GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 1

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, JANUARY 5, 1953

I. CHANGES IN NEAREST BOX NUMBERS

1. Changes in the number of the nearest box struck following a General Alarm Corporation, Boston Automatic or American District Telegraph signal shall be made on the running cards of these respective companies as follows:

General Alarm Corporation Signal	Drop Box	Add Box
65	4176	4185
Boston Automatic Fire Alarm		
1335	4177	4187
1336	4177	4187
American District Telegraph		
12	4176	4185
123	12-4177	12-4187
287	4181	4184
356	4156	417
357	4156	417
569	4178	4188
694	4168	4179
733	4176	4185

II. NEW INSTRUCTION CARDS

New instruction cards of the alphabetical series, A to Z, are now being distributed throughout the department to become effective at 8:00 A. M., January 15, 1953.

Several additions and changes have been made on these instruction cards. Therefore, those concerned should study these cards carefully and be governed accordingly.

Some of the important additions and changes on the instruction cards are as follows:

1. The first company, if radio equipped, arriving at the scene of an alarm in the absence of a chief officer shall immediately notify Fire Alarm of their arrival. On receipt of this report of arrival, the receiving fire alarm operator shall announce the time. Recording the actual time of arrival of the Fire Department at the scene of an alarm is very important for department records.

2. When companies are dismissed from a fire or from the scene of an alarm, they shall report via radio, if so equipped, to Fire Alarm that they are returning to quarters, thereby informing Fire Alarm they are available for duty, if needed, while enroute to quarters. Exception: Shall not report when returning from false or needless alarms.

3. Covering companies, when relieved, shall report their leaving to Fire Alarm via telephone and proceed directly to their own quarters, unless otherwise ordered.

4. Whenever the full assignment is called for, Fire Alarm will transmit Signal 45 followed by the box number, two rounds on tappers and the balance of the first alarm assignment shall respond.

5. During the periods that Reduced Assignments are in effect in the districts concerned, should Fire Alarm receive, in advance, reasonable information to believe that a serious fire seems to be in progress in any such district, after the box number has been transmitted, Fire Alarm shall strike Signal 45 followed by the box number, two rounds on tappers and the balance of the first alarm assignment shall respond.

6. When Reduced Assignments are in effect and first alarms are received from two boxes and the first two engine companies and the first ladder company assigned to respond to the second box have already responded to the first box, the response to the second box shall be the balance of the first alarm assignment of the second box.

7. Fire Alarm shall act, when necessary, to maintain the proper complement, subject to abnormal conditions.

8. An officer, (including a senior man in charge of a company), responding to alarms during Reduced Assignment periods, and upon arrival, assumes charge, (due to the absence of a superior in rank), must promptly order additional companies if in his judgment such is needed. This may be done by radio or by telegraph key.

9. Whenever Reduced Assignments are in effect, the regulations governing the response of inverted pyramid companies and chief officers shall not apply to box alarms from within the districts concerned.

10. Several of the first alarm box numbers and all the second alarm box numbers requiring the starting of the High Pressure pumps have been dropped.

11. The High Pressure System can be ordered into operation if needed by the officer in command, wherever it can be used at a fire for which the box number struck does not require the High Pressure System to automatically operate.

(Company commanders shall retain in their custody all the cards replaced until they are called for.)

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MICHAEL T. KELLEHER

John V. Stapleton
Chief of Department

The last General Order in the 1952 series was #67.

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 3

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, JANUARY 16, 1953

I. RESIGNATION

1. The following resignation which became effective at 8:00 A. M., Wednesday, January 14, 1953 is hereby announced:

Hoseman Robert J. Roy, Jr. Rescue Co. 2

II. RETURN TO DUTY FROM ARMED FORCES

1. The following-named member who was serving in the U. S. Navy on the date of his appointment, November 19, 1952, returned to duty in the department at 8:00 A. M., December 17, 1952:

M. O. P. JOSEPH F. RORKE Ladder Co. 10

III. TRANSFERS

1. The following transfers will become effective at 8:00 A. M., Wednesday, January 21, 1953:

Hosn. John J. Hurley	from Engine 46 to Engine 54
Ladn. Paul N. Thoresen	from Ladder 27 to Engine 46
Hosn. Lorenzo D. Merrill	from Engine 52 to Ladder 27

IV. FIRE ALARM BOXES INSTALLED

1. The following fire alarm box, which was established in General Orders No. 57, dated October 31, 1952, has been installed and connected into Circuit No. 26:

235 - Brookline Avenue, Pilgrim Road and Riverway

Company commanders will add Box 235 to Circuit Card No. 26.

2. The following fire alarm boxes, which were established in General Orders No. 64, dated December 12, 1952, have been installed and connected into circuits indicated:

6224 - Bennington and Wordsworth Streets	Circuit No. 6
6226 - Bennington and Trident Streets	Circuit No. 6
6249 - Bennington and Ashley Streets	Circuit No. 29

Company commanders will add Boxes 6224 and 6226 to Circuit Card No. 6 and Box 6249 to Circuit Card No. 29.

3. The following fire alarm boxes, which were established in General Orders No. 63, dated December 2, 1952, have been installed and connected into Circuit No. 42:

2846 - Brook Farm Road and Lyall Street
2848 - Ledgewood Road and Cricket Lane

Company commanders will add Boxes 2846 and 2848 to Circuit Card No. 42.

4. The following fire alarm box, which was established in General Orders No. 64, dated December 12, 1952, has been installed and connected into Circuit No. 35:

2351 - Brookline Avenue and Deaconess Road

Company commanders will add Box 2351 to Circuit Card No. 35.

V. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW FIRE ALARM BOXES

1. In the near future, the following fire alarm boxes will be installed in the Housing Project area located on Washington Street near Beech Street:

2673 - Beechland Street, opposite No. 16
2674 - Beechland Street and Farrington Avenue

2. The assignment of apparatus for the above fire alarm boxes will be the same as for Box 2797.

3. Assignment cards for these two fire alarm boxes will be distributed at a later date.

4. Circuit numbers for these two fire alarm boxes will be announced when the boxes are installed.

VI. CHANGE IN CIRCUIT NUMBER FOR FIRE ALARM BOXES

1. The following fire alarm boxes have been removed from Circuit No. 35 and connected into Circuit No. 26:

12-2353 - Beth Israel Hospital, 330 Brookline Avenue
2354 - Pilgrim Road and Short Street
2356 - Francis Street and Brookline Avenue

2. The following fire alarm box has been removed from Circuit No. 26 and connected into Circuit No. 35:

2359 - Longwood Avenue and Riverway

3. Company commanders will delete the first three boxes from Circuit Card No. 35 and add these boxes to Circuit Card No. 26.

