

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 1**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
JANUARY 6, 1998**

**I. PROMOTION TO FIRE CAPTAIN**

The following named member will be promoted to Fire Captain and transferred to the Personnel Division effective 0800 hours, January 7, 1998:

Fire Lieutenant  
Lada J. Ross

Ladder Company 2

**II. PROMOTIONS TO FIRE LIEUTENANT**

The following named members will be promoted to Fire Lieutenant and transferred to the Personnel Division effective 0800 hours, January 7, 1998:

Fire Fighter  
Donald A. Robinson

Ladder Company 10

Fire Fighter  
Dennis L. Keeley

Ladder Company 18

Fire Fighter  
David J. Montoya

Ladder Company 7

**III. CORRECTION**

The date that Transfers became effective in General Order No. 44, dated December 29, 1997, should be corrected to read January 1, **1998**.

**BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.**

THE LAST GENERAL ORDER IN THE 1997 SERIES WAS NO. 44.

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 2**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
JANUARY 15, 1998**

**I. GENERAL FOREMAN JOHN W. CONNOLLY**

It is with deep regret that the Fire Commissioner announces the death on January 5, 1998 of General Foreman John W. Connolly, Maintenance Division. General Foreman John W. Connolly was appointed to the department on December 10, 1958.

The funeral was held from the Brady & Fallon Funeral Home, 10 Tower Street, Jamaica Plain at 0915 hours, Friday, January 9, 1998, followed by a Funeral Mass in Saint Andrew the Apostle Church, 40 Walk Hill Street, Jamaica Plain.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, J

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 3**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
JANUARY 28, 1998**

**I. RETIREMENT**

The retirement of the following named member in accordance with the provisions of Section 5, C32, M.G.L., became effective at 1700 hours, January 8, 1998:

Fire Lieutenant  
James W. DuBeau

Engine Company 21

Fire Lieutenant DuBeau was appointed to the department on October 20, 1965, and promoted to Fire Lieutenant on September 20, 1972.

**II. TRANSFERS**

The transfers of the following named members will become effective at 0800 hours, February 1, 1998:

District Fire Chief James Cosgrove	District 10	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Captain Peter P. Pearson	Pers./Medical	to	Ladder Co. 24 (eff: 1/28/98)
Fire Captain Edward P. Kirk	Pers./Medical	to	Ladder Co. 21 (eff: 1/6/98)
Fire Lieutenant Scott J. Malone	Engine Co. 28	to	Ladder Co. 10
Fire Lieutenant Robert J. Counihan	Rescue Co. 1	to	Engine Co. 53
Fire Lieutenant Clarence C. Hirtle	Engine Co. 4	to	Engine Co. 49
Fire Lieutenant Donald A. Robinson	Personnel Div.	to	Engine Co. 51
Fire Lieutenant Lawrence R. Curran	Pers./Medical	to	Engine Co. 16 (eff: 1/7/98)
Fire Lieutenant William P. Kenneally	Pers./Medical	to	Engine Co. 37 (eff: 1/22/98)
Fire Fighter David G. Krasner	Ladder Co. 21	to	Engine Co. 10
Fire Fighter Philip L. Daly, Jr.	Pers./Medical	to	Personnel Div. (eff: 1/5/98)
Fire Fighter Nathan D. Canzater	Pers./Medical	to	Engine Co. 30 (eff: 1/8/98)
Fire Fighter William D. Ceurvels	Pers./Medical	to	Ladder Co. 23 (eff: 1/18/98)
Fire Fighter Paul T. Stanley	Pers./Medical	to	Rescue Co. 2 (eff: 1/22/98)

## TRANSFERS CONTINUED

Fire Fighter Lawrence Crosby	Pers./Medical	to	Engine Co. 39 (eff: 1/31/98)
Fire Fighter William S. Boseman	Engine Co. 28	to	Ladder Co. 24
Fire Fighter Thomas J. McKernan	Engine Co. 29	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter James A. O'Sullivan	Ladder Co. 14	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Hipolito Gonzalez	Engine Co. 3	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Leo R. McGonagle	Engine Co. 50	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Leonard L. Pearson	Engine Co. 5	to	Engine Co. 22
Fire Fighter Shawn E. Farrar	Engine Co. 9	to	Engine Co. 48
Fire Fighter Norman A. Earnest	Engine Co. 29	to	Engine Co. 39
Fire Fighter Mark A. Trifiro	Engine Co. 9	to	Engine Co. 8
Fire Fighter Edward A. Scigliano	Engine Co. 56	to	Engine Co. 53
Fire Fighter Patrick J. Harty	Pers./Medical	to	Engine Co. 53
Fire Fighter Patrick J. Harty	Engine Co. 53	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter John F. McDonald	Engine Co. 53	to	Ladder Co. 16
Fire Fighter John P. Foley	Pers./Medical	to	Engine Co. 21 (eff: 1/15/98)
Fire Fighter Peter F. Moran	Ladder Co. 6	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Mark J. Labadie	Engine Co. 30	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Thomas P. Bell	Ladder Co. 17	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Frank C. Rogier	Ladder Co. 24	to	Rescue Co. 1 (eff: 7/1/97)
Fire Fighter Kevin McNiff	Pers./Medical	to	Ladder Co. 18
Fire Fighter William F. Twigg	Engine Co. 10	to	Engine Co. 55 (Aide to Dist. Chief)

### III. COMMENDATIONS

- 1) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Sean F. Kelly, Ladder Company 26, who responded while off duty on January 3, 1998 to Box 1595 and assisted in running lines. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.
- 2) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Timothy W. Buckley, Ladder Company 21, who responded while off duty on January 5, 1998 to a building fire in Somerville which escalated to three alarms. Prior to the arrival of apparatus he entered the building, forced doors and lead several occupants to safety. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.
- 3) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Patrick J. Ellis, Engine Company 33, who noticed a police officer wrestling with a suspect while responding to Incident #1801 on January 10, 1998. The officer in charge ordered the company to stop and Fire Fighter Ellis helped the police officer subdue the individual. The company then continued to their response location. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.
- 4) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Darryl L. Smith, Ladder Company 9, who responded while off duty on January 12, 1998 to a woman struck by an automobile on Cambridge Street, Charlestown. Prior to the arrival of apparatus he made a patient assessment, stabilized her neck and calmed her. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.
- 5) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Louis P. Grifone, Engine Company 5, who responded while off duty on January 20, 1998 to Box 6177 and assisted his company in hooking up to a hydrant and running lines. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 4**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
JANUARY 30, 1998**

**I. RETIREMENTS**

The retirements of the following named members in accordance with the provisions of Section 5, C32, M.G.L., will become effective at 1700 hours, January 31, 1998:

Fire Captain Joseph E. Duggan	Rescue Company 1
Fire Lieutenant Francis J. Cummings, Jr.	Engine Company 49
Fire Lieutenant Edward J. Cusack	Ladder Company 23
Fire Lieutenant Thomas C. Reardon	Engine Company 18
Fire Lieutenant Michael J. Scanlan	Engine Company 17
Fire Fighter Gerald H. Bower	Maintenance Division
Fire Fighter (Aide to District Chief) Edmond J. Daley	Engine Company 55
Fire Fighter Orlando J. Giampaolo, Jr.	Ladder Company 28

Fire Captain Duggan was appointed to the department on January 18, 1967, promoted to Fire Lieutenant on October 17, 1973, and to Fire Captain on September 14, 1983. Fire Lieutenant Cummings was appointed on May 12, 1971, and promoted to Fire Lieutenant on March 15, 1978. Fire Lieutenant Cusack was appointed on January 18, 1967, and promoted to Fire Lieutenant on December 20, 1978. Fire Lieutenant Reardon was appointed on January 17, 1968, and promoted to Fire Lieutenant on March 15, 1978. Fire Lieutenant Scanlan was appointed on December 30, 1970, and promoted to Fire Lieutenant on February 5, 1986. Fire Fighter Bower was appointed on September 9, 1964. Fire Fighter Daley was appointed on December 24, 1969. Fire Fighter Giampaolo was appointed on October 20, 1965.

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

**II. PROMOTION TO FIRE CAPTAIN**

The following named member will be promoted to Fire Captain and transferred to the Personnel Division effective 0800 hours, February 4, 1998:

Fire Lieutenant Michael J. Ruggere	Ladder Company 21
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### III. PROMOTIONS TO FIRE LIEUTENANT

The following named members will be promoted to Fire Lieutenant and transferred to the Personnel Division effective 0800 hours, February 4, 1998:

Fire Fighter		
Andre R. Stallworth		Ladder Company 23
Fire Fighter		
Robert F. Santangelo		Ladder Company 23
Fire Fighter		
William G. Dewan		Engine Company 33
Fire Fighter		
Steven M. Mahoney		Engine Company 28
Fire Fighter		
John J. Keeley		Ladder Company 7
Fire Fighter		
William D. Ceurvels		Ladder Company 23

### IV. CORRECTION

The following vacancy was omitted from Special Order No. 3, dated January 28, 1998, Subject I:

Fire Lieutenant	Ladder Company 2	Group 3
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BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 5**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
FEBRUARY 5, 1998**

**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, 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, Special Hazard Police Officer, Fire Investigation Police Officers, Superintendent of the Emergency Management Division, 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 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, Special Hazard Police Officer, Fire Investigation Police Officers, Superintendent of the Emergency Management Division, those designated by him as Inspectors of Fire Alarm Systems and Fire Department Inspectors of the Special Projects Division, 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, 1998, 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, Deputy Fire Chiefs, District Fire Chiefs, Fire Captains, Fire Lieutenants, Fire Fighters Inspectors of the Fire Prevention Division, Fire Fighters in the Fire Fighting Force, Fire Department Chemist, Fire Department Plans Examiners, Special Hazard Police Officer, Fire Investigation Police Officers, Superintendent of the Emergency Management Division, those designated by him as Inspectors of Fire Alarm Systems and Fire Department Inspectors of the Special Projects Division, are authorized to do and perform all the 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 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 Plan Examiners, Special Hazard Police Officer,



Fire Investigation Police Officers, Superintendent of the Emergency Management Division 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, 1998, 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.

## **II. COMMENDATION**

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Leonard Hansford, Ladder Company 21 and Fire Fighter Judy Hansford, Engine Company 9, who came to the aid of a neighbor in medical distress while off duty on January 24, 1998. They provided a medical assessment for arriving apparatus and initial care to the patient. This commendation shall be made part of their personnel files.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 7**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
FEBRUARY 25, 1998**

**I. RETIREMENT**

The retirement of the following named member in accordance with the provisions of Section 5, C32, M.G.L., will become effective at 1700 hours, February 28, 1998:

District Fire Chief  
Thomas R. Shea

District 1

District Fire Chief Shea was appointed to the department on May 20, 1964, promoted to Fire Lieutenant on December 17, 1969, to Fire Captain on July 25, 1973, and to District Fire Chief on August 25, 1982, and leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

**II. RESIGNATION**

The resignation of the following named member will become effective at 1700 hours, March 3, 1998:

Fire Lieutenant  
James D. Mullen

Fire Prevention Division

**III. TRANSFERS**

The transfers of the following named members will become effective at 0800 hours, March 1, 1998:

Fire Captain James M. Morrison	Engine Co. 55to	Rescue Co. 1
Fire Captain James G. Ferris	Engine Co. 10to	Pers./Medical
Fire Lieutenant Joseph G. McNulty	Engine Co. 2	to Engine Co. 17
Fire Lieutenant William G. Austin	Engine Co. 48to	Engine Co. 21
Fire Lieutenant Francis J. Brown	Engine Co. 42to	Ladder Co. 23
Fire Lieutenant Kevin G. Flaherty	Engine Co. 20to	Engine Co. 18
Fire Lieutenant Michael J. Doherty	Engine Co. 56to	Ladder Co. 2

## TRANSFERS CONTINUED

Fire Lieutenant Mark J. Raymond	Personnel Div.	to	Ladder Co. 21
Fire Lieutenant Gerard S. Hobin	Engine Co. 22	to	Engine Co. 28
Fire Lieutenant Richard Connelly	Engine Co. 10	to	Rescue Co. 1
Fire Lieutenant Dennis L. Keeley	Personnel Div.	to	Fire Prevention Div.
Fire Lieutenant John J. Keeley	Personnel Div.	to	Engine Co. 4
Fire Lieutenant Gregory J. Mackin	G-25	to	Fire Investigation Unit
Fire Lieutenant William M. Gaylord	Ladder Co. 7	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Lieutenant Stanley D. Moore	Engine Co. 3	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Lieutenant Gerald F. Sparrow	Engine Co. 32	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Lieutenant Paul J. Murphy	Fire Prev. Div.	to	G-25
Fire Fighter Paul S. Luciano	Ladder Co. 16	to	Ladder Co. 23
Fire Fighter William Hogan	Ladder Co. 10	to	Ladder Co. 23
Fire Fighter Joseph P. Cardoza	Engine Co. 24	to	Ladder Co. 23
Fire Fighter Andre C. Bridges	Ladder Co. 6	to	Ladder Co. 9
Fire Fighter John P. Hillery	Engine Co. 55	to	Engine Co. 55 (Aide to Dist. Chief)
Fire Fighter Richard E. Brooks	Ladder Co. 24	to	Ladder Co. 24 (Aide to Dist. Chief)
Fire Fighter Ralph C. Pirelli	Engine Co. 29	to	Ladder Co. 10 (eff: 2/1/98) (Aide to Deputy Chief)
Fire Fighter George R. Duclos	Engine Co. 3	to	Engine Co. 10

## TRANSFERS CONTINUED

Fire Fighter Coleman Connolly	Engine Co. 37	to	Engine Co. 52
Fire Fighter Joseph P. Duffy	Engine Co. 16	to	Engine Co. 33
Fire Fighter Eugenio E. Dudley	Engine Co. 39	to	Ladder Co. 18
Fire Fighter Henry L. Perkins	Ladder Co. 21	to	Engine Co. 53
Fire Fighter Waymon Martin	Engine Co. 7	to	Engine Co. 32
Fire Fighter William D. Trojano	Ladder Co. 7	to	Engine Co. 20
Fire Fighter William M. Manning	Pers./Medical	to	Engine Co. 32 (eff: 2/19/98)
Fire Fighter Nadene M. Stewart	Pers./Medical	to	Engine Co. 29 (eff: 2/20/98)
Fire Fighter Frederick J. Famolare	Pers./Medical	to	Emergency Mgmt. Div. (eff: 2/17/98)
Fire Fighter Robert Dunkle	Pers./Medical	to	Fire Prevention Div. (eff: 2/13/98)
Fire Fighter Michael Dillon	Pers./Medical	to	Engine Co. 42 (eff: 2/4/98)
Fire Fighter John Fogarty	Pers./Medical	to	Fire Investigation Unit (eff: 2/24/98)
Fire Fighter Mark Boyd	Tower Company	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Robert W. Davis	Marine Unit	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Thomas E. Denehy	Ladder Co. 23	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Francis D. Hogan	Ladder Co. 19	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Edward Johnson	Engine Co. 8	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Patrick F. Keane	Ladder Co. 2	to	Pers./Medical

