

(Pg. 1)
REPORT OF MULTIPLE ALARM FIRE

DIVISION 1

COMPANIES PRESENT

Engine Cos 21, 43, 17, 12, 7, 3, 24, 25,
40, 16, 42, 55, 32, 5, 13, 45,
Engine Cos 32, 10, 53, 50, 39, 56, 20, 34,
26, 9, 51, 53, 2, 28, 52, 18, 41, 33, 1
Ladder Cos 20, 7, 3, 4, 13, 18, 29

Box 7251

Total alarms sounded Five

Time

A.M.

1:39

P.M.

Location 26 Bellflower Street

Ward 7

Date

May 22, 1964

Other Cos Rescue Co.

20 Engines from outside cities
& towns also 3 ladder cos. 1 Res.

State alarm on which you responded 2nd. Were additional alarms sounded? Yes If so, state alarm

and by whom ordered 2nd. Fire Lieut Kennedy Lad. 20, 3rd 4th. D.F.C. Greene Dist. 6
5th. D.F.C. Clauss Additional calls by D.F.C. Clauss, Act. Chief of D pt. Clougherty

Time of alarms 1:39 P.M. 1:40 P.M. 1:43 P.M. 1:44 P.M. 1:46 P.M. 1:50 P.M.

1st.

2nd.

3rd.

4th.

8112 at 2:02 P.M.

1:50 P.M.

Chiefs present Act. Chief of Dept. Clougherty, Asst. Chief Howard, Act. Asst.

2:10 P.M.

2:22 P.M.

2:49 P.M.

Chief Flanagan, Deputy Fire Chief Clauss, Crehan, Dist. Fire Chiefs Greene
McElaney, Jeffers, Deputy Fire Chief Ash, Dist. Fire Chief Thompson Dist. 7 & off duty
Force under command of Act. Chief of Dept. Clougherty Chiefs Marino Dist. 5

Sikora & McMahon Hdqtr

Part of building where fire originated rear 26 Bellflower street is indicated.

Did fire extend beyond floor or building where it originated? Yes

If so, state where and to what extent Completely involved buildings at # 26, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25,
18, 27, 28, 29, 30, Bellflower ST 25, 29, 31, 37, 41 Dorset St. all three family dwellings.

Partially involved buildings at # 7, 14, 16, 31 Bellflower St. 22, 24, 26 Howell St.

21 Dorset St. 140-142 Boston St.

Number, size and kind of streams used 42 Boston Pipes 1", 12-1 1/2" tips

This refers to the size of nozzles or tips used.

42 hand lines, 12 deck guns, also hand lines by companies from outside cities

State whether they were attached to hand lines, guns, towers, or other appliances.

and towns.

Height 3 Construction Third

In stories

State whether first class, second class, third class or metal.

Approximate dimensions in feet: Front 30

Depth 60

Height 45

Occupancy Three family dwellings

Was building equipped with a sprinkler system? No

If so, kind

Did it operate?

If not, state why

Wet or dry.

If it operated, how many heads opened?

Did fire department connect a line or lines to the

Approximately

Siamese connection?

If so, did lines operate into system?

Pressure on lines?

Was building equipped with a standpipe system? No

Was it used to control this fire?

Was standpipe in adjoining or adjacent building used to control this fire?

Fire building	\$18,000	Contents	\$18,000
Where fire originated.			
Other building: Location	18 Bellflower St.	Building	\$18,000
		Contents	\$18,000
Other building: Location	20 Bellflower St.	Building	\$18,000
		Contents	\$18,000
Other building: Location	22 Bellflower St.	Building	\$18,000
		Contents	\$18,000

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- (B) Placing of lines of hose, wagon guns, towers, fire boats, etc;
- (C) Placing of aerial and other ladders;
- (D) Placing of lighting plants and other companies;
- (E) Use of other equipment (compressors, wrecker, etc.).

NOTE: Designate companies by number, that is - E. 22, E. 15; L. 8, L. 15; R. 1; T. 2; L. P. 2; etc.

Fire building

Contents

Where fire originated

Truck			
Other building: Location	Bellflower St.	Building Undetermined	Contents
Automobile		1955 Pontiac	
Other building: Location	Bellflower St.	Building \$600	Contents
Automobile		1957 Ford	
Other building: Location	Bellflower St.	Building \$800	Contents

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Fire building	Where fire originated	Contents
Automobile		1955 Pontiac
Other building: Location	Bellflower St.	Building \$600 Contents
Automobile		1963 Cadillac
Other building: Location	Bellflower St.	Buildingx \$3000 Contents
Automobile		1963 Chevrolet
Other building: Location	Bellflower St.	Building \$2000 Contents

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Fire originating

Contents

Where fire originated.

Other building:	Location	24 Howell St.	Building	\$1000	Contents
Other building:	Location	26 Howell St.	Building	\$1000	Contents
Other building:	Location	21 Dorset St.	Building	\$4000	Contents

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Fire building	Where fire originated	Contents
Other building:	Location 31 Bellflower St.	Building \$3000 Contents
Other building:	Location 140-142 Boston St.	Building \$2000 Contents
Other building:	Location 22 Howell St.	Building \$1000 Contents

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Fire building	Where fire originated.	Contents		
Other building:	Location 7 Bellflower St.	Building	\$500	Contents \$500
Other building:	Location 14 Bellflower St.	Building	\$5000	Contents
Other building:	Location 16 Bellflower St.	Building	\$8000	Contents

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Fire building

Contents

Where fire originated.