4. Company commanders will delete Box 2359 from Circuit Card No. 26 and add to Circuit Card No. 35.

VII. BOSTON AUTOMATIC ASSIGNMENTS

1. Company commanders will add the following signal numbers to running cards of the Boston Automatic Fire Alarm Division of the Automatic Fire Alarm Company in this department:

Signal 1634 - 58 Bowdoin Ave., Bowdoin Avenue Convalescent Home
Apparatus to respond: Engine 18, Ladders 23, 29, District Chief 10. Nearest box is 3324.

Signal 1635 - 7 Harris Avenue, Harris Avenue Convalescent Home
Apparatus to respond: Engine 28, Ladders 10 & 16, District Chief 12. Nearest box is 2462.

The foregoing are manual alarms in nursing homes.

VIII. COMMENDATIONS

1. The Fire Commissioner wishes to commend all members of the department who responded to and worked at fire, Box 2423, three alarms, at the Parley Vale Nursing Home on December 31, 1952, particularly those who responded on the 1st alarm and those members off duty who responded and assisted in removing all occupants of the Home to safety.

2. The following named are hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 2423, 3 alarms, on December 31, 1952, while off duty:

Lieut. Joseph F. Amrhein	Lad.16	Ladn. Joseph R.Williams	Lad. 4
Ladn. Leo E. Conley	Lad.10	Ladn. Francis J. Dowling	Lad.32

3. Ladderman Charles Wilson, Ladder 4, is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 3146, 2 alarms, on January 5, 1953, while off duty.

IX. ADJUSTMENT IN RULES & REGULATIONS OF THE BOSTON FIRE DEPT.

1. The following adjustment shall be made in Rule 224, Section (a):

Strike out: (last sentence) "Companies that have made two or more covering movements in response on a multiple alarm and have not reached the fire, shall, when relieved, return in reverse order to the movements toward the fire, unless otherwise ordered by the Fire Alarm office."

Add: "Covering companies when relieved shall report their leaving to Fire Alarm via telephone and proceed directly to their own quarters, unless otherwise ordered."

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MICHAEL T. KELLEHER

John V. Stapleton
Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 4

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, JANUARY 23, 1953

1953 MARCH OF DIMES

1. His Honor, Mayor John B. Hynes has appointed City Treasurer Daniel M. Driscoll as Chairman of the city employees for the 1953 March of Dimes Campaign. All city departments have been asked to take an active part in this most needy and worthy cause. The Fire Commissioner requests the cooperation of members of the Fire Department in supporting this drive.

2. This appeal is part of a nationwide effort to fight Polio. One half of the funds raised in Suffolk County are spent here, mostly for patient care. Proper care of a polio victim frequently prevents and always minimizes permanent crippling; but it is expensive. Without this help the little polio patient could not possibly get full-scale, adequate, expert care.

3. Last year, 1952, the members of the Fire Department donated $1722.75 to the campaign. As most of us know, the polio condition last year had far-reaching effects. The finances of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis were overtaxed.

4. A child stricken with Infantile Paralysis fights against heavy odds. It is a lonely battle, carried on from an iron lung, a wheelchair or from a pair of crutches. He can't win if he fights alone. The Dimes and Dollars You Give Voluntarily will help provide immediate care for those who are stricken with this dread disease. It will speed the day when all of us will be free from the fear of Polio.

5. Voluntary contributions are being solicited. Company commanders and heads of department branches are asked to interview each member of their commands and accept any contributions that may be offered. Distributed with this order are donation cards. Fill in stub and put amount on large end, with members' signatures on bottom line. Please put company number on upper left-hand corner of donation slips. Do not detach stub, but return entire slip.

6. In appreciation of donations of one dollar or more, each member donating such an amount will receive, upon receipt of his donation by the department collector, a cigarette lighter. These will be returned together with your donation receipt. Contributions, regardless of amount, are deductible for income tax purposes.

7. Contributions and donation cards, properly made out, should be forwarded to the department collector, Hoseman Robert T. Asquith of the Division of Civil Defense, Public Relations and Public Information, 194 Broadway, Boston, on or before Monday, February 2, 1953. Donations will be received from 9:30 A. M. to 4 P. M. on each weekday, except Saturday.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MICHAEL T. KELLEHER

John V. Stapleton
Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 5

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, JANUARY 27, 1953

I. ASSIGNMENT OF MEN ON PROBATION

1. The following assignments of Men on Probation which will become effective at 8:00 A. M., Wednesday, January 28, 1953 are hereby announced for the information of the department:

Joseph J. Donovan	to Ladder Co. 25
Frank N. Forte	to Engine Co. 30
Edward L. Civitarese	to Ladder Co. 30
James F. Reardon	to Engine Co. 31
Edward T. Saniuk	to Engine Co. 31
James L. McGrath	to Engine Co. 34
* William H. Foscaldo	to Engine Co. 56
Henry J. Servent	to Engine Co. 29
Robert E. Small	to Engine Co. 56

* Now in U. S. Marine Corps.

II. TRANSFERS

1. The following transfers will become effective at 8:00 A. M., Wednesday, January 28, 1953:

Lieut. Gerald A. Fleming	from Rescue 2 to Ladder 14
Hosn. John F. McCarthy	from Engine 56 to Ladder 6
Hosn. Rocco J. Baglio	from Engine 56 to Ladder 16
Hosn. George J. Carey	from Engine 51 to Engine 52
Hosn. Thomas J. Walsh	from Engine 29 to Engine 51
Hosn. Raymond R. Doldt	from Engine 47 to Engine 28
Hosn. James T. George	from Engine 31 to Engine 47
Hosn. John L. Mazzeo	from Engine 37 to Rescue 2
Hosn. Vincent T. Collins	from Engine 34 to Engine 37
Ladn. James H. Sexton	from Ladder 25 to Ladder 4
Ladn. Leo F. Rusk	from Ladder 30 to Engine 42
Hosn. Donald R. Mullen	from Engine 49 to Engine 19
Ladn. Robert J. Laubenstein	from Ladder 20 to Tower 2
Ladn. Charles A. Newell	from Ladder 19 to Ladder 20
Ladn. Melvin J. Durant	from Ladder 15 to Ladder 19

III. RESIGNATION

1. The following resignation which will become effective at 5:00 P. M., Wednesday, January 28, 1953 is hereby announced:

Clerk Raphael V. Hamaty — Headquarters Division

IV. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW FIRE ALARM BOXES

1. In the near future, the following fire alarm boxes will be installed:

12-2166 - Elm Hill Nursing Home, 237-241 Walnut Avenue
12-2954 - Altenheim, 2222 Centre Street

2. Company commanders will add Box 12-2166 to the assignment card for Box 2166 and place a star alongside Box 12-2166 and Ladder 23 to indicate the response of Ladder 23 on first alarm.

