

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 1**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
JANUARY 3, 2000**

**I. COMMENDATION**

The devastating fire that occurred on December 3, 1999 in the city of Worcester will be recorded in history as one of the worst tragedies for the fire service. The six firefighters who died in the line of duty, while performing search and rescue operations, will forever be remembered for their courage, selfless dedication and love for their fellowman.

The outpouring of support and love that was demonstrated at the Memorial Service with the overwhelming presence of the thousands of firefighters from across New England and the world hopefully helped to ease the pain and heartbreak for their families and fellow firefighters. My thanks to every member of the department, active and retired, who took the time to attend the services for these six fallen firefighters.

A special thank you to the chief officers, company officers and firefighters who responded to the scene of the fire to assist in the round the clock search and recovery operation for these six firefighters. I highly commend each member of the technical rescue team for the commitment, courage and perseverance that you demonstrated during this entire painstaking emotional operation. Because of your training, unselfish devotion to duty and compassion, there is some closure for the families, firefighters and people of Worcester.

To all the members of the line of duty funeral committee, who for two weeks assisted with the Memorial Service and the six individual funerals, my heartfelt thanks.

Special recognition must be made of the work of Lieutenant Michael Walsh of Ladder Company 17, Fire Alarm Operator Ralph Dowling of the Emergency Management Division and Fire Fighter/Public Information Officer Stephen MacDonald. Their efforts in coordinating the Memorial Service, procession and local and national media were outstanding. They put together a tribute that the families and those in the fire service will never forget. In doing so, they reflected greatly upon this department. My thanks to them. My appreciation goes out to Fire Lieutenant William Ostiguy and all the members of the Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team who responded so quickly and provided the necessary assistance and professional care for the families, firefighters and friends in their time of need.

This tragedy in Worcester was a worst case scenario, a shocking reminder that all firefighters live on the edge of danger with the knowledge that any call might be their last. Our thoughts and prayers are with these six men and their families in the days and months ahead.

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

THE LAST GENERAL ORDER IN THE 1999 SERIES WAS NO. 37

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 2**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
JANUARY 28, 2000**

**I. RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT**

The resignation/retirement of the following named member became effective at 1700 hours, January 3, 2000:

Fire Fighter	
John McIver	Marine Unit

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

**II. RETIREMENTS**

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 24, 2000:

Fire Captain	
Robert J. Counihan	Engine Company 53

Fire Captain Counihan was appointed to the department on December 24, 1969, promoted to Fire Lieutenant on January 19, 1983, promoted to Fire Captain on November 18, 1998, and leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

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, 2000:

Fire Captain	
Kevin J. O'Toole	Fire Investigation Unit
Fire Lieutenant	
Thomas C. Gunn	Engine Company 16
Fire Lieutenant	
John J. O'Brien	Rescue Company 1
Fire Fighter	
Philip J. Jordan, Jr.	Engine Company 48
Fire Fighter	
Joseph K. Weekes	Engine Company 49

Fire Captain O'Toole was appointed to the department on October 20, 1965, promoted to Fire Lieutenant on May 9, 1984, and to Fire Captain on August 6, 1986. Fire Lieutenant Gunn was appointed to the department on December 24, 1969, and promoted to Fire Lieutenant on December 6, 1989. Fire Lieutenant O'Brien was appointed to the department on January 18, 1967, and promoted to Fire Lieutenant on September 14, 1983.

### RETIREMENTS CONTINUED

Fire Fighter Jordan was appointed to the department on December 24, 1969. Fire Fighter Weekes was appointed to the department on January 19, 1977.

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

The retirements of the following named members in accordance with the provisions of Section 7-94, C32, M.G.L., will become effective at 1700 hours, January 31, 2000:

Fire Lieutenant	
William P. Ward	Engine Company 18
Fire Fighter	
John P. Kelly	Engine Company 2
Fire Fighter	
Richard H. McLaughlin	Ladder Company 9
Fire Fighter	
John E. Noonan	Ladder Company 9
Fire Fighter	
John J. O'Sullivan	Fire Investigation Unit

Fire Lieutenant Ward was appointed to the department on October 20, 1971, and promoted to Fire Lieutenant on May 23, 1979.

Fire Fighter Kelly was appointed to the department on December 30, 1970.  
Fire Fighter McLaughlin was appointed to the department on September 27, 1978.  
Fire Fighter Noonan was appointed to the department on December 30, 1970.  
Fire Fighter O'Sullivan was appointed to the department on December 22, 1971.

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

### III. RESIGNATION

The resignation of the following named member will become effective at 1700 hours, January 28, 2000:

Senior Programmer	
Michele M. Bilodeau	Emergency Management Division

Senior Programmer Bilodeau was appointed to the department on September 7, 1994, and leaves the department with the best wishes of her associates.

#### IV. RESIGNATION

The resignation of the following named member became effective at 1700 hours, January 21, 2000:

Fire Fighter		
William S. Boseman, Jr.		Ladder Company 24

#### V. PROMOTION TO FIRE LIEUTENANT

The following named member was promoted to Fire Lieutenant and transferred to the Personnel Division effective 0800 hours, January 3, 2000:

Fire Fighter		
Willie K. Harris		Ladder Company 17

#### VI. TRANSFERS

The transfers of the following named members will become effective at 0800 hours, February 1, 2000:

Fire Lieutenant			
Joseph R. Casper	Engine Co. 4	to	Engine Co. 9
Fire Lieutenant			
Willie K. Harris	Personnel Division	to	Engine Co. 29
Fire Fighter			
Gerard W. Lavey	Engine Co. 30	to	Engine Co. 2
Fire Fighter			
Thomas D. Farrell	Ladder Co. 18	to	Ladder Co. 19
Fire Fighter			
Robert F. Keough	Engine Co. 49	to	Engine Co. 20
Fire Fighter			
Brian McKenna	Engine Co. 20	to	Engine Co. 53
Fire Fighter			
Paul Mosley	Engine Co. 53	to	H-3
Fire Fighter			
Edward D. Chase	Ladder Co. 6	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter			
Michael J. Kelly	Engine Co. 39	to	Ladder Co. 19
Fire Fighter			
Michael J. Kelly	Ladder Co. 19	to	Engine Co. 39 (Aide to District Chief)

## **VII. ENTRANCE EXAMINATION POSTERS**

Company commanders shall ensure that the Fire Fighter entrance examination posters are prominently displayed in the front windows of their respective firehouses. A supply of examination applications must be maintained at the patrol desk.

Please contact the Recruitment Office at 343-3024 if more supplies or posters are needed.

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

GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 3

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
FEBRUARY 2, 2000

## **I. RETIREMENT**

The retirement of the following named member in accordance with the provisions of Section 7, C32, M.G.L., became effective at 1700 hours, January 31, 2000:

Fire Fighter	
Jose R. Nieves	Ladder Company 28

Fire Fighter Nieves was appointed to the department on August 31, 1977, and leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

## **II. PROMOTIONS TO FIRE CAPTAIN**

The following named members will be promoted to Fire Captain and transferred to the Personnel Division, effective 0800 hours, February 4, 2000:

Fire Lieutenant	
Stephen D. McNeil	Engine Company 30
Fire Lieutenant	
Stephen P. Paschal	Engine Company 22

## **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, 2000:

Fire Fighter	
Gerald E. Hogan	Engine Company 52
Fire Fighter	
John M. Crimlisk	Engine Company 21
Fire Fighter	
George B. Cahoon	Engine Company 24
Fire Fighter	
Horacio D. Brienza	Ladder Company 14
Fire Fighter	
Joseph L. Arsenault, Jr.	Ladder Company 14
Fire Fighter	
James M. Doyle	Engine Company 42

#### **IV. HIGH COMMENDATIONS**

1) On October 26, 1999, at 0053 hours, Box 731 was struck for a building fire in a rooming house at 503 East Broadway, District 6. Upon arrival Engine Company 2 observed heavy fire showing from a top floor window near the rear of the building. An initial line had been run up the front stairwell by Engine Company 39. Fire Lieutenant Ronald J. Savicke ordered a line run down an alley to the rear of the building. It was observed that a fire escape led straight to the top floor. Members of Engine Company 2 advanced the line up the fire escape and moved through the window into the hallway where they encountered intense heat and heavy smoke. At this time they realized the second means of egress had been cut off by a heavy volume of fire.

As the pipeman, Fire Fighter James P. MacDonald was battling the fire, Fire Lieutenant Ronald J. Savicke and Fire Fighter John J. McGrath conducted a primary search and found an unconscious, severely burned woman lying on the floor. They removed her to the window where they had entered and were met by members of Rescue Company 1 who assisted them in taking her to the ground. She was in critical condition and in a coma for a long period of time. She has recovered sufficiently to be released from the hospital soon.

Because their actions were performed at great personal risk, the Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly comment Fire Lieutenant Ronald J. Savicke, Fire Fighter James P. MacDonald and Fire Fighter John J. McGrath, all of Engine Company 2, and refers their case to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

2) On January 20, 2000, Fire Fighter Dennis Dixon, Ladder Company 19, while on his way to work at 0655 hours, came upon a building fire at 323 Geneva Avenue, District 7. He instructed the neighbors to call 911 and entered the fire building with heavy smoke and fire showing from the first floor. He was unable to open the apartment door on the first floor and exited the building. After breaking a first floor window to reach the occupants, he was informed by neighbors that the first floor tenants had left for the day but the second floor tenants were still in the building. Fire Fighter Dixon reentered the building, broke the second floor apartment door and located two tenants. He escorted them to the safety of the street. He then assisted Engine Company 17 with their front suction and advancing their attack line.

Because his actions were performed at great personal risk and without the benefit of breathing apparatus, adequate ventilation or a charged line, the Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Fighter Dennis Dixon of Ladder Company 19, and refers his case to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

## **V. COMMENDATIONS**

1) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Thomas K. Sylvester, Ladder Company 4, who on December 17, 1999, at 155 Northampton Street, discovered an unconscious male on the kitchen floor. He removed his facepiece and placed it on the victim, removing him through heavy smoke to a safe location where the victim regained consciousness. He monitored the victim's vital signs until paramedics relieved him. The victim was removed to the hospital at that time. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

2) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Working Foreman Kevin McCarey, Emergency Management Division, who on January 14, 2000, came upon an automobile accident at Hyde Park Avenue and Cummins Highway. He pulled the fire box, conducted a primary survey of the injuries and kept the patient immobile to prevent further injury 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. 6**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
FEBRUARY 25, 2000**

**I. FIRE FIGHTER THOMAS L. FINN  
RESCUE COMPANY 1**

It is with deep regret that the Fire Commissioner announces the death of Fire Fighter Thomas L. Finn, Rescue Company 1, on February 4, 2000. Fire Fighter Finn was appointed to the department on November 11, 1970.

The funeral was held from the McHoul Funeral Home, 354 Adams Street, Dorchester, at 0900 hours, Wednesday, February 9, 2000, followed by a Funeral Mass at Saint Margaret's Church, 800 Columbia Road, Dorchester, at 1000 hours.

The Fire Commissioner made the customary detail to act as funeral escort and members of Rescue Company 1, Divisions 1 and 2, Personnel Division, Headquarters Division, Fire Prevention Division, Training Maintenance and Research Division, Emergency Management Division, Special Projects Division and the Honor Guard attended the service.

**II. RETIREMENTS**

The retirements of the following named members in accordance with the provisions indicated, will become effective at 1700 hours, February 29, 2000:

Fire Lieutenant		
Robert J. Rumsis	Emergency Management Div.	S5, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter		
Joseph P. Lordan, Jr.	Fire Brigade	S5, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter		
Eric A. Singleton	Engine Company 41	S6 C32, M.G.L.

Fire Lieutenant Rumsis was appointed to the department on September 9, 1964, and promoted to Fire Lieutenant on September 14, 1983. Fire Fighter Lordan was appointed to the department on July 27, 1966. Fire Fighter Singleton was appointed to the department on January 18, 1978.