## TRANSFERS CONTINUED

Fire Fighter Robert F. Offley	Ladder Co. 29	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Joseph J. Paulanthy	Engine Co. 39	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Frank C. Rogier, Jr.	Rescue Co. 1	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Michael A. Tardivo, Jr.	Ladder Co. 4	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Gary L. Walker	Ladder Co. 23	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Michael J. Morrissey	Pers./Medical	to	Engine Co. 24
Fire Fighter Michael J. Morrissey	Engine Co. 24	to	Pers./Medical

**IV. COMMENDATION**

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Phillip B. Wornum, Engine Company 22, who assisted a patient in severe respiratory distress while off duty on January 25, 1998. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 9**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
MARCH 6, 1998**

**I. 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 4, 1998:

Fire Captain

David R. Mager

Engine Company 16

**II. PROMOTION TO FIRE CAPTAIN**

The following named member was promoted to Fire Captain and transferred to the Personnel Division effective 0800 hours, March 4, 1998:

Fire Lieutenant

Jeffrey M. Whitman

Ladder Company 9

**III. PROMOTIONS TO FIRE LIEUTENANT**

The following named members were promoted to Fire Lieutenant and transferred to the Personnel Division effective 0800 hours, March 4, 1998:

Fire Fighter

Stephen D. McNeil

Engine Company 14

Fire Fighter

Frederick J. Famolare

Emergency Management Division

**IV. RESIGNATION**

The resignation of the following named member became effective at 1700 hours, February 26, 1998:

Fire Fighter On Probation

Christopher J. Goggin

Personnel Division

**V. COMMENDATIONS**

1) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Joseph G. Battersby, Engine Company 5, who while off duty on February 27, 1998, observed two female students running out of the auditorium in the Barnes School, East Boston. He entered this room and observed fire from the stage and backdrop area. He tore down the backdrop and removed the portion that was on fire, suffering second degree burns to his hand. The two students were detained and the matter is under investigation. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

2) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter On Probation Joseph F. Mahoney, Engine Company 56, who while off duty on March 2, 1998, rendered aid to an elderly man who had collapsed. He was able to provide responding units with vital signs upon their arrival. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

### I. RETIREMENT

The retirement of the following named member in accordance with the provisions of Section 5, C32, M.G.L., will become effective at 1700 hours on April 1, 1998.

Fire Captain

Donald E. Smith

Ladder Company 2

4/1/98

Fire Captain Smith was appointed to the department on May 1, 1968, promoted to Fire Lieutenant on December 3, 1986, and to Fire Captain on August 1, 1990, and leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

### II. COMMENDATION

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter On Probation Scott D. Wahlen, Engine Company 51, who while off duty on March 4, 1998, provided aid and comfort to an automobile accident victim and her daughter prior to the arrival of apparatus. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 11**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
MARCH 27, 1998**

**I. RETIREMENTS**

The retirements of the following named members in accordance with the provisions and dates indicated will become effective at 1700 hours:

Fire Captain				
Donald E. Smith	Ladder Co. 2	S5, C32, M.G.L.	4/1/98	
Fire Lieutenant				
Ronald Holmes	Engine Co. 55	S7-94, C32, M.G.L.	3/24/98	
Fire Lieutenant				
Maurice J. LaCascia	Fire Brigade	S5, C32, M.G.L.	3/24/98	
Lineman				
Richard J. Carpenter	Emer. Mgmt. Div.	S6, C32, M.G.L.	3/31/98	

Fire Captain Smith was appointed to the department on May 1, 1968, promoted to Fire Lieutenant on December 3, 1986, and to Fire Captain on August 1, 1990. Fire Lieutenant Holmes was appointed to the department on May 1, 1968, and promoted to Fire Lieutenant on September 1, 1976. Fire Lieutenant LaCascia was appointed to the department on June 27, 1962, and promoted to Fire Lieutenant on September 9, 1970. Lineman Carpenter was appointed to the department on February 19, 1975.

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

**II. RESIGNATION / RETIREMENT**

The resignation/retirement of the following named member in accordance with the provisions of Sections 5, C32, M.G.L., became effective at 1700 hours, March 24, 1998:

Fire Lieutenant		
Stephen E. McLaughlin	Fire Investigation Unit	

Fire Lieutenant McLaughlin was appointed to the department on October 20, 1965, promoted to Fire Lieutenant on January 31, 1973, and leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

**III. PROMOTIONS TO FIRE LIEUTENANT**

The following named members were promoted to Fire Lieutenant and transferred to the Personnel Division effective 0800 hours, March 25, 1998:



Fire Fighter		
Mark Buchanan		Engine Company 52
Fire Fighter		
Gregory Fall		Ladder Company 14
Fire Fighter		
Van Littleton		Engine Company 22

#### IV. RULE 18.45 (e) REVISED

Issued with this order is revised Rule 18.45 (e). Company commanders shall see that all members under their command receive this revised rule and regulation and that all members are familiarized with same.

Completed distribution roster forms shall be signed by each member and forwarded to the Chief of Personnel Division.

#### V. TRANSFERS

The transfers of the following named members will become effective at 0800 hours, April 1, 1998:

District Fire Chief			
Dennis G. Callanan	District 6	to	Pers./Medical
District Fire Chief			
Joseph E. Finn	Personnel Div.	to	District 1
Fire Captain			
Edward J. Callahan	Ladder Co. 9	to	Engine Co. 55
Fire Lieutenant			
John M. Gallagher	Ladder Co. 24	to	Engine Co. 10
Fire Lieutenant			
Andrew K. Kennedy	Mobile Comm. Post	to	Fire Brigade
Fire Lieutenant			
Van Littleton	Personnel Div.	to	Fire Prevention Div.
Fire Lieutenant			
Robert J. McGrath	Ladder Co. 9	to	Engine Co. 42
Fire Lieutenant			
Robert F. Moriarty	Ladder Co. 11	to	Engine Co. 33
Fire Lieutenant			
William D. Nelson	Pers./Medical	to	Fire Prevention Div.
Fire Lieutenant			
Stephen P. Paschal	Personnel Div.	to	Engine Co. 22

## TRANSFERS CONTINUED

Fire Lieutenant Gerald J. Powers	Engine Co. 30	to	Engine Co. 20
Fire Lieutenant Robert P. Rull	Engine Co. 39	to	Engine Co. 2
Fire Lieutenant Gerald F. Sparrow	Pers./Medical	to	Engine Co. 32 (eff. 3/4/98)
Fire Lieutenant Andre R. Stallworth	Personnel Div.	to	Engine Co. 56
Fire Lieutenant William A. Tobin	Engine Co. 42	to	Engine Co. 48
Fire Fighter Paul J. Brennan	Ladder Co. 16	to	Engine Co. 7
Fire Fighter Richard E. Brooks	Ladder Co. 24 (Aide to Dist. Chief)	to	Engine Co. 4 (Aide to Dist. Chief)
Fire Fighter Robert J. Campbell	Marine Unit	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Robert S. Cardillo	Engine Co. 48	to	Ladder Co. 28
Fire Fighter Edward D. Chase	Tower Co.	to	Ladder Co. 6
Fire Fighter Gregory P. Conlan	Ladder Co. 26	to	Ladder Co. 7
Fire Fighter Robert W. Davis	Pers./Medical	to	Marine Unit (eff. 3/7/98)
Fire Fighter Vincent E. Dimino	Engine Co. 16	to	Ladder Co. 7
Fire Fighter John P. Dolan	Engine Co. 42	to	Engine Co. 10
Fire Fighter Fred J. Ellis, Jr.	Pers./Medical	to	Emergency Mgmt. Div.
Fire Fighter Willie K. Harris	Engine Co. 10	to	Ladder Co. 17
Fire Fighter Brian T. Holmes	Engine Co. 39	to	Ladder Co. 18
Fire Fighter James Lay, Jr.	Fire Prevention Div.	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Stephen W. MacDonald	Ladder Co. 28	to	Engine Co. 28

## TRANSFERS CONTINUED

Fire Fighter Francis D. Maher	Engine Co. 4	to	Engine Co. 28
Fire Fighter Peter Moran	Pers./Medical	to	Ladder Co. 6
Fire Fighter Ronald M. Nolan	Pers./Medical	to	Ladder Co. 21 (eff. 3/7/98)
Fire Fighter Michael F. O'Connor	Pers./Medical	to	Ladder Co. 18 (eff. 2/13/98)
Fire Fighter Larry R. Rich	Ladder Co. 9	to	Engine Co. 37
Fire Fighter Frank C. Rogier, Jr.	Pers./Medical	to	Rescue Co. 1 (eff. 3/2/98)
Fire Fighter Paul F. Zemotel	Engine Co. 48	to	Ladder Co. 28

**VI. COMMENDATION**

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter On Probation Scott D. Wahlen, Engine Company 51, who while off duty on March 4, 1998, provided aid and comfort to an automobile accident victim and her daughter prior to the arrival of apparatus. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 13**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
APRIL 28, 1998**

**I. PROMOTION TO FIRE CAPTAIN**

The following named member was promoted to Fire Captain and transferred to the Personnel Division effective 0800 hours, April 15, 1998:

Fire Lieutenant

Joseph G. McMahon

Ladder Company 14

**II. PROMOTION TO FIRE LIEUTENANT**

The following named member was promoted to Fire Lieutenant and transferred to the Personnel Division effective 0800 hours, April 15, 1998:

Fire Fighter

Norman A. Earnest

Engine Company 39

**III. ASSIGNMENT OF FIRE FIGHTERS ON PROBATION**

The following named have been appointed Fire Fighters on Probation, effective 0800 hours, April 22, 1998, and assigned to the following companies:

James F. Shone	Engine Co. 5
Bryan E. Snell	Engine Co. 51
Dana Bradley	Engine Co. 56
Richard L. Taylor	Engine Co. 5
Tracey L. Goodman	Ladder Co. 29
Alville T. Atherley	Ladder Co. 9
Kenneth J. Hayes	Ladder Co. 15
James L. Scanlon	Ladder Co. 6
George E. Downey	Ladder Co. 24
Brian P. Davis	Engine Co. 51
Michael J. Pavone	Engine Co. 9
Michael J. Ricci	Ladder Co. 26
David R. Blaides	Ladder Co. 2
John W. Carrington	Engine Co. 5
Eric M. Moriello	Ladder Co. 14
Darrick L. Edwards	Engine Co. 9
Leroy Heyward	Ladder Co. 21
Stephen C. Turley	Engine Co. 16
John R. Soares	Ladder Co. 21
Kevin Garry	Engine Co. 9
Joseph V. Narduzzo	Engine Co. 4
Michael J. Palizzolo	Ladder Co. 11
Edmundo James	Engine Co. 56
Michael J. Whelan	Ladder Co. 16
Erik C. Then	Ladder Co. 2
Joseph P. Toohey	Ladder Co. 2

These members are detailed to the Training, Maintenance and Research Division. They will report to their assigned company for full duty upon successful completion of drill school.

Fire Fighters on Probation shall not be used as company strength or detailed while attending drill school.

Fire Fighters on Probation will have their names appear on a separate morning report compiled and maintained by the Training Division while attending the Fire Academy. Upon their successful completion of the Fire Academy, the names of the Fire Fighters on Probation will be added to their respective company's morning reports.

#### IV. REINSTATEMENTS

Fire Fighter Kenneth B. Brown has been reinstated and assigned to Engine Company 51, effective 0800 hours, March 30, 1998.

Fire Fighter on Probation Reginal R. Creighton has been reinstated and assigned to Ladder Company 11, detailed to the Fire Academy, effective April 22, 1998.

#### V. TRANSFERS

The transfers of the following named members will become effective at 0800 hours, May 1, 1998:

Fire Captain				
Joseph T. McDonnell	Engine Co. 29	to	Engine Co. 16	
Fire Captain				
William J. Meyer	Personnel Division	to	Ladder Co. 2	
Fire Captain				
Daniel P. Kelley	Engine Co. 32	to	Ladder Co. 9	
Fire Captain				
James G. Ferris	Personnel/Medical	to	Engine Co. 10 (eff: 4/30/98)	
Fire Lieutenant				
Paul J. Murphy	G-25	to	Engine Co. 30	
Fire Lieutenant				
Bartholomew J. Shea	Engine Co. 29 to		Engine Co. 42	
Fire Lieutenant				
Michael E. Hocking	Engine Co. 4	to	Ladder Co. 9	
Fire Lieutenant				
Michael J. Sheehan	Ladder Co. 24	to	Ladder Co. 9	
Fire Lieutenant				
Gregory Fall	Personnel Division	to	Ladder Co. 24	

## TRANSFERS CONTINUED

Fire Lieutenant Erik C. Pettaway	Engine Co. 4	to	Ladder Co. 11
Fire Lieutenant Donald P. Price	Engine Co. 41	to	Engine Co. 39
Fire Lieutenant Hector E. Medal	Engine Co. 18	to	Fire Investigation Unit
Fire Lieutenant William Ceurvels	Personnel Division	to	G-25
Fire Lieutenant William Gaylord	Personnel/Medical	to	Ladder Co. 7 (eff: 4/27/98)
Fire Lieutenant Francis L. McLaughlin	Ladder Co. 28	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Lieutenant John J. Simpson	Ladder Co. 17	to	Mobile Command Post
Fire Fighter William K. Herman	Tower Company	to	Rescue Co. 1
Fire Fighter John E. McGowan	Ladder Co. 24	to	Engine Co. 16
Fire Fighter Edward A. Godinho	Engine Co. 53	to	Ladder Co. 16
Fire Fighter David Bergdoll	Engine Co. 42	to	Rescue Co. 2
Fire Fighter John P. Foley	Engine Co. 21	to	Fire Investigation Unit
Fire Fighter Anthony M. Tippet	Engine Co. 20	to	Ladder Co. 9
Fire Fighter Mark Labadie	Personnel/Medical	to	Engine Co. 30
Fire Fighter Thomas Bell	Personnel/Medical	to	Ladder Co. 17 (eff: 4/25/98)
Fire Fighter Joel Duke	Personnel/Medical	to	Engine Co. 20 (eff: 4/6/98)
Fire Fighter Kirk Stokes	Personnel/Medical	to	Ladder Co. 4 (eff: 4/6/98)
Fire Fighter Anthony Masiello	Engine Co. 30	to	Engine Co. 10
Fire Fighter Richard J. Johnson	Engine Co. 32	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Robert J. Rosemond	Ladder Co. 19	to	Personnel/Medical

## TRANSFERS CONTINUED

Fire Fighter John F. McLaughlin	Ladder Co. 25	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter William J. Boyle, Jr.	Engine Co. 50	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Richard K. Callow	Ladder Co. 15	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Leo P. Hughes	Rescue Co. 1	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter James R. Neff	Engine Co. 39	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Pablo Aquino	Ladder Co. 19	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Joseph Battersby	Engine Co. 5	to	Personnel/Medical

**VI. CORRECTION**

The transfer of Fire Fighter Robert **J.** Campbell, Marine Unit to Personnel/Medical, General Order No. 11, dated March 27, 1998, page 3, section 5, should be corrected to read:

Fire Fighter Robert **F.** Campbell            Marine Unit to Personnel/Medical

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 14**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
MAY 7, 1998**

**I. RETIREMENT**

The retirement of the following named member in accordance with the provisions of Section 5, C32, M.G.L., became effective at 1700 hours, April 30, 1998:

Executive Assistant to the Fire Commissioner  
Gerard J. Horgan

Headquarters Division

Executive Assistant Gerard Horgan was appointed to the department on September 22, 1980, and leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

**II. MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION**

I would like to thank all of the members who gave their time and energy to raise funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association for 1997. The Boston Fire Department and Local 718 were the top fund raisers in the State.