3. Company commanders will add Box 12-2954 to assignment card for Box 2954 and place a star alongside Box 12-2954 and Ladder 10 to indicate the response of Ladder 10 on first alarm.

4. The circuit number for these two boxes will be announced when the boxes are put into service.

V. CHANGE IN DESIGNATION OF FIRE ALARM BOXES

1. Fire Alarm Box 12-3855 was established in General Orders No. 6, dated January 23, 1952 and installed as given in General Orders No. 8, dated February 5, 1952.

2. The designation of this fire alarm box was given as "Boston Public School". This school has now been given the name "Hemenway School."

3. The designation of this fire alarm box will be changed to read as follows:

12-3855 - Hemenway School, 30 Millstone Road

4. Company commanders will make the above change on assignment card for Box 3855.

5. Fire Alarm Box 3853 now reads as follows:

3853 - Wolcott Street opposite Hemenway School

6. The Hemenway School on Wolcott Street has been abandoned. Company commanders will correct the designation on assignment card for Box 3853 by deleting the words "opposite Hemenway School."

VI. A.D.T. ASSIGNMENTS

1. Company commanders will add the following signal number to running cards of the American District Telegraph Co. in this department:

Signal 429 - Birms Realty Co., 119 Portland St. (Sprinkler)

Apparatus to respond: Engine 4, Ladder 24, District Chief 4.
Nearest box is 1321.

Signal 447 - DeMambro Radio Supply Co., Inc., 2-16 Brighton Ave. and 1103-1115 Commonwealth Ave. (Sprinkler)

Apparatus to respond: Engine 41, Ladder 14, District Chief 11.
Nearest box is 5114.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MICHAEL T. KELLEHER

John V. Stapleton
Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 6

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, FEBRUARY 12, 1953

I. THOMAS J. DRISCOLL

1. It is with deep regret that the Fire Commissioner announces the death, on February 3, 1953, of Hoseman Thomas J. Driscoll of the Fire Prevention Division. Hoseman Driscoll was appointed to the Fire Department April 14, 1913. He resigned on May 15, 1916 and was reappointed April 16, 1926.

2. The funeral was held from his late home, 35 Druid Street, Dorchester at 10:00 A. M., Friday, February 6, 1953, followed by services in St. Gregory's Church, Dorchester Avenue, at 11:00 A. M.

3. The Chief of Department made the customary detail to act as funeral escort and members of the Fire Prevention Division were excused from duty in order to attend the services.

II. A.D.T. ASSIGNMENT

1. Company commanders shall add the following signal number to running cards of the American District Telegraph Company in this department:

Signal 448 - Randall Faichney Corp., 299 Marginal St.
(Sprinkler)
Apparatus to respond: Engine 40, Ladder 2, District Chief 1.
Nearest box is 12-6113

III. 1953 HEART FUND

1. The 1953 Heart Fund Campaign is underway, and His Honor, Mayor John B. Hynes, has asked that all city employees cooperate in giving as much as their means will allow to this worthy cause.

2. Heart Fund envelopes are being issued to the department today, one envelope to each member. Those members who desire to contribute to this cause should place their donation in the envelope provided, print name, address and amount contributed in the spaces provided on the envelope, and seal the envelope.

3. The envelopes containing contributions should be forwarded to the department collector, Hoseman Robert T. Asquith, Division of Civil Defense, Public Relations and Public Information, 194 Broadway, Boston, on or before Friday, February 27, 1953. Envelopes will be received from 9:30 A. M. to 4:00 P. M. on each weekday except Saturday.

IV. HUMANE SOCIETY MEDAL AWARDED MEMBER

1. The Fire Commissioner is pleased to announce that the Massachusetts Humane Society has awarded a Silver Medal, Lapel Button and a $100.00 U. S. Defense Bond to Lieutenant Joseph F. White of Ladder Co. 24 in recognition of rescue work which he performed on September 4, 1952 and for which he has been highly commended in General Orders No. 47, dated September 10, 1952.

V. COMMENDATION

1. Laddermen John J. McHugh, Jr. and Russell J. Kelly of Ladder Co. 11 are hereby commended for extinguishing fire in the gasoline tank of a motor truck before the arrival of apparatus at Box 5135, January 28, 1953, while off duty.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MICHAEL T. KELLEHER

James J. Kane
Acting Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 7

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, FEBRUARY 27, 1953

I. RETIREMENT

1. The following retirement which will become effective at 5:00 P. M., February 28, 1953 is hereby announced:

Clerk-Stenographer Mary D. O'Hare Fire Prevention Division

2. Clerk-Stenographer O'Hare was appointed to the Fire Department April 2, 1943 and she leaves the department with the best wishes of her associates.

II. INSTALLATION OF FIRE ALARM BOXES

1. The following fire alarm box which was established in General Orders No. 64, dated December 12, 1952, has been installed and connected into Circuit No. 64:

5251 - Cambridge and Eleanor Streets

2. Company commanders will add Box 5251 to Circuit Card No. 64.

3. The following fire alarm box which was established in General Orders No. 66, dated December 24, 1952, has been installed and connected into Circuit No. 34:

12-2171 - Crestwood Nursing Home, 516 Warren Street

4. Company commanders will add Box 12-2171 to Circuit Card No. 34.

III. FIRE ALARM BOX RELOCATED

1. Fire Alarm Box No. 2445 will shortly be relocated from Old Fire Engine House 42 to the corner of Washington and Atherton Streets.