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

### III. RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT

The resignation/retirement of the following named member became effective at 1700 hours, February 22, 2000:

Fire Fighter

Edmund L. Keif

Engine Company 20

### IV. TRANSFERS

The transfers of the following named members will become effective at 0800 hours, March 1, 2000:

Fire Lieutenant

Martin McCormack

Fire Prevention Div. to

Engine Co. 4

Fire Lieutenant

Gregory J. Mackin

Engine Co. 53 to

Engine Co. 16

Fire Lieutenant

Paul D. Lucas

Ladder Co. 19 to

Engine Co. 30

Fire Lieutenant

Van Littleton

Fire Prevention Div. to

Engine Co. 22

Fire Lieutenant

Rodney O. Marshall

Fire Prevention Div. to

Engine Co. 51

Fire Lieutenant

Erik J. Mattson

Ladder Co. 24 to

Engine Co. 48

Fire Lieutenant

Neil F. Doherty

Tower Co. to

Rescue Co. 1

Fire Lieutenant

Richard J. Splaine

Fire Invest. Unit to

Personnel/Medical

Fire Fighter

Larry F. Johnson

Engine Co. 4 to

Engine Co. 49

Fire Fighter

David J. Messina

Engine Co. 9 to

Engine Co. 42

Fire Fighter

Edwin S. Melecio

Engine Co. 9 to

Engine Co. 28

Fire Fighter

Mark Trifiro

Engine Co. 9 to

Engine Co. 32

Fire Fighter

Edward Barnes

Engine Co. 28 to

Engine Co. 52

Fire Fighter

Timothy Smith

Engine Co. 28 to

Engine Co. 14

**TRANSFERS (CONTINUED)**

Fire Fighter				
Richard W. Sparrow	Engine Co. 30	to	Ladder Co. 25	
Fire Fighter				
John T. Magoon	Engine Co. 42	to	Rescue Co. 2	
Fire Fighter				
Wanda Moore	Engine Co. 51	to	Engine Co. 49	
Fire Fighter				
Patrick W. Hussey	Engine Co. 53	to	Ladder Co. 16	
Fire Fighter				
Charles F. Follett	Engine Co. 55	to	Engine Co. 30	
Fire Fighter				
James K. Elow	Engine Co. 55	to	Engine Co. 42	
Fire Fighter				
Joseph F. Mahoney	Engine Co. 56	to	Engine Co. 37	
Fire Fighter				
Arthur W. Brown	Engine Co. 56	to	Engine Co. 42	
Fire Fighter				
David R. Blaides	Ladder Co. 2	to	Engine Co. 32	
Fire Fighter				
Michael S. Dannaher	Ladder Co. 2	to	Ladder Co. 26	
Fire Fighter				
William P. Pappas	Ladder Co. 2	to	Engine Co. 41	
Fire Fighter				
Jose A. Estrella	Ladder Co. 2	to	Engine Co. 55	
Fire Fighter				
George A. Paige	Ladder Co. 21	to	Ladder Co. 11	
Fire Fighter				
Alexander Wright	Ladder Co. 25	to	Ladder Co. 24	
Fire Fighter				
William F. Dennehy	Engine Co. 49	to	Engine Co. 20	
Fire Fighter				
John W. Carrington	Engine Co. 5	to	Engine Co. 53	
Fire Fighter				
Michael J. Palizzolo	Ladder Co. 11	to	Engine Co. 53	
Fire Fighter				
Thomas S. Dolan	Ladder Co. 10	to	Engine Co. 28	
Fire Fighter				
Stephen P. Orsini	Engine Co. 4	to	Fire Prevention Division	

## V. COMMISSIONER'S UNIT CITATION

On January 29, 2000, at 0519 hours, Engine Company 8, Engine Company 10, Ladder Company 1 and Rescue Company 1 responded to an automobile accident near the entrance of the Callahan Tunnel beneath the north bound side of the Central Artery.

Upon arrival, the responding companies were notified by a State Police Officer on the scene that two passenger vehicles had driven through a jersey barrier retaining wall and had dropped 50 feet into a large (50' x 200') Central Artery Project construction hole. One vehicle had landed on its roof, trapping one victim inside.

In the ensuing hour and 30 minutes it took to extricate the victim, members labored in 5 degree temperature, in ice and mud which was in some areas waist deep, and with a 4200 pound section of jersey barrier held up by a piece of rebar hanging 50 feet above them.

Because their actions were performed under extremely difficult conditions including basic life support, technical rescue and extrication which required a level of initiative and teamwork above and beyond what is encountered in normal incidents, the Commissioner's Unit Citation shall hereby be awarded to the following members:

Fire Lieutenant Dennis Keeley	Engine Company 10
Fire Fighter Kevin Brooks	Engine Company 10
Fire Fighter David Humphrey	Engine Company 10
Fire Fighter Patrick McDonough	Engine Company 10
Fire Captain James Morrison	Rescue Company 1
Fire Fighter Robert Culbert	Rescue Company 1
Fire Fighter Robert Dean	Rescue Company 1
Fire Fighter Lawrence MacDougall	Rescue Company 1
Fire Fighter Anthony Masiello	Engine Company 10 (detailed to R-1)
Fire Lieutenant Charles Doherty	Ladder Company 1
Fire Fighter James Gallagher	Ladder Company 1
Fire Fighter Melvin Ashley	Ladder Company 1
Fire Fighter Russell Boone	Ladder Company 1
Fire Fighter Ronald Ridings	Ladder Company 1
A/Fire Captain Norman Earnest	Engine Company 56 (detailed to E-8)
Fire Fighter Steven McLaughlin	Engine Company 8
Fire Fighter Robert Wong	Engine Company 8
Fire Fighter Joseph Mullen	Engine Company 8
Fire Fighter Donald Oliver	Aide to District 3

## **VI. HIGH COMMENDATION**

On January 8, 2000, Box 3553 was struck for a building fire at 22 West Selden Street, District 8. Heavy fire was showing from the first and second floors upon arrival of apparatus. Ladder Company 29 was informed that someone was still inside the building. Fire Captain William J. Meyer, Fire Fighter Kevin B. Garry and Fire Fighter Levi Harris, all members of Ladder Company 29, entered the rear of the building which was heavily charged with heat and smoke. They found an elderly man unconscious on the kitchen floor. As they exited, the victim stopped breathing and CPR was started. The victim was transported to the Boston Medical Center and later transferred to the hyperbaric chamber at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Because their actions undoubtedly saved this man's life, at great personal risk, the Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Captain William J. Meyer of Ladder Company 29, Fire Fighter Kevin B. Garry of Ladder Company 29 and Fire Fighter Levi Harris of Ladder Company 29, and refers their case to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

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

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 9**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
FEBRUARY 28, 2000**

**RETIREMENT**

The retirement of Fire Commissioner and Chief of Department Martin E. Pierce, Jr., in accordance with the provisions of S5, C32, G.L., will become effective 1700 hours, Tuesday, February 29, 2000.

Fire Commissioner and Chief of Department Pierce was appointed to the department February 19, 1969, promoted to Fire Lieutenant October 17, 1973, promoted to Fire Captain October 27, 1976, promoted to District Fire Chief August 25, 1982, promoted to Deputy Fire Chief December 3, 1986, and appointed Fire Commissioner and Chief of Department January 4, 1991.

Fire Commissioner and Chief of Department Martin E. Pierce, Jr. leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

To all of the Members:

It has been a privilege for me to serve the people of this city and to be given the opportunity to lead the finest fire department in the nation. I shall never forget the men and women, uniformed and civilian, of the Boston Fire Department who throughout my service have repeatedly demonstrated that they are truly the best and bravest of the brave.

One of the proudest moments in my life was the day I was appointed to the Boston Fire Department as a firefighter. In my opinion, there is no greater compliment than to be called a firefighter for it is a noble life's work. My sense of pride and love for this profession has grown stronger through the years and will remain with me forever.

I know that each of you will continue to serve and protect all the people of this city with the same enduring commitment, courage and compassion that you have displayed throughout my tenure and indeed for the past 322 years of this department's rich history and proud tradition.

My thanks for your cooperation, support and selfless dedication to your calling while I served as your Fire Commissioner and Chief of Department. These past 31 years have been an honor and a fulfillment of a life long ambition for me.

My sincere best wishes to each of you and your families for good health, happiness and all the best that life has to offer, and above all, stay safe.

MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.  
Fire Commissioner/Chief of Department

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 10**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
FEBRUARY 29, 2000**

**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, 2000, 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 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, are authorized to do and perform all and 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 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, 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, 2000, 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.

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



**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 11**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
MARCH 7, 2000**

**I. FIRE LIEUTENANT ROBERT J. GREENE  
LADDER COMPANY 19**

It is with deep regret that the Fire Commissioner announces the death of Fire Lieutenant Robert J. Greene, Ladder Company 19, on February 25, 2000. Fire Lieutenant Greene was appointed to the department on October 31, 1979.

The funeral was held from the John J. O'Connor & Son Funeral Home, 740 Adams Street, Dorchester, at 1000 hours, Saturday, March 4, 2000, followed by a Funeral Mass at Saint Gregory's Church, 2215 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester, at 1100 hours.

The Fire Commissioner made the customary detail to act as funeral escort and members of Ladder Company 19, Divisions 1 and 2, Personnel Division, Headquarters Division, Fire Prevention Division, Training Maintenance and Research Division, Emergency Management Division, Special Projects Division and the Honor Guard attended the service.

**II. PROMOTIONS TO FIRE LIEUTENANT**

The following named members were promoted to Fire Lieutenant and transferred to the Personnel Division effective 0800 hours, March 4, 2000:

Fire Fighter

Jean N. Semexant

Engine Company 29

Fire Fighter

Joseph H. Roach

Engine Company 4

**III. COMMISSIONER'S UNIT CITATION**

On February 11, 2000, at 0833 hours, Box 6186 was struck for a building collapse at 287 Lexington Street, District 1.

Acting District Chief Peter P. Pearson observed the building slate roof had collapsed into the second floor of this 2½ story dwelling that was undergoing extensive renovations. This condition caused the second floor walls to collapse outward. It was then reported to him that two workers were trapped on the second floor. He notified the Fire Alarm Office, confirmed the response of the Collapse Unit and set up a collapse zone.

Engine Company 5 and Ladder Company 2 performed a site survey and entered the building, cautiously making their way to the second floor where they located two injured workers trapped under the slate roof. While Engine Company 5 treated the worker's injuries, Ladder Company 2 used their tools and lumber that was located on the second floor and began the process of shoring the building to prevent a secondary collapse.

**COMMISSIONER'S UNIT CITATION (CONTINUED)**

Engine Company 9 and Ladder Company 21 raised two 35 foot ground ladders at the rear of the building to provide an emergency escape route. Ladder Company 21 then proceeded with additional equipment to help extricate the injured workers. Engine Company 9 monitored the building and prepared to provide additional equipment to members operating inside the building.

Engine Company 3 and Engine Company 56 evacuated all of the occupants of exposures 2 and 4. Engine Company 3, Engine Company 56 and Ladder Company 17 remained at the exposure 1 side of the building to monitor and provide additional equipment to members operating inside the building.

Rescue Company 1 and Rescue Company 2 assisted the ongoing efforts of shoring the building and the extrication and removal of the two injured workers. A 50 foot ground ladder was raised to expedite the removal. After the removal, all Fire Department personnel were ordered to exit the collapsed building and roll call was conducted. The building was then declared unsafe and was ordered to be razed.

The exceptional teamwork that these companies demonstrated resulted in the successful extrication and removal of the two injured workers without further collapse of the building or injury to the rescuers. Therefore, the Commissioner's Unit Citation shall hereby be awarded to the following members:

A/District Fire Chief Peter Pearson  
Fire Fighter Joseph Hourihan

Ladder Company 24 (detailed to D-1)  
Aide to District 1

Fire Captain Paul Reynolds  
Fire Fighter William Gottwald  
Fire Fighter Jairo Guzman  
Fire Fighter Hiram Ortega

Engine Company 3  
Engine Company 3  
Engine Company 3  
Engine Company 3

A/Fire Lieutenant William Trojano  
Fire Fighter William McLaughlin  
Fire Fighter Michael Young  
Fire Fighter Joseph Battersby

Engine Company 20 (detailed to E-5)  
Engine Company 5  
Engine Company 5  
Engine Company 5

Fire Lieutenant Michael Dillon  
Fire Fighter Judy Hansford  
Fire Fighter Max Beichel  
Fire Fighter Michael Pavone  
Fire Fighter Jeffrey Clark

Engine Company 9  
Engine Company 9  
Engine Company 9  
Engine Company 9  
Engine Company 9

**COMMISSIONER'S UNIT CITATION (CONTINUED)**

A/Fire Captain Norman Earnest	Engine Company 56
Fire Fighter Robert Gover	Engine Company 56
Fire Fighter Harry Davis	Engine Company 56
Fire Fighter Jorge Rojas	Engine Company 56
Fire Captain Michael Celona	Ladder Company 2
Fire Fighter Robert Barnes	Ladder Company 2
Fire Fighter Erik Then	Ladder Company 2
Fire Fighter David Blaides	Ladder Company 2
Fire Fighter on Probation Telly Cordova	Ladder Company 2
Fire Lieutenant David Montoya	Ladder Company 21
Fire Fighter Ronald Nolan	Ladder Company 21
Fire Fighter Joseph Harris	Ladder Company 21
Fire Fighter Brian Burke	Ladder Company 21
Fire Fighter on Probation Loring Jacks	Ladder Company 21
A/Fire Captain Michael Doherty	Ladder Company 2 (detailed to L-17)
Fire Fighter Robert Martin	Ladder Company 17
Fire Fighter John Merlino	Ladder Company 17
Fire Fighter John Linnell	Ladder Company 17
Fire Lieutenant Gerard Shea	Rescue Company 1
Fire Fighter Lawrence Holt	Rescue Company 1
Fire Fighter Edward Stokinger	Rescue Company 1
Fire Fighter John Cetrino	Rescue Company 1
Fire Fighter Isaac Hendricks	Engine Company 10 (detailed to R-1)
Fire Lieutenant John Joyce	Rescue Company 2
Fire Fighter Francis Baxter	Rescue Company 2
Fire Fighter James McCarthy	Rescue Company 2
Fire Fighter William Hegarty	Rescue Company 2
Fire Fighter Edward Barnes	Engine Company 28 (detailed to R-2)

BY ORDER OF ACTING FIRE COMMISSIONER DENNIS A. DIMARZIO

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 12**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
MARCH 10, 2000**

The following is published for the information and guidance of members of the Boston Fire Department:

“Having been duly appointed as Acting Fire Commissioner of the City of Boston by the Mayor, I hereby assume charge of the Fire Department of the City of Boston, effective 0900 hours, March 1, 2000.”