I commend each of you for your efforts and for all who contributed to this worthy campaign. I am looking forward to another banner year in which firefighters will once again demonstrate their commitment to helping people in need.

On Sunday, May 17, 1998, the Muscular Dystrophy Association will have its annual Great Walk at the Hatch Shell. Registration for the walk is at 9:00 A.M., with the walk starting at 10:30 A.M. and concluding by noontime. All off duty members and their families are urged to attend.

My thanks to the following MDA committee members for their hard work and for their ongoing support of the Muscular Dystrophy Association:

Fire Fighter Neil Keane  
Fire Fighter Joseph Mullen  
Fire Fighter Patrick Ellis  
Fire Fighter Ronald Richard

Fire Fighter Walter Duggan  
Fire Lieutenant Henry Cullen  
Fire Fighter John Reilly (Retired)

**III. HIGH COMMENDATION**

On March 16, 1998, at BankBoston, 100 Federal Street, Boston, a male suspect stole money from a female customer. A male customer attempted to stop the fleeing suspect but was overpowered. While off duty and present as a customer in the bank, Fire Captain William J. Meyer, Personnel Division, upon being informed of this incident, ran outside in pursuit and tackled the suspect and restrained him until the arrival of bank security guards and subsequently the Boston Police.



Because Captain Meyer's actions were performed under great personal risk without regard for his own safety, the Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Captain William J. Meyer, Personnel Division, and refers his case to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

#### **IV. COMMENDATIONS**

- 1) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Captain Paul G. Carey, Personnel Division, who while off duty on March 30, 1998, was notified of smoke coming from the basement of a building at 14 Fresno Street, Roslindale. He entered the building, shut off circuit breakers that were the cause of the problem and informed the District Chief upon his arrival that all occupants had exited the building. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.
- 2) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Michael E. Davis, Engine Company 33, who while off duty on March 28, 1998, at the William Monroe Trotter School, Roxbury, was informed of a young female student having been struck by a car while crossing the street in front of the school. He immediately went to the little girl's aid making sure she was not moved, keeping her calm, and giving information to be relayed to the responding EMT's. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.
- 3) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Edward F. Murphy, Engine Co. 51, who while off duty on June 21, 1997, on Route 24 in the Town of Avon, rendered first aid to a motor vehicle accident victim. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

#### **V. CORRECTION**

General Order No. 11, dated March 27, 1998, page 1, section 2, should be corrected to read:

Promoted to Fire Lieutenant on January 31, 1973.

**BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.**

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 15**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
MAY 15, 1998**

**I. UNIT CITATION**

On April 20, 1998, at 1710 hours, Incident #20153, Box 2343 was struck for a building fire at 133 Peterborough Street in the Fenway. Heavy smoke and fire from the third floor had trapped people on that floor as well as the two floors above. People were observed hanging from window ledges and on fire escapes, all in immediate danger of being burned by a fast moving fire.

Ladder Company 26, Ladder Company 15, Engine company 37 and Engine Company 33 mounted an extraordinary effort under extremely hazardous fire conditions in which fourteen people were rescued over ladders at a time when the fire was quickly escalating.

The efforts of these men displayed a thorough knowledge of firefighting and the ability to work as a team under the most severe fire conditions. Several people on the fifth floor were threatening to jump when ladders were quickly placed, lines of hose were run to protect the exposed people and a large loss of life was prevented.

The Commissioner's Unit Citation shall be awarded to the following members:

District Fire Chief Arthur Perkins	District 5
Fire Fighter Paul Vinard	Aide to District 5
Fire Captain Paul Carey	Engine Company 37
Fire Fighter Jimmy Young	Engine Company 37
Fire Fighter Christopher Stevens	Engine Company 37
Fire Fighter Darren Fernandez	Engine Company 37
Fire Fighter Larry Rich	Engine Company 37
Fire Fighter Stephen Mullin	Ladder Company 26
Fire Fighter Ronald Ross	Ladder Company 26
Fire Fighter Michael Gregorio	Ladder Company 26
Fire Fighter Vernon Allen	Engine Company 37 (detailed to L-26)
Fire Captain Terence Koen	Engine Company 33
Fire Fighter Patrick Ellis	Engine Company 33
Fire Fighter Joseph Duffy	Engine Company 33
Fire Fighter Brian Cobb	Engine Company 33
Fire Lieutenant Robert Crawford	Ladder Company 15
Fire Fighter Daniel Donovan	Ladder Company 15
Fire Fighter William Gillis	Ladder Company 15
Fire Fighter Dennis Keith	Ladder Company 15
Fire Fighter Adalberto Rodriguez	Ladder Company 15

## II. COMMENDATIONS

1) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Thomas E. Curtin, Rescue Company 1, who while on a paid detail at 255 State Street, was informed a man had fallen into the harbor. He was able to secure the detail site and assist the man out of the water and onto a fixed ladder. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

2) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Lieutenant Steven Baldassari, Ladder Company 16, Fire Fighter Jeffrey Scott, Engine Company 53 (detailed to Ladder Company 16), Fire Fighter William Regan, Ladder Company 16, Fire Fighter Michael Ronan, Ladder Company 16 and Fire Fighter Thomas DeAngelis, Aide to District 12 who on March 14, 1998, at a building fire at 26 Rosewood Street, Mattapan, rescued four occupants over ladders. These occupants were threatening to jump because of a heavy smoke and heat condition. This commendation shall be made part of their personnel files.

## III. CHANGE IN RESPONSE

Effective 0800 hours, May 16, 1998, company commanders shall make the following changes in response:

Box 1451	1 <sup>st</sup> Alarm	1 <sup>st</sup>	due engine company - Engine Company 4
		1 <sup>st</sup>	due ladder company - Ladder Company 24
		2 <sup>nd</sup>	due engine company - Engine Company 7
		2 <sup>nd</sup>	due ladder company - Ladder Company 17

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, 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 1997. After careful consideration and study, the Board submitted the following recommendations which are hereby approved by the Fire Commissioner.

**1. Gerard J. Molito Award  
Fire Fighter William F. Noonan, Fire Investigation Unit**

Fire Fighter William F. Noonan has helped to increase the conviction rate of arson through his work as a Fire Investigator. His photographs are used to determine the cause and origin of fire in court cases.

These photographs have been extremely useful in training exercises. They have been used in public education to increase public awareness to the danger of fire.

The dramatic nature of the photographs have been published in books and trade journals across the country further increasing the esteem of the Boston Fire Department in the eyes of the public and the fire service in general. These efforts have improved the performance of the department and have contributed to the safety of its members.

The Board recommends that Fire Fighter William F. Noonan, Fire Prevention Division, be awarded the Gerard J. Molito Award for Professional Excellence.

**2. Case of Fire Fighter Bruce K. Haggquist, Engine Company 41**

On February 12, 1997, while on vacation and being onboard a boat two and one half hours out to sea, he was informed that a member of the group while snorkeling, had swam into a cove and suffered a severe heart attack. He dove into the water and swam three hundred feet to the victim who was clinging to rocks. He successfully placed the man on the boat and monitored the victim's vital signs while awaiting the arrival of the Coast Guard.

Because his actions were performed under great personal risk, the Fire Commissioner highly commended Fire Fighter Bruce K. Haggquist of Engine Company 41 in General Order No. 14 of 1997.

The Board recommends that Fire Fighter Bruce K. Haggquist of Engine Company 41 be awarded the Distinguished Service Award.

### **3. Case of Deputy Fire Chief Paul A. Christian, Division 1**

Tuesday, June 17, 1997, was a memorable day in the long history of the Boston Fire Department. The dedication of the Vendome Memorial on the Commonwealth Avenue Mall was the culmination of a labor of love by a number of dedicated members of this Department, city officials, artisans and a group of loyal citizens. The black marble stone venerates the supreme sacrifice of our nine brothers who lost their lives at that site some twenty-five years ago, and in a sense it also pays homage to all those fire fighters who gave their last full measure of devotion. All who were present at this dedication will remember it as one of the proudest moments in the long standing tradition of the Boston Fire Department. Through his efforts when the whole idea seemed adrift, he urged, motivated and coordinated the funding, sculpturing and the event itself.

The Board recommends that Deputy Fire Chief Paul A. Christian of Division 1 be awarded the Distinguished Service Award.

### **4. Case of District Fire Chief Gerard J. Molito**

Tuesday, June 17, 1997, was a memorable day and one of our proudest moments in the long rich tradition of the Boston Fire Department. The dedication of the Vendome Memorial on the Commonwealth Avenue Mall was the culmination of a labor of love by many members of the Boston Fire Department, city officials, artisans and many loyal citizens. The black marble stone symbolizes the supreme sacrifice of our nine fallen fire fighters who lost their lives serving the people of this city. The memorial, noble in its simplicity, symbolic of brave deeds and sacrifices, recognizes the unselfish dedication to duty of all members who have died protecting this city. He had the wisdom and vision in initiating the establishment of this beautiful and fitting memorial through hard work and many hours of planning and for steering it through its early rough times.

The Board recommends that the Distinguished Service Award be presented posthumously to District Fire Chief Gerard J. Molito.

### **5. Case of Fire Captain James E. Welsh, Ladder Company 15**

On May 23, 1997, at 1619 hours, Box 221 was struck for a building fire at 405 Massachusetts Avenue, Roxbury. Heavy smoke was showing from the third floor upon arrival and members were informed of two children trapped on that floor. He ascended the front stairs to the third floor and forced the apartment door, encountering extreme heat and heavy smoke conditions. He found an unconscious child and removed the child to the street.

Because these actions were performed under great personal risk, the Fire Commissioner highly commended Fire Captain James E. Welsh of Ladder Company 15 in General Order No. 23 of 1997.

The Board recommends that the name of Fire Captain James E. Welsh of Ladder Company 15 be placed on the Roll of Merit.

#### **6. Case of Fire Lieutenant Richard M. Quinlan, Ladder Company 17**

On May 23, 1997, at 1619 hours, Box 221 was struck for a building fire at 405 Massachusetts Avenue, Roxbury. Heavy smoke was showing from the third floor upon arrival and members were informed of children trapped on that floor. He ascended the aerial ladder to the third floor, crawled down the hallway to a rear bedroom where he found an unconscious child and removed the child to the street while giving mouth to mouth resuscitation.

Because these actions were performed under great personal risk, the Fire Commissioner highly commended Fire Lieutenant Richard M. Quinlan of Ladder Company 17 in General Order No. 23 of 1997.

The Board recommends that the name of Fire Lieutenant Richard M. Quinlan of Ladder Company 17 be placed on the Roll of Merit.

#### **7. Case of Fire Fighter Dennis E. Keith, Ladder Company 15**

On May 23, 1997, at 1619 hours, Box 221 was struck for a building fire at 405 Massachusetts Avenue, Roxbury. Heavy smoke was showing from the third floor upon arrival and members were informed of two children trapped on that floor. He ascended the front stairs to the third floor and forced the apartment door, encountering extreme heat and heavy smoke conditions. He found an unconscious child and removed the child to the street.

Because these actions were performed under great personal risk, the Fire Commissioner highly commended Fire Fighter Dennis E. Keith of Ladder Company 15 in General Order No. 23 of 1997.

The Board recommends that the name of Fire Fighter Dennis E. Keith of Ladder Company 15 be placed on the Roll of Merit.

### **8. Case of Fire Lieutenant Donald R. Mullen, Engine Company 3**

On August 14, 1997, at the quarters of Engine Company 9, 239 Sumner Street, East Boston, he diverted the focus of an armed man who had pointed a loaded pistol at a fire fighter in front of the firehouse. Recognizing the danger to fire fighters and pedestrians in the area, he spoke to the gunman for several minutes. While waving the gun, the man spoke to him incoherently, then pointed the gun to himself and inflicted a serious wound to his head. With disregard for his own safety, while the gunman still clutched the loaded weapon, he started life saving medical aid.

Because these actions were performed under great personal risk, the Fire Commissioner highly commended Fire Lieutenant Donald R. Mullen of Engine Company 3 in General Order No. 30 of 1997.

The Board recommends that the name of Fire Lieutenant Donald R. Mullen of Engine Company 3 be placed on the Roll of Merit.

### **9. Case of Fire Fighter Richard S. O'Neill, Ladder Company 15**

On January 13, 1997, he was informed of an MBTA bus submerged in the ice covered water of the Charles River. He donned scuba gear and was informed that because of the life hazard and the ability of the EMS personnel on scene to revive cold water drowning victims, the faster he could remove any persons the better their chances of survival. Faced with the problem of a night dive in the ice covered river, diesel fuel in the water and the unstable confined space of the underwater bus in zero visibility, he entered the bus, conducted a search, located the driver and removed him to the surface. He returned and conducted a secondary search but no other persons were found.

Because his actions were performed under great personal risk, the Fire Commissioner highly commended Fire Fighter Richard S. O'Neill of Ladder Company 15 in General Order No. 34 of 1997.

The Board recommends that the name of Fire Fighter Richard S. O'Neill of Ladder Company 15 be placed on the Roll of Merit.