2. The designation of this fire alarm box will be changed to read as follows:

2445 - Washington and Atherton Streets

3. Company commanders will make the above change in assignment cards for Box 2445.

IV. CHANGE IN DESIGNATION OF FIRE ALARM BOXES

1. The designation on assignment cards for the following fire alarm boxes will be changed to read as shown below:

1651 - Washington Street, opposite West Dedham
5186 - Washington and Brock Streets
5193 - Kenrick Street, opposite Brayton Road
12-525 - Mt. St. Joseph Academy, 615-637 Cambridge St.
13-525 - Mt. St. Joseph Academy, 615-637 Cambridge St., old building
5264 - Leo M. Birmingham Parkway and Waverly Street
5265 - Western Avenue, opposite Mackin Street
12-5265 - William Wirt Warren School, 24 Waverly Street
13-5265 - James J. Storrow School, 17 Waverly Street
5266 - Leo M. Birmingham Parkway and Lincoln Street
12-5275 - St. Columbkille's Parochial School, Arlington and Leicester Streets
7223 - D. Street, opposite Gold, (AUX.) Norcross School

2. company commanders will make corrections given above on assignment cards for these various boxes.

V. BOSTON AUTOMATIC ASSIGNMENT

1. Company commanders shall add the following signal numbers to running cards of the Boston Automatic Fire Alarm Division of the Automatic Fire Alarm Company in this department:

Signal 1636 - 9 Revere St., Auburn House (Manual Alarm)
Apparatus to respond: Engine 28, Ladders 10-16, District Chief 12. Nearest box is 2524.

Signal 1637 - 296 Allston St., Brighton-Haynes Memorial (Manual)
Apparatus to respond: Engine 29, Ladders 11-34, District Chief 11. Nearest box is 5145.

Signal 1638 - 41 Waltham St.,Boston-Washingtonian Hosp.,(Manual)
Apparatus to respond: Engine 3, Ladders 3-17, District Chief 7. Nearest box is 1642.

VI. G.A.C. ASSIGNMENT

1. Company commanders shall add the following signal number to running cards of the General Alarm Corporation in this department:

Signal 444 - Columbia Packing Co., 155 Southampton St. (Wet sprinkler)
Apparatus to respond: Engine 23, Ladder 20, District Chief 6. Nearest box is 3112.

VII. A.D.T. ASSIGNMENT

1. Company commanders shall add the following signal number to running cards of the American District Telegraph Co. in this department:

Signal 576 - Beacon Auto Radiator Co., 110 Brookline Ave. (SPRINKLER) Apparatus to respond: Engine 37, Ladder 26, District Chief 8. Nearest box is 2346.

VIII. HIGH COMMENDATION

1. At. 2:09 P. M., February 12, 1953, the department responded to an alarm from Box 2134 for a fire in the dwelling house at 2 Hubbard Terrace, Roxbury.

2. Upon arrival at the fire, Lieut. Joseph P. Anderson and Hoseman Pompio J. Magistri of Engine Co. 12 were informed that two children were trapped in a second-floor apartment which was involved in fire. They entered the second-floor apartment, which had not been ventilated, made their way into the bedroom which was heavily charged with heat, smoke and flame, groped around until they found the two children in a bed, and carried them from the room. Both children suffered severe burns and were unconscious when taken from the premises.

3. Because of the fact that Lieut. Anderson and Hoseman Magistri performed the rescue work under very difficult conditions and exposed themselves to great personal risk, the Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend them highly, and their cases are referred to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MICHAEL T. KELLEHER
John V. Stapleton
Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 8

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, MARCH 3, 1953

1953 RED CROSS FUND CAMPAIGN FOR GREATER BOSTON

1. His Honor, Mayor John B. Hynes, has asked that all City employees contribute to the 1953 Red Cross Fund Campaign for Greater Boston which began March 1st and will continue during the month of March.

2. All members of the Fire Department are asked to participate in the drive for funds for this worthy cause, and the Fire Department quota has been set at $1,000.00.

3. Members are asked to contribute as generously as their means will permit. All contributions are welcome, no matter how large or small they may be.

4. The Fire Commissioner is confident that all members of the Department will give their customary fine support to the 1953 drive for funds.

5. Some of the tasks being accomplished by the Red Cross are as follows:

   (1) Providing for instant use tremendous amounts of blood plasma.

   (2) Training millions of persons in First Aid.

   (3) Services to the Armed Forces in Korea.

   (4) Other numerous relief programs are also undertaken by the Red Cross.

6. Pledge cards, one for each member of the department, are being issued with this order and company commanders are requested to interview members of their respective commands, including men on injured leave, and ask them to make a contribution. Pledge cards are to be filled out and returned to the Division of Civil Defense as soon as possible. Stubs on pledge cards should be filled out by company commanders and given to contributors as receipts. Company commanders will also sign in space allowed for solicitor's signature.

7. Company commanders shall place the completed cards, together with any money received, in Department envelopes, and seal the envelope. The company number should be placed on the front of the envelope together with the amount pledged and the amount actually paid.

8. The envelopes containing pledge cards and currency should be returned to Hoseman Robert T. Asquith, Division of Civil Defense, Public Relations & Public Information on or before March 27, 1953. Delivery of envelopes to 194 Broadway can be made on any weekday, and must be made between the hours of 9 and 11 A. M. (excluding Saturdays).

9. If additional pledge cards are required by companies, they can be obtained at Headquarters.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MICHAEL T. KELLEHER

John V. Stapleton
Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 9

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, MARCH 12, 1953

I. JAMES A. HOLLAND

1. It is with deep regret that the Acting Fire Commissioner announces the death on March 2, 1953 of Interior Electrical Inspector James A. Holland of the Electrical Inspection Division. Inspector Holland was appointed to the department May 1, 1940.

2. The funeral was held from the Bernard Kelly & Son Funeral Home, 8 Church Street, Dorchester, at 8:15 A. M., March 5, 1953, followed by services at St. Peter's Church, Bowdoin St., Dorchester at 9 A.M.

3. The Chief of Department made a special detail of uniform men to act as funeral escort, and members of the Electrical Inspection Division were excused from duty in order to attend the services.

II. INSTALLATION OF FIRE ALARM BOX

1. The following fire alarm box, which was established in General Orders No. 5 dated January 27, 1953, has been installed and connected into Circuit No. 13:

   12-2954 - Altenheim, 2222 Centre Street

2. Company commanders will add above box to Circuit Card No. 13.

III. CHANGE IN DESIGNATION OF FIRE ALARM BOX

1. The location of Fire Alarm Box 5276 is now given as Parsons and Niles Street.

2. The designation on assignment card for Box 5276 shall be changed to read as follows:

   5276 - Parson Street, opposite Niles

3. Company commanders will make above change on assignment card for Box 5276.

IV. BOSTON AUTOMATIC SIGNALS

1. Company commanders shall add the following signal numbers to running cards of the Boston Automatic Fire Alarm Co. in this department:

   Signal 1383 - 239 Medford St.
   Apparatus to respond: Engine 36, Ladder 22, District Chief 2. Nearest box is 4162.