Other building: Location	31 Dorset St.	Building	\$18,000	Contents	\$18,000
Other building: Location	37 Dorset St.	Building	\$18,000	Contents	\$18,000
Other building: Location	41 Dorset St.	Building	\$18,000	Contents	\$18,000

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Fire building	Where fire originated.	Contents
Other building: Location 30 Bellflower St.	Building \$18,000	Contents \$18,000
Other building: Location 25 Dorset St.	Building \$18,000	Contents \$18,000
Other building: Location 29 Dorset St.	Building \$18,000	Contents \$18,000

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Fire building	Where fire originated.	Contents
Other building: Location 27 Bellflower St.	Building	\$18,000 Contents \$18,000
Other building: Location 28 Bellflower St.	Building	\$18,000 Contents \$18,000
Other building: Location 29 Bellflower St.	Building	\$18,000 Contents \$18,000

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Other building: Location 23	Bellflower St.	Building	\$18,000	Contents \$18,000
Other building: Location 24	Bellflower St.	Building	\$18,000	Contents \$18,000
Other building: Location 25	Bellflower St.	Building	\$18,000	Contents \$18,000

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Pg. 12 Box 7251-5 alarms STORY OF FIRE
Div. 1

I responded from Tour of Division in Division Auto

reaching the fire in about 4 minutes and on arrival found D.F.C. Greene Dist. 6 in command
Write story of the fire in chronological order, describing the conditions found on arrival and where the companies and chief officers were placed and how they were employed to control the fire.)

I responded to the fire from a tour of the division on receipt of a second alarm by radio ordered by Fire Lieut. Kennedy Ladder 20 and while enroute to the fire third and fourth alarms were ordered by D.F.C. Greene. On arrival I assumed command and found several three family dwellings on Bellflower Street completely involved and fire threatening to spread out of control in the area. I ordered a fifth alarm by radio and directed all companies coming into the area to operate big lines in an effort to surround the fire area. On being informed that a number of buildings on Dorset Street were involved in fire I ordered five additional Engine companies to be sent to the fire and operate from that area. When fire threatened to extend to buildings on Howell St. and continued to involve additional buildings on Bellflower Street a request for all available help was ordered by radio. I ordered companies coming in to the area to operate lines and guns on Bellflower, Dorset Street and lines at the rear of buildings on Howell Street. Because of the long lines it was necessary to supplement lines operating on the fire and boost pressure on deck guns in operation. I directed the operations of the various companies from the Boston Street side of the fire on Bellflower, Howell and Dorset Streets until the arrival of additional help at the fire. On arrival of Act. Chief of Dept. Clougherty he assumed the overall command at the fire and he ordered additional Engine and Ladder companies to the fire and also to have the area patrolled for possible fires starting from flying brands and sparks. Asst. Chief Howard, Act. Asst. Chief Flanagan, Deputy Fire Chief Crehan, Dist. Fire Chiefs McElaney, Thompson Dist. 7, Marino Dist. 5 assisted in operations throughout the fire area. Engine companies from the outside cities and towns were deployed throughout the fire area to assist in any place where needed, and Ladder companies from outside cities and towns were used in operations to contain the fire. As operations continued and the spread of the fire was halted Chief Clougherty dismissed the outside cities and towns and had all Boston companies advance lines directly into the fire area and cool the terrific heat from collapsed buildings and wet down the entire area. As conditions warranted Chief Clougherty dismissed Engine and Ladder companies that were not needed at the fire and the Asst. Chiefs and additional Chiefs at the fire were dismissed as conditions permitted. When fire was thoroughly contained additional Engine and Ladder Companies were returned to quarters and the recall signal was terminated by order of Chief Clougherty. As progress was continued Chief Clougherty ordered detail lines to be set up throughout the area then he left the fire placing me in charge of operations. When the day platoon was relieved by the night platoon lights were set up to cover the entire fire area and I informed Deputy Chief Ash of the proceedings at the fire. He continued to have companies operate on the fire area well into the night overhauling all possible fire area that could be safely worked in. Because of the condition of many of the buildings in the area it was not possible to safely work in them during the hours of darkness and it was necessary to overhaul in areas where danger to the operating force was at a minimum. Detail companies were brought into the fire and lines were set up to cover the entire area, then Chief Ash ordered the all out signal to be sounded. Due to the large area and different streets involved in this fire it was not possible to keep the Chief of Department informed of conditions at all times but all efforts to coordinate the operations were used by the individual in charge of each area. Companies were used at the fire location for several days afterwards to overhaul fire that was turned up when buildings were demolished and trucked from the area. The building department surveyed the area and when all debris was removed the department detail was discontinued and lines were made up.

The following initials shall be used to indicate the various types of appliances used in fighting ship fire. **Note:** Initials shall be about 1" in size with a box drawn around them.

SHL 1 1/2" hand line
EHL 2 1/2" hand line
SFL 1 1/2" hand line with fog nozzle
LFL 2 1/2" hand line with fog nozzle
WG wagon gun
WGF wagon gun with fog nozzle
DG deck gun
TG turret gun
MG monitor gun
PG portable gun
LP ladder pipe
SE smoke ejector
FG foam generator
MFP mechanical foam pick-up tube

WT water tower
FB fireboat
SL standpipe line
AL aerial ladder
GL ground ladder
RL roof ladder
CP cellar pipe
CPF cellar pipe with fog nozzle
DN distributor or Bresnan nozzle
RP rail pipe
PB pup boat
HP hose pontoon
CU cardox unit
LN life net

USE THIS SPACE FOR SHIP FIRE

Name of ship _____ Type of ship _____
Where tied up? _____ Part of ship where fire started _____
Did fire extend? _____ If so, state where _____
Approximate size: Length _____ feet. Beam _____ feet. Type of cargo _____
Loss: Cargo _____ Ship _____ Was ship sunk or beached? _____

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION

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Frederick P. Claus
JUL 1 1964 Deputy Chief

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