### **10. Case of Fire Fighter James E. White, Engine Company 8 (Detailed to Ladder Company 1)**

On September 17, 1997, Box 1321 was struck for a building fire at 141 Portland Street, Boston, which escalated to three alarms. Heavy fire was showing from the first two floors upon arrival of the first companies. While detailed to Ladder Company 1 for this tour of duty, he ascended the aerial ladder to the roof to perform ventilation.

Upon reaching the roof, he discovered an addition had been built and was filled with heavy smoke banked down to the floor. He cleared out a plate glass window and observed an unconscious victim on a couch. Crawling through extreme heat and heavy smoke, he reached the victim and dragged him to the floor and out onto the roof, and removed him to safety via the aerial ladder.

Because these actions were performed under great personal risk, the Fire Commissioner highly commended Fire Fighter James E. White of Engine Company 8 (detailed to Ladder Company 1) in General Order No. 44 of 1997.

The Board recommends that the name of Fire Fighter James E. White of Engine Company 8, detailed to Ladder Company 1, be placed on the Roll of Merit.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.



**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 17**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
MAY 19, 1998**

**119TH ANNUAL BALL AND AWARDS CEREMONY**

The 119TH Annual Ball and Awards Ceremony of the Boston Fire Department will be held Saturday evening, May 23, 1998, at the Sheraton Boston Hotel, Grand Ballroom, 39 Dalton Street, Boston.

The Fire Commissioner and the Officers of the 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.

ADMISSION WILL BE BY TICKET ONLY.

**PROGRAM**

2000 hours	General Admission
2030 hours	Grand March
2035 hours	National Anthem Frederick Tenaglia
2040 hours	Invocation by Reverend Daniel Reason Chaplain, Boston Fire Department
2045 hours	Greetings by the President of the Boston Firemen's Relief Fund, Fire Fighter James M. Hardy, Fire Investigation Unit  Martin E. Pierce, Jr., Fire Commissioner Thomas M. Menino, Mayor, City of Boston

Master of Ceremonies  
Richard D. Reynolds, Fire Fighter (Retired)

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

Fire Fighter William F. Noonan	Fire Investigation Unit
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**Presentation of the Distinguished Service Award to**

Fire Fighter  
Bruce K. Haggquist                      Engine Company 41

Deputy Fire Chief  
Paul A. Christian                      Division 1

The Late District Fire Chief  
Gerard J. Molito  
Accepted by a family member

**Presentation of the Roll of Merit to**

Fire Captain  
James E. Welsh                      Ladder Company 15

Fire Lieutenant  
Richard M. Quinlan                      Ladder Company 17

Fire Fighter  
Dennis E. Keith                      Ladder Company 15

Fire Lieutenant  
Donald R. Mullen                      Engine Company 3

Fire Fighter  
Richard S. O'Neill                      Ladder Company 15

Fire Fighter  
James E. White                      Engine Company 8

**Memorial Prayer**                      Reverend Daniel Mahoney  
Chief Chaplain, Boston Fire Department

**Drawings**                      Grand Prize  
Belknap Memorial Award  
Staples Scholarship Awards  
Greater Boston Fire Safety Council Award  
Vendome Memorial Awards

**Dancing**                      Blue Soul

Award recipients will be excused from duty from 0800 hours, May 23, 1998, to 0800 hours, May 24, 1998.

The Grand March will be under the direction of Floor Marshal Daniel L. McDougall, (Fire Fighter - Retired). The Rifle Honor Guard will be under the direction of Fire Fighter Charles D. Sudhalter.

The Rifle Honor Guard working Group 1 will be excused from duty from 1800 hours, May 23, 1998 to 0800 hours, May 24, 1998.

The Relief Fund Office will be closed all day, Friday, May 22, 1998.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.



## TRANSFERS CONTINUED

Fire Lieutenant Gerald J. Powers	Engine Co. 20	to	Engine Co. 18
Fire Lieutenant David J. Walsh	Ladder Co. 26	to	Engine Co. 52
Fire Lieutenant Steven P. Rushton	G - 25	to	Engine Co. 41
Fire Lieutenant Michael J. Gurnick	Personnel Division	to	Engine Co. 29
Fire Lieutenant Carl DiRocco	Ladder Co. 21	to	Ladder Co. 14
Fire Lieutenant Donald J. Price	Engine Co. 39	to	Ladder Co. 17
Fire Lieutenant Andre R. Stallworth	Engine Co. 56	to	Ladder Co. 24
Fire Lieutenant William A. Tobin	Engine Co. 48	to	Special Projects (eff: 5/1/98)
Fire Lieutenant Mark Buchanan	Personnel Division	to	Engine Co. 4
Fire Lieutenant Norman Earnest	Personnel Division	to	Engine Co. 4
Fire Lieutenant Stephen D. McNeil	Personnel Division	to	G - 25
Fire Fighter Richard Callow	Personnel/Medical	to	Ladder Co. 15 (eff: 5/8/98)
Fire Fighter Anthony C. Gaston	Ladder Co. 14	to	Fire Prevention Div.
Fire Fighter Warren C. Whitaker	Engine Co. 53	to	Fire Prevention Div.
Fire Fighter Joseph Battersby	Personnel/Medical	to	Engine Co. 5 (eff: 5/20/98)
Fire Fighter Francis D. Maher	Engine Co. 28	to	Ladder Co. 24
Fire Fighter Richard B. Gordon	Ladder Co. 25	to	Tower Company
Fire Fighter James E. Mackin	Engine Co. 49	to	Ladder Co. 6
Fire Fighter Samuel P. Powell	Fire Prevention Div.	to	Engine Co. 16
Fire Fighter Stephen C. Hunter	Ladder Co. 21	to	Ladder Co. 14

## TRANSFERS CONTINUED

Fire Fighter Paul I. Murphy	Engine Co. 53	to	Ladder Co. 16
Fire Fighter Mark Boyd	Personnel/Medical	to	Tower Co. (eff: 5/19/98)
Fire Fighter Ronald McCray	Personnel/Medical	to	Engine Co. 20 (eff: 5/22/98)
Fire Fighter Joseph G. Ciampa	Engine Co. 55	to	Engine Co. 42
Fire Fighter Edward Jackson	Engine Co. 28	to	Ladder Co. 15
Fire Fighter Hipolito Gonzalez	Personnel/Medical	to	Engine Co. 3 (eff: 5/1/98)
Fire Fighter Joseph F. Lohan	Engine Co. 37	to	Ladder Co. 26
Fire Fighter Jerry E. Smith, Jr.	Fire Prevention Div. (Detail Admin. Unit)	to	Personnel/Medical

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 19**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
JUNE 10, 1998**

**I. PERSONAL TOURS (RANK FOR RANK)**

Effective with this order, company commanders shall see that each member under their command belonging to the "A" Unit of Local 718 are interviewed to determine whether or not he/she wishes to participate in the rank for rank program commencing July 1, 1998.

Company commanders shall forward to the Personnel Division a Form 5A with a list of members participating and a separate list of those not participating to reach the Personnel Division no later than June 19, 1998. The Deputy Fire Chief of each division in charge of vacations shall forward a consolidated report for the members of the "B" Unit by the same date with the same information.

Members of the "B" Unit shall make a similar determination. Members are reminded that no more than 8 personal tours may be accumulated in a fiscal year. Tours carried over into fiscal year 1999 must not exceed 4.

**II. HIGH COMMENDATIONS**

1) On April 30, 1998, Box 5322 was struck for a building fire at 14 Colbourne Road, District 11. Upon arrival, smoke was showing from a third floor window. Fire Lieutenant Robert J. Connolly, Ladder Company 11 and Fire Fighter Eugene B. Fortes, Engine Company 51, detailed to Ladder Company 11, encountered a woman on the stairway who informed them that her husband was in the apartment that was on fire. Fire Lieutenant Connolly observed heavy smoke pushing from the door at the third floor landing. He ordered forced entry and met resistance when trying to open the door. He was able to open the door enough to squeeze through and immediately had to drop to the floor because the room was heavily charged with heat and smoke. He found the victim lying across the bedroom threshold behind the apartment entry door. In order to remove the victim he had to close the door behind him and move the victim away from the door. Once this was done, he opened the door, removed his facepiece and placed it on the victim. Fire Fighter Fortes then entered the apartment and assisted Lieutenant Connolly in removing the victim to the stairwell landing. Shortly after this was accomplished, the room flashed over.

Because this rescue was performed under rapidly deteriorating fire conditions, prior to proper ventilation and without the protection of a charged line, Fire Lieutenant Connolly placed himself in extreme personal risk and Fire Fighter Fortes placed himself in great personal risk. The Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Lieutenant Robert J. Connolly of Ladder Company 11 and Fire Fighter Eugene B. Fortes of Engine Company 51, detailed to Ladder Company 11 and refers their case to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

2) On May 11, 1998, at 1938 hours, Engine Company 2 received a still alarm for a cardiac arrest at 845 East Fifth Street, District 6. Upon their arrival, Engine Company 2 observed off duty Fire Lieutenant Leo K. Mahoney of Ladder Company 19 performing CPR on Fire Fighter Garrett M. Stapleton of the Fire Brigade. Lieutenant Mahoney was informed by the daughters of Fire Fighter Stapleton of their father's condition. He responded upstairs and began this life saving procedure. At this point, Engine Company 2 hooked up their defibrillator and applied one shock. Boston EMS arrived and applied two additional shocks.

Because of his quick response and efforts to revive Fire Fighter Stapleton, they were able to get a pulse and restore his breathing. The Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Lieutenant Leo K. Mahoney of Ladder Company 19, and refers his case to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

### III. COMMENDATIONS

- 1) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Marshall A. Smith, Engine Company 21, who on May 1, 1998, assisted and stabilized a victim of cardiac arrest prior to the arrival of apparatus and Boston EMS on West Howell Street, Dorchester. This commendation shall be made a part of his personnel file.
- 2) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighters Joseph F. Hourihan, George P. Healey and Michael W. Westwater of Engine Company 5 and Fire Fighter Stephen T. Langone of Engine Company 50, who while off duty on May 19, 1998, responded to a mutual aid fire in Chelsea and assisted companies in running lines and hooking up to hydrants. This commendation shall be made part of their personnel files.
- 3) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Fred J. Ellis, Emergency Management Division, who while off duty on May 20, 1998, rendered first aid to an automobile accident victim by conducting a primary survey and holding traction on the patient prior to the arrival of apparatus, and continuing to do so while other first responder duties were being performed. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.
- 4) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Lawrence C. Holt, Rescue Company 1, who on May 10, 1998, at Box 6163, 5 alarms, ascended an aerial ladder and rescued a civilian who was clinging to a window casing on a small ledge of the fourth floor. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.



5) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Kenneth Jones, Engine Company 39, who while on a paid detail at the Chart House Restaurant, 60 Long Wharf, on May 20, 1998, initiated CPR on a cardiac arrest victim and continued unassisted until the arrival of apparatus. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

6) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Thomas J. Carroll, Ladder Company 24, who while of duty on May 24, 1998, responded to an automobile accident adjacent to his home at 360 Main Street, Charlestown. He performed a primary survey and held traction to the victim's head until the arrival of apparatus. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 20**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
JUNE 25, 1998**

**I. RETIREMENTS**

The retirements of the following named members in accordance with the dates and provisions indicated will become effective at 1700 hours:

Fire Fighter				
Anthony P. Raso	Fire Prevention Div.	5/31/98	S5, C32, M.G.L.	
Fire Fighter				
Israel Amos	T. M. R. Division	6/30/98	S7, C32, M.G.L.	
Fire Fighter				
Herman B. Donaldson	Ladder Company 28	6/30/98	S7, C32, M.G.L.	
Fire Fighter				
Elgin F. Lynds	Engine Company 2	6/30/98	S7, C32, M.G.L.	

Fire Fighter Raso was appointed to the department on October 20, 1965. Fire Fighter Amos was appointed on August 31, 1977. Fire Fighter Donaldson was appointed on January 18, 1978. Fire Fighter Lynds was appointed on July 27, 1966.

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

**II. REINSTATEMENT**

Fire Fighter John F. LaPorte has been reinstated and assigned to the Fire Prevention Division, effective 0800 hours, June 15, 1998.

**III. TRANSFERS**

The transfers of the following named members will become effective at 0800 hours, July 1, 1998:

District Fire Chief				
James W. McNamara	District 8	to	Personnel/Medical	
Fire Captain				
Douglas W. Smith	Personnel Division	to	Personnel/Medical	
Fire Lieutenant				
William P. Kenneally	Engine Co. 37	to	Ladder Co. 26	
Fire Lieutenant				
Gerard M. Cahill	Engine Co. 10	to	Engine Co. 39	
Fire Lieutenant				
John Kisielius	Engine Co. 48	to	Engine Co. 20	
Fire Lieutenant				
David J. Montoya	Personnel Division	to	Ladder Co. 21	

## TRANSFERS CONTINUED

Fire Lieutenant John J. Keeley	Engine Co. 4	to	Engine Co. 56
Fire Lieutenant Robert J. Greene	Engine Co. 56	to	Engine Co. 48
Fire Lieutenant Frederick J. Hollien	Engine Co. 32	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Lieutenant Henry J. Sheridan	Engine Co. 24	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Lieutenant Robert Goglia	Engine Co. 9	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Lieutenant John D. Teehan	Engine Co. 33	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter William Devine	Ladder Co. 26	to	Engine Co. 14
Fire Fighter Mark T. Jones	Ladder Co. 11	to	Ladder Co. 9
Fire Fighter Munroe Johnson	Personnel/Medical	to	Engine Co. 42
Fire Fighter Frederick C. Adams	Engine Co. 37	to	Engine Co. 2
Fire Fighter Michael B. Hegarty	Engine Co. 5	to	Engine Co. 16
Fire Fighter Marshall A. Smith	Engine Co. 21	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter James M. Foley	Engine Co. 3	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Theophilus Edmonds	Ladder Co. 11	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Michael J. Ferro	Engine Co. 20	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Richard P. Hickey	Engine Co. 14	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Stephen P. Orsini	Engine Co. 7	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Leroy Hamilton, Jr.	Engine Co. 22	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Robert C. Cox	Ladder Co. 29	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Edward J. Hunt	Ladder Co. 16	to	Personnel/Medical

## TRANSFERS CONTINUED

Fire Fighter Anthony J. Itri	Ladder Co. 19	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Thomas J. Sullivan	Engine Co. 42	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Thomas J. Murphy	Marine Unit	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Marc Porter	Engine Co. 4	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Samuel L. Jones, Jr.	Engine Co. 3	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Ronald G. Down, Jr.	Engine Co. 3	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Armando Vieira	T. M. R. Division	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Jean Dunham	Engine Co. 51	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Kevin J. Foley	T. M. R. Division	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter John J. Harrison	Fire Prevention Div.	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Lesley Murrell	Engine Co. 49	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Val G. Piazza	Engine Co. 14	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Donald R. Starrow	Engine Co. 24	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Ronald Davis	Personnel Division	to	Engine Co. 53 (eff: 6/29/98)

**IV. CORRECTION**

General Order No. 19, dated June 10, 1998, section III, paragraph 5, should be corrected to read:

**HIGH COMMENDATION**

May 20, 1998, Fire Fighter Kenneth Jones, Engine Company 39, was summoned from a paid detail in the area to assist a person who had collapsed at the Chart House Restaurant, 60 Long Wharf. He found an elderly woman on the second floor in cardiac arrest. He initiated CPR and continued unassisted until the arrival of apparatus and then assisted with defibrillation procedures.