**BY ORDER OF ACTING FIRE COMMISSIONER DENNIS A. DIMARZIO**

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 13**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
MARCH 29, 2000**

**I. RETIREMENTS**

The retirement of the following named member in accordance with the provisions of Section 7, C32, M.G.L., became effective at 1700 hours, March 20, 2000:

District Fire Chief	
Dennis G. Callanan	District 6

District Fire Chief Callanan was appointed to the department on July 7, 1971, promoted to Fire Lieutenant on September 7, 1977, promoted to Fire Captain on August 25, 1982, promoted to District Fire Chief on April 23, 1986, and leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

The retirement of the following named member in accordance with the provisions of Section 7-94, C32, M.G.L., became effective at 1700 hours, March 24, 2000:

District Fire Chief	
James E. Cosgrove	District 10

District Fire Chief Cosgrove was appointed to the department on April 9, 1963, promoted to Fire Lieutenant on September 15, 1971, promoted to Fire Captain on June 11, 1980, promoted to District Fire Chief on April 10, 1985, and leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

The retirements of the following named members in accordance with the provisions indicated, will become effective at 1700 hours, March 31, 2000:

Fire Fighter		
Edward M. Collins	Engine Company 32	S7, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter		
Harold G. Gay	Engine Company 32	S7, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter		
Joseph M. Greenwood	Engine Company 55	S7, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter		
Francis D. Hogan	Ladder Company 19	S7, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter		
Patrick F. Keane	Ladder Company 2	S7, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter		
John F. McLaughlin	Ladder Company 25	S5, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter		
Thomas W. Uniacke	Personnel Division	S7-94, C32, M.G.L.
Working Frmn. Machinist		
Paul R. Vogel	Emer. Mgmt. Division	S5, C32, M.G.L.

### **RETIREMENTS (CONTINUED)**

Fire Fighter Collins was appointed to the department on May 1, 1968. Fire Fighter Gay was appointed on April 1, 1987. Fire Fighter Greenwood was appointed on June 3, 1970. Fire Fighter Hogan was appointed on July 7, 1971. Fire Fighter Keane was appointed on December 24, 1969. Fire Fighter McLaughlin was appointed on March 19, 1975. Fire Fighter Uniacke was appointed on October 20, 1965. Working Foreman/ Machinist Vogel was appointed on April 27, 1988.

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 became effective at 1700 hours, March 22, 2000:

Fire Lieutenant

Ralph G. Zammito

Engine Company 20

Fire Lieutenant Zammito was appointed to the department on November 11, 1970, promoted to Fire Lieutenant on September 1, 1976, and leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

### **III. RESIGNATION**

The resignation of the following named member became effective at 1700 hours, March 24, 2000:

Fire Fighter

Michael L. Hendricks

Engine Company 29

### **IV. PROMOTION TO CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT**

The following named member was promoted to Chief of Department and transferred to Headquarters effective 0800 hours, March 27, 2000:

Deputy Fire Chief

Paul A. Christian

Division 1

## **V. PROMOTIONS TO DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF**

The following named members were promoted to District Fire Chief and transferred to the Personnel Division effective 0800 hours, March 29, 2000:

Fire Captain	
James J. Famolare	Engine Company 5
Fire Captain	
Ronald W. Keating	Engine Company 9

## **VI. PROMOTIONS TO FIRE CAPTAIN**

The following named members were promoted to Fire Captain and transferred to the Personnel Division effective 0800 hours, March 29, 2000:

Fire Lieutenant	
Erik C. Pettaway	Engine Company 10
Fire Lieutenant	
Norman A. Earnest	Engine Company 56

## **VII. PROMOTIONS TO FIRE LIEUTENANT**

The following named members were promoted to Fire Lieutenant and transferred to the Personnel Division effective 0800 hours, March 29, 2000:

Fire Fighter	
Thomas J. Blake	Engine Company 24
Fire Fighter	
Edward C. Curran	Ladder Company 16
Fire Fighter	
Patrick J. Brady, Jr.	Engine Company 52

## **VIII. TRANSFERS**

The transfers of the following named members will become effective at 0800 hours, April 1, 2000:

Deputy Fire Chief			
Kevin P. MacCurtain	Headquarters	to	Emer. Mgmt. Div.
Deputy Fire Chief			
John F. Hasson	Emer. Mgmt. Div.	to	Division 1
Fire Lieutenant			
Robert F. Santangelo	Ladder Co. 24	to	Engine Co. 53
Fire Lieutenant			
Paul D. Lucas	Engine Co. 30	to	Ladder Co. 19

**TRANSFERS (CONTINUED)**

Fire Lieutenant Richard K. Callow	Engine Co. 4	to	Ladder Co. 24
Fire Lieutenant John J. Tkachuk	Ladder Co. 24	to	Tower Co.
Fire Lieutenant Gerald E. Hogan	Personnel Division	to	Fire Prevention Div.
Fire Lieutenant John M. Crimlisk	Personnel Division	to	Fire Prevention Div.
Fire Lieutenant George B. Cahoon	Personnel Division	to	Fire Prevention Div.
Fire Lieutenant Horacio Brienza	Personnel Division	to	Fire Prevention Div.
Fire Fighter Thomas F. Stanton	Engine Co. 7	to	Engine Co. 18
Fire Fighter Timothy Smith	Engine Co. 14	to	Engine Co. 52
Fire Fighter Patrick Lynch	Ladder Co. 26	to	Engine Co. 52
Fire Fighter William Pappas	Engine Co. 41	to	Ladder Co. 14
Fire Fighter Frederick L. Finn	Ladder Co. 17	to	Ladder Co. 18
Fire Fighter Edward Dowd	Special Projects	to	Rescue Co. 1
Fire Fighter Tracey L. Goodman	Ladder Co. 29	to	Fire Prevention Div.
Fire Fighter Michael J. Kelly	Engine Co. 39 (Aide to Dist. Chief)	to	Ladder Co. 19
Fire Fighter William T. Connors	Engine Co. 10 (Aide to Deputy Chief)	to	Rescue Co. 1 (Aide to Chief of Dept.)
Fire Fighter James M. Hardy	Fire Invest. Unit	to	Rescue. Co. 1 (Aide to Chief of Dept.)
Fire Fighter John A. Smith	Rescue Co. 1	to	Rescue. Co. 1 (Aide to Chief of Dept.)
Fire Fighter Christopher Morrison	Tower Co.	to	Rescue. Co. 1 (Aide to Chief of Dept.)

BY ORDER OF ACTING FIRE COMMISSIONER DENNIS A. DIMARZIO  
Paul A. Christian, Chief of Department



**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 16**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
APRIL 27, 2000**

**I. RETIREMENT**

The retirement of the following named member in accordance with the provisions of Section 7, C32, M.G.L., will become effective at 1700 hours, April 30, 2000:

Fire Fighter

Peter G. Pappas

Engine Company 32

Fire Fighter Pappas was appointed to the department on July 13, 1994, 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, May 1, 2000:

Fire Captain

Edward E. McGrady

Engine Co. 32

to

Engine Co. 5

Fire Captain

Daniel P. Kelley

Engine Co. 51

to

Engine Co. 9

Fire Lieutenant

George Cahoon

Fire Prevention Div.

to

Engine Co. 4

Fire Lieutenant

William G. Dewan

Engine Co. 4

to

Engine Co. 10

Fire Lieutenant

Gregory J. Fall

Personnel Division

to

Engine Co. 20

Fire Lieutenant

John M. Kilroe

G-25

to

Engine Co. 30

Fire Lieutenant

Joseph H. Roach

Personnel Division

to

Engine Co. 56

Fire Lieutenant

Edward T. O'Reilly

Engine Co. 39

to

Ladder Co. 19

Fire Lieutenant

Michael E. Doolin

G-25

to

Ladder Co. 24

Fire Lieutenant

Horacio D. Brienza

Fire Prevention Div.

to

Ladder Co. 24

Fire Lieutenant

James M. Doyle

Personnel Div.

to

G-25

Fire Lieutenant

Edward C. Curran

Personnel Div.

to

G-25

Fire Lieutenant

Joseph Casper

Engine Co. 9

to

Fire Investigation Unit

**TRANSFERS CONTINUED**

Fire Fighter				
Harold A. Bodden	Engine Co. 52	to	Engine Co. 20	
Fire Fighter				
Mark S. Oliver	Ladder Co. 28	to	Engine Co. 22	
Fire Fighter				
Thomas S. Dolan	Engine Co. 28	to	Engine Co. 24	
Fire Fighter				
Thomas P. Quinn	Ladder Co. 10	to	Engine Co. 24	
Fire Fighter				
William M. Regan	Ladder Co. 16	to	Engine Co. 24	
Fire Fighter				
John Walton	Engine Co. 41	to	Ladder Co. 14	
Fire Fighter				
James E. Sullivan	Engine Co. 53	to	Ladder Co. 16	
Fire Fighter				
Dave F. Dwyer	Engine Co. 42	to	Ladder Co. 16	
Fire Fighter				
Edward J. Hunt	Engine Co. 39	to	Ladder Co. 18	
Fire Fighter				
David G. Krasner	Engine Co. 10	to	Ladder Co. 26	
Fire Fighter				
Martin J. Fernandes	Engine Co. 10	to	Rescue Co. 1	
Fire Fighter				
Brian E. Hussey	Ladder Co. 16	to	Fire Investigation Unit	
Fire Fighter				
Vernon L. Lassiter	Engine Co. 22	to	Engine Co. 7 (eff. 4/1/00)	
Fire Fighter				
Paul D. Hynes	Engine Co. 7	to	Engine Co. 10 (eff. 4/1/00)	
	(Aide to Dist. Chief)		(Aide to Deputy Chief)	
Fire Fighter				
Robert W. Beals	Detail Admin. Unit	to	Engine Co. 7 (eff. 4/1/00)	
			(Aide to Dist. Chief)	

**III. COMMENDATION**

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter James J. Kenney, Ladder Company 14, who on March 9, 2000, while off duty, responded to a second alarm building fire at 311 North Harvard Street, District 11. He assisted in running lines which prevented extension of the fire. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

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

On February 12, 2000, at 2034 hours, Box 1772 was struck for a building fire at 231 Quincy Street, District 7. Upon arrival of the first units, smoke was showing and fire fighters were informed by occupants that everyone was out of the building. Engine Company 21 ran a line to the first floor and found a heavy fire and smoke condition. Engine Company 17 was ordered to run a backup line for Engine Company 21 and Ladder Company 7 to start ventilation on the first floor. Ventilation was very difficult because of the presence of security screens. The entire building was now fully charged with heavy smoke.

At this time, Fire Lieutenant Joseph G. McNulty, Engine Company 17, after placing his line in a backup position, ascended the stairs to the second floor to search for fire extension. While conducting this search, he found a child on the floor in the living room. He removed his face piece and placed it on the child and under extreme heat and heavy smoke he made his way out of the apartment, descended the stairs and removed the four year old girl to the street. He then returned to the fire building and resumed his firefighting duties.

Because this rescue was performed under rapidly deteriorating fire conditions and prior to proper ventilation, Fire Lieutenant McNulty placed himself in extreme personal risk. The Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Lieutenant Joseph G. McNulty of Ladder Company 7, and refers his case to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

**BY ORDER OF ACTING FIRE COMMISSIONER DENNIS A. DIMARZIO**

Paul A. Christian, Chief of Department

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 19**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
MAY 16, 2000**

**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 1999. After careful consideration and study, the Board submitted the following recommendations which are hereby approved by the Fire Commissioner:

**1. Gerard J. Molito Award for Professional Excellence  
District Fire Chief Paul T. Burke, Fire Prevention Division**

District Fire Chief Paul T. Burke, Fire Prevention Division, has invested a great deal of personal time and energy developing fire prevention safety programs. These programs have addressed the importance of fire prevention and stressed fire safety for both civilians and fire department members. He was instrumental in developing a city wide inspection program which targeted schools, day care centers, nursing homes and elderly housing which greatly improved the number and quality of inspections conducted. In addition to providing structure, this inspection program provides educational and technical support for those members conducting these inspections. He has used his expertise in fire prevention to develop fire safety and evacuation plans for many of the largest construction and renovation projects throughout the City of Boston, increasing the level of safety for those individuals who work at these sites as well as decreasing the hazards facing members of the Boston Fire Department who respond to these locations.

The Board recommends that District Fire Chief Paul T. Burke of the Fire Prevention Division be awarded the Gerard J. Molito Award for Professional Excellence.

**2. Gerard J. Molito Award for Professional Excellence  
District Fire Chief Gerard T. Fontana, District 10**

District Fire Chief Gerard T. Fontana, District 10, improved the capability of the Boston Fire Department Haz Mat Decontamination Program and developed a Standard Operating Procedure to deal with the consequences of a terrorist incident. He and other Boston Haz Mat officers designed a decontamination vehicle that enables victims to be treated without being exposed to the weather or having to remove contaminated clothing without privacy. He researched what would be needed to provide mass decontamination to possibly hundreds of people, and what would be needed to allow fire fighters and other first responders in the city to operate at a terrorist or major hazardous material incident. He wrote the plan that standardizes the terrorist incident response of Boston Fire Fighters and provided for training fire companies outside of Boston in the Metro Fire Community so they can respond on mutual aid and provide a vital service to the citizens in the Metro area.

The Board recommends that District Fire Chief Gerard T. Fontana of District 10 be awarded the Gerard J. Molito Award for Professional Excellence.

### **3. Case of Fire Fighter David S. Lang, Fire Brigade**

On April 26, 1999, while off duty at a health club in Norwood, he was notified of a fire in the building. He found a heavy fire condition in the sauna area in the basement. After assuring all people were out of the basement, he located a fire extinguisher and attempted to control the fire. The smoke conditions became untenable and while backing out he fell and fractured his leg but directed fire fighters to the area of the fire.

Because his actions were performed at great personal risk, the Fire Commissioner highly commended Fire Fighter David S. Lang of the Fire Brigade in General Order No. 20 of 1999.

The Board recommends that Fire Fighter David S. Lang of the Fire Brigade be awarded the Distinguished Service Award.

