

(August, 1922)

FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES.

Maj. William J. Casey, Acting Commissioner, has presented the following report relative to the activities of the Fire Department for the month of July, 1922:

CITY OF BOSTON,
FIRE DEPARTMENT,
August 5, 1922.

HON. JAMES M. CURLEY,
Mayor of Boston:

DEAR SIR,—In accordance with your Honor's circular letter No. 3, I submit herewith a report of the activities of the Fire Department for the month of July, 1922:

On July 13, 1922, the horse-drawn steam fire engine in service with Engine Company 6, Leverett street, was replaced by a motor-driven American LaFrance combination 750-gallon pumper and hose car, displacing three horses. The old apparatus was placed in reserve.

On July 19, 1922, the horse-drawn steam fire engine in service with Engine Company 12, Dudley street and Blue Hill avenue, was replaced by an American LaFrance motor-driven combination 750-gallon pumper and hose car. At the same time the horse-drawn hose wagon in service with this company was replaced by an American LaFrance motor-driven combination hose and chemical car. These changes displaced five horses. The old apparatus was placed in reserve.

On July 21, 1922, the horse-drawn steam fire engine in service with Engine Company 24, Quincy and Warren streets, was replaced by an American LaFrance motor-driven combination 750-gallon pumper and hose car. At the same time the horse-drawn hose wagon in service with this company was replaced by an American LaFrance motor-driven combination hose and chemical car. These changes displaced five horses. The old apparatus was placed in reserve.

Chemical Company 10, Dudley and Winslow streets, Roxbury, was disbanded on July 28, 1922, and the members of the company reassigned to strengthen other companies in the department. The disbanding of this company is in line with the policy of abolishing chemical companies throughout the city, in view of the fact that all the motor-driven hose cars are now equipped with chemical tanks.

Arrangements have been made to install a new fire alarm box at the corner of La Grange street and Brook Farm road, West Roxbury district.

"Field Practice," a manual published by the National Fire Protection Association, has been distributed to the chief officers and men detailed on inspection work.

In the schools of the department twenty-five officers and men have completed the course of instruction in the care and operation of automobiles; twenty men have completed the course of instruction in the operation of gasoline pumping engines, and eight men were instructed in the operation of steam fire engines.

The various branches of the department have performed their duties in a proper and satisfactory manner.

Yours very truly,

WILLIAM J. CASEY,
Acting Fire Commissioner.