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District Chief Edward H. Sawyer Has Been 30 Years In the Fire Department.

District chief Edward H. Sawyer, who is in command of the 9th district, Roxbury has been connected with the fire department more than 30 years. The veteran is one of the bravest men in

merit it will be found that he has enacted the role of life-saver on two occasions. One of his heroic acts was performed at a fire at 43 Fellows st, Roxbury, Aug 14, 1882 and another at 581 Shawmut av, on Jan 20, 1883. The chief is very modest and is never heard to say anything in regard to the brave feats he has performed.

Sawyer began to fight fires at the age of 16, when he entered the fire department of the city of Portland. He enlisted as a torch boy in Civic engine company 8 to which he was attached until its disbandment.

He left the Portland department and enlisted on Aug 5 1862, in Co B, 10th Maine regt and served until May 14, 1865. While a member of the regiment he figured in many important battles, and left the service with a creditable record.

He came to Boston in 1869 and worked at his trade that of a carpenter, until he entered the fire department. In 1872 he was appointed a call substitute on ladder 4 and on Oct 1, 1873 his rating was changed to call man. He continued to act in that capacity until April, 1877, when he was promoted to assistant foreman, but remained on duty with the ladder company.

On July 31, 1880, as a reward for his efficiency, the board of commissioners honored him with a promotion to the rank of captain and he was transferred to ladder company 12, Tremont st, Roxbury. On Nov 1, 1884, he was promoted to the grade of district chief and was given command of the 8th district, which then embraced a portion of Roxbury and the whole of Brighton. When the districts were rearranged in 1894, he was shifted to district 11, Brighton, and remained there nearly a year, when he was returned to Roxbury and given control of the 9th district, where he has since been located.

The chief is connected with many organizations, including the G. A. R., the Maine Veteran Firemen's association and the charitable and relief associations of the Boston department. He resides in Roxbury, where he has a host of friends.

He has been selected to serve as chief marshal at the coming ball of the department. He makes his headquarters in the house of ladder company 4, where he first saw service.



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DISTRICT CHIEF EDWARD H. SAWYER.
A Modest Man and a Great Fire Fighter

the service and is one who can be depended upon at all times. His judgment in handling fires is well known and the fact that his district has been free from bad fires speaks volumes for his work.

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