### **4. Case of Fire Fighter John Merlino, Ladder Company 17**

On May 11, 1999, while on vacation in Aruba, he heard cries from the beach of a person drowning. He responded and found a 70 year old man face down in the water. He pulled the unconscious man to the shore with the help of another vacationing fire fighter from out of state. The victim had no detectable pulse or respiration and his skin was blue. They began CPR and continued for fifteen minutes before he was able to breathe on his own.

Because of his actions the man survived, and the Fire Commissioner highly commended Fire Fighter John Merlino of Ladder Company 17 in General Order No. 20 of 1999.

The Board recommends that Fire Fighter John Merlino of Ladder Company 17 be awarded the Distinguished Service Award.

### **5. Case of Fire Fighter David Crespo, Engine Company 14**

On July 31, 1999, while off duty, he responded to a cardiac arrest at 100 West Dedham Street, South End. Upon arrival of apparatus they were directed by the victim's daughter to where her father lay. They found the off duty fire fighter assisting in CPR, bringing the patient's breathing back and calming the patient's daughter in an emotionally charged atmosphere.

Because of his actions the man survived, and the Fire Commissioner highly commended Fire Fighter David Crespo of Engine Company 14 in General Order No. 25 of 1999.

The Board recommends that Fire Fighter David Crespo of Engine Company 14 be awarded the Distinguished Service Award.

#### **6. Case of Troy T. Osgood, Engine Company 41**

On September 14, 1999, while off duty, he discovered a man lying on the sidewalk at the Copley Square Library. He conducted a primary survey and found the man had stopped breathing. After obtaining a CPR microshield and medical gloves from nearby MBTA personnel, he performed a mouth sweep for obstructions followed by rescue breaths. Further survey found the patient was pulseless so chest compressions were performed. He continued CPR until relieved by on duty Fire and EMS personnel.

Because of his dedicated actions, the Fire Commissioner highly commended Fire Fighter Troy T. Osgood of Engine Company 41 in General Order No. 30 of 1999.

The Board recommends that Fire Fighter Troy T. Osgood of Engine Company 41 be awarded the Distinguished Service Award.

#### **7. Case of Fire Fighter William Benevelli, Rescue Company 2**

On October 3, 1999, while off duty and visiting in Stamford, Connecticut, he was notified of a neighbor who had collapsed on the lawn next door, unconscious and not breathing. He responded and began CPR with the assistance of his brother and continued until the arrival of the Fire Department. The man was then shocked and a pulse was detected.

Because of his dedicated actions, the Fire Commissioner highly commended Fire Fighter William Benevelli of Rescue Company 2 in General Order No. 30 of 1999.

The Board recommends that Fire Fighter William Benevelli of Rescue Company 2 be awarded the Distinguished Service Award.

#### **8. Case of Fire Lieutenant James V. Boyle, Engine Company 37**

On November 16, 1999, while off duty, he was notified by a neighbor to help with his father who had passed out at the kitchen table. He quickly performed a patient assessment and determined the man was in cardiac arrest. He immediately began CPR in those first critical minutes and continued until the arrival of apparatus and Boston EMS.

Because of his dedicated actions, the Fire Commissioner highly commended Fire Lieutenant James V. Boyle of Engine Company 37 in General Order No. 32 of 1999.

The Board recommends that Fire Lieutenant James V. Boyle of Engine Company 37 be awarded the Distinguished Service Award.

#### **9. Case of Fire Lieutenant Ronald J. Savicke, Engine Company 2**

On October 26, 1999, at a building fire at 503 East Broadway, South Boston, he ascended a rear fire escape to the third floor, crawled down the hallway where the second means of egress was cut off by heavy fire and found an unconscious, severely burned woman lying on the floor. He removed her to the window he had entered where she was assisted to safety.

Because these actions were performed at great personal risk, under intense heat and heavy fire conditions, the Fire Commissioner highly commended Fire Lieutenant Ronald J. Savicke of Engine Company 2 in General Order No. 3 of 2000.

The Board recommends that the name of Fire Lieutenant Ronald J. Savicke of Engine Company 2 be placed on the Roll of Merit.

#### **10. Case of Fire Fighter Joseph Johnson, Engine Company 4**

On June 23, 1999, at 170 Tremont Street, when a high pressure steam line burst ejecting asphalt and rock 100 feet into the air and falling back to the street, he observed an elderly woman emerge from the building, frightened and disoriented as debris was falling around her. Without hesitation or concern for his own safety, he ran into the falling debris, placed the woman on his shoulder and ran with her to safety inside the building.

Because these actions were performed at great personal risk, the Fire Commissioner highly commended Fire Fighter Joseph Johnson of Engine Company 4 in General Order No. 34 of 1999.

The Board recommends that the name of Fire Fighter Joseph Johnson of Engine Company 4 be placed on the Roll of Merit.

#### **11. Case of Fire Fighter John J. McGrath, Engine Company 2**

On October 26, 1999, at a building fire at 503 East Broadway, South Boston, he ascended a rear fire escape to the third floor, crawled down the hallway where the second means of egress was cut off by heavy fire and found an unconscious, severely burned woman lying on the floor. He removed her to the window he had entered where she was assisted to safety.

Because these actions were performed at great personal risk, under intense heat and heavy fire conditions, the Fire Commissioner highly commended Fire Fighter John J. McGrath of Engine Company 2 in General Order No. 3 of 2000.

The Board recommends that the name of Fire Fighter John J. McGrath of Engine Company 2 be placed on the Roll of Merit.

BY ORDER OF ACTING FIRE COMMISSIONER DENNIS A. DIMARZIO

Paul A. Christian, Chief of Department



**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 20**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
MAY 16, 2000**

**121ST ANNUAL BALL AND AWARDS CEREMONY**

The 121st Annual Ball and Awards Ceremony of the Boston Fire Department will be held Friday evening, May 19, 2000, at the Westin Hotel, 10 Huntington Avenue, 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 Mahoney  
Chief Chaplain, Boston Fire Department

2045 hours                      Greetings by the President of the Boston Firemen's  
Relief Fund, Fire Lieutenant Joseph L. Driscoll  
Paul A. Christian, Chief of Department  
Dennis A. DiMarzio, Acting Fire Commissioner  
Thomas M. Menino, Mayor, City of Boston

Master of Ceremonies Paul T. Hynes, Esq.

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

District Fire Chief Paul T. Burke	Fire Prevention Division
District Fire Chief Gerard T. Fontana	District 10

**Presentation of the Distinguished Service Award to**

Fire Lieutenant James V. Boyle	Engine Company 37
Fire Fighter David S. Lang	Fire Brigade
Fire Fighter John Merlino	Ladder Company 17
Fire Fighter David Crespo	Engine Company 14
Fire Fighter Troy T. Osgood	Engine Company 41
Fire Fighter William Benevelli	Rescue Company 2

**Presentation of the Roll of Merit to**

Fire Lieutenant Ronald J. Savicke	Engine Company 2
Fire Fighter John J. McGrath	Engine Company 2
Fire Fighter Joseph Johnson	Engine Company 4

Boston Fire Department Acappella Group	District Fire Chief Richard DiBenedetto Fire Captain Michael Ruggere Fire Lieutenant Richard Powers Fire Lieutenant Nicholas Tranghese
Memorial Prayer	Reverend Daniel Reason Chaplain, Boston Fire Department
Drawings	Grand Prize Belknap Memorial Award Staples Scholarship Awards Vendome Memorial Awards Boston Ambulance Squad Award
Dancing	Second Story

Award recipients will be excused from duty from 0800 hours, May 19, 2000, to 1800 hours, May 20, 2000.

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

The Honor Guard will be excused from duty from 0800 hours, May 19, 2000, to 0800 hours, May 20, 2000.

The Relief Fund Office will be closed all day, Friday, May 19, 2000.

BY ORDER OF ACTING FIRE COMMISSIONER DENNIS A. DIMARZIO

Paul A. Christian, Chief of Department

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 21**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
MAY 16, 2000**

**I. FIRE FIGHTER TIMOTHY M. FLAHERTY  
ENGINE COMPANY 41**

It is with deep regret that the Fire Commissioner announces the death of Fire Fighter Timothy M. Flaherty, Engine Company 41, on May 9, 2000. Fire Fighter Flaherty was appointed to the department on April 2, 1986.

The funeral was held from the Lehman & Reen Funeral Home, 63 Chestnut Hill Avenue, Brighton, at 0900 hours, Monday, May 15, 2000, followed by a Funeral Mass at Saint Gabriel's Church, 139 Washington Street, Brighton, at 1000 hours.

The Fire Commissioner made the customary detail to act as funeral escort and members of Engine Company 41, Ladder Company 14, Divisions 1 and 2, Personnel Division, Headquarters Division, Fire Prevention Division, Training Maintenance and Research Division, Emergency Management Division, Special Projects Division and the Honor Guard attended the service.

**II. RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT**

The resignation/retirement of the following named member in accordance with the provisions of Section 5, C32, M.G.L., became effective at 1700 hours, May 8, 2000:

Fire Captain  
Walter J. Wyse

Engine Company 50

Fire Captain Wyse was appointed to the department on February 19, 1969, promoted to Fire Lieutenant on September 7, 1977, promoted to Fire Captain on August 25, 1982, and leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

**III. RESIGNATION**

The resignation of the following named member became effective at 0800 hours, May 9, 2000:

Fire Fighter  
Michael B. Gregorio

Ladder Company 26

#### IV. COMMENDATIONS

1) The Fire Commissioner and Chief of Department hereby commend all members who responded to and fought the Orient Heights Yacht Club fire, 9 alarms Box 6262, on April 8, 2000. Firefighting forces faced some of the most difficult conditions experienced by the department in decades. High winds, approaching gale force, created conditions conducive for a conflagration. It was only through the dedication and professionalism of Boston Fire Department personnel involved that a potential conflagration was averted. Members of Fire Alarm Operations, Emergency Management Division, are also commended for the professional manner in which they carried out their duties during this incident. The commitment and extraordinary efforts by members at Box 6262 was in keeping with the highest traditions of the proud history of the Boston Fire Department.

2) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend the below listed members of the Boston Fire Department, who on January 25, 2000, responded to Great Barrington, Massachusetts, to aid in search for a child who fell through the ice on the Housatonic River. The river presented very dynamic and hazardous situations, currents and ice conditions, many fallen trees, log jams and other obstacles, steep embankments, driving snow and a wind chill factor near 0 degrees throughout this mission until the child's body was recovered near the end of the seventh day. This commendation shall be made part of their personnel file.

Fire Captain John F. Kenney	Engine Company 24
Fire Lieutenant Robert F. Santangelo	Ladder Company 24
Fire Fighter Steven M. Murphy	Rescue Company 1
Fire Fighter Richard S. O'Neill	Ladder Company 15
Fire Fighter Patrick F. Foley	Engine Company 21
Fire Fighter Don F. Cuddahy	Ladder Company 7

3) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Joseph G. Battersby, Engine Company 5, who on April 6, 2000, while off duty at East Boston High School, extinguished a rubbish fire, sustaining first degree burns to his right index finger. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

4) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Edward G. Sweeney, Engine Company 5, who while off duty on April 8, 2000, responded to 9 alarms Box 6262, and assisted Engine Company 5 with running lines. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

5) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter John J. Forristall, Rescue Company 1, who while off duty on April 8, 2000, responded to 9 alarms Box 6262, and assisted Engine Company 56 in hooking up their feeder line and running attack lines. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

**COMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED)**

- 6) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Willie E. Bogues, Engine Company 4, who while on patrol on April 12, 2000, administered medical treatment to a distraught man who had entered quarters with his wrist cut and was holding a knife to his neck threatening to cut himself. Fire Fighter Bogues persuaded the man to sit down and treated the wound while the man continued to hold the knife to his neck in an agitate state. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.
- 7) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter George A. Paige, Ladder Company 11, who while off duty on April 21, 2000, rendered medical assistance to two pedestrians who were struck by a motor vehicle. He continued this aid after the arrival of apparatus and until completion of the incident. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.
- 8) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter John S. Varner, Engine Company 7, who while on a paid detail on April 24, 2000, was made aware of a fire in a sub-basement where a welder had initiated a flash fire. He then proceeded to evacuate the disoriented welder from the sub-basement located three levels below the ground to the safety of the street. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

BY ORDER OF ACTING FIRE COMMISSIONER DENNIS A. DIMARZIO

Paul A. Christian, Chief of Department

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 22**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
MAY 24, 2000**

**I. FIRE FIGHTER JOSEPH J. GAFFNEY  
ENGINE COMPANY 4**

It is with deep regret that the Fire Commissioner announces the death of Fire Fighter Joseph J. Gaffney, Engine Company 4, Aide to District Fire Chief, District 3, on May 14, 2000. Fire Fighter Gaffney was appointed to the department on January 18, 1967.

The funeral was held from the Faggas Funeral Home, 551 Mt. Auburn Street, Watertown, at 0900 hours, Thursday, May 18, 2000, followed by a Funeral Mass at Saint Mary's Church, 135 Norfolk Street, Cambridge, at 1000 hours.

The Fire Commissioner made the customary detail to act as funeral escort and members of Engine Company 4, Ladder Company 24, Divisions 1 and 2, Headquarters Division, Personnel Division, Fire Prevention Division, Training Maintenance and Research Division, Emergency Management Division, Special Projects Division and the Honor Guard attended the service.

**II. RETIREMENTS**

The retirements of the following named members in accordance with the provisions indicated, will become effective at 1700 hours, May 31, 2000:

Fire Fighter		
Paul V. Blake	T. M. R. Division	S7-94, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter		
Edward J. Dempsey	T. M. R. Division	S7, C32, M.G.L.

Fire Fighter Blake was appointed to the department on October 20, 1965. Fire Fighter Dempsey was appointed to the department on January 17, 1968.