   Signal 1384 - 243 Medford Street
   Signal 1385 - Bldg. No. 1 Front. Enter gate at 263 Medford St.
   Signal 1386 - Bldg. No. 2 Rear. Enter gate at 263 Medford St.
   Signal 1387 - Bldg. No. 3 Rear. Enter gate at 263 Medford St.
   Signal 1388 - Bldg. No. 4 Rear. Enter gate at 263 Medford St.
   ^Boiler Room

   Apparatus to respond to foregoing signals: Engine 36, Ladder 22, District Chief 2. Nearest box is 4164.

V. DISCONTINUANCE OF BOSTON AUTOMATIC SIGNAL

1. Notice has been received from the Boston Automatic Fire Alarm Company that the following signal has been discontinued:

   136 - 49 Beach Street corner of Tyler Street

VI. HOUSE JOURNALS

1. Company commanders shall submit to Headquarters on Form 5A on or before March 20, 1953 the quantity of House Journals that will be required for use at the Patrol Desks in their respective quarters for the period of one year from June 1, 1953.

VII. HIGH COMMENDATION

1. At 9:15 P. M., March 1, 1953, the department responded to an alarm from Box 2524 for a fire in the dwelling house at 41 Everett Street, Jamaica Plain.

2. Upon arrival at the scene, it was found that a portable oil burner had overturned in a second floor bedroom causing a fire and trapping two small children. Lieut. Raymond E. Favret of Ladder Co. 10 and Hoseman Edward H. Hanbury of Engine Co. 28 proceeded to the second floor, forced their way through a burning paper wallboard partition which blocked entrance to the bedroom, entered the room which was then fully involved with fire, heat and smoke where they found the two children and carried them to the street.

3. Because of the fact that Lieutenant Favret and Hoseman Hanbury performed the rescue work under very difficult conditions and exposed themselves to great personal risk (both men being partially overcome), the Acting Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend them highly, and their cases are referred to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

VIII. COMMENDATIONS

1. Hosemen Frank A. Qualls and James J. Loftus of Engine Co. 23 are hereby commended for attempting to recover the body of a six-year old boy who had fallen into a water-filled trench in the rear of 930 Massachusetts Avenue on January 22, 1953. Both men ran from the nearby quarters of Engine Co. 23 when informed of the accident and jumped into the water, which was 6-7 ft. deep, in an endeavor to locate the body of the child. Because of the temperature of the air and water, these men exposed themselves to possible physical disability.

2. Hoseman James W. Hounsell of Engine Co. 37 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 2516 on February 26, 1953, while off duty.

3. Engineer Francis G. Mearn of the Motor Squad is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 7137, two alarms, on March 9, 1953, while off duty.

BY ORDER OF ACTING FIRE COMMISSIONER JOHN V. STAPLETON

JAMES J. KANE
ACTING CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 10

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, MARCH 20, 1953

I. FIRE ALARM BOX INSTALLED

1. The following fire alarm box, which was established in General Orders No. 66 dated December 24, 1952, has been installed and connected into Circuit No. 38:

   12-2136 - Morest Nursing Home, 31 Moreland Street

2. Company commanders shall add Box 12-2136 to Circuit Card No. 38.

II. ADJUSTMENTS IN DISTRICT CHIEF ASSIGNMENTS

1. The following changes are to be made in assignment cards, effective at 12:00 Noon, Saturday, March 21, 1953:

   Boxes 7137, 715, 7151, 716, 7161, 7163, 7164, 7165: Second alarm to fire - Add District 5.

   Boxes 71 to 7133, inclusive, 7143, 7145, 7146: Fourth Alarm cover- Add District 7 to Division 2.

   7200 Series, except Box 7234: Second alarm to fire - Add District 5.

   Box 7234: Second alarm cover - Add District 5 to District 6.

   7300 Series: Second alarm to fire - Add District 5.

   Box 7414: Second alarm to fire - Add District 5. Second alarm cover- Add District 7 to Division 2.
   Fourth alarm to fire - Drop District 8. Fourth alarm cover - Drop District 5 to District 6.

   7400 Series, except Box 7414: Second alarm cover - Add District 5 to District 6.

   7500 Series: Fourth alarm cover - Add District 7 to Division 2.

III. RENUMBERING OF FIRE ALARM BOXES IN BRIGHTON

1. In order to make available numbers for additional fire alarm boxes that will be installed in the future, the fire alarm boxes in Brighton are being renumbered.

2. In general, Brighton will be divided into four parts: the 5100 series will start at Boston University Bridge, as at present, and extend to and include Washington Street; the 5300 series will start at Washington Street and extend to the Newton line, south of Washington Street; the 5200 series will start at Soldiers Field Road, as at present, and extend to and include Market Street; the 5400 series will start at the intersection of North Beacon and Cambridge Streets and extend to Newton and Watertown lines, including all boxes on Washington Street and north of Washington Street.

3. Boxes will be renumbered in groups. Gummed numbers will be distributed to the department for use on assignment cards.

4. On dates specified, company commanders will make changes on assignment cards and circuit cards as indicated.

5. Effective at 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, March 31, 1953, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered as given below:

PRESENT NO.	NEW NUMBER	CIRCUIT NO.	LOCATION
5161	531	73	Corey and Mt. Hood Roads
12-5161	12-531	51	Harriet A. Baldwin School, Corey Road & Washington Street
5162	5313	64	Commonwealth Ave. & Cummings Rd.
5165	5315	51	Lanark and Sutherland Roads
5164	5317	64	Lanark and Colliston Roads
5149	5322	73	Colborne and Ransom Roads
5147	5323	73	Euston and Claymoss Roads
5155	5325	73	Union Street & Monastery Road

6. Effective at 12:00 Noon, Thursday, April 2, 1953, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered as given below:

5156	5326	51	Nottinghill and Melton Roads
5154	5328	64	Union and Shepard Streets
5171	5331	73	Commonwealth Ave. and Wallingford Road
5173	5334	51	Chiswick and Lothian Roads
5174	5336	73	Chestnut Hill Ave. near Hatherly Road
5158	5337	51	Chestnut Hill Ave. and Wallingford Road
5169	5343	64	Englewood Ave. and Chiswick Rd.
5166	5345	73	Strathmore and Sutherland Rds.

