intense heat and thick smoke drove them back. They then re-entered the front door and proceeded again down the hallway ten to fifteen feet past the open door to the basement from which the heat and smoke was rising.

Searching through zero visibility Fire Lieutenant Sameski located the victim and with the assistance of Fire Fighter Dillon removed the victim to the outside. Pump Operator Fire Fighter Michael Ahearn came to the aid of the victim and along with Lieutenant Sameski determined that she was not breathing and had no pulse. They immediately initiated CPR for two or three minutes until the arrival of Boston EMS. Fire Lieutenant Sameski then went to the basement and Fire Fighter Ahern continued to operate numerous attack lines off of Engine 16's pumper.

Because of their initiative and teamwork under chaotic conditions, the victim was saved from more serious injuries or possible death. Therefore the Commissioner's Unit Citation is hereby awarded to:

**Engine Company 16**

Fire Lieutenant Michael Sameski  
Fire Fighter Michael Ahern  
Fire Fighter Brian Martinage  
Fire Fighter Robert Dillon Jr.  
Fire Fighter Michael Sweeney

**III. COMMENDATIONS**

1.) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter William Murphy, Tower Ladder Company 10, for his actions while off duty on October 10, 2009. On that day he came upon an auto accident in District 8 and immediately went to the aid of the parties involved. He remained on scene monitoring the patients until the arrival of apparatus and BEMS. Fire Fighter Murphy then assisted the companies with boarding, collaring, and patient removal from the vehicles to the ambulance. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

2.) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Michael Gavin, Engine Company 41, for his actions while off duty on August 16, 2009. On that day Rescue Company 1 and Engine Company 41 were responding to a serious vehicle accident with entrapment on Interstate 93 northbound. Upon arrival it was noted that off duty member Fire Fighter Michael Gavin had crawled inside the wreckage and was performing a primary survey. He also held traction and maintained the airway as the companies used the jaws of life to extricate the seriously injured, unconscious operator. Fire Fighter Gavin performed these duties without regard for his personal safety. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER  
RODERICK J. FRASER JR.

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 34**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
DECEMBER 28, 2009**

**I. RETIREMENTS**

The retirements of the following named members in accordance with the provisions indicated became effective at 1700 hours, November 30, 2009:

Fire Fighter			
John Sheehan	Engine Company 16 (I.C.T. to District 8)		S7-94, C32, M.G.L.

Fire Fighter Sheehan was appointed to the department on July 26, 1972.

The retirements of the following named members in accordance with the provisions indicated became effective at 1700 hours, December 31, 2009:

Fire Fighter			
Daniel F. Robishaw	Engine Company 10 (I.C.T. to Division 1)		S5-10, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter			
Kenneth W. Reddick	Fire Investigation Unit		S5-10, C32, M.G.L.

Fire Fighter Robishaw was appointed to the department on December 24 1969 and Fire Fighter Reddick was appointed to the department on August 31, 1977. All Members leave the department with the best wishes of their associates.

**II. TRANSFERS**

The following transfers will become effective on Friday, January 1, 2010 at 0800 hours:

Fire Captain				
Thomas F. Ford	Engine Company 49	to		Personnel/Medical
Fire Captain				
Scott D. Wahlen	Ladder Company 18	to		Engine Company 14
Fire Lieutenant				
Mark A. Corwin	Engine Company 4	to		Engine Company 33
Fire Fighter				
Eric Vinitzky	Engine Company 39	to		Engine Company 24
Fire Fighter				
Gary Cullinane	Engine Company 7	to		Engine Company 10 (ICT to Deputy/Grp. 3)
Fire Fighter				
Richard M. MacDonald	Engine Company 10	to		Engine Company 3



Fire Fighter Michael R. Mason	Engine Company 42	to	Engine Company 30
Fire Fighter Bryan P. Dale	Engine Company 30	to	Ladder Company 25
Fire Fighter Mark Flynn	Engine Company 8	to	Engine Company 50
Fire Fighter Charles T. Khoury	Ladder Company 25	to	Rescue Company 2
Fire Fighter Paul Vinard	Ladder Company 26	to	Rescue Company 2
Fire Fighter Michael Kates	Engine Company 14 (ICT to H-1/Grp. 2)	to	Engine Company 14
Fire Fighter John Cetrino	Rescue Company 1	to	Engine Company 14 (ICT to H-1/Grp. 2)

### III. HIGH COMMENDATION

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Michael J. McCarthy, Engine Company 21, for his actions on August 3, 2009. On that day Engine Company 21 and Ladder Company 18 were responding to a master box for the Holiday Inn Express on Boston Street in District 7. As they approached the hotel, the guests were evacuating the building and gathering outside as Engine 21 came to a stop at the side entrance. Suddenly, a heavily built barefoot man came running full speed out the side door, pushing through the crowd yelling, "help me, help me". The man was bleeding from cuts to his face, arms, legs and feet, he then jumped into the open passenger compartment behind the driver's seat of Engine 21. He had crashed through a closed sliding glass door inside the hotel lobby.

The emotionally disturbed man grabbed a flathead axe from the tool bag and raised it head high in a threatening manner. Fire Fighter McCarthy immediately, with great personal risk grabbed the man's arm that held the axe, and spoke to him in a calm, reassuring manner. After several tense minutes, Fire Fighter McCarthy was able to convince the irrational victim to put the axe back on the floor of the apparatus. With the assistance of the remaining members, along with Boston Police and Boston EMS, the distraught man was subdued, handcuffed and transported to Boston Medical Center for treatment.

Due to Fire Fighter McCarthy's prompt actions, cool demeanor and soothing manner, the chaotic incident came to a successful conclusion without severe injuries or a possible death. Therefore, the Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter McCarthy and refers this case to the Board of Merit for further review.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER  
RODERICK J. FRASER JR.