Because of his dedicated actions, this woman can be counted as a survivor. The Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Fighter Kenneth Jones of Engine Company 39, and refers his case to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

#### **V. HIGH COMMENDATION**

On June 2, 1998, while off duty and visiting at a friend's home, Fire Captain Peter P. Pearson, Ladder Company 24, was alerted by a neighbor that there was a fire in the neighbor's house. He ran to the neighbor's house where he found a garden hose in the back yard. He then entered the home into the heavy smoke filled family room where he was able to locate and extinguish the fire.

Because his actions were performed under great personal risk without protective clothing and before ventilation, the Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Captain Peter P. Pearson of Ladder Company 24, and refers his case to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

#### **VI. COMMENDATIONS**

1) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter On Probation Joseph F. Mahoney, Engine Company 56, who while off duty on June 5, 1998, awoke to discover a fire from a defective light extending up a wall to the ceiling. He notified Fire Alarm, alerted other residents, and extinguished the fire prior to the arrival of apparatus. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

2) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Paul J. McCarthy, Tower Company. On the Morning of June 13, 1998, while driving home on the Southeast Expressway after a night tour, he observed an auto accident occur in front of his vehicle. He conducted a primary survey on a victim who was complaining of neck and back pain and stabilized the victim until the arrival of apparatus. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 22**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
JULY 2, 1998**

**COMMENDATION**

The torrential rainstorm that affected the city from Saturday, June 13, 1998, to Monday, June 15, 1998, caused power outages and severe flooding conditions affecting many homes and businesses with the evacuation of many of these occupants.

I commend all of the Chief Officers, Company Officers, Firefighters, members of the Fire Alarm Operations Division and Boston Emergency Management Agency for your dedication and professionalism in responding to, dispatching and providing the necessary assistance to the many people in this city affected by this severe record breaking rainstorm.

During one 24 hour period at the height of the storm, 900 incidents were processed by the Fire Alarm Operations Division and responded to by the fire companies throughout the city. All of these incidents were handled with the excellence and teamwork that is the long standing tradition of this department.

My sincere thanks and congratulations to each of you for a job well done.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.



TRANSFERS CONTINUED

Fire Fighter				
Ronald W. Davis	Engine Co. 53	to	Fire Prev. Div. (eff: 7/1/98)	
Fire Fighter				
William J. Boyle, Jr.	Pers./Medical	to	Engine Co. 50 (eff: 7/27/98)	
Fire Fighter				
Richard E. Johnson	Pers./Medical	to	Engine Co. 32 (eff: 7/6/98)	
Fire Fighter				
Richard McLaughlin	Ladder Co. 9	to	Pers./Medical (eff: 7/1/98)	
Fire Fighter				
Anthony J. Crisafulli	Fire Prev. Div.	to	T. M. R. Division	
Fire Fighter				
John J. Harrison	Pers./Medical	to	Fire Prev. Div. (eff: 7/13/98)	
Fire Fighter				
Francis J. Shaughnessey	Engine Co. 17	to	Fire Brigade	
Fire Fighter				
Arthur W. Connors	Engine Co. 20	to	Marine Unit	
Fire Fighter				
Ralph E. Sheffield	Engine Co. 51	to	Detail Admin. Unit	
Fire Fighter				
Robert L. Biggs	Engine Co. 7	to	Detail Admin. Unit	
Fire Fighter				
Lawrence Buechs	Ladder Co. 14	to	Engine Co. 39	
Fire Fighter				
Robert V. Vazquez	Ladder Co. 24	to	Ladder Co. 28	
Fire Fighter				
Beau J. Claiborne	Ladder Co. 28	to	Ladder Co. 26	
Fire Fighter				
Mark A. Trifiro	Engine Co. 8	to	Engine Co. 9	
Fire Fighter				
Alston L. Allen	Engine Co. 9	to	Engine Co. 10	
Fire Fighter				
Daniel K. Boyd	Engine Co. 39	to	Engine Co. 21	
Fire Fighter				
Daniel K. Boyd	Engine Co. 21	to	Pers./Medical	
Fire Fighter				
Val Piazza	Pers./Medical	to	Engine Co. 14 (eff: 7/2/98)	
Fire Fighter				
James J. Cahill	T. M. R. Division	to	Pers./Medical	
Fire Fighter				
Joseph P. Cardoza	Ladder Co. 23	to	Pers./Medical	



## TRANSFERS CONTINUED

Fire Fighter Elliot Coleman, Jr.	Ladder Co. 25	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Sean F. Kelly	Ladder Co. 26	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Brian M. McEachern	Marine Unit	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Garrett M. Stapleton	Fire Brigade	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Timothy Dale	Ladder Co. 2	to	Engine Co. 4
Fire Fighter Michael S. Dannaher	Ladder Co. 2	to	Engine Co. 4
Fire Fighter Joseph Glynn	Engine Co. 9	to	Engine Co. 4
Fire Fighter Norris Spence	Engine Co. 9	to	Engine Co. 37
Fire Fighter James McKittrick	Engine Co. 41	to	Engine Co. 21
Fire Fighter Christopher E. Stevens	Engine Co. 37	to	Engine Co. 21
Fire Fighter William L. Post	Engine Co. 56	to	Engine Co. 37
Fire Fighter Kenneth B. Brown	Engine Co. 51	to	Engine Co. 55

## IV. HIGH COMMENDATION

On May 27, 1998, at 1645 hours, Box 3115 was struck for a building fire at 24 Hamilton Street, District 7. A few minutes prior to this, Fire Fighter George S. Thibodeaux, Engine Company 4, while off duty, noticed heavy smoke in the area. He arrived before apparatus and was informed of people in the building. Upon entering the building he encountered heavy smoke and fire on the second floor where he directed three adult males out of the building. He then found two more people, one semi-conscious, whom he removed to the street. As he entered again, another person came falling down the interior stairs. He removed this person to the street. The fire went to three alarms and damaged five buildings. Personal tragedy was averted because of his quick action.

Because these rescues were performed under great personal risk without the benefit of protective gear, ventilation, or a charged line, the Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Fighter George S. Thibodeaux of Engine Company 4, and refers his case to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

## V. COMMENDATIONS

- 1) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Michael D. O'Reilly, Engine Company 37, who while off duty on June 27, 1998, came upon the scene of a motor vehicle accident involving a rollover on Route 93. He performed a primary survey and rendered first aid to three injured victims. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.
- 2) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Department Chemist Joseph Murphy, who while on his way to work on June 12, 1998, witnessed a vehicle accident in the vicinity of 780 Blue Hill Avenue. He requested a still alarm assignment, maneuvered his department vehicle to block traffic and was able to calm and stabilize the motorist until the arrival of apparatus. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.
- 3) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Kevin E. Weekes, Ladder Company 16, who while off duty on July 4, 1998, came upon a five year old boy who had been struck by an automobile adjacent to the quarters of Engine Company 48. He maintained scene safety, conducted a primary survey and immobilized the child until the arrival of apparatus. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.
- 4) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Richard F. Fullam, Engine Company 3, who while off duty on June 30, 1998, came upon an overturned pick up truck on the Tobin Bridge with the driver trapped inside. With the help of a State Trooper and a passing EMT, he applied a cervical collar and immobilized the victim until the arrival of apparatus. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 26**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
AUGUST 14, 1998**

**I. RETIREMENTS**

The retirements of the following named members in accordance with the provisions of Section 5, C32, M.G.L., became effective at 1700 hours, July 31, 1998:

Fire Fighter William E. Boulanger	T. M. R. Division
Fire Fighter Joseph P. Murphy	T. M. R. Division

Fire Fighter Boulanger was appointed to the department on May 29, 1957. Fire Fighter Murphy was appointed to the department on July 7, 1971.

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

**II. PROMOTION TO FIRE CAPTAIN**

The following named member was promoted to Fire Captain and transferred to the Personnel Division effective 0800 hours, August 5, 1998:

Fire Lieutenant James R. Dutcher	Ladder Company 19
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**III. COMMISSIONER'S UNIT CITATION**

On July 15, 1998, at 0501 hours, Box 1525 was struck for a building fire at 40 Dwight Street, District 4. Heavy smoke was showing from all floors upon arrival of apparatus. District 4 ordered a working fire and within moments a large volume of fire erupted from the first floor. Almost simultaneously a trapped occupant appeared at a third floor window and District 4 struck a second alarm. The building was originally a single family brownstone, later changed to single room occupancies on all four floors. These apartments were secured with solid core doors with dead bolts. The weather was hot and humid and the front of the building was obstructed by a 35 foot high tree making firefighting operations difficult.

Ladder Company 17, Ladder Company 15 and Rescue Company 1 conducted search and rescue operations simultaneously while rescuing tenants over ground ladders from the third and fourth floors. Engine Company 3, Engine Company 7, Engine Company 22 and Engine Company 33 placed lines on each floor mounting an extraordinary effort under extremely hazardous fire conditions.

The Commissioner's Unit Citation shall be awarded to the following members:

District Fire Chief John T. Coppney	District 4
Fire Fighter Joseph McDonough	Aide to District 4
Fire Lieutenant Donald R. Mullen	Engine Company 3
Fire Fighter Mark A. McLean	Engine Company 3
Fire Fighter Allan M. Young	Engine Company 3
Fire Fighter James Wright	Engine Company 3
Fire Fighter Albert Arroyo	Engine Company 7
Fire Fighter Paul J. Brennan	Engine Company 7
Fire Fighter John C. DuBeau	Engine Company 7
Fire Fighter John W. Wornum	Engine Company 7
Acting Fire Lieutenant Ralph Walker	Engine Company 22
Fire Fighter Vernon L. Lassiter	Engine Company 22
Fire Fighter Patrick L. McDonough	Engine Company 22
Fire Fighter Wendell L. Sumpter	Engine Company 22
Fire Captain Terence A. Koen	Engine Company 33
Fire Fighter William D. Pettaway	Engine Company 33
Fire Fighter Brian Cobb	Engine Company 33
Fire Fighter Patrick J. Ellis	Engine Company 33
Fire Lieutenant Richard M. Quinlan	Ladder Company 17
Fire Fighter James K. Cheatham	Ladder Company 17
Fire Fighter Michael P. Downing	Ladder Company 17
Fire Fighter John F. Linnell	Ladder Company 17
Fire Lieutenant Robert J. Crawford	Ladder Company 15
Fire Fighter Daniel Donovan	Ladder Company 15
Fire Fighter William M. Gillis	Ladder Company 15
Fire Fighter Dennis E. Keith	Ladder Company 15
Fire Fighter Stephen M. Montoya	Ladder Company 15
Fire Captain James M. Morrison	Rescue Company 1
Fire Fighter Robert Dean	Rescue Company 1
Fire Fighter Lawrence P. MacDougall	Rescue Company 1
Fire Fighter John L. Cetrino	Rescue Company 1
Fire Fighter Thomas E. Curtin	Rescue Company 1

#### IV. HIGH COMMENDATIONS

1) On July 15, 1998, at 1501 hours, Box 1525 was struck for a building fire at 40 Dwight Street, District 4. Upon arrival heavy smoke was showing from all floors. Fire Fighter John F. Linnell, Ladder Company 17, ascended the aerial ladder to the roof and began vertical ventilation. Fire Fighter Francis G. Clines, Ladder Company 24, while ascending the aerial ladder alerted Fire Fighter Linnell that a woman was inside the window on the third floor. Fire Fighter Linnell slid down the mansard part of the roof to a third floor ledge. He smashed the window with his helmet in order to gain entry. Fire Fighter Linnell entered the room which was charged with heavy smoke and heat and found an unconscious woman on the floor. Fire Fighter Linnell, assisted by Fire Fighter Clines, carried her to the window. The aerial ladder was lowered from the roof to this location where the woman was carried down to the street level by fire fighters. They immediately started CPR and she was transported to the hospital by ambulance.

Because this rescue was performed under rapidly deteriorating fire conditions, Fire Fighter John F. Linnell placed himself in great personal risk. The Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Fighter John F. Linnell of Ladder Company 17, and refers his case to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

2) On July 15, 1998, at 1501 hours, Box 1525 was struck for a building fire at 40 Dwight Street, District 4 which escalated to four alarms. Fire Fighter Francis G. Clines, Ladder Company 24, while ascending an aerial ladder to assist in roof ventilation, observed a woman lying inside a third floor window. He climbed off the ladder and onto the ledge outside the window and yelled to Fire Fighter John F. Linnell, Ladder Company 17, who was working on the roof. Fire Fighter Linnell slid down the mansard part of the roof to the ledge and together they lifted the unconscious woman out of the room to the ledge where they carried her to the aerial ladder. Fire Fighter Steven M. Murphy, Rescue Company 1, then carried her down the aerial to the ground. She was in respiratory arrest with a weak pulse while fire fighters performed resuce breathing for approximately three minutes until she began breathing. She was removed to the hospital still unconscious but breathing on her own.

Because this rescue was performed under rapidly deteriorating fire conditions, Fire Fighter Francis G. Clines placed himself in great personal risk. The Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Fighter Francis G. Clines of Ladder Company 24, and refers his case to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

3) On July 15, 1998, at 0501 hours, Box 1525 was struck for a building fire at 40 Dwight Street, District 4. Heavy smoke was showing from all floors upon arrival of Ladder Company 17. Within moments a large volume of fire erupted from the first floor and a man appeared at a third floor window unable to escape. Ladder Company 17 threw a 35 foot ground ladder to the third floor level, while being hampered by a large tree which was blocking the entire front of the building. Fire Lieutenant Richard M. Quinlan, Ladder Company 17, ascended the ladder above the large volume of fire to effect this rescue of the trapped man. The man was now hanging on the window ledge and about to drop to the ground. Lieutenant Quinlan was able to reach over and grab him from the window ledge, placing him on the ladder and guided him down the ladder to safety where he was transported by ambulance to the hospital.