7. Effective at 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, April 7, 1953, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered as given below:

5167	5346	64	Sutherland Rd & Chestnut Hill Av.
5168	5348	51	Strathmore & Orkney Roads
5179	5351	73	Metro. Pumping Station, Beacon St.
5172	5352	51	Commonwealth & Chestnut Hill Avs.
5175	5354	64	Chestnut Hill Ave. and South St. (AUX), Alexander Hamilton School
5176	5357	51	Commonwealth Ave. & Foster St.
5178	5359	64	Foster St. and Lane Park
5177	5361	51	Portina Rd. & Colwell Ave.

IV. COMMENDATION

1. Ladderman Donald F. Toomey of Ladder Co. 22 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 4178, March 17, 1953, while off duty.

BY ORDER OF ACTING FIRE COMMISSIONER JOHN V. STAPLETON

JAMES J. KANE
ACTING CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 11

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, March 30, 1953

I: RENUMBERING OF FIRE ALARM BOXES IN BRIGHTON

1. Company Commanders shall, on dates specified, make changes on assignment cards and circuit cards as indicated. Effective at 12:00 noon, Thursday, April 9, 1953, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered as given below:

PRESENT NO.	NEW NO.	CIRCUIT NO.	LOCATION
5181	5364	73	Chestnut Hill Avenue and Academy Hill Road
12-5181	12-5364	82	Commonwelath Post #1016, V. F. W., 29 Chestnut Hill Avenue
14-5181	14-5364	82	Winship School, Dighton St.
5184	5366	82	Mt. Vernon & Foster Streets
5183	5367	82	Glenmont Road and Trapelo Street (AUX.) Thomas A. Edison School
5185	5368	64	Foster Street, Opposite No. 172
12-5185	12-5368	64	St. Clement's Hall, 205 Foster Street
5191	5372	45	Lake Street and Undine Road
12-5191	12-5372	45	St. John's Seminary, St. Williams's Hall

2. Effective at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, April 14, 1953, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered as given below:

519	5374	45	Lake Street, opposite No. 100
5188	12-5374	45	St. John's Seminary, North Building
5192	5376	64	Lake and Kenrick Streets
5187	5377	82	Rogers Park Avenue and Willoughby Street
5189	5381	64	Lake Shore Road, Opposite No. 72
5193	5382	45	Kenrick Street, opposite Brayton Road
5195	5384	45	Bostonia Avenue and Regal St.
5197	5385	64	Langley Road, Opposite No.50

3. Effective at 12:00 noon, Thursday, April 16, 1953, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered as given below:

5196	5391	64	Breck Avenue and Brayton Rd.
5198	5394	45	Nonantum Street and Letitia Way
5194	5396	82	Tremont Street, near Tip Top
5199	5397	46	Tremont and Cufflin Streets
5255	5413	14	Montcalm Avenue and Murdock Street
5257	5415	14	Saybrook and Etna Streets

PRESENT NO.	NEW NO.	CIRCUIT NO.	LOCATION
5258	5417	21	Elmira and Glencoe Streets
527	542	21	Cambridge and Washington Sts.

4. Effective at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, April 21, 1953, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered as given below:

5271	5422	46	Washington and Market Streets
5253	5424	14	Sparhawk and Menlo Streets
5273	5425	14	Mapleton and Market Streets
5182	543		Washington and Parsons Streets
5272	5431	45	Parsons and Surrey Streets
5275	5433	64	Parsons and Arlington Streets
12-5275	12-5433	64	St. Columbkille's Parochial School, Arlington and Leicester Streets
5276	5437	46	Parsons Street, opposite Niles

5. Effective at 12:00 noon, Thursday, April 23, 1953, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered as given below:

5277	5439	82	Faneuil and Goodenough Streets
5281	544	46	Washington and Oakland Streets
5284	5442	82	South Hobart and Bennett Sts.
5286	5443	45	Faneuil and South Hobart Sts.
528	5445	45	Oakland and Faneuil Sts.(Aux.) James A. Garfield School
5186	5447	45	Washington and Brock Streets
5285	545	64	Turner and Hester Streets, (AUX.) Mary Lyon School
5283	5451	82	Washington and Fairbanks Sts.

6. Effective at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, April 28, 1953, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered as given below:

5282	5454	46	Washington and Brackett Sts.
5295	5455	64	Oak Square
12-5295	12-5455	45	Oak Square School, Nonantum Street
5291	5458	46	Fairbanks and Faneuil Sts.
5278	5462	45	North Beacon St., Opposite Vineland
5279	5464	46	Parsons Street and Electric Avenue
5267	5465	21	Brighton Abattoir
5269	5466	21	Warren Soap Manufacturing Co., Inc., 143 Abattoir Ave.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MICHAEL T. KELLEHER

John V. Stapleton Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 12

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, MARCH 31, 1953

I. RETIREMENT

1. The following retirement, in accordance with Section 57, Chapter 32 of the General Laws as amended, became effective at 8:00 A. M., Wednesday, March 25, 1953:

Engineer in Charge, Cardox Equipment, Edwin L. Lawson,
Maintenance Division

2. Engineer in Charge Lawson was appointed to the department on February 1, 1924, and he leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

II. INSTALLATION OF FIRE ALARM BOXES

1. The following fire alarm boxes which were established in General Orders No. 66, dated December 24, 1952 have been installed and connected into the circuits indicated:

Box 12-2351 Circuit No. 26 - Massachusetts Home, Inc. 65 Deaconess Road
Box 15-2423 " " 56 - Gerard Nursing Home, 62 Rockview St.

2. Company commanders shall add Box 12-2351 to circuit card No.26 and Box 15-2423 to circuit card No. 56.

III. BOSTON AUTOMATIC SIGNALS

1. Company commanders shall add the following signal numbers to the running cards of the Boston Automatic Fire Alarm Co. in this department:

Signal 314 - Museum of Science, Science Park, off Charles River Dam (Manual Alarm System, "P")
Apparatus to respond: Engine 6, Ladder 24, District Chief 4. Nearest box is 1344.

Signal 1426--19 North Square, Paul Revere Home
Apparatus to respond: Engine 8, Ladder 1, District Chief 4. Nearest box is 1244.