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

**III. REINSTATEMENT**

Fire Fighter Dennis G. Hester has been reinstated and assigned to Ladder Company 11, effective 0800 hours, May 22, 2000.

**IV. PROMOTION TO FIRE CAPTAIN**

The following named member will be promoted to Fire Captain and transferred to the Personnel Division, effective 0800 hours, May 27, 2000:

Fire Lieutenant	
James J. Lonergan	Engine Company 33

## V. PROMOTION TO FIRE LIEUTENANT

The following named member will be promoted to Fire Lieutenant and transferred to the Personnel Division, effective 0800 hours, May 27, 2000:

Fire Fighter

Patrick J. Ellis

Engine Company 33

## VI. MEMORIAL SUNDAY

The One Hundred and Seventh Anniversary of Firemen's Memorial Sunday will be held on Sunday, June 11, 2000. Grand Rabbi Ira Korff, Boston Fire Department Chaplain, will conduct the ceremonies at Forest Hills Cemetery at 0930 hours. Fire Captain John McKenna, President, Boston Fire Fighters Local 718, will be Chief Marshal. Angelo Scaccia, State Representative, will be Orator of the day.

Trustees of the Charitable Association of the Boston Fire Department and the Boston Fire Department Honor Guard will report to Deputy Fire Chief Robert Dunderdale at the archway via the Morton Street entrance at 0915 hours. Regulation uniform for all members will be sack coat with tie and white gloves.

The Fire Commissioner and the Chief of Department earnestly urge all off duty members to make every effort to attend these services. Members of Headquarters, Personnel, Special Projects, Emergency Management, Fire Prevention and Training Maintenance and Research Divisions are requested to attend.

A Catholic Mass will be celebrated at the Forsyth Chapel, Forest Hills Cemetery, by Reverend Daniel Mahoney before the Memorial Service at 0830 hours for all who wish to attend.

## VII. TRANSFERS

The transfers of the following named members will become effective at 0800 hours, June 1, 2000:

Fire Captain

Michael J. Guarente

Personnel Division

to

Engine Co. 32

Fire Captain

George W. Welch

Fire Prevention Div.

to

Engine Co. 51

Fire Lieutenant

James B. O'Brien

Ladder Co. 9

to

Engine Co. 4

Fire Lieutenant

Michael E. Doolin

Ladder Co. 24

to

Engine Co. 9

Fire Lieutenant

John J. Keeley

Engine Co. 56

to

Engine Co. 39



**TRANSFERS (CONTINUED)**

Fire Lieutenant Patrick J. Brady, Jr.	Personnel Division	to	Fire Prevention Division
Fire Lieutenant Peter A. Annunziata	Ladder Co. 2	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Lieutenant Leo J. Fitzgibbon	Engine Co. 49	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Paul G. Doherty	Engine Co. 8	to	Engine Co. 20.
Fire Fighter Robert G. Finn	Ladder Co. 7	to	Engine Co. 20
Fire Fighter Yuri J. Quinnie	Ladder Co. 10	to	Engine Co. 42
Fire Fighter George E. Howard	Fire Prevention Div.	to	Engine Co. 51
Fire Fighter Edward F. Murphy	Engine Co. 51	to	Ladder Co. 25
Fire Fighter Malcolm E. Fearon	Engine Co. 28	to	Engine Co. 52
Fire Fighter Thomas E. Denehy	Ladder Co. 23	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter John F. Repta	Fire Prevention Div.	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Paul J. Mullen	Ladder Co. 9	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Robert J. Kontos	H-3	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Justin M. Sweatt	Engine Co. 49	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Mark Boyd	Tower Co.	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter George R. Kelley	Engine Co. 50	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Thomas C. White	Ladder Co. 1	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Stephen A. Holmes	Ladder Co. 19	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter Richard E. Jones	Ladder Co. 10 (Aide to Dep. Chief)	to	Personnel/Medical

BY ORDER OF ACTING FIRE COMMISSIONER DENNIS A. DIMARZIO

Paul A. Christian, Chief of Department

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 24**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
JUNE 26, 2000**

**I. RETIREMENTS**

The retirements of the following named members in accordance with the provisions indicated, have become effective at 1700 hours, May 31, 2000:

Fire Fighter Michael J. Ferro	Engine Company 20	S7, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter Richard J. Hunt	Engine Company 55	S7, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter Leo R. McGonagle	Engine Company 50	S7, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter Michael J. Morrissey	Engine Company 24	S7, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter James V. Provenzano	Engine Company 20	S7-94A, C32, M.G.L.

Fire Fighter Ferro was appointed to the department on May 17, 1972. Fire Fighter Hunt was appointed to the department on February 20, 1991. Fire Fighter McGonagle was appointed to the department on December 30, 1970. Fire Fighter Morrissey was appointed to the department on July 23, 1975. Fire Fighter Provenzano was appointed to the department on February 19, 1969.

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

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

Fire Fighter Leonard R. Pacino	Ladder Co. 29	S7, C32, M.G.L.	06/30/00
Fire Fighter Ronald G. Richard	Engine Co. 5	S5, C32, M.G.L.	06/30/00
Fire Fighter Paul V. Cosgrove	T.M.R. Division	S5, C32, M.G.L.	07/05/00

Fire Fighter Pacino was appointed to the department on August 14, 1985. Fire Fighter Richard was appointed to the department on November 11, 1970. Fighter Cosgrove was appointed to the department on October 20, 1965.

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

## II. CORRECTION

The following is a correction to General Order No. 16, dated April 27, 2000:

The transfer of Fire Fighter David G. Krasner from Engine Company 10 to Ladder Company 26 is rescinded.

## III. TRANSFERS

The transfers of the following named members will become effective at 0800 hours, July 1, 2000:

Deputy Fire Chief			
David R. Granara	Special Projects	to	Personnel Division
Fire Captain			
Paul M. Reynolds	Engine Co. 3	to	Engine Co. 50
Fire Lieutenant			
William A. Tobin	Special Projects	to	Rescue Co. 2
Fire Lieutenant			
Joseph L. Arsenault	Personnel Division	to	Ladder Co. 24
Fire Lieutenant			
Michael E. Doolin	Engine Co. 9	to	Ladder Co. 2
Fire Lieutenant			
Thomas J. Blake	Personnel Division	to	Engine Co. 56
Fire Lieutenant			
Jean N. Semexant	Personnel Division	to	Engine Co. 49
Fire Lieutenant			
David J. Montoya	Ladder Co. 21	to	Engine Co. 33
Fire Lieutenant			
Joseph H. Roach	Engine Co. 56	to	Ladder Co. 9
Fire Lieutenant			
Gerald F. Sparrow	Engine Co. 32	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Lieutenant			
Thomas J. Carideo	Engine Co. 5	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter			
Mark S. Oliver	Engine Co. 22	to	Tower Co.
Fire Fighter			
Thomas S. Dolan	Engine Co. 24	to	Ladder Co. 23
Fire Fighter			
John Walton	Ladder Co. 14	to	Engine Co. 41
Fire Fighter			
William J. Boyle	Engine Co. 50	to	C-11

**TRANSFERS (CONTINUED)**

Fire Fighter	Richard D. MacKinnon	Engine Co. 16	to	C-11
Fire Fighter	Darren J. DeCoste	Ladder Co. 15	to	Ladder Co. 23
Fire Fighter	Richard A. Gravallese	Engine Co. 5	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter	Michael F. O'Connor	Ladder Co. 18	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter	Steven L. Bush	Ladder Co. 11	to	Engine Co. 10
Fire Fighter	Richard F. Sanders	Detail Admin. Unit.	to	Engine Co. 3 (eff. 5/1/00)
Fire Fighter	Thomas J. Scanlan	Ladder Co. 11	to	Ladder Co. 25 (eff. 6/1/00)
Fire Fighter	James M. Hardy	Rescue Co. 1	to	Fire Investigation Unit
(Aide to Chief of Dept.)				
Fire Fighter	Leo P. Hughes	Rescue Co. 1	to	Rescue Co. 1
(Aide to Chief of Dept.)				

**IV. HIGH COMMENDATIONS**

1) On March 20, 2000, at 2114 hours, Box 7263, which became a two alarm fire, was struck for a building fire at 230 Boston Street, District 6. Upon arrival of Engine Company 21 (the first arriving company), heavy fire was showing from the first floor of this three story wood framed building and heavy smoke was showing from the second and third floors.

Fire Lieutenant William G. Austin, Engine Company 21, was informed of two people trapped on the third floor. He ordered a line run to the first floor while he entered the building, made his way to the third floor through heavy smoke and extreme heat and commenced a search for the two victims. He located them and led them to a third floor window until the arrival of the first arriving ladder company (Ladder Company 7). With the assistance of Ladder Company 7, he led the couple to safety over Ladder Company 7's aerial ladder.

Because this rescue was performed under rapidly deteriorating fire conditions, with heavy smoke, intense heat and prior to adequate ventilation, he placed himself at extreme personal risk. The Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Lieutenant William G. Austin of Engine Company 21, and refers his case to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

2) On May 12, 2000, at approximately 1450 hours, a six year old girl was struck by an automobile on Columbia Road near the quarters of Engine Company 21. The child bounced onto the hood, into the windshield and landed on the roof of this station wagon. The driver continued up Columbia Road, turned onto Dudley Street at a high rate of speed with the child hanging onto the roof racks. This entire situation was witnessed by Fire Fighter Andre C. Bridges, Ladder Company 9, who pursued the fleeing car, forced it to stop on Dudley Street and assisted the police in apprehending the driver. This child miraculously survived with a broken leg and some scratches and bruises.

Because his actions undoubtedly saved this child's life, the Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Fighter Andre C. Bridges of Ladder Company 9, and refers his case to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

3) On June 5, 2000, at 0722 hours, Box 3641 was struck for a building fire at 643 Walk Hill Street, District 12. Upon arrival, heavy fire was showing from the attic windows of this 2 ½ story wood framed building. Engine Company 52 was informed by a woman screaming frantically that her baby was trapped in the attic.

Engine Company 52 immediately ran a line up the front stairs to the attic and crawled down the hallway searching for the child. Fire Fighter David M. Ostiguy, Engine Company 52, hearing the child's cries, felt his way around to the child's bedroom. Searching on his hands and knees he found the child on the bedroom floor, carried her down the stairs to the safety of the street where she was removed to the hospital by Boston EMS.

Because this rescue was performed at great personal risk under deteriorating fire conditions and prior to proper ventilation, the Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Fighter David M. Ostiguy of Engine Company 52, and refers his case to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

BY ORDER OF ACTING FIRE COMMISSIONER DENNIS A. DIMARZIO

Paul A. Christian, Chief of Department

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

The following named have been appointed Fire Fighters on Probation, effective 0800 hours, July 15, 2000, and assigned to the following companies:

Richard Lopez	Engine Company 42
Eileen Hall	Engine Company 5
Kevin S. Foley	Engine Company 39
Sean B. Linnell	Ladder Company 15
Keith A. Berk	Engine Company 29
Gerald P. DeAngelis	Engine Company 4
Shawn M. McGrath	Ladder Company 1
Dru L. Akins	Ladder Company 17
Gregory G. Kelly	Ladder Company 10
Kim M. Bordley	Engine Company 28
Jose A. Cancel	Engine Company 22
Kevin A. Harrison	Engine Company 30
John W. MacKinnon	Engine Company 28
Jason C. Hernandez	Engine Company 41
John T. Morrissey	Engine Company 50
Timothy R. Shields	Engine Company 37
Gabriel Sanon	Engine Company 9
David C. Harrison	Engine Company 10
Kevin M. Shaughnessy	Ladder Company 11
Aundria D. Burcy	Engine Company 49
Phillip L. Sifford	Engine Company 56
Kingsle M. Burke	Engine Company 48
Christopher J. Cummings	Ladder Company 24
Bern I. Claiborne	Engine Company 53
Jeffrey L. Wilson	Rescue Company 1

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 ACTING FIRE COMMISSIONER DENNIS A. DIMARZIO

Paul A. Christian, Chief of Department

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 27**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
JULY 28, 2000**

**I. RETIREMENTS**

The retirements of the following named members in accordance with the provisions indicated, will become effective at 1700 hours, July 31, 2000:

Fire Captain		
Thomas C. Scavitto	Fire Prevention Division	S7, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter		
Brian M. McEachern	Marine Unit	S7, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter		
James R. Neff	Engine Company 39	S7, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter		
Andrew J. Rotondo	Engine Company 30	S7, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter		
Ernest M. Taro	Marine Unit	S7-94A, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter		
John R. Ward	Engine Company 29	S5, C32, M.G.L.

Fire Captain Scavitto was appointed to the department on March 10, 1971, promoted to Fire Lieutenant on January 19, 1983, and promoted to Fire Captain on July 2, 1986.

Fire Fighter McEachern was appointed to the department on December 24, 1969.

Fire Fighter Neff was appointed to the department on December 22, 1971.

Fire Fighter Rotondo was appointed to the department on August 12, 1970.

Fire Fighter Taro was appointed to the department on June 3, 1970.

Fire Fighter Ward was appointed to the department on January 17, 1968.

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

The retirement of the following named member in accordance with the provisions of Section 5, C32, M.G.L., became effective at 1700 hours, July 18, 2000:

Fire Fighter	
Robert D. Toland	Ladder Company 6

Fire Fighter Toland was appointed to the department on July 17, 1974, and leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

**RETIREMENTS (CONTINUED)**

The retirement of the following named member in accordance with the provisions of Section 5, C32, M.G.L., became effective at 1700 hours, July 21, 2000:

Prin. Admin. Assistant

Mary C. Barry

Headquarters Division

Principal Administrative Assistant Barry was appointed to the department on September 26, 1951, and leaves the department with the best wishes of her associates.

