

Fire Lieutenant Edward J. Walsh, age 43, Engine Company 33

Fire Fighter Michael R. Kennedy, age 33, Ladder Company 15 (detailed to Engine Company 33.)

On March 26, 2014, Fire Lieutenant Walsh and Fire Fighter Kennedy died from the inhalation of smoke, heat and gases at a basement fire in a 4/5-story brownstone residential building at 298 Beacon Street, Back Bay, 9 alarms, Box 1579 (Beacon & Exeter Streets). The fire eventually extended to the roof of the building, aided by high winds, gusting to 60mph, blowing across the Charles River toward the rear of the building. Fire Fighter Kennedy was removed shortly after becoming trapped in the basement. Fire Lieutenant Walsh's remains were removed several hours later. Fire Lieutenant Walsh had 9 ½ years service. Fire Fighter Kennedy had 6 years service.