IV. NEW PAGES FOR BOSTON AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM BOOK

1. New pages, Nos. 34 and 38A for the Boston Automatic assignment book are being issued to the department today. Page No.34 will replace old page 34,(38A is new), which is to be returned to Headquarters in the envelopes provided on or before April 6, 1953.

IV. A.D.T. ASSIGNMENT

1. Company commanders shall add the following signal number to the running cards of the American District Telegraph Company in this department:

Signal 591 - Kenmore Enterprises, Inc., 81-93 Cambridge St.
Apparatus to respond: Engine 4, Ladder 24, District Chief 4. Nearest box is 1334.
(Sprinkler System)

V. COMMENDATIONS

1. Ladderman Paul R. Harvey of the Division of Civilian Defense, Public Relations and Public Information is hereby commended for responding to and extinguishing a fire at 12 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Still Alarm, before arrival of apparatus on March 19, 1953, while off duty.

2. The following named are hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 2252, four alarms, on March 19, 1953, while off duty:

Hoseman William J. Hammond	Engine Co. 33
Hoseman Vincent Dimino	Engine Co. 41
Ladderman Joseph R. Williams	Ladder Co. 4
Ladderman Henry J. Sheridan, Jr.	Ladder Co. 4
Ladderman William F. Burke	Ladder Co. 11
M. O. P. Walter J. Kearney	Ladder Co. 15
Ladderman LeRoy J. Mahoney	Ladder Co. 15
Hoseman Wilbert F. Rice	Engine Co. 10

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MICHAEL T. KELLEHER

John V. Stapleton
Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 13

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, APRIL 1, 1953

I: ANNUAL BALL

1. The Seventy-Fourth Annual Ball of the Boston Fire and Protective Departments will be held on Monday evening, April 6, 1953 at the Boston Garden.

2. The Fire Commissioner, Chief of Department, and the Trustees of the Firemen's Relief Fund request all members off duty on that evening to attend the ball in uniform. They would like to see as many as possible take part in the Grand March with their wives or sweethearts. It is a wonderful opportunity to show the citizens of Boston the type of men who are their firefighters.

3. Following is a brief outline of the program:

8:00 P. M.	Concert by Jimmy Hooley's Orchestra.
8:20	Musical selections by St. William's C. Y. O. Band, Dorchester.
8:40	Special Drill by Dorchester Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol - State Champion Drill Team, 1952.
9:00	Entrance of the Fire Commissioner, Chief of Department, and guests of the Boston Fire and Protective Departments, accompanied by the Boston Fire Department Honor Escort and Band.
9:15	Entertainment - Stars of Radio and Television. A fast moving show that all will enjoy. Music by Jimmy Hooley and his Orchestra.
10:30	Greetings by the President of the Boston Firemen's Relief Fund - William H. McClennan.
10:35	John E. Fitzgerald Medal Award Certificate for High Commendation by Fire Commissioner Michael T. Kelleher to be awarded to Hoseman John A. Hopkins, Engine Co. 14
10:40	Awarding of 40 and 25 year service buttons by Chief of Department John V. Stapleton. The following named members will represent their grades in the awarding of the service buttons: District Chief John A. Morrissey, District 4 Captain Raymond W. Frazel, Rescue Co. 2

Lieut. John F. Beecher, Engine Co. 15
Hsmn. John J. Mahoney, Engine Co. 11

10:45 Ceremony to Departed Members of the Boston Fire and Protective Departments by Department Chaplain, Very Reverend Monsignor Henry J. O'Connell

10:50 GRAND MARCH

11:00 P. M. to 1:00 A. M. General Dancing

4. The Floor Marshal will be William H. McClennan, Ladder Co. 8

5. Each district will detail one member to the Ball. Fire Alarm Division will detail two members.

6. Relief Fund Ticket Sellers are detailed to the Ball as Aides.

7. Trustees, Aides, and other members detailed to the Ball will be granted leave from 4:00 P. M., April 6th to 8:00 A. M., April 7th.

8. The Chief of Aides will be Lieut. William R. Lovett of Engine Company 13. All members of the department detailed to the Ball as Aides and members from the districts and Fire Alarm Division shall report to Lieut. William R. Lovett at 7:00 P. M. at the Press Gate, Boston Garden.

9. Members detailed will attend strictly to the duties assigned them.

10. Regulation uniform with white gloves shall be worn by all detailed members.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MICHAEL T. KELLEHER

John V. Stapleton

Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 14

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, APRIL 6, 1953

I: BOARD OF MERIT

1. The Board of Merit of the Boston Fire Department, consisting of the Chief of Department and the Deputy Chiefs, has considered all meritorious acts referred to it for the year 1952. After careful consideration and study the Board submitted the following recommendation which is hereby approved by the Fire Commissioner.

I: Case of Lieutenant Joseph F. White of Ladder Co. 24

The apparatus, upon receipt of a still alarm, at 7:19 P.M., September 4, 1952, responded to the Ames Building, 1 Court Street, Boston. Upon arrival at this location, department members observed a young man sitting on the edge of the roof, 188 feet above the sidewalk, threatening to jump into the street.

Lieutenant Joseph F. White of Ladder Company 24 proceeded to the roof and cautiously crawled toward the man who was threatening to jump. The man warned Lieutenant White that he would jump if he came any closer. Other people on the roof kept talking to the man while Lieutenant White slowly moved toward the self-intended victim.

During the conversation, the Lieutenant learned that he and the man had served in the same naval unit during World War II. He continued talking with him on this subject, passing him lighted cigarettes, and all the time, edging closer and closer.

At the opportune moment, Lieutenant White made a quick lunge, grasped the man by the arm, and with, what appeared to be superhuman effort, hurled him back onto the roof. The man put up a terrific struggle to get free but was subdued by others on the roof. When Lieutenant White secured his hold on the man, other people on the roof held the Lieutenant's legs in order to prevent both he and the self-intended victim from plunging 188 feet into the street.

This action on the part of Lieutenant White was above and beyond the call of duty and was carried out at great personal risk and with a total disregard for his own safety. He was highly commended in General Orders No. 47, series of 1952, for this courageous act.

