

Boston Fire Department

7.30.2014

Historic Fire Alarm Box Directory - 1200 Boxes

Number	Date of Number	Prior Numbers	Box Location and Prior Locations	Location Established
1211	1.21.1914	708 418 4 Dup.	North Washington and Endicott Sts. Endicott and Washington St. North Endicott and Charlestown Sts.	3.20.1968 3.01.1901 5.29.1879
1212	2.19.1914	12 1/7	Cooper and Endicott Sts. Cooper St. Church	1861 4.28.1852
1213	2.19.1914	19 1/16	North Washington St. at Haymarket Sq. Washington St. North and Haymarket Sq. Washington St. North and Stillman St. Washington St. North and Cross St. Charlestown and Cross Sts. Haymarket Sq., B&M RR. Depot	3.20.1968 4.14.1959 7.12.1934 3.01.1901 12.29.1894 early 1864
1216	2.02.1955		North Margin and Endicott Sts.	2.02.1955
1217	2.02.1955		North Washington and Thatcher Sts. Washington St. North and Thatcher St.	3.20.1968 2.02.1955
1221	2.19.1914	13 1/3	Hanover and Parmenter Sts. Richmond St. near Hanover St. Hanover and Richmond Sts. Richmond St., east of Hanover St.	2.22.1901 11.01.1874 4.28.1864 4.28.1852
1223	5.21.1930		North Margin and Thatcher Sts.	5.21.1930
1224	1.21.1914	706 416 3 1/12	Salem and Prince Sts. Engine 8, 133 Salem St. Prince and Salem Sts. Hull and Snow Hill Sts.	10.23.1916 1.10.1907 9.14.1883 1854
1225	1.26.1956	1218	Endicott and Cross Sts.	2.02.1955
1226	1.26.1956	1219	Hanover and Cross Sts.	2.02.1955
1231	12.18.1913		Snow Hill and Hull Sts.	12.18.1913
1232	6.27.1928		Commercial and Charter Sts.	6.27.1928
1233	1.21.1914	707 417 2 1/6	Charter at Salem Sts. Charter St. and Phipps Pl.	1.10.1907 4.28.1852
1234	3.06.1914	711 9 1/5	Commercial at Foster Sts. Commercial St. and Constitution Wharf Constitution Wharf	3.26.1886 1861 4.28.1852
1235	8.07.1935		Commercial and Hanover Sts.	8.07.1935
1236	5.26.1964		Commercial and Battery Sts.	5.26.1964
124	5.22.1989		Engine House 8, 392 Hanover St.	5.22.1989
1241	5.21.1930		North and Lewis Sts.	5.21.1930
1242	2.19.1914	14 1/4	Commercial St. at Union Wharf Commercial St. and Eastern Ave. Eastern Railroad Wharf	3.26.1886 1861 4.28.1852
1243	3.06.1914	712 10 9 Dup.	Hanover and Clark Sts.	10.21.1875

1244	3.06.1914	714	North Sq. at Garden Court St.	12.04.1912
1245	3.06.1914	713 8	Commercial and Fleet Sts.	10.24.1975
			Commercial St. and Atlantic Ave.	12.07.1905
1246	12.18.1913		Atlantic Ave. at Commercial Wharf	12.18.1913
1247	6.18.1929		Atlantic Ave. and Cross St.	12.17.1975
			Atlantic Ave. and Clinton St.	6.18.1929
1251	2.19.1914	15 1/14	Richmond and Commercial Sts.	early 1864
1252	4.13.1915		Fulton and Cross Sts.	4.04.1975
			North and Cross Sts.	4.13.1915
1253	2.19.1914	28	Clinton at Commercial Sts.	5.22.1975
			Clinton St., opp. Blackstone St.	11.27.1896
			Clinton and Blackstone Sts., New England House	12.28.1880
1254	2.19.1914	16 1/1	South Market St. at Merchants Row	6.06.1961
			North Market St. and Merchants Row	11.27.1896
			East end of Faneuil Hall	4.28.1852
1255	6.27.1975		North and Blackstone Sts.	6.27.1975
1256	12.09.1913		South Market and Commercial Sts.	12.09.1913
1258	1.26.1956	1214 17 1/2	Hanover and Union Sts.	7.10.1953
			Hanover and Endicott Sts.	1.01.1883
			Hanover and Salem Sts.	2.01.1871
			Marshall, near Hanover Sts.	1853
			Union and Hanover Sts,	4.28.1852
1259	1.26.1956	1215	Union and North Sts.	9.05.1979
			New Congress and Union Sts.	9.27.1968
			Union and Friend Sts.	6.27.1928
1262	12.22.1913		Court St. near Tremont St. at Scollay Sq.	5.25.1990
			Court St. near Tremont St.	6.15.1983
			Court St. at No. 65	1.24.1969
			Tremont and Court Sts.	12.22.1913
1263	3.12.1914	35 2/7	Tremont, near School Sts.	4.23.1881
			Beacon and Tremont Sts.	10.14.1879
			Beacon, opp. Somerset Sts.	1860
			Albion's Hotel, Phillips Pl.	1853
1271	3.12.1914	36 44	Washington and State Sts.	3.06.1901
			East end of Old State House	1.26.1878
1272	12.22.1913		Washington at Water Sts.	12.22.1913
1273	12.22.1913		Washington and Franklin Sts.	12.11.1970
			Washington St. opp. Bromfield	12.22.1913
1274	12.22.1913		Milk and Hawley Sts.	12.22.1913
1275	4.14.1959		Milk at Federal Sts.	4.14.1959
1281	12.09.1913		State at Kilby Sts.	12.09.1913
1282	8.19.1914	40	Water and Congress Sts.	4.14.1909
1283	8.19.1914	46 3/3	Milk and Oliver Sts.	1867
			High St. and Washington Sq.	4.28.1864
			High and Belmont Sts.	4.28.1852
1284	8.19.1914	753	Pearl and Franklin Sts.	2.03.1913
1285	1.21.1914	710	Broad and Franklin Sts.	9.10.1912
1286	8.19.1914	37 3/2	India and Central Sts.	8.16.1876

