

OFFICE OF THE
Fire Commissioner,
BRISTOL STREET.

Boston, January 27, 1899.

GENERAL ORDER, No. 531.

I.—The death of Engineer MARTIN F. McDONALD, of Engine Co. 13, is hereby announced to the Department.

II.—The funeral occurred on Thursday, January 26, at 9 A.M., from his home, 8 Buckley Ave., Jamaica Plain. Burial at Calvary Cemetery.

III.—Engine Co. 13 was relieved from all service to attend the funeral.

IV.—The Chief of District had charge, and made the necessary detail to act as pall-bearers.

V.—The Chief of Department detailed one Lieutenant and nine men to take charge of the house and apparatus of Engine Co. 13 during the absence of the company, and sixteen permanent men to act as funeral escort.

Commissioner.

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Boston, February 21, 1899.

GENERAL ORDER, No. 532.

I.—The death of Ladderman FRANCIS W. ROBINSON of Ladder Co. 8 is hereby announced to the Department.

II.—The funeral occurred on Monday, February 20, at 9 A.M., from his home, 371 Medford St., Somerville, Mass. Burial at Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

III.—Ladder Co. 8 was relieved from all service to attend the funeral.

IV.—Captain Thomas M. McLaughlin of Ladder Co. 8 had charge, and made the necessary detail to act as pall-bearers.

V.—The Chief of Department detailed one Lieutenant and eleven men to take charge of the house and apparatus of Ladder Co. 8 during the absence of the company.

Commissioner.

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Boston, February 24, 1899.

GENERAL ORDER, No. 533.

I.—The death of Hoseman EDMUND F. DENEHY, of Engine Co. 32, is hereby announced to the Department.

II.—The funeral occurred on Thursday, February 23, at 8.30 A.M., from his home, 3 Prescott Street, Charlestown. Burial at Malden, Mass.

III.—Engine Co. 32 was relieved from all service to attend the funeral.

IV.—The Chief of District had charge, and made the necessary detail to act as pall-bearers.

V.—The Chief of Department detailed one Lieutenant and nine men to take charge of the house and apparatus of Engine Co. 32 during the absence of the company, and sixteen permanent men to act as funeral escort.

Commissioner.

OFFICE OF THE
Fire Commissioner,
BRISTOL STREET.

BOSTON, May 1, 1899.

GENERAL ORDER, No. 535.

UNIFORM SACK COAT.

For Chief of Department.—A double-breasted close-fitting sack coat, with square corners, of dark blue cloth, pure indigo dye; cut with three seams in the back; to have eight medium-size department buttons of white metal on each breast, grouped in pairs; to be made with a turn-down collar that will roll two holes and button six; the cuffs to be made to fit the wrist, and closed with three small regulation buttons. On each breast a blind flap, five and a quarter by two and a quarter inches, and with slightly rounded corners, placed on a line with the bottom of arm-scye, beginning at one inch from scye and extending straight across (not slanting); a pocket six inches wide by seven deep on inside of left breast. No other pockets will be allowed in any part of the coat. The length of coat to be eight inches above centre of knee-pan — the sleeves to be cut only so large as to be convenient to wear inside of overcoat; the turn-down part of collar to be two and a quarter inches in front and one and three quarters in back; the edges to be finished with a double row of stitching, three-eighths of an inch wide; the coat to be lined with black Italian cloth; the sleeve to have a twill jean lining.

For Assistant and District Chiefs.—Same as for Chief of Department, except that the buttons on the front will be placed equidistant.

For Company Officers.—Same as for District Chiefs, except that the coat will have six buttons in each row, will roll one, and will button five buttons.

For Members.—Same as for Company Officers, except that the coat will be a single-breasted, straight-front sack, square corners, standing breast, six buttons on front placed equidistant.

For Summer Wear.—Officers and men will be permitted to wear a coat cut in the same style as above, made of dark-blue flannel, pure indigo dye, without lining. At all other times and seasons the sack worn must be of dark blue cloth, in accordance with the regulation, except while wearing an overcoat—then a cardigan jacket may be substituted.

PANTALOONS.

For Chief of Department, Other Officers and Members.—Made of same material, or of eighteen ounce flannel, same color as coat; to fit close around the waist, but loose around the thighs and legs, to admit of their free use.

VESTS.