**II. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS**

The resignation/retirement of the following named member became effective at 1700 hours, July 7, 2000:

Fire Fighter

Francis J. Roumacher, Jr.

Personnel/Medical

Fire Fighter Roumacher was appointed to the department on January 17, 1968, and leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

The resignation/retirement of the following named member became effective at 1700 hours, July 14, 2000:

Fire Fighter (Aide to Dist. Chief)

James F. McCormick

Engine Company 16

Fire Fighter McCormick was appointed to the department on July 7, 1971, and leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

The resignation/retirement of the following named member became effective at 1700 hours, July 27, 2000:

Fire Fighter

Anthony Donatella

Engine Company 14

Fire Fighter Donatella was appointed to the department on May 1, 1968, and leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.



### III. TRANSFERS

The transfers of the following named members will become effective at 0800 hours, August 1, 2000:

District Fire Chief			
Douglas W. Smith	Emer. Mgmt. Div.	to	Personnel Division (eff. 7/1/00)
District Fire Chief			
Ronald W. Keating	Personnel Division	to	Emer. Mgmt. Div. (eff. 7/1/00)
Fire Captain			
Joseph I. Holland	Tower Company	to	Personnel Division
Fire Captain			
James P. Manning	Engine Co. 30	to	Engine Co. 3
Fire Captain			
Albert Giannetti	Personnel Division	to	Personnel Division/Pool
Fire Lieutenant			
Leo D. Stapleton, Jr.	T.M.R. Division	to	Personnel Division
Fire Lieutenant			
Donald P. Doenges	Engine Co. 56	to	Engine Co. 5
Fire Lieutenant			
Thomas J. Blake	Engine Co. 56	to	Engine Co. 9
Fire Lieutenant			
Joseph Neimann	Ladder Co. 11	to	Ladder Co. 16
Fire Lieutenant			
Mark J. Raymond	Ladder Co. 21, Gr. 1	to	Ladder Co. 21, Gr. 4
Fire Lieutenant			
Charles M. Parillo	Ladder Co. 16	to	Personnel/Medical (eff. 7/1/00)
Fire Lieutenant			
John F. Joyce	Rescue Co. 2	to	Personnel/Medical (eff. 7/1/00)
Fire Fighter			
Lawrence P. Carr	Engine Co. 10	to	Rescue Co. 1
Fire Fighter			
John R. Grant	Engine Co. 14	to	Engine Co. 22
Fire Fighter			
Mark C. Callender	Personnel/Medical	to	Fire Prevention Division
Fire Fighter			
Willie J. Clark	Ladder Co. 10	to	Ladder Co. 10 (Aide to Deputy Chief)

#### **IV. COMMENDATIONS**

- 1) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Kaluwa Kieta, Engine Company 22, who while off duty on June 4, 2000, assisted in giving CPR to a man who had collapsed in Franklin Park, and continued until relieved by members of Engine Company 24 and Boston EMS. This commendation shall be made part of her personnel file.
- 2) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter John Merlino, Ladder Company 17, who while off duty on June 7, 2000, came upon a vehicle accident where he administered medical attention to a victim prior to the arrival of the Canton Fire Department. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.
- 3) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Stephen G. Bowen, Engine Company 30, who while off duty on July 13, 2000, assisted in running lines at working fire box 5425. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

**BY ORDER OF ACTING FIRE COMMISSIONER DENNIS A. DIMARZIO**

Paul A. Christian, Chief of Department

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 29**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
AUGUST 29, 2000**

**I. RETIREMENTS**

The retirements of the following named members in accordance with the provisions indicated, will become effective at 1700 hours, August 31, 2000:

Fire Captain		
Terence A. Koen	Engine Company 33	S5, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter (Aide to Dist. Chief)		
Joseph J. Paulanthony	Engine Company 39	S7, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter		
Sixto E. Jusino	Ladder Company 29	S7, C32, M.G.L.

Fire Captain Koen was appointed to the department on May 1, 1968, promoted to Fire Lieutenant on August 16, 1978, and promoted to Fire Captain on March 7, 1984.

Fire Fighter Paulanthony was appointed to the department on July 7, 1971.

Fire Fighter Jusino was appointed to the department on August 3, 1977.

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 became effective at 1700 hours, August 22, 2000:

Fire Fighter	
Frank V. Gaide	Ladder Company 1

Fire Fighter Gaide was appointed to the department on February 6, 1980, and leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

**III. REINSTATEMENT**

Fire Lieutenant Donald C. Kernan has been reinstated effective 0800 hours, May 30, 2000.

**IV. RESIGNATION**

The resignation of the following named member became effective at 1700 hours, August 28, 2000:

Fire Fighter On Probation	
Eileen Hall	Engine Company 5

**V. PROMOTION TO FIRE CAPTAIN**

The following named member was promoted to Fire Captain and transferred to the Personnel Division, effective 0800 hours, August 5, 2000:

Fire Lieutenant

Michael J. Sheehan

Engine Company 5

**VI. PROMOTION TO FIRE LIEUTENANT**

The following named member was promoted to Fire Lieutenant and transferred to the Personnel Division, effective 0800 hours, August 5, 2000:

Fire Fighter

James M. Foley

Engine Company 3

**VII. CHANGE IN DESIGNATION OF FIRE ALARM BOX**

Effective 1800 hours, August 28, 2000, company commanders shall change the designation of the following numbered fire alarm box to read as follows:

1798 Bishop Joe L. Smith Way & Geneva Avenue

**VIII. TRANSFERS**

The transfers of the following named members will become effective at 0800 hours, September 1, 2000:

Fire Captain

Michael O. Celona

Ladder Co. 2

to

Engine Co. 5

Fire Captain

John W. Hanley

Engine Co. 41

to

Engine Co. 30

Fire Captain

Edward E. McGrady

Engine Co. 5

to

Personnel/Medical

Fire Captain

James P. Manning

Engine Co. 3

to

Tower Co.

Fire Lieutenant

Donald C. Kernan

Fire Academy

to

Ladder Co. 11

Fire Lieutenant

Edward L. Fitzpatrick

Engine Co. 16

to

Personnel/Medical

Fire Lieutenant

Robert Goglia

T.M.R. Division

to

Emer. Mgmt. Div.

Fire Lieutenant

John J. Simpson

T.M.R. Division

to

Emer. Mgmt. Div.

Fire Lieutenant

Paul R. Finn

T.M.R. Division

to

Emer. Mgmt. Div.

**TRANSFERS (CONTINUED)**

Fire Lieutenant				
John M. Doherty	T.M.R. Division	to	Emer. Mgmt. Div.	
Fire Lieutenant				
Robert T. Kavanagh	T.M.R. Division	to	Emer. Mgmt. Div.	
Fire Lieutenant				
James M. Doyle	Emer. Mgmt. Div.	to	T.M.R. Division	
Fire Lieutenant				
Steven M. Mahoney	Emer. Mgmt. Div.	to	T.M.R. Division	
Fire Lieutenant				
Edward D. Bergdoll	Emer. Mgmt. Div.	to	T.M.R. Division	
Fire Lieutenant				
Edward C. Curran	Emer. Mgmt. Div.	to	T.M.R. Division	
Fire Fighter				
Kirk D. Stokes	Ladder Co. 4	to	Engine Co. 14	
Fire Fighter				
Mark A. Trifiro	Engine Co. 32	to	Ladder Co. 2	
Fire Fighter				
Terrence K. Adams	Ladder Co. 2	to	Ladder Co. 17	
Fire Fighter				
Kevin B. Jeffers	Tower Co.	to	Fire Prevention Division	
Fire Fighter				
Wilfredo Pacheco	Ladder Co. 28	to	Personnel Division	
Fire Fighter				
Raymond W. Frazel	Engine Co. 55	to	Personnel/Medical	
Fire Fighter				
Wayne M. Johnson	Engine Co. 49	to	Personnel/Medical	
Fire Fighter				
William F. Foley	Engine Co. 39	to	Engine Co. 39 (Aide to Dist. Chief)	

**IX. COMMENDATIONS**

- 1) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Domingo F. McKinney, Engine Company 7, who while off duty on June 24, 2000, assisted the victim of an auto accident who had wounds to the face and scalp. He calmed the woman, covered her wounds and placed her in a position of safety until the arrival of apparatus. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.
- 2) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter John J. Dolan, Engine Company 9, who while off duty on July 31, 2000, assisted a seizure victim who fell causing bleeding from the back of the head. He applied direct pressure to the head wound and held traction on the neck until the arrival of apparatus. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

## **X. COMMISSIONER'S UNIT CITATION**

On July 22, 2000, at 0646 hours, Rescue Company 1, Engine Company 10 and District 4 were stilled by the Fire Alarm Office for a reported severe construction accident at the Central Artery Tunnel Project adjacent to the South Postal Annex at 75 "A" Dorchester Avenue.

Upon arrival at the location, the fire companies found a laborer lying on his back at the base of a ventilation shaft. The victim was unconscious with a 12' x 1 1/2" cross brace impaled in his skull.

After a size-up of the incident and a primary and secondary survey was completed on the victim, the next step was to remove all but 3" of the cross brace from the left side of his skull so the victim could be properly intubated, packaged and extricated from the shaft. This process was accomplished by members of Rescue Company 1, with members of Engine Company 10 assisting in logistical support. Members of Boston EMS closely monitored the vital signs of the victim while this operation was taking place.

Because of the horrible injuries received to this individual and the difficulty in extricating him from the bottom of the shaft, the Commissioner's Unit Citation shall hereby be awarded to the following members:

Fire Lieutenant Neil F. Doherty	Rescue Company 1
Fire Fighter Joseph M. Hughes	Rescue Company 1
Fire Fighter Martin J. Fernandes	Rescue Company 1
Fire Fighter Edward P. Stokinger	Rescue Company 1
Fire Fighter Mark A. McLean	Engine Company 3 (detailed to R-1)
Fire Lieutenant William G. Dewan	Engine Company 10
Fire Fighter Ronald L. Cook	Engine Company 10
Fire Fighter Dave F. Galloway	Engine Company 10
Fire Fighter Steven L. Bush	Engine Company 10
District Fire Chief William W. Hayhurst	District 4
Fire Fighter Peter J. Dolan	Aide to District 4

## **XI. HIGH COMMENDATIONS**

1) On June 9, 2000, at approximately 2030 hours, screams for help were heard from a woman outside a store parking lot located opposite Division 2 on Centre Street, District 9. Upon hearing the screams, Aide to District 12, Fire Fighter John M. Walsh observed a man steal a woman's handbag and then run down Centre Street attempting to flee the scene. Eventually cornered by a number of nearby bystanders, the man wielded a razor, which he swung wildly toward any person within his reach. Pursuing the man after he evaded the bystanders, Fire Fighter Walsh ran after him, tripped him and restrained him on the ground until members of Engine Company 28 and Ladder Company 10 arrived and assisted. The man was then arrested by Boston Police.

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Fighter John M. Walsh, Aide to District 12, for his aggressive actions, reflecting credit upon himself and the Boston Fire Department, and refers his case to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

2) On June 17, 2000, at approximately 2100 hours, Fire Captain Paul G. Carey, Engine Company 28, while off duty, responded to Box 2794 for a building fire at 15 Wellsmere Road, District 10. He arrived on scene before apparatus and observed a two story garage heavily involved in fire. After making sure the adjacent dwellings were evacuated, he began exposure protection using garden hoses with the assistance of local residents. He remained on the scene to guide the first arriving companies.

Because of his quick response, the timely extinguishment of this fully involved structure was accomplished as well as preventing the fire from igniting the nearby exposures. The Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Captain Paul G. Carey, Engine Company 28, and refers his case to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

**BY ORDER OF ACTING FIRE COMMISSIONER DENNIS A. DIMARZIO**

Paul A. Christian, Chief of Department

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 30**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2000**

**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, September 30, 2000:

Fire Lieutenant	
Edward L. Fitzpatrick	Engine Company 16

Fire Lieutenant Fitzpatrick was appointed to the department on January 17, 1968, promoted to Fire Lieutenant on May 23, 1979, and leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

**II. PROMOTION TO FIRE CAPTAIN**

The following named member was promoted to Fire Captain and transferred to the Personnel Division, effective 0800 hours, September 2, 2000:

Fire Lieutenant	
Paul E. Alfieri	Engine Company 41

**III. RESIGNATION**

The resignation of the following named member became effective at 1700 hours, September 12, 2000:

Fire Fighter	
Kevin Cotton	Ladder Company 2

**IV. EMS SECTION**

Effective 0800 hours, Monday, October 2, 2000, the personnel, equipment, and functions of the EMS Section will be transferred from the Emergency Management Division to the Training, Maintenance and Research Division.