			India St. and Central Wharf	1860
			Broad and Central Sts.	4.28.1852
1287	7.14.1931		Broad and Water Sts.	7.14.1931
1291	1.15.1914	47 3/8	High and Oliver St. (see note)	1.15.1914
			Fort Hill Sq. Engine House No. 25	4.30.1880
			Atlantic Ave. opp. Rowes Wharf	3.17.1874
			Broad St. opp. Rowes Wharf	1860
			No. 148 Purchase St. (Adj. old Eng. 7 house)	1858
			Engine House No. 7, Purchase St.	1855
1292p	8.19.1914	51 3/4	Atlantic Ave. near 476	8.16.1955
			Atlantic Ave. and Pearl St.	9.21.1910
			Purchase and Pearl Sts.	1.00.1870
			Engine House No. 7, Purchase St.	1.01.1860
			No. 21 Purchase St. (near Federal St.)	4.28.1852
1293	12.09.1913		Atlantic and Northern Aves.	12.09.1913
1294	3.06.1914	792	Atlantic Ave. and East India Row	11.30.1973
			Atlantic Ave. at India Whf.	2.20.1914
			Atlantic Ave. at Metropolitan Steamship Co.	8.31.1906
			Metropolitan Steamship Co., India Whf.	11.25.1898
1295p	11.16.1973		Atlantic Ave. and Milk St.	11.16.1973
1296	1.26.1956	1257 38	Atlantic Ave. and State St.	11.08.1973
			Atlantic Ave. and Long Whf.	12.31.1872
1297p	2.05.1957		Purchase at Oliver Sts.	2.05.1957
1298	4.14.1959		High and Pearl Sts.	4.14.1959
1299	5.22.1989		Engine House 10, 125 Purchase St.	5.22.1989

Discontinued Boxes;

122	10.29.1954	12-1322	John F. Fitzgerald Exway, SB, nr Haymarket Sq.	10.29.1954
			Discontinued on 12.20.2003	
123	6.29.1934		Sumner Traffic Tunnel	6.29.1934
			Changed to Box 9611 on 7.23.2004	
124	11.10.1961		Callahan Traffic Tunnel	11.10.1961
			Changed to Box 616 on 6.15.1983	
125	3.02.1956		John F. Fitzgerald Exway, SB, at Commercial St.	3.02.1956
			Discontinued on 12.20.2003	
1261	2.19.1914	18 1/15	Brattle St. opp. Brattle Sq.	2.01.1929
			Brattle St., Quincy House (at 37 Brattle St.)	12.31.1871
			Brattle Sq. Church	early 1864
			Discontinued on 1.28.1964	
128	3.02.1956		John F. Fitzgerald Expressway, SB, at India St.	3.02.1956
			Discontinued on 12.20.2003	
129	3.02.1956		John F. Fitzgerald Expressway, SB, at Oliver St.	3.02.1956
			Discontinued on 12.20.2003	
1295	7.14.1931		Purchase St. and Belcher Lane	7.14.1931
			Discontinued on 12.08.1955	

Notes;

The original Fire Alarm Boxes in the downtown area used the District / Station number system.

One, two, and three digit numbers replaced the District / Station numbers on Apr. 28, 1864.

Due to the lack of numbers for new boxes, duplicate box numbers were introduced in 1875.

On January 1, 1882, the first numbers in the 700 series were used for street boxes.

They were originally used for boxes in schools and theatres, etc.

On December 28, 1893, some numbers in the low 400 series, formerly used in Charlestown, were reassigned to boxes in the North and West Ends to eliminate the single digit numbers.

In 1914, a new four digit number system was introduced and boxes in the North End were assigned numbers in the 1200 series.

The official record does not show that Box 1291 evolved from Box 47.

The letter p next to the box number indicates phantom box.