For Chief of Department.—A single-breasted vest of dark-blue cloth of same shade and texture as the uniform coat, without collar, so as not to interfere with the collar of the shirt; with eight small regulation buttons, grouped in pairs; inside to be lined with slate color, back to be made of black twilled silesia.

For Assistant and District Chiefs.—Same as for Chief of Department, except that the buttons will be placed equidistant.

For Company Officers and all Other Members.—Same as for District Chiefs.

OVERCOAT.

For Chief of Department.—A double-breasted frock coat, with turn-down collar; dark blue cloth, pure indigo dye; length of skirt two inches below knee; to button close to neck; the front of coat to be cut in one piece, without lapel seam, but skirt cut separately; with eight large department buttons of white metal on each breast, grouped in pairs; on back skirt, side edges with three buttons each side; three small buttons on each sleeve at cuff. The distance between the two rows of buttons on front is five and one-half inches at top, and three and one-half inches at bottom; one large outside pocket-flap on each skirt, without pockets; a small outside pocket on the left breast, covered with a flap; one inside pocket on right breast, and two back skirt pockets inside; the skirts to be lined with black Italian cloth, the body of coat with dark-blue, twilled flannel, and the sleeves with brown twilled jean; the edges double stitched, one-half inch wide, and all seams plain; width of turn-down part of collar shall be two and five-eighths of an inch in front and two and a quarter in back.

For all other Officers and Members. — Same as for Chief of Department, except that there will be but seven large buttons on each breast, placed equidistant.

SHIRT.

For Chief of Department Assistant and District Chiefs. — White linen or muslin with turn-down or standing collar.

For Company Officers. — Same as for Chief of Department and District Chiefs, except that it shall have a turn-down collar.

For Members. — A double-breasted indigo-blue flannel or black worsted with rolling collar; except that upon all occasions of ceremony the blue shirt will be worn, unless special orders to the contrary are given.

CRAVAT.

all officers
~~*For Chief of Department Assistant and District Chiefs.*~~ — A small tie of black silk.

~~*For Company Officers and all Other Members.*~~ — For winter, a small tie of black silk, to pass once around the neck, and tie with a double bow and flat knot in front, the ends to extend not more than three inches from the knot. For summer, a blue tie.

GLOVES.

For All Officers and Members. — Gray buckskin; white Berlin Lisle thread for special duty.

FIRE HAT.

For Chief of Department. — Entirely white, with sixteen combs; the front to be of white patent leather, supported by a gilt eagle head; the letters indicating his office to be black on a white ground, and under all the word "Boston."

For Assistant and District Chiefs. — Same as Chief, entirely white, except that there will be but twelve combs, and the letters, white on a red ground; below all, the initials of the wearer's name are to be placed.

For Officers of Engine, Combination Wagon, and Chemical Companies. — A black, with eight combs; a white patent leather front; the number of the company and rank of officer in plain block figures cut out of the centre; the number of company and rank to be black patent leather.

For Members of Engine, Combination Wagon, and Chemical Companies. — Same as for officers of Engine Companies, except that the front will be of black patent leather with white figures, the letters **C W** over the figures distinguishing the Combination Wagon Companies, and the letter **C** the Chemical Companies.

For Officers of Ladder and Combination Ladder Companies.— Same as for officers of Engine Companies, except that the numbers will be in red, and the upper half of skull to be painted red.

For Members of Ladder and Combination Ladder Companies.— Same as for officers of Ladder Companies, except that the front will be of black patent leather, instead of white.

FATIGUE HAT AND CAP.

For all Officers and Men.— A blue cloth cap of the pattern at Headquarters; to be made of dark-blue cloth same as the uniform coat, with plain solid black patent leather visor, two inches wide, with rounded corners; top seven inches wide and seven and one-half to eight inches long; band one and one-half inches wide; quarters one and three-quarters inches high; lining of red leather or silk, to be sewed into the seam of top and quarters; a narrow welt around the bottom of band, and also around the top seam of cap; inner band to be of strong, serviceable leather; chin strap of black patent leather, one-half inch wide; one small regulation button on each side of cap. The cap made on the "gossamer body" is also adopted as regulation.

Distinctions of rank will be indicated by the insignia.

Officers and members may wear, in stormy weather, Chief of Department, Assistant Chiefs and District Chiefs, a blue, other officers gray, and other members a white water-proof hat of the pattern now in use in the department.