**V. TRANSFERS**

The transfers of the following named members will become effective at 0800 hours, October 1, 2000:

District Fire Chief			
Ronald W. Keating	Emer. Mgmt. Div.	to	T.M.R. Division
Fire Captain			
Richard F. Felton	Engine Co. 4	to	Ladder Co. 2



**TRANSFERS CONTINUED**

Fire Captain	Hubert J. McGrath	Fire Prevention Div.	to	Engine Co. 33
Fire Captain	Michael J. Guarente	Engine Co. 32	to	Engine Co. 41
Fire Captain	Richard K. Lynch	Engine Co. 48	to	Engine Co. 3
Fire Captain	William J. Maturo	Engine Co. 29	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Lieutenant	Manuel J. Arruda	Engine Co. 32	to	Engine Co. 5
Fire Lieutenant	Donald C. Kernan	Ladder Co. 11	to	Engine Co. 16
Fire Lieutenant	George M. Sacco	Ladder Co. 1	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter	Paul F. Lombard	W-12	to	Tower Co.
Fire Fighter	James R. Oliver	W-12	to	Engine Co. 14
Fire Fighter	James J. Cahill	W-12	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter	Paul F. Canavan	Fire Academy	to	W-12
Fire Fighter	Michael J. Bernier	Ladder Co. 28	to	Engine Co. 48
Fire Fighter	Brian F. Martinage	Engine Co. 48	to	Ladder Co. 28
Fire Fighter	Lawrence Crosby	Emer. Mgmt. Div.	to	T.M.R. Division
Fire Fighter	George E. Downey	Emer. Mgmt. Div.	to	T.M.R. Division
Fire Fighter	Richard Ryan	Emer. Mgmt. Div.	to	T.M.R. Division
Fire Fighter	William J. Blackstone	Ladder Co. 1	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter	Richard T. Gottwald	Engine Co. 2	to	Personnel/Medical
Fire Fighter	Walter T. Cobe	Engine Co. 17 (Aide to Dist. Chief)	to	Personnel/Medical

BY ORDER OF ACTING FIRE COMMISSIONER DENNIS A. DIMARZIO

Paul A. Christian, Chief of Department

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 31**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
OCTOBER 2, 2000**

**I. FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

Fire Prevention Week will be observed in the City of Boston from October 8 to October 14, 2000, 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 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 to answer any questions regarding the department, or to have a suitable person assigned this duty.

If a person or group wishes a tour of the firehouse, all hands shall be summoned to the main floor to greet the visitors. Tours shall include explaining how an alarm is received at the firehouse followed by a demonstration of sounding the house gong, turning on the house lights, and if applicable, having a member slide down the pole.

Members should pay special attention to children during firehouse visits. They should talk to the children about knowing their home address, how to dial 9-1-1, STOP-DROP & ROLL, smoke detectors and having an escape plan to exit their home in an emergency.

If you let some of the children try on your helmets or bunker coats, take special precautions with smaller children as the weight of the protective gear may be too much for them. Care should be taken to insure that no child is injured.

Have a member dress in full bunker gear with an airpack and facepiece on. Explain to the children that this is what firefighters look like when coming into their homes during a fire. Show them the apparatus, turn on the lights and siren, ask for questions and encourage them to take any safety pamphlets that you may have. If they need more material, tell them to call the Public Information Office at 617-343-3415.

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 stationery 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.

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.

On Tuesday, October 10, 2000, at 1800 hours, all company apparatus shall be placed on the apron and sirens shall be sounded for 15 seconds. It is hoped that this will act as a reminder to the public to plan and practice their "Great Escape" from their homes.

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

BY ORDER OF ACTING FIRE COMMISSIONER DENNIS A. DIMARZIO

Paul A. Christian, Chief of Department

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 32**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
OCTOBER 2, 2000**

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

HOURS            TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2000

0930            Hayes Square, Charlestown

1330            Henry Grew School, 40 Gordon Avenue, Hyde Park

HOURS            WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2000

0945            Mather School, Meeting House Hill, Dorchester (opposite Engine 17)

1230            Copley Square Park in front of Trinity Church

HOURS            THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2000

1200            Boston Fire Academy Graduation Ceremony, Florian Hall, 55 Hallet Street,  
Dorchester

HOURS            FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2000

0930            Franciscan Children's Hospital & Taft Middle School, 30 Warren Street,  
in rear parking lot

1230            Faneuil Hall Marketplace

HOURS            SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2000

1030            Castle Island, South Boston

HOURS            SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2000

1100            Boston Firefighters Local 718 Road Race, Florian Hall, 55 Hallet Street,  
Dorchester

The following additional activities will take place as listed:

HOURS            WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2000

0930            John F. Kennedy Federal Building - Low Rise, Government Center

1030            John F. Kennedy Federal Building - High Rise, Government Center

Division 1 and District 3 will act as observers of evacuation drills. Ladder 24 will raise its aerial with a member over the ladder. Engine 4 will run a short line to the door.

HOURS            THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2000

1000            Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Federal Building, 10 Causeway Street

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

HOURS            FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2000

1000            Captain John F. Williams Federal Building, 408 Atlantic Avenue  
(U.S. Coast Guard Building)

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

The Fire Safety Education Trailer will be at several locations during the week. Interested parties may contact the Public Education Office at 343-3397 for dates and times.

During Fire Prevention Week, the Propane Tank Redemption Program will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2000, from 0900 to 1400 hours. Members should reference Special Order No. 36 for locations.

BY ORDER OF ACTING FIRE COMMISSIONER DENNIS A. DIMARZIO

Paul A. Christian, Chief of Department

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 33**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
OCTOBER 6, 2000**

**I. HIGH COMMENDATION**

On August 29, 2000, at approximately 2208 hours, District 9 was responding to a boiler explosion at the Shattuck Hospital power plant when several citizens flagged them down on Washington Street. They reported to Fire Captain Richard T. Noonan, Engine Company 16 (detailed to District 9), that an armed robbery had taken place and the suspects were inside a convenient store, trapped by several citizens who were holding the doors shut, effectively blocking the exits.

Captain Noonan entered the store and was confronted by one suspect swinging a knife at him. He convinced him to put the knife on the floor and Captain Noonan then secured it out of reach of the suspect. At this time Fire Fighter Paul J. Zepf, Aide to District 9, entered the store and the two suspects attempted to run from the premises. Captain Noonan and Fire Fighter Zepf struggled with them and at the same time were calling Fire Alarm, checking on the police response. It is evident from the transmission recorded by Fire Alarm of the level of exertion and strain involved in wrestling the suspects under control. The police arrived on scene and arrested the two suspects. Captain Noonan and Fire Fighter Zepf then continued on to the Shattuck Hospital.

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Captain Richard T. Noonan of Engine Company 16 and Fire Fighter Paul J. Zepf, Aide to District 9, for their quick and decisive actions, reflecting credit upon themselves and the Boston Fire Department, and refers their case to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

**II. RESIGNATION**

The resignation of the following named member became effective at 0800 hours, October 4, 2000:

Fire Fighter	
Thaddeus W. Pritchard	Engine Company 3

**III. TRANSFER**

The transfer of the following named member became effective at 0800 hours, October 6, 2000:

Fire Fighter on Probation		
Kim M. Bordley	Engine Co. 28	to Engine Co. 52

**BY ORDER OF ACTING FIRE COMMISSIONER DENNIS A. DIMARZIO**

Paul A. Christian, Chief of Department

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 35**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
OCTOBER 27, 2000**

**I. RETIREMENTS**

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, October 27, 2000:

Fire Captain  
Richard T. Noonan

Engine Company 16

Fire Captain Noonan was appointed to the department on July 27, 1966, promoted to Fire Lieutenant on July 4, 1973, promoted to Fire Captain on September 14, 1983, and leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

The retirements of the following named members in accordance with the provisions indicated, will become effective at 1700 hours, October 31, 2000:

Fire Lieutenant

Francis L. McLaughlin

Ladder Company 28

S7-94, C32, M.G.L.

Fire Fighter

Edward D. Chase

Ladder Company 6

S7, C32, M.G.L.

Fire Lieutenant McLaughlin was appointed to the department on May 17, 1972, and promoted to Fire Lieutenant on September 14, 1983. Fire Fighter Chase was appointed to the department on May 17, 1978.

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

**II. REINSTATEMENT**

Fire Fighter John J. Foscaldo has been reinstated and assigned to Engine Company 5, effective 0800 hours, October 16, 2000.

**III. RESIGNATION**

The resignation of the following named member will become effective at 0800 hours, October 29, 2000:

Fire Fighter  
Michael T. Blythe

Ladder Company 16



#### IV. PROMOTION TO FIRE LIEUTENANT

The following named member was promoted to Fire Lieutenant and transferred to the Personnel Division, effective 0800 hours, October 7, 2000:

Fire Fighter

Richard E. Finn

Engine Company 42

#### V. REASSIGNMENT

The transfer of Fire Fighter on Probation Kim M. Bordley on General Order No. 33, dated October 6, 2000, should be changed to read:

Reassigned From:

Engine Company 28

Reassigned To:

Engine Company 52

#### VI. TRANSFERS

The transfers of the following named members will become effective at 0800 hours, November 1, 2000:

Fire Captain

Thomas E. Bernhard      Engine Co. 7      to      Engine Co. 16

Fire Captain

Jeffrey Whitman      Personnel Div.      to      Engine Co. 48

Fire Captain

Joseph G. McMahon      Personnel Div.      to      Engine Co. 29

Fire Captain

Lada J. Ross      Personnel Div.      to      Engine Co. 32

Fire Captain

John M. Gallagher      Personnel Div      to      Engine Co. 4

Fire Captain

Albert Giannetti      Personnel Div.      to      Personnel/Medical

Fire Lieutenant

James M. Doyle      W-25      to      Ladder Co. 11

Fire Lieutenant

David J. Skarbek      Engine Co. 8      to      Ladder Co. 1

Fire Lieutenant

Alfred G. Hansen      Emer. Mgmt. Div.      to      T.M.R. Division

Fire Fighter

David Krasner      Engine Co. 10      to      Ladder Co. 9

Fire Fighter

Raymond G. Cheek      Engine Co. 20      to      Personnel/Medical

**TRANSFERS CONTINUED**

Fire Fighter				
Scott R. Jacobs	Ladder Co. 4	to	Personnel/Medical	
Fire Fighter				
Michael A. Tardivo	Ladder Co. 4	to	Personnel/Medical	
Fire Fighter				
James E. France	Engine Co. 39	to	T.M.R. Division	
Fire Fighter				
Jeffrey Clark	Engine Co. 9	to	Engine Co. 28	
Fire Fighter				
Carlos Nieves	Engine Co. 56	to	Engine Co. 5	
Fire Fighter				
Michael P. Boyle	Engine Co. 37	to	Engine Co. 21	
Fire Fighter				
Joseph F. Ingemi	T.M.R. Division	to	Air Supply Unit	
Fire Fighter				
Robert G. Finn	Engine Co. 20	to	Engine Co. 16 (Aide to Dist. Chief)	

**VII. HIGH COMMENDATION**

On September 25, 2000, at 1027 hours, Box 5173 was struck for a building fire at 14 Melvin Avenue, District 11. Upon arrival of District 11 and Ladder Company 14 (first arriving company), smoke was showing from the first floor of an occupied three story brick building.

The Fire Alarm Office transmitted reports of people trapped on the second floor above the fire. Fire Lieutenant Michael P. Finn and Fire Fighter Yuji Hairston of Ladder Company 14, hearing these reports, entered the building and encountered heavy fire and smoke pushing out from the fully involved first floor apartment into the hallway, cutting off access to the stairway leading to the above floors. They were able to make their way to the apartment door and shut it preventing the fire from extending up the stairway. They made their way through heavy smoke and heat to the second floor and began a search for victims. They located four people and led them to an outside balcony where they were removed to the street by Ladder Company 14.

Because this rescue was performed under rapidly deteriorating fire conditions, without the benefit of a charged line and prior to proper ventilation, they placed themselves at great personal risk. The Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Lieutenant Michael P. Finn and Fire Fighter Yuji Hairston of Ladder Company 14, and refers their case to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

### **VIII. COMMENDATION**

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter on Probation Gabriel Sanon, Engine Company 9, who while off duty on October 17, 2000, responded to a neighbor's screams of fire. He ascended the stairs and was directed to a bedroom where a mattress fire was in progress. He extinguished it by filling a five gallon bucket with water from the bathtub. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

BY ORDER OF ACTING FIRE COMMISSIONER DENNIS A. DIMARZIO

Paul A. Christian, Chief of Department

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 36**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
NOVEMBER 3, 2000**

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

The following named have been appointed Fire Fighters On Probation, effective 0800 hours, November 6, 2000, and assigned to the following companies:

Sean F. Teed	Engine Company 33
Gino D. Roach	Engine Company 56
Robert R. Santangelo	Ladder Company 6
Jason T. Wallace	Ladder Company 1
Glen A. Hassard	Engine Company 28
Christian W. Harris	Engine Company 30
Brian J. Denomy	Ladder Company 16
John W. Evans, Jr.	Engine Company 55
Kenneth T. Gibson	Engine Company 55
John P. Hanley, Jr.	Ladder Company 1
Kenneth L. Mays	Engine Company 3
Marc E. Johnson	Engine Company 48
John J. Dooley	Engine Company 10
Michael J. McKinnies	Engine Company 49
Joseph D. Cosby	Engine Company 4
Kevin E. Ball	Ladder Company 14
Christopher P. Sloane	Ladder Company 15
Christopher M. Burke	Ladder Company 6
Anthony N. Hinds	Ladder Company 21
Gerald J. Powers, Jr.	Ladder Company 4
Cornell Horton	Engine Company 49
Brian M. Sellon	Ladder Company 4
Mindy F. Larke	Engine Company 5
Michael R. Kates	Engine Company 37
Eric D. Logan	Ladder Company 7
Michael S. Andrade	Ladder Company 25
John P. Sarro	Ladder Company 16
Felicia Brewster	Engine Company 4
Thomas F. Timmons, Jr.	Engine Company 9
Tanneke C. Burns	Engine Company 8
Michael J. McColgan	Engine Company 10
Sharon M. Chambers	Tower Company
Glenn S. Preston	Engine Company 3
Serge D. Exilien	Engine Company 9
Joseph P. Kirby	Ladder Company 26
Larry J. Hurd	Engine Company 56
Allan P. Morse	Engine Company 51