The Board of Merit recommends that Lieutenant Joseph F. White be awarded the "John E. Fitzgerald" Medal.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MICHAEL T. KELLEHER

John V. Stapleton

Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 15

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, April 10, 1953

I: RENUMBERING OF FIRE ALARM BOXES IN BRIGHTON

1. Company Commanders shall, on dates specified, make changes on assignment cards and circuit cards as indicated. Effective at 12:00 noon, Thursday, April 30, 1953, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered as given below:

PRESENT NO.	NEW NO.	CIRCUIT NO.	LOCATION
5287	5471	46	Brooksdale Road and Falkland Street
5268	5472	45	Riverview Road, Opposite No. 44
5292	5475	46	Brooks and Newton Streets
5288	5478	82	Newcastle Road and Hobson St.
12-5288	12-5478	46	Hobart St. School, Hobart St.
5297	5481	45	Justin Road and Champney St.
5293	5482	45	Dunboy St. and Perthshire Rd.
5294	5483	82	Bigelow and Hardwick Streets

2. Effective at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, May 5, 1953, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered as given below:

5289	5484	45	Bigelow and Dunboy Streets
529	5486		Newton Street, near Charlesview
5298	5491	46	Washington and Matchett Streets
5296	5495	46	Perthshire Road and Matchett St.
5299	5496	64	Bellamy Street and Presentation Road
5128	5161	51	Long and Glenville Avenues
5131	5163	51	Islington and Armington Streets, (AUX.) Frederic A. Whitney School.
12-5131	12-5163	73	Andrew Jackson School, Armington Street

3. Effective at 12:00 noon, Thursday, May 7, 1953, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered as given below:

5132	5167	46	Gordon and Ridgemont Streets
5133	5162	82	Allston Street and Greylock Rd.
5135	5147	73	Commonwealth Ave. & Redford St.
5137	518	73	Commonwealth Ave. & Warren St.
12-5137	12-518	51	Marine Hospital, Boiler Room, Warren Street Entrance
13-5137	13-518	73	Marine Hospital, Building No. 2, Commonwealth Avenue Entrance
5141	5156	21	Kelton St. & Woodstock Avenue
5143	5158	51	Summit Avenue and Corey Road

4. Effective at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, May 12, 1953, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered as given below:

PRESENT NO.	NEW NO.	CIRCUIT NO.	LOCATION
5144	5171	21	Commonwealth and Summit Avenues
5145	5173	51	Allston Street and Melvin Ave.
5146	5176	51	Commonwealth Avenue and Washington Street
5148	5195	64	Washington St. and Fidelis Way
12-5148	5196	21	Brighton Housing Project, Fidelis Way, Opposite No. 35
13-5148	5197		Brighton Housing Project, Fidelis Way, Opposite No. 25
14-5148	5198	21	Brighton Housing Project, Fidelis Way, Opposite No. 18
15-5148	5177		Brighton Housing Project, Commonwealth Avenue and Fidelis Way

5. Effective at 12:00 noon, Thursday, May 14, 1953, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered as given below:

5151	5191	46	St. Elizabeth's Hospital
5153	5193	73	Washington and Snow Streets
5123	5134	51	Brighton and Harvard Avenues
12-5123	12-5134	14	Allston Theatre, 128 Brighton Avenue
5125	514	73	Commonwealth and Harvard Aves.
5126	5144	51	Brainerd Road and Gorham Street
5127	5138	21	Quint and Glenville Avenues
5129	5148	21	Brainerd Road and Walbridge St.

6. Effective at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, May 19, 1953, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered as given below:

5136	5151	51	Commonwealth Ave. & Allston St.
5142	5153	51	Allston Street and Bellvista Rd.
523	5165		Cambridge St. & Cambridge Terr.
5231	5131	82	Cambridge Street and Harvard Avenue, (AUX.) Washington-Allston School
5232	5164	73	Cambridge and North Beacon Sts.
525	5183	14	Cambridge and Saunders Streets
12-525	12-5183	46	Mt. St. Joseph's Academy, 615-637 Cambridge Street
13-525	13-5183	14	Mt. St. Joseph's Academy, 615-637 Cambridge Street, Old Building

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MICHAEL T. KELLEHER

John V. Stapleton Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 16

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HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, APRIL 14, 1953

I: ASSIGNMENT AS ENGINEERS

1. The following assignments which became effective at 8:00 A. M. Wednesday, April 8, 1953, are hereby announced:

Assistant Cardox Engineer Thomas F. Prendergast, Maintenance Division, to Engineer in Charge, Cardox System

Hoseman Thomas F. Fraher, Engine Co. 37, to Assistant Cardox Engineer

II: TRANSFER

1. The following transfer, which became effective at 8:00 A. M. Wednesday, April 8, 1953, is hereby announced:

Assistant Cardox Engineer Thomas F. Fraher from Engine Co. 37 to Maintenance Division

III: FIRE ALARM BOX ESTABLISHED

1. In the near future, the following fire alarm box will be installed:

12-3532 Frank Wood Convalescent Home, 1135 Morton Street

2. Company Commanders will add the above box to Assignment Card for Box 3532 and place a star alongside Box 12-3532 and Ladder 6 to indicate response of Ladder 6 on first alarm.

3. Circuit number for the above box will be announced later when the box is installed.

IV: CIRCUIT NUMBERS FOR BOXES INSTALLED

1. The two boxes listed below were installed on November 28, 1949 and June 18, 1950.

2. At the time of installing these boxes, the circuit numbers were not given to the department. These boxes were connected in the circuit indicated:

Box No.	Circuit No.	Location
12-4125	44	Hoosac Docks, Grain Elevator Stores
13-1481	4	New England Medical Center, Pratt Building, 30 Bennett Street

3. Company Commanders will add Box 12-4125 to Circuit Card No. 44 and Box 13-1481 to Circuit Card No. 4.

V: CORRECTION ON CIRCUIT CARD NO. 64

1. On Circuit Card No. 64, there is listed Box 12-1585.

2. This is in error, and this number should be corrected to read 12-5185.

3. Company Commanders will make the above correction on Circuit Card No. 64.

VI: BOSTON AUTOMATIC ASSIGNMENT

1. Company Commanders shall add the following signal number to running cards of the Boston Automatic Fire Alarm Division in this department:

Signal 1639: 69 Robeson Street, Jamaica Plain
Ann Schiller Ambulatory Home (Manual Alarm)

Apparatus to respond: Engine 42, Ladders 30 - 23, District Chief 12, Nearest box is 2545.

VII: G. A. C. ASSIGNMENT

1. Company Commanders shall add the following signal number to running cards of the General Alarm Corporation in this department