Because this rescue was performed under rapidly deteriorating fire conditions without the protection of charged lines, Fire Lieutenant Richard M. Quinlan placed himself in great personal risk. The Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Lieutenant Richard M. Quinlan of Ladder Company 17, and refers his case to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 27**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
AUGUST 27, 1998**

**I. RETIREMENT**

The retirement of the following named member in accordance with the provisions of Section 5, C32, M.G.L., will become effective at 1700 hours, August 31, 1998:

Fire Fighter  
James F. Reilly

Engine Company 21

Fire Fighter Reilly was appointed to the department on January 18, 1967, and leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

**II. TRANSFERS**

The transfers of the following named members will become effective at 0800 hours, September 1, 1998:

District Fire Chief			
Richard Mullen	District 9	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Captain			
Richard T. Noonan	Engine Co. 52	to	Engine Co. 16
Fire Captain			
Douglas W. Smith	Pers./Medical	to	Personnel Div. (eff: 8/1/98)
Fire Captain			
Gerard Graul	Engine Co. 53	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Lieutenant			
John D. Teehan	Pers./Medical	to	Engine Co. 33 (eff: 7/30/98)
Fire Lieutenant			
Mark Buchanan	Engine Co. 4	to	Engine Co. 29
Fire Lieutenant			
Steven P. McGillicuddy	G-25	to	Ladder Co. 11
Fire Lieutenant			
Robert J. Greene	Engine Co. 48	to	Ladder Co. 19
Fire Lieutenant			
James V. Boyle	Engine Co. 4	to	Engine Co. 37
Fire Lieutenant			
William G. Dewan	Personnel Div.	to	Engine Co. 4
Fire Lieutenant			
Steven M. Mahoney	Personnel Div.	to	G-25
Fire Lieutenant			
Frederick J. Hollien	Pers./Medical	to	Engine Co. 32 (eff: 7/30/98)
Fire Lieutenant			
Francis Brown	Ladder Co. 23	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Lieutenant			
Richard Walsh	Rescue Co. 2	to	Pers./Medical

## TRANSFERS CONTINUED

Fire Fighter				
Domingo F. McKinney	Engine Co. 18	to	Engine Co. 7	
Fire Fighter				
David P. Mendes	Engine Co. 52	to	Engine Co. 22	
Fire Fighter				
Timothy S. Dale	Engine Co. 4	to	Engine Co. 28	
Fire Fighter				
Abraham F. Lopez	Engine Co. 56	to	Engine Co. 28	
Fire Fighter				
John C. Piasta	Engine Co. 55	to	Engine Co. 28	
Fire Fighter				
David E. Springer	Engine Co. 32	to	Engine Co. 28	
Fire Fighter				
Patrick L. McDonough	Engine Co. 22	to	Engine Co. 17	
Fire Fighter				
Kevin Hardiman	Ladder Co. 28	to	Engine Co. 49	
Fire Fighter				
Robert G. White	Ladder Co. 7	to	Ladder Co. 25	
Fire Fighter				
John L. Howard	Engine Co. 22	to	Marine Unit	
Fire Fighter				
Jamie J. Walsh	Engine Co. 28	to	Ladder Co. 29	
Fire Fighter				
Michael J. Cullen	Engine Co. 28	to	Engine Co. 42	
Fire Fighter				
Paul F. Burke	Engine Co. 28	to	Engine Co. 21	
Fire Fighter				
Michael McLean	Ladder Co. 29	to	Engine Co. 49	
Fire Fighter				
William J. Boyle, Jr.	Pers./Medical	to	Engine Co. 50 (eff: 7/27/98)	
Fire Fighter				
Edward Johnson	Pers./Medical	to	Engine Co. 8 (eff: 9/8/98)	
Fire Fighter				
Gary L. Walker	Pers./Medical	to	Ladder Co. 23 (eff: 8/10/98)	
Fire Fighter				
Val G. Piazza	Pers./Medical	to	Engine Co. 14 (eff: 8/8/98)	
Fire Fighter				
Joseph P. Cardoza	Pers./Medical	to	Ladder Co. 23 (eff: 8/5/98)	
Fire Fighter				
Kevin J. Foley	Pers./Medical	to	T. M. R. Div. (eff: 9/9/98)	
Fire Fighter				
Stephen P. Orsini	Pers./Medical	to	Engine Co. 7 (eff: 9/1/98)	



## TRANSFERS CONTINUED

Fire Fighter Richard Gottwald	Pers./Medical	to	Engine Co. 22 (eff: 8/16/98)
Fire Fighter Richard P. Hickey	Pers./Medical	to	Engine Co. 14 (eff: 8/18/98)
Fire Fighter Robert F. Offley	Pers./Medical	to	Ladder Co. 29 (eff: 8/18/98)
Fire Fighter Pablo F. Aquino	Pers./Medical	to	Ladder Co. 19 (eff: 9/7/98)
Fire Fighter Donald R. Starrow	Pers./Medical	to	Engine Co. 24 (eff: 8/15/98)
Fire Fighter Patrick J. Harty	Pers./Medical	to	Engine Co. 53
Fire Fighter Philip L. Daly, Jr.	Personnel Div.	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Robert Gallagher	Engine Co. 21	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Ronald Cook	Engine Co. 10	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Dennis Walsh	T. M. R. Division	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Thomas Farrell	Ladder Co. 18	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Anthony Thompson	Engine Co. 48	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Francis Prendergast	Engine Co. 52	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Richard Hunt	Engine Co. 55	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Robert Finn	Ladder Co. 7	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Scott Coyne	Engine Co. 39	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Waymon Martin	Engine Co. 32	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter James White	Ladder Co. 6	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter James Cahill	T. M. R. Division	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Adalberto Rodriguez	Ladder Co. 15	to	Pers./Medical

### III. COMMENDATIONS

- 1) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Dennis M. Rosher, Engine Co. 2, who while off duty on July 25, 1998, was notified of a ten month old child at a house next door who was not breathing. He was able to have the baby start to breathe by striking the infant's back. He then instructed those present to call 911. He explained to them what the problem was and what he had done to that point. Thanks to his quick actions the child survived. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.
- 2) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighters Christopher K. Mackin, George W. Drosos, Robert J. Campbell and Kenneth J. Rogers, Marine Unit, who on August 11, 1998, responded to a call for people in the water off Long Wharf. Upon arriving at the location three persons were seen in the water. They were asked who was in most danger and two people pointed to the third. It became evident at this point that this person was unable to help himself. Because of his size, three of the firefighters were needed to pull him safely on board while the pilot maneuvered the boat. Of the remaining two people, one was rescued by the police boat and the other swam ashore. Because of their quick actions a life was saved. This commendation shall be made part of their personnel files.
- 3) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Eugenio E. Dudley, Ladder Company 18, who while off duty on August 7, 1998, came upon an accident scene on the Riverway. The driver of one of the vehicles had a severe laceration in his back as well as head and neck trauma. After controlling the bleeding, he held the driver's head in traction until the arrival of apparatus. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 29**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
SEPTEMBER 25, 1998**

**I. COMMISSIONER'S UNIT CITATION**

On August 7, 1998, at 0415 hours, Box 2312 was struck for a building fire at 536 Commonwealth Avenue, District 5. Smoke was showing from the front of the six story, retail and residential building upon arrival of apparatus. Fire was venting into an enclosed courtyard in the middle of the building, out of sight of the companies in the front. Upon arrival at the rear alleyway, the Aide to the District Chief reported heavy fire and smoke showing with numerous occupants trapped on the upper floors. A working fire was struck and additional companies were ordered to the rear of the building.

During the initial stages of the fire which escalated to six alarms, Ladder Companies 15, 26, 17, 14, Rescue Company 2 and the Aide to District 5 rescued numerous trapped occupants over aerial and ground ladders, while Engine Companies 33, 37, 22 and 7 ran lines to hold the fire in check, protecting the occupants and assisted with ground ladders. Over thirty people were taken from the upper floors in an extraordinary team effort under extreme smoke and fire conditions. Because of their courage, tenacity and outstanding team work, which was directly responsible for the prevention of a large loss of life and serious injuries, the Commissioner's Unit Citation shall be awarded to the following members:

District Fire Chief John P. Carey	District 5
Fire Captain James E. Welsh	Ladder Company 15
Fire Fighter Michael A. Gallagher	Ladder Company 15
Fire Fighter Edward Jackson	Ladder Company 15
Fire Fighter Michael T. Pass	Ladder Company 15
Fire Lieutenant Donald J. Price	Ladder Company 17
Fire Fighter Jonathan D. Singleton	Ladder Company 17
Fire Fighter Kevin G. Mitchell	Ladder Company 17
Fire Fighter Frederick L. Finn	Ladder Company 17
Acting Fire Lieutenant Ronald F. Solis	Engine Company 16 (detailed to L-26)
Fire Fighter Elijah E. Magee	Ladder Company 15 (detailed to L-26)
Fire Fighter Michael J. Ricci	Ladder Company 26
Fire Fighter Stephen J. Mullin	Ladder Company 26
Fire Fighter Stephen G. Mortlock	Ladder Company 26 (Aide to District 5)
Fire Fighter Glen A. Campbell	Ladder Company 26
Fire Captain Thomas E. Bernhard	Engine Company 7
Fire Fighter Stephen F. Irving	Engine Company 7
Fire Fighter Derek M. McMillan	Engine Company 7
Fire Fighter Daniel C. Smith	Engine Company 32 (detailed to E-7)

Fire Fighter Senior Man James I. Barnes	Engine Company 22
Fire Fighter Ronald W. Cox	Engine Company 22
Fire Fighter Roy A. Marshall	Engine Company 22
Fire Fighter James Prince	Engine Company 22
Fire Lieutenant Santiago Lasa	Ladder Company 15 (detailed to E-33)
Fire Fighter Tyrone D. Lewis	Engine Company 33
Fire Fighter Rodney O. Marshall	Engine Company 33
Fire Fighter Stephen J. McSherry	Engine Company 33
Acting Fire Lieutenant Charles J. Papineau	Ladder Company 26 (detailed to E-37)
Fire Fighter Michael D. O'Rielly	Engine Company 37
Fire fighter Michael P. Boyle	Engine Company 37
Fire Fighter John P. Kelly	Engine Company 37
Fire Lieutenant Michael P. Finn	Ladder Company 14
Fire Fighter Nathaniel Jenkins	Ladder Company 14
Fire Fighter Kenneth J. Doneghey	Ladder Company 14
Fire Fighter Julio C. Estrada	Ladder Company 14
Acting Fire Lieutenant James M. Doyle	Engine Company 42 (detailed to R-2)
Fire Fighter James J. McDonald	Rescue Company 2
Fire Fighter Larry P. McLaughlin	Rescue Company 2
Fire Fighter Dennis L. McNally	Rescue Company 2
Fire Fighter Ralph E. Davis	Engine Company 42 (detailed to R-2)

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 30**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
SEPTEMBER 25, 1998**

**I. CORRECTION**

General Order No. 29, dated September 15, 1998, shall be **rescinded** and replaced with General Order No. 29, dated **September 25, 1998**.

**II. RETIREMENTS**

The retirements of the following named members in accordance with the provisions indicated, will become effective at 1700 hours, September 30, 1998:

Fire Fighter (Aide to Dist. Chief) William G. Feeney	Engine Company 5	S7-94, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter Philip A. Gagnon	Engine Company 39	S7, C32, M.G.L.

Fire Fighter Feeney was appointed to the department on December 30, 1970. Fire Fighter Gagnon was appointed to the department on November 11, 1970.

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

**III. RESIGNATIONS**

The resignations of the following named members became effective at 1700 hours on the following dates:

Fire Fighter on Probation Michael C. Hanson	Engine Company 24	09/9/98
Fire Fighter Richard E. Davis	Engine Company 56	09/11/98

**IV. TRANSFERS**

The transfers of the following named members will become effective at 0800 hours, October 1, 1998:

District Fire Chief Donald P. Price	District 11	to	District 6
District Fire Chief Richard Hartnett	District 1	to	Pers./Medical

## TRANSFERS CONTINUED

Fire Captain John F. Walsh	Engine Co. 28	to	Engine Co. 52
Fire Captain Walter McGinn	Ladder Co. 18	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Lieutenant Ronald A. Harrington	Fire Prevention Div.	to	Engine Co. 48
Fire Lieutenant Francis J. Brown	Pers./Medical	to	Ladder Co. 23 (eff. 9/15/98)
Fire Lieutenant Henry Sheridan	Pers./Medical	to	Engine Co. 24 (eff. 9/28/98)
Fire Lieutenant Joseph R. Casper	Personnel Division	to	Engine Co. 4
Fire Lieutenant Robert F. Santangelo	Personnel Division	to	Engine Co. 4
Fire Lieutenant Andrew Kennedy	Fire Brigade	to	Pers./ Medical
Fire Lieutenant Edward Fitzpatrick, Jr.	Engine Co. 16	to	Pers./ Medical
Fire Fighter Scott M. Coyne	Pers./Medical	to	Engine Co. 39 (eff. 8/31/98)
Fire Fighter Lesley E. Murrell	Pers./Medical	to	Engine Co. 49 (eff. 9/1/98)
Fire Fighter Edward J. Hunt	Pers./Medical	to	Ladder Co. 16 (eff. 9/7/98)
Fire Fighter Edward J. Hunt	Ladder Co. 16	to	Engine Co. 39
Fire Fighter Joseph P. Langan, Jr.	Engine Co. 28	to	Engine Co. 39
Fire Fighter Pablo Aquino	Pers./Medical	to	Ladder Co. 19 (eff. 9/7/98)
Fire Fighter Ronald L. Cook	Pers./Medical	to	Engine Co. 10 (eff. 9/4/98)
Fire Fighter Thomas J. Sullivan	Pers./Medical	to	Engine Co. 42 (eff. 9/9/98) (Aide to Dist. Chief)
Fire Fighter James M. Foley	Pers./Medical	to	T. M. R. Division
Fire Fighter Leo P. Hughes	Pers./Medical	to	Rescue Co. 1 (eff. 9/16/98)

## TRANSFERS CONTINUED

Fire Fighter Elliot Coleman, Jr.	Pers./Medical	to	Ladder Co. 25 (eff. 9/10/98)
Fire Fighter Ronald W. Cox	Pers./Medical	to	Engine Co. 22 (eff. 9/14/98)
Fire Fighter Marc Porter	Pers./Medical	to	Engine Co. 4 (eff. 9/15/98)
Fire Fighter Marshall A. Smith	Pers./Medical	to	Engine Co. 21 (eff. 9/16/98)
Fire Fighter Paul V. Hoban	Engine Co. 42	to	Ladder Co. 23
Fire Fighter James B. O'Brien	Ladder Co. 26	to	Engine Co. 37
Fire Fighter Calvin D. Murphy	Ladder Co. 10	to	Ladder Co. 7
Fire Fighter Robert L. Biggs	Detail Admin. Unit	to	Engine Co. 32
Fire Fighter Francis D. Foley	Ladder Co. 10	to	Engine Co. 52
Fire Fighter Keith Rowe	Engine Co. 4	to	Ladder Co. 2
Fire Fighter Sean F. Kelly	Pers./Medical	to	Ladder Co. 26 (eff. 9/17/98)
Fire Fighter David A. Glover	Ladder Co. 23	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Paul J. Zepf	Engine Co. 42	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Mark Boyd	Tower Co.	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Tyrone A. Marshall	Engine Co. 17	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter William McCarthy	Rescue Co. 2	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Irene M. Foley	Engine Co. 4	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Adalberto Rodriguez	Ladder Co. 15	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Adalberto Rodriguez	Pers./Medical	to	Ladder Co. 15 (eff. 8/19/98)

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 31**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
SEPTEMBER 29, 1998**

**I. FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

Fire Prevention Week will be observed in the City of Boston from October 4 to October 10, 1998, inclusive.