**ASSIGNMENT OF FIRE FIGHTERS ON PROBATION (CONTINUED)**

Michael A. Blaney	Engine Company 39
Joseph E. Kelley	Rescue Company 1
Chantette M. Stallworth	Ladder Company 29
Steven E. Shaffer	Ladder Company 4
Robert L. Tabb	Engine Company 4
Gerald M. Cianciulli	Engine Company 49
Carey D. Watson	Ladder Company 14
Sheila A. Leahy	Ladder Company 11
Nathaniel T. Askia, Jr.	Ladder Company 2
Michael S. McCarthy	Ladder Company 2
Marcus A. Dennis	Ladder Company 28
Francisco E. Diaz	Engine Company 48
Dwayne W. Gumbs	Engine Company 32
Brian Hardiman, Jr.	Ladder Company 11

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 ACTING FIRE COMMISSIONER DENNIS A. DIMARZIO

Paul A. Christian, Chief of Department

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 37**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
NOVEMBER 13, 2000**

**I. RETIREMENT**

The retirement of the following named member in accordance with the provisions of Section 6, C32, M.G.L., became effective at 1700 hours, September 7, 2000:

General Foreman  
Robert Mansour

Fire Alarm Construction

General Foreman Mansour was appointed to the department on February 1, 1967, and leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

**II. PROMOTION TO FIRE CAPTAIN**

The following named member was promoted to Fire Captain and transferred to the Personnel Division, effective 0800 hours, November 4, 2000:

Fire Lieutenant  
Michael E. Hocking

Ladder Company 9

**III. PROMOTIONS TO FIRE LIEUTENANT**

The following named member was promoted to Fire Lieutenant and transferred to the Personnel Division, effective 0800 hours, November 4, 2000:

Fire Fighter  
David J. Cushing

Engine Company 20

The following named member was promoted to Fire Lieutenant and assigned to the Fire Prevention Division, effective 0800 hours, November 4, 2000:

Fire Fighter  
William F. Donovan

Fire Prevention Division

**IV. CORRECTION TO GENERAL ORDER NO. 36**

The name of Fire Fighter On Probation Sheila A. Leahy shall be changed to Sheila A. Leahy Cronin.

## V. COMMENDATIONS

- 1) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter William P. Pappas, Ladder Company 14, who while off duty on October 20, 2000, made a splint from a clipboard for a youth who had suffered a broken wrist while playing football. He comforted the victim until the arrival of apparatus. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.
- 2) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Michael J. McManus, Engine Company 52, who while off duty on October 23, 2000, assisted in venting windows at Working Fire Box 2766, enabling on duty personnel to rescue an elderly woman. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.
- 3) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Robert J. Ryan, Ladder Company 16, who while off duty on October 23, 2000, assisted in venting windows and ground ladder placement at Working Fire Box 2766, enabling on duty personnel to rescue an elderly woman. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

## VI. COMMISSIONER'S UNIT CITATION

On October 23, 2000, at 1124 hours, Box 2766 was struck for a building fire at 15 Maria Lane, District 10. While responding, all companies and District 10 were notified that two elderly people were in the building.

Upon arrival, heavy fire was showing from the rear of the building. On scene neighbors notified District 10 that an elderly man had been removed via the front door but his wife was still inside.

Ladder Company 10 was given the assignment of searching for her. Within a short period of time Ladder Company 10 located and removed her to the outside where first aid and oxygen were administered to the semi-conscious woman.

Because of their quick, aggressive and courageous actions, and without the benefit of a charged line, the woman survived. Therefore, the Commissioner's Unit Citation shall hereby be awarded to the following members:

Fire Captain Robert L. Dowling	Ladder Company 10
Fire Fighter Edward S. Saniuk	Ladder Company 10
Fire Fighter Stephen W. MacDonald	Ladder Company 10
Fire Fighter John P. Kelly	Ladder Company 10
Fire Fighter On Probation Gregory G. Kelly	Ladder Company 10

BY ORDER OF ACTING FIRE COMMISSIONER DENNIS A. DIMARZIO

Paul A. Christian, Chief of Department

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 38**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
NOVEMBER 16, 2000**

**I. COMMENDATION**

The Fire Commissioner and Chief of Department wish to commend Deputy Fire Chief Stephen K. Dunbar, District Fire Chiefs John J. Evans, James R. Evans, David R. Mager, Edmund G. Maiorana, Robert E. Dillon, Paul R. O'Brien, William W. Hayhurst, Jr., Paul F. Mahoney, Acting District Chief Peter P. Pearson, and all members who responded to and worked the series of fires on the night tour of October 28 and 29, 2000: Working Fire Box 7221, Five Alarms Box 7311 and Nine Alarms Box 7441. Within a period of a few hours department resources were taxed to the maximum in answering alarms for three serious fires in rapid succession. High winds and a highly congested neighborhood contributed to the severity of fire conditions met by first arriving firefighters. The training, dedication and expertise demonstrated by members of the department was in keeping with the best traditions of this department.

Once again when the City was threatened by major fire emergencies, the men and women of the Boston Fire Department answered the challenge successfully.

High commendation is also due to members on duty at the Fire Alarm Office, the Fire Investigation Unit, and other support units during this tour. They performed at their usual high level of professionalism, under very demanding circumstances, in dispatching resources, coordinating communications, and providing the many unseen support services that enable the Boston Fire Department to fulfill its mission.

The Fire Commissioner and Chief of Department are also pleased to commend the following members for responding to and working at the above named fires while off duty. This commendation shall be made part of their personnel file:

Fire Lieutenant Gerard F. Shea	Rescue Company 1
Fire Lieutenant William G. Austin	Engine Company 21
Fire Fighter Lawrence C. Holt	Rescue Company 1
Fire Fighter Paul E. Covington	Rescue Company 2
Fire Fighter Winston C. Ashley	Rescue Company 2
Fire Fighter Joseph McDonough	Engine Company 7
Fire Fighter Robert E. Medico	Engine Company 18
Fire Fighter Joseph G. Ciampa	Engine Company 42
Fire Fighter Dennis J. Hogan	Ladder Company 6
Fire Fighter Neal A. Mullane, Jr.	Ladder Company 23

**BY ORDER OF ACTING FIRE COMMISSIONER DENNIS A. DIMARZIO**

Paul A. Christian, Chief of Department



**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 39**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
NOVEMBER 27, 2000**

**I. RETIREMENTS**

The retirements of the following named members in accordance with the provisions indicated, will become effective at 1700 hours, November 30, 2000:

Fire Fighter		
John J. Bottary	Engine Company 30	S7-94B, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter (Aide to Dist. Chief)		
Nicholas P. Calos	Engine Company 16	S5, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter		
Joe E. Montoya	Engine Company 22	S7-94, C32, M.G.L.
Fire Fighter		
Thomas V. Walsh, Jr.	Engine Company 3	S7, C32, M.G.L.

Fire Fighter Bottary was appointed to the department on April 1, 1987. Fire Fighter Calos was appointed to the department on August 12, 1970. Fire Fighter Montoya was appointed to the department on January 19, 1977. Fire Fighter Walsh was appointed to the department on December 30, 1970.

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

**II. REASSIGNMENT**

The assignment of Fire Fighter On Probation Gerald M. Cianciulli on General Order No. 36, dated November 3, 2000, should be changed to read:

Reassigned From: Engine Company 49      Reassigned To: Ladder Company 21

**III. TRANSFERS**

The transfers of the following named members will become effective at 0800 hours, December 1, 2000:

Fire Captain			
Michael J. Ruggere	Personnel Division	to	Engine Co. 7
Fire Lieutenant			
Gerard M. Cahill	Engine Co. 39	to	Engine Co. 8
Fire Lieutenant			
Mark Buchanan	Engine Co. 29	to	Engine Co. 41
Fire Lieutenant			
Richard E. Finn	Personnel Division	to	Engine Co. 56
Fire Lieutenant			
John M. Crimlisk	Fire Prevention Div.	to	Personnel/Medical

**TRANSFERS (CONTINUED)**

Fire Lieutenant				
David J. Cushing	Personnel Division	to	Engine Co. 56	
Fire Fighter				
David Hayes	Ladder Co. 17	to	Engine Co. 3	
Fire Fighter				
Richard T. Davis	Ladder Co. 25	to	Engine Co. 20	
Fire Fighter				
Ronald C. Majors	Engine Co. 2	to	Engine Co. 22	
Fire Fighter				
Mark A. Corwin	Engine Co. 16	to	Engine Co. 33	
Fire Fighter				
Steven P. Bradley	Engine Co. 28	to	Engine Co. 42	
Fire Fighter				
James S. Halsey	Ladder Co. 10	to	Engine Co. 52	
Fire Fighter				
Paul F. Lombard	Tower Co.	to	Ladder Co. 1	
Fire Fighter				
James R. Oliver	Engine Co. 14	to	Ladder Co. 4	
Fire Fighter				
John J. Caljouw	Ladder Co. 29	to	Ladder Co. 6	
Fire Fighter				
Phinazee Brown	Engine Co. 33	to	Ladder Co. 10	
Fire Fighter				
Charles T. Khoury	Engine Co. 33	to	Ladder Co. 15	
Fire Fighter				
Ralph T. Dean	Engine Co. 7	to	Ladder Co. 17	
Fire Fighter				
Paul S. Arathuzik	Tower Co.	to	Rescue Co. 1	
Fire Fighter				
Robert X. Dunkle	Fire Prevention Div.	to	Ladder Co. 19	
Fire Fighter				
Frank C. Rogier	Rescue Co. 1	to	Special Projects	
Fire Fighter				
Kevin Hardiman	Engine Co. 49	to	Fire Prevention Division	
Fire Fighter				
Patrick J. Sweeney	Engine Co. 5	to	Engine Co. 39	
Fire Fighter				
Joe E. Montoya	Personnel/Medical	to	Engine Co. 22	
Fire Fighter				
Robert H. Lindsey	Engine Co. 17 (Aide to Dist. Chief)	to	W-12	
Fire Fighter				
Edward A. Jackson	Engine Co. 18	to	Engine Co. 16 (Aide to Dist. Chief)	

#### **IV. COMMENDATION**

1) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Stephen G. Mortlock, Ladder Company 26, who on September 16, 2000, assisted the State Police in the apprehension of two suspected auto thieves in the Fenway. After leaving one suspect in the custody of a State Police Officer, he pursued the second suspect, catching him at the intersection of Huntington Avenue and Ruggles Street, where this suspect was arrested by the State Police. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

2) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Ronald Ridings, Ladder Company 1, who while off duty on November 8, 2000, assisted a victim of a vehicle accident at Austin and Main Streets, Charlestown. He held traction on the driver until the arrival of apparatus. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

**BY ORDER OF ACTING FIRE COMMISSIONER DENNIS A. DIMARZIO**

Paul A. Christian, Chief of Department

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 40**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
DECEMBER 12, 2000**

**I. CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

The Fire Commissioner and Chief of Department extend to all of the members of the Boston Fire Department and their families best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year for 2001.

Our sincere thanks to each and everyone of you, uniformed and civilian, for all that you do in keeping Boston one of the safest cities in the nation.

**II. RESIGNATIONS**

The resignation of the following named member became effective at 1700 hours, November 29, 2000:

Fire Fighter On Probation	
Kevin E. Ball	Ladder Company 14

The resignation of the following named member became effective at 0800 hours, November 30, 2000:

Fire Fighter	
Patrick L. McDonough	Engine Company 10

**III. HIGH COMMENDATIONS**

1) On October 29, 2000, at 0125 hours, Box 7441 a struck for a building fire at 9 Swallow Street. Upon arrival of District 6, heavy fire was showing from both Swallow and East Sixth Streets. Because of the rapid spread of fire and the life hazard at hand, multiple alarms were struck to get help for search, rescue and evacuation of the buildings involved.

It was reported to District 6 by fire department members and civilian neighbors on the Sixth Street side of the fire that the efforts of off duty Fire Fighter Robert E. Medico, Engine Company 18, were a major factor in the success of no loss of life or severe injury in this fast moving devastating fire. Fire Fighter Medico performed search and rescue on three multiple family dwellings. Heavy fire and smoke had engulfed these buildings and he entered, searched and evacuated each building knowing that all three buildings were burning on all floors in the rear.

Because these actions were performed under rapidly deteriorating fire conditions, prior to the arrival of apparatus and without protective clothing, he placed himself at great personal risk. The Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Fighter Robert E. Medico of Engine Company 18, and refers his case to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

**HIGH COMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED)**

2) On November 17, 2000, at approximately 1720 hours, Fire Fighter David M. Pfeil, Engine Company 5, while off duty and shopping at Home Depot in Saugus, responded to an employee who had fallen 12 feet and struck his head on the concrete floor. He stopped the bleeding and stabilized the man's neck. His prompt update of the man's condition and the height of his fall expedited the primary survey by the Saugus Fire Department and assured that the man was transported to the proper medical facility.

Because of his actions, the Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Fighter David M. Pfeil of Engine Company 5, and refers his case to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

**IV. COMMENDATION**

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter David F. Walsh, Headquarters, who while off duty on October 22, 2000, responded to a fire in a neighbor's home which required three alarms to extinguish. Upon arrival of apparatus, he informed them everyone was safely out of the house. He then assisted in running feeder and attack lines. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

BY ORDER OF ACTING FIRE COMMISSIONER DENNIS A. DIMARZIO

Paul A. Christian, Chief of Department

**GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 41**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT  
DECEMBER 28, 2000**

**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, on the following dates:

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The resignation of the following named member became effective at 1700 hours, December 12, 2000:

Fire Fighter On Probation	
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**TRANSFERS (CONTINUED)**

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BY ORDER OF ACTING FIRE COMMISSIONER DENNIS A. DIMARZIO

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