

Ladderman Joseph B. Sullivan, age 33, Ladder Company 19

On December 3, 1947, Ladderman Sullivan was killed when Ladder 19, the 1941 American LaFrance 100ft ladder truck, rolled over while out on a driving test. Several other laddermen were injured. Ladder 19's truck was destroyed and never returned to service. (This truck had been known as "The White Elephant". The only white-colored truck in BFD's history, it had been heavily damaged in 1942 in the collapse at the Maverick Square Fire.). Ladderman Sullivan had 5 months of service, as he was a military substitute.