During Fire Prevention Week, company officers and all members shall review the smoke detector laws so that people visiting the firehouses can get the correct answers to smoke detector laws.

Fire stations shall be open to the public between the hours of 1200 and 1700 hours for visits of the premises and for the conveyance of information concerning the fire department functions and fire prevention matters. When citizens come to a station during Fire Prevention Week, the member on house patrol shall summon the commanding officer who should be available to show the visitors around the station and to answer the questions regarding the department, or to have a suitable person assigned to this duty.

The officer in charge of quarters shall see that the new Fire Prevention banners being issued to all stations are displayed for the entire month of October. Banners shall be checked daily by the officer in charge of quarters to assure that they are firmly affixed to the building in a proper manner. The banners will be collected at the end of the month to be stored at Headquarters.

District Fire Chiefs are directed to take an active interest in Fire Prevention Programs in the following manner:

By making arrangements with the various plants and industrial enterprises within the district to hold fire drills during the week, by grading these drills as good, fair, or poor and making a report of same to the Fire Prevention Division, indicating the name of the enterprise, the date of the drill and the grade. Same should be forwarded promptly. Each business should be requested to acknowledge participation in Fire Prevention Week activities via written correspondence. These drills should be conducted by a company officer after arrangements are made. At plants where there are special or company fire brigades, particular attention should be given to assignments and/or response procedures. It is requested that the name of the company officer conducting the drill be furnished. It is anticipated that not less than three drills be conducted in each district.

Company officers shall contact school officials in the schools in their sub-district and make arrangements to hold the required fire exit drills during Fire Prevention Week. The fire exit drill shall be so arranged that it will be held prior to the end of the school day. The District Fire Chief should compile a list of fraternal, social, civic and professional organizations within the district and convey to them the willingness of the fire department to provide company officers for the purpose of lecturing on fire prevention at any time.



District Fire Chiefs should make a concerted effort to bring the activities of the department before these organizations and arrange for lectures to be given. The name of any organization so participating should be reported to the Fire Prevention Division, specifically if the organization can be urged to forward on their own stationary a notation of the event, it would be to the greater advantage of the fire department.

Firefighters are to pay special attention to the observance of fire hazards and to the duty of observing and locating fire hazards along the route followed by them in their coming to and going from daily work. All buildings being erected, demolished or significantly remodeled require permits, as do storage and use of flammable gases. Notify your District Fire Chief and/or Fire Prevention Division at extension 3620. Dilapidated buildings, rubbish accumulation and the other hazards should be reported in accordance with abatement procedures as outlined in S. O. P. # 25. The public expects uniformed members of the fire department to know something about fire prevention work and to have an interest in this subject since they are public employees engaged in this field. Firefighters, therefore, during Fire Prevention Week, should have this subject uppermost in their minds and they should not pass a fire hazard at any time without making a note of it for reference to the Fire Prevention Division. In short, every uniformed member in the fire department is a fire prevention inspector at all times.

A list of all fire prevention activities and their locations will be forthcoming.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 32**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
SEPTEMBER 30, 1998**

**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 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. A schedule of fire prevention activities is furnished herewith.

The Public Education Office of the Fire Prevention Division will kick off Fire Prevention Week by participating in the Roslindale Day Parade with the Fire Safety House on Sunday, October 4, 1998, from 1200 hours to 1600 hours.

The Boston Fire Department Aerial Drill Team will perform at the following locations:

HOURS            FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1998

0930            HOLY NAME SCHOOL, 525 WEST ROXBURY PARKWAY,  
WEST ROXBURY

1200            ST. PATRICK SCHOOL  
131 MOUNT PLEASANT AVE., ROXBURY

HOURS            SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1998

1615            FALLON FIELD, ROSLINDALE

HOURS            MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1998

1000            TYNAN SCHOOL, 650 EAST FOURTH ST., SOUTH BOSTON

1300            SACRED HEART SCHOOL, 1035 CANTERBURY ST., ROSLINDALE

HOURS            TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1998

0930            ITALIAN HOME FOR CHILDREN, 1125 CENTRE STREET  
JAMAICA PLAIN

1230            ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL, 23 LEONARD ST., DORCHESTER

HOURS      WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1998

0930      KENT, WARREN PRESCOTT AND ST. CATHERINE SCHOOLS,  
HAYES SQUARE

1230      FANEUIL HALL MARKETPLACE

HOURS      THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1998

0930      FRANCISCAN HOSPITAL, 30 WARREN STREET, BRIGHTON

1230      FANEUIL HALL MARKETPLACE

HOURS      FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1998

0930      NEW ENGLAND HOME FOR LITTLE WANDERERS,  
161 SOUTH HUNTINGTON AVE., BOSTON

12:30      COPLEY SQUARE

HOURS      SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1998

1030      CASTLE ISLAND, SOUTH BOSTON

The following is a schedule of times and locations where the Fire Safety House will be on display:

Sunday	October 4, 1998	Fallon Field, Roslindale 1200 to 1600 hours
Monday	October 5, 1998	Boston Common, Park Street Station 1000 to 1400 hours
Tuesday	October 6, 1998	Copley Square 1200 to 1600 hours
Wednesday	October 7, 1998	Faneuil Hall Marketplace 1200 to 1600 hours
Thursday	October 8, 1998	St. Anthony School, 57 Holton St., Allston 1000 to 1400 hours
Friday	October 9, 1998	Fire Museum, 344 Congress St., Boston 1000 to 1400 hours

The following additional activities will take place as listed:

HOURS            TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1998

1000            THOMAS P. O'NEILL, JR. FEDERAL BUILDING  
10 CAUSEWAY STREET

Division 1 and District 3 to act as observers of evacuation drill. Ladder 1 to raise aerial with member over ladder. Engine 8 to run short line to door.

HOURS            WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1998

0930            JOHN F. KENNEDY FEDERAL BUILDING  
Low-Rise        GOVERNMENT CENTER

1000            Division 1 and District 3 to act as observers of evacuation drills.  
High-Rise       Ladder 24 to raise aerial with member over ladder. Engine 4 to run short line to door.

HOURS            THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1998

1000            JOHN W. MCCORMACK FEDERAL BUILDING  
5 POST OFFICE SQUARE

Division 1 and District 3 to act as observers of evacuation drill.  
Tower Company to raise bucket. Engine 10 to run short line to door.

HOURS            FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1998

1000            CAPTAIN JOHN F. WILLIAMS FEDERAL BUILDING  
408 ATLANTIC AVENUE (US COAST GUARD BUILDING)

Division 1 and District 3 to act as observers of evacuation drill.  
Tower Company to raise bucket. Engine 10 to run short line to door.

A press release has been sent to all the local Boston papers. If you do not see an article on Fire Prevention Week in your local paper, call them and ask why. If they want more information, they can contact Fire Fighters Stephen MacDonald or David Walsh in the Public Relations Office, 343-3415. Packages containing activity sheets that teach fire prevention lessons have been distributed to every school and licensed day care center in the city. To assist members in dealing with the public, each firehouse is being sent hand-outs that can be used with adults or children to give to the public.

In addition, each firehouse will be sent information dealing with this year's Fire Prevention Week theme, "**Fire Drills: The Great Escape**". Members should familiarize themselves with the information so that they can pass it on to the public when they visit the firehouse. Remember - unvented liquid fueled space heaters are illegal in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 34**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
OCTOBER 23, 1998**

**I. CITY OF BOSTON EMPLOYEES' CAMPAIGN**

This year the Boston Fire Department is sponsoring the City of Boston Employees' Campaign (COBEC). Fire Fighters have been responding to the needs of children and families for years. As the chairman of COBEC for all city employees, I am asking for your help as we strive to make this campaign one of the city's best.

The COBEC Campaign will run from October 22 through November 18, 1998. All of the services that the listed agencies provide are available to all city employees and their families. Pledge cards must be returned by November 18, 1998.

Together we can continue to bring hope to hundreds of people by giving just \$1.00 per week. In this life where so many things are taken for granted we have an opportunity to make a difference.

Please join me in showing your personal commitment by supporting the 1998 COBEC Campaign. Thank you for caring for those children and families in need.

**BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.**

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 35**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
OCTOBER 23, 1998**

**I. ASSIGNMENT OF FIRE FIGHTERS ON PROBATION**

The following named have been appointed Fire Fighters on Probation, effective 0800 hours, October 28, 1998, and assigned to the following companies:

Edward T. O'Donnell	Engine Co. 55
Michael C. Yebba	Engine Co. 56
David Dowd	Rescue Co. 2
John J. Maguire	Engine Co. 33
Richard J. Johnson	Engine Co. 4
Jeffrey Clark	Engine Co. 9
Mark McLaughlin	Engine Co. 3
Michael S. Mullen	Engine Co. 42
Leo F. Burns	Engine Co. 17
Gary D. Cullinane	Engine Co. 9
Mark Needham	Engine Co. 28
Hiram K. Ortega	Engine Co. 3
Luis Pallermo	Engine Co. 51
Sean Coppney	Ladder Co. 15
Michael J. Gormley	Ladder Co. 10
Garry P. Pilato	Engine Co. 51
Kaluwa Keita	Engine Co. 22
Marco A. Molina	Engine Co. 29
Charles H. Paige	Engine Co. 29
John J. Dolan	Engine Co. 9
Steven W. Perry	Engine Co. 55
Yvette T. Ram-Isreal	Engine Co. 20
Roosevelt Robinson	Engine Co. 51
Michelle Seymour	Engine Co. 49
Darrell J. Higginbottom	Ladder Co. 2
Daniel R. Dowling	Engine Co. 37
James M. McLaughlin	Engine Co. 39
Rayshawn L. Johnson	Engine Co. 56
Jorge A. Rojas	Engine Co. 56
Chris G. Iacozza	Engine Co. 5
Thomas B. Brittan	Ladder Co. 7
Peter A. Gailunas	Engine Co. 7
James J. Kenney	Ladder Co. 14
Neal A. Mullane, Jr.	Ladder Co. 23
Peter A. Ryan	Engine Co. 37
Matthew Talbot	Engine Co. 3

These members are detailed to the Training, Maintenance and Research Division. They will report to their assigned company for full duty upon successful completion of drill school.

Fire Fighters on Probation shall not be used as company strength or detailed while attending drill school.

Fire Fighters on Probation will have their names appear on a separate morning report compiled and maintained by the Training Division while attending the Fire Academy. Upon their successful completion of the Fire Academy, the names of the Fire Fighters on Probation will be added to their respective company's morning reports.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.





## V. RESIGNATION

The resignation of the following named member became effective at 0800 hours, October 20, 1998:

Fire Alarm Operator  
Denise M. Evers

Emergency Management Division

## VI. REINSTATEMENT

Fire Fighter on Probation Rodney Herbin has been reinstated and assigned to Ladder Company 24, effective 0800 hours, October 28, 1998.

## VII. TRANSFERS

The transfers of the following named members will become effective at 0800 hours, November 1, 1998:

District Fire Chief Bernard J. Tully	District 12	to	District 11
District Fire Chief Richard Mullen	Pers./Medical	to	District 9 (eff. 10/06/98)
Fire Captain Paul G. Carey	Personnel Division	to	Engine Co. 28
Fire Lieutenant Paul J. Murphy	Engine Co. 30	to	Detail Admin. Unit
Fire Lieutenant Gerald Sparrow	Engine Co. 32	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Lieutenant Donald J. Price	Ladder Co. 17	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Lieutenant William J. Horne	Ladder Co. 25	to	Fire Brigade
Fire Fighter Yuri J. Quinnie	Ladder Co. 21	to	Ladder Co. 10
Fire Fighter Donald H. Harrington	Detail Admin. Unit	to	Ladder Co. 28
Fire Fighter Joseph B. Glynn	Engine Co. 4	to	Engine Co. 32
Fire Fighter Michael T. Costello	Engine Co. 32	to	Ladder Co. 28
Fire Fighter Vincent L. Easterling	Ladder Co. 14	to	Engine Co. 3

## TRANSFERS CONTINUED

Fire Fighter Armando Vieira	Pers./Medical	to	T. M. R. Div. (eff. 10/01/98)
Fire Fighter Michael Tardivo	Pers./Medical	to	Ladder Co. 4 (eff. 10/10/98)
Fire Fighter Robert F. Campbell	Pers./Medical	to	Marine Unit (eff. 10/14/98)
Fire Fighter Robert Gallagher	Pers./Medical	to	Engine Co. 21 (eff. 10/09/98)
Fire Fighter Irene Foley	Pers./Medical	to	Engine Co. 4 (eff. 10/19/98)
Fire Fighter Ralph Sheffield	Detail Admin. Unit	to	Fire Prevention Division
Fire Fighter Kevin Garry	Engine Co. 9	to	Personnel Division
Fire Fighter Joe E. Montoya	Engine Co. 53 (Aide to Dist. Chief)	to	Engine Co. 29 (Aide to Dist. Chief)
Fire Fighter Tyrone A. Marshall	Pers./Medical	to	Engine Co. 17 (eff. 10/19/98)
Fire Fighter Patrick McDonough	Engine Co. 17	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Kenneth Jones	Engine Co. 39	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Paul Arathuzik	Tower Company	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Anthony Tippet	Ladder Co. 9	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Franklin Lawrence	Engine Co. 52	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Monroe Johnson	Engine Co. 42	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter William D. Ferrara	Engine Co. 53	to	T. M. R. Division
Fire Fighter Daniel Boyd	Pers./Medical	to	Engine Co. 21 (eff. 10/28/98)

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.



**VI. TRANSFERS**

The transfers of the following named members will become effective at 0800 hours, December 1, 1998:

District Fire Chief Robert J. Calobrisi	Personnel Division	to	District 12
District Fire Chief Patrick Ellard	District 11	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Captain Matthew Delvental	Ladder Co. 14	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Lieutenant Donald A. Robinson	Engine Co. 51	to	Ladder Co. 25
Fire Lieutenant Andre R. Stallworth	Ladder Co. 24	to	Engine Co. 30
Fire Lieutenant Edward J. White	Ladder Co. 18	to	Engine Co. 8
Fire Lieutenant Van Littleton	Personnel Division	to	Fire Prevention Division
Fire Lieutenant Erik Mattson	Personnel Division	to	Fire Prevention Division
Fire Lieutenant Thomas J. McCann	Personnel Division	to	Fire Prevention Division
Fire Lieutenant Thomas J. Carey	Engine Co. 55	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Lieutenant William P. Kenneally	Ladder Co. 26	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Lieutenant Timothy F. McGillicuddy	Ladder Co. 7	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter David L. Seaver	Engine Co. 20	to	Engine Co. 30
Fire Fighter Brian F. Martinage	Ladder Co. 21	to	Engine Co. 48
Fire Fighter Gregory Burton	Ladder Co. 9	to	Engine Co. 32
Fire Fighter Michael S. Dannaher	Engine Co. 4	to	Ladder Co. 2
Fire Fighter Karen L. Miller	Fire Prevention Div.	to	Engine Co. 48
Fire Fighter Wilfredo Pacheco	Fire Prevention Div.	to	Engine Co. 48
Fire Fighter Richard C. Francis	Engine Co. 51	to	Engine Co. 37

## TRANSFERS CONTINUED

Fire Fighter Troy T. Osgood	Engine Co. 48	to	Engine Co. 41
Fire Fighter William J. Hogan	Ladder Co. 23	to	Engine Co. 30
Fire Fighter Michael Buchanan	Ladder Co. 4	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter John H. Burden	Engine Co. 20	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter George H. Clark	Ladder Co. 14	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter James E. Donovan, Jr.	Ladder Co. 14	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter David L. Hale	Engine Co. 24	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Thomas M. Hammond	Rescue Co. 2	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Bernard Harper	Engine Co. 48	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter David Hayes	Ladder Co. 17	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Scott R. Jacobs, Sr.	Ladder Co. 4	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Stephen A. Jerzylo	Engine Co. 48	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Thomas F. McGovern	Fire Brigade	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Edward J. McLaughlin	Engine Co. 56	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Kevin F. McNiff	Ladder Co. 18	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Gerald A. Miller	Rescue Co. 2	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Robert C. Moritz	Engine Co. 55	to	Personnel Medical
Fire Fighter Leroy Hamilton, Jr.	Personnel/Medical	to	Engine Co. 22 (eff. 11/6/98)
Fire Fighter Paul I. Murphy	Ladder Co. 16	to	T. M. R. Division

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 41**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
DECEMBER 4, 1998**

**I. COMMISSIONER'S UNIT CITATION**

On November 11, 1998, at 1519 hours, Rescue Company 1 responded to an incident of a child with his arm stuck in a commercial meat grinder. After discussion with BEMS paramedics, it was agreed that Rescue Company 1 would meet the transport ambulance at the Boston Medical Center. The situation was explained to the emergency room doctors and after examining the child they sent for Rescue Company 1 to remove the machine from his hand.

Due to the position of the hand it was determined the auger could not be backed out of the grinder. A "whizzer saw" was then used to make the initial cuts on the grinder which was made of 3/8" cast steel. As the saw cuts it heats the metal which makes the cutting of metal easier. At the same time, water was poured on the grinder to protect the heat transfer to the boys arm. The upper bowl was cut through and removed, allowing the doctors to see from the elbow upward and they discovered the upper arm was undamaged. A "V" shaped cut was then made. The "rabbit tool" was placed into this gap above the hand and was able to break off another piece of the grinder giving a better view of the wrist and hand. Cuts were then made just above the hand from the front to the back. The remaining piece of the grinder and the auger were then separated allowing the doctors to remove the boy's hand from around the auger.

This procedure lasted for approximately 1 ½ hours as different tools were brought in and the strategies changed.

Rescue Company 1 never lost control of the situation or confidence in themselves while working in confined emergency room conditions, a medical staff constantly giving suggestions and at times challenging their tactics, as well as the ever present tragedy of a three year old boy whose arm they were so desperately trying to save.

Because of their dedication and professionalism the Commissioner's Unit Citation shall be awarded to the following members:

Fire Captain James M. Morrison	Rescue Company 1
Fire Fighter Robert J. Culbert	Rescue Company 1
Fire Fighter John L. Cetrino	Rescue Company 1
Fire Fighter Robert Dean	Rescue Company 1
Fire Fighter David E. Worrell	Engine Company 56 (detailed to R-1)

## II. HIGH COMMENDATION

On August 7, 1998, at 0427 hours, Ladder Company 17 responded to a six alarm fire at 536 Commonwealth Avenue. Ladder Company 17 positioned the apparatus in the rear of the six story retail and residential building. The aerial ladder was raised in order to rescue occupants on the upper floors. Fire Fighter Kevin G. Mitchell ascended the aerial ladder and found a woman in a fourth floor window that was engulfed in heavy smoke. As he was taking her onto the aerial ladder, fire broke out from windows directly under them. To avoid being burned, he put her back into the window, placed his facepiece on the woman and led her to the interior stairway. Unable to use the stairway because of heat and heavy smoke, he brought the woman back to the window. At this time, a 2 ½" line knocked down the heavy fire on the third floor. He then removed the facepiece from the woman, placed her on the aerial ladder and guided her safely to the ground.

Because this rescue was performed with great personal risk under severe fire conditions, the Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Fighter Kevin G. Mitchell of Ladder Company 17, and refers his case to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

## III. COMMENDATIONS

- 1) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Calvin Smalls of Engine Company 9, who while off duty on October 25, 1998 and visiting relatives at 86 Annunciation Road, was informed of a fire in an apartment on the top floor. Prior to the arrival of apparatus, he forced entry and conducted a primary search under smoke conditions. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.
- 2) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter John L. Cetrino of Rescue Company 1, who on October 17, 1998, at 0226 hours, swam in a flotation suit for 300 feet, searching an area under adverse conditions for a woman who had jumped from the Longfellow Bridge into the Charles River. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.



#### **IV. HIGH COMMENDATION**

On October 17, 1998, at 0226 hours, the department responded to an attempted suicide at the Longfellow Bridge over the Charles River. Police Officers directed them onto Storrow Drive. An unconscious woman was floating under the bridge toward the Charles River locks. Fire Fighter Thomas Flynn, Ladder Company 24 and Fire Fighter Edward T. Loder, Rescue Company 1 donned flotation suits and entered the water. They swam out about 300 feet and then swam under an arch for another 75 feet and reached the victim. With great difficulty, they placed her in a boat which Police Officers had commandeered from the Charles River Marina. Once on board, the fire fighters performed CPR and she was revived. The woman and these fire fighters were transported to the Massachusetts General Hospital where they were treated for exhaustion and the effects of the cold water.

Because this rescue was performed with great personal risk due to poor visibility, cold water and exhaustion from swimming nearly 400 feet under these conditions, the Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Fighter Thomas Flynn of Ladder Company 24 and Fire Fighter Edward T. Loder of Rescue Company 1, and refers their case to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 43**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
DECEMBER 17, 1998**

**I. CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

My best wishes to all of the men and women of the Boston Fire Department, uniformed and civilian, and their families for peace and joy this Holiday Season and a New Year filled with good health and happiness.

My sincere thanks to each and every member of this department for all that you do in keeping the City of Boston one of the safest cities in the nation.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 44**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
DECEMBER 17, 1998**

**I. RETIREMENT**

The retirement of the following named member in accordance with the provisions of Section 5, C32, M.G.L., became effective at 1700 hours, November 29, 1998:

Fire Lieutenant  
Harold R. Donovan

Ladder Company 18

Fire Lieutenant Donovan was appointed to the department on September 4, 1963, promoted to Fire Lieutenant on September 1, 1976, and leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

**II. RESIGNATION / RETIREMENT**

The resignation/retirement of the following named member will become effective at 1700 hours, January 2, 1999:

Fire Fighter  
Richard P. Freda

Engine Company 49

Fire Fighter Freda was appointed to the department on October 22, 1969, and leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

**III. RESIGNATION**

Effective December 11, 1998, E. Thomas O'Neil, M. D., resigned from his position after serving as the Department Medical Examiner for four years. Dr. O'Neil leaves the department with the best wishes of all the members.

**IV. APPOINTMENT - DEPARTMENT MEDICAL EXAMINER**

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to announce the appointment of Michael Hamrock, M. D., as the Boston Fire Department Medical Examiner, effective December 14, 1998.

The office hours for the Department Medical Examiner will be at 0800 hours on every Headquarters work day and at such other times as the Fire Commissioner may prescribe.

## V. PROMOTION TO FIRE LIEUTENANT

The following named member was promoted to Fire Lieutenant and transferred to the Personnel Division effective 0800 hours, December 2, 1998:

Fire Fighter

James B. O'Brien

Ladder Company 26

## VI. COMMENDATIONS

1) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Stephen J. Uno who while on patrol at Engine Company 9 on November 27, 1998, observed a youth discarding a knife and searching through a woman's handbag. He called the Fire Alarm Office and asked for the police to respond. Shortly after, an elderly woman came into the firehouse with facial lacerations stating she had been assaulted and robbed by a teenager. Upon arrival of police, Fire Fighter Uno showed them the evidence on the adjacent railroad tracks. A suspect was arrested further down the tracks and returned to the fire house where he was positively identified by Fire Fighter Uno. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

2) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Edward Horne, Engine Company 32, who after being relieved at 9 alarms, Box 1316 on December 3, 1998, elected to remain on the fireground and assisted in running and making up lines. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 46**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
DECEMBER 28, 1998**

**I. RETIREMENTS**

The retirements of the following named members in accordance with the provisions of Section 5, C32, M.G.L., will become effective at 1700 hours, December 31, 1998:

District Fire Chief	
David B. LeBrun, Jr.	District 6
Fire Lieutenant	
Edward C. Donovan, Jr.	Fire Brigade

District Fire Chief LeBrun was appointed to the department on May 1, 1968, promoted to Fire Lieutenant on July 4, 1973, to Fire Captain on May 3, 1978 and to District Fire Chief on March 7, 1984. Fire Lieutenant Donovan was appointed to the department on July 16, 1958, and promoted to Fire Lieutenant on September 1, 1976.

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

**II. PROMOTION TO DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF**

The following named member will be promoted to District Fire Chief and transferred to the Personnel Division effective 0800 hours, January 6, 1999:

Fire Captain	
Gerard J. Graul	Engine Company 53

**III. PROMOTION TO FIRE CAPTAIN**

The following named member will be promoted to Fire Captain effective 0800 hours, January 6, 1999:

Fire Lieutenant	
Edward A. Anderson	Emergency Management Division

**IV. PROMOTIONS TO FIRE LIEUTENANT**

The following named members will be promoted to Fire Lieutenant and transferred to the Personnel Division effective 0800 hours, January 6, 1999:

Fire Fighter	
Martin P. McCormack	Engine Company 41
Fire Fighter	
Richard K. Callow	Ladder Company 15

### V. RESIGNATION

The resignation of the following named member became effective at 1700 hours, December 2, 1998:

Fire Fighter		
Kenneth B. Brown		Engine Company 55

### VI. TRANSFERS

The transfers of the following named members will become effective at 0800 hours, January 1, 1999:

District Chief			
Patrick J. Ellard	Pers./Medical	to	District 11 (eff. 1/14/99)
Fire Captain			
Matthew Delvental	Pers./Medical	to	Ladder Co. 14 (eff. 1/11/99)
Fire Captain			
Gerard J. Graul	Pers./Medical	to	Engine Co. 53
Fire Lieutenant			
Dennis A. MacDonald	Engine Co. 28	to	Engine Co. 53
Fire Lieutenant			
Clarence C. Hirtle	Engine Co. 49	to	Ladder Co. 18
Fire Lieutenant			
Erik J. Mattson	Fire Prevention Div.	to	Ladder Co. 24
Fire Lieutenant			
James B. O'Brien	Fire Prevention Div.	to	Engine Co. 51
Fire Lieutenant			
Timothy McGillicuddy	Pers./Medical	to	Ladder Co. 7
Fire Lieutenant			
Timothy McGillicuddy	Ladder Co. 7	to	Fire Brigade
Fire Lieutenant			
Gerard Cahill	Engine Co. 39	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter			
Dennis P. Greenwood	Fire Prevention Div.	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter			
Richard J. Johnson	Engine Co. 32	to	Marine Unit
Fire Fighter			
William M. Burns	Engine Co. 55 (Aide to Dist. Chief)	to	Tower Co.
Fire Fighter			
Eugene Cherry	Ladder Co. 24	to	Ladder Co. 1

## TRANSFERS CONTINUED

Fire Fighter William J. Hogan	Engine Co. 30	to	Engine Co. 52
Fire Fighter Paul Zepf	Pers./Medical	to	Engine Co. 42 (eff. 12/18/98)
Fire Fighter Michael Buchanan	Pers./Medical	to	Ladder Co. 4 (eff. 12/6/98)
Fire Fighter David Hayes	Pers./Medical	to	Ladder Co. 17 (eff. 12/8/98)
Fire Fighter Edward Dempsey	T. M. R. Division	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter John F. LaPorte	Fire Prevention Div.	to	Engine Co. 8 (eff. 11/1/98)
Fire Fighter William J. McCarthy	Pers./Medical	to	Rescue Co. 2 (eff. 11/3/98)
Fire Fighter James F. Murphy	Fire Prevention Div.	to	Engine Co. 51 (eff. 12/1/98)
Fire Fighter Paul Arathuzik	Pers./Medical	to	Tower Co. (eff. 12/17/98)
Fire Fighter Patrick J. MacAuley	Engine Co. 18	to	Fire Brigade
Fire Fighter John Fogarty	Fire Invest. Unit	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Lawrence O'Donnell	Ladder Co. 25	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Nicholas DiMarino	Tower Co.	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Richard Gottwald	Engine Co. 22	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Michael McCarthy	Ladder Co. 14	to	Pers./Medical
Fire Fighter Christopher Corwin	Ladder Co. 1	to	Pers./Medical

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.