A straw hat of the pattern at Headquarters will be worn with the summer uniform.

DEVICE.

For all Firemen, except Officers, Engineers and Assistant Engineers.— The device will consist of a Greek cross of white metal with a circular shield, marked with the number of the wearer. It is to be attached to the centre of the front of the cap, the lower point resting upon the chin strap. For Engineers and Assistant Engineers the device will be the same, except that the block letter **E** will be stamped in the circle of the cross for the former, and **A E** for the latter.

INSIGNIA OF OFFICE.

For Chief of Department.— The insignia of the Chief will consist of five trumpets crossed, to be made of gold bullion, to be surrounded by a gold embroidered circle, and worn on the cap and on each corner of the collar of the uniform coat.

For Assistant Chief.— Three crossed trumpets, embroidered and worn in the same manner as the Chiefs.

For District Chiefs. — Two crossed trumpets, embroidered and worn in the same manner as the Chiefs.

For Captains. — Two perpendicular and parallel trumpets, on oblong background, with the number of the company placed between the trumpets for the cap device, to be embroidered the same as Chiefs and worn lengthwise with the collar, with a margin of a quarter of an inch above, and the same below the collar device. For this purpose the collar must be two and a quarter inches wide in front.

For Lieutenants. — Same as for Captains, except that there will be only one trumpet, and that placed horizontally with number above for cap device.

The background of the insignia for officers of Ladder and Combination Ladder Companies will be red; that of all others will be blue. Officers of Combination Companies and Chemical Companies will be distinguished by **Comb.** and **C** respectively above the numbers.

All uniforms after this date must conform strictly to this order, and District and Company officers will see that it is carefully observed, and all uniforms must be inspected by the District Chiefs before they are worn.

Commissioner.

OFFICE OF THE
Fire Commissioner,
BRISTOL STREET.

Boston, May 13, 1899.

GENERAL ORDER, No. 536.

I.—The death of Hoseman LEWIS C. RAY, of Engine Co. 37, is hereby announced to the Department.

II.—The funeral occurred on Friday, May 12, at 2 P.M., from his home, 104 Parker Hill Avenue, Roxbury. Burial at Forest Hills Cemetery.

III.—Engine Co. 37 was relieved from all service to attend the funeral.

IV.—The Acting Chief of District had charge, and made the necessary detail to act as pall-bearers.

V.—The Chief of Department detailed one Lieutenant and eight men to take charge of the house and apparatus of Engine Co. 37 during the absence of the company, and sixteen permanent men to act as funeral escort.

Commissioner.

OFFICE OF THE
Fire Commissioner,
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Boston, July 31, 1899.

GENERAL ORDER, No. 538.

I.—The death of Lieutenant WILLIAM J. RYAN, of Engine Co. 7, is hereby announced to the Department.

II.—The funeral occurred on Saturday, July 29, at 9.30 A.M., from his home, 85 Chelsea Street, Charlestown. Burial at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden, Mass.

III.—One officer and five men from Engine Co. 7 were relieved from all service to attend the funeral.

IV.—District Chief Pope had charge, and made the necessary detail to act as pall-bearers.

V.—The Chief of Department detailed one Lieutenant and nine men to take charge of the house and apparatus of Engine Co. 7 during the absence of the company, and sixteen permanent men to act as funeral escort.

Commissioner.

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BOSTON, NOVEMBER 1, 1899.

GENERAL ORDER, No. 540.

The Department is hereby notified that Chemical Company No. 11 has been disbanded, to take effect at 10 o'clock A.M., this day, and Combination Ladder Company No. 8 organized and located in the same quarters.

Lieutenant JAMES J. CAINE,

FRED. L. SARGENT,

W. H. MCGINNESS,

V. H. RICHER,

M. A. RILEY,

W. C. STEVENS,

P. J. MURPHY.

Running card the same as assigned to Chemical 11.

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Commissioner.

OFFICE OF THE
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Boston, November 2, 1899.

GENERAL ORDER, No. 541.

I.—The death of Ladderman ROBERT J. MITCHELL, of Ladder Co. 9, is hereby announced to the Department.

II.—The funeral will take place on Saturday, November 4, at 2 P.M., from his home, 10 Mill Street, Charlestown. Burial at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett, Mass. Funeral private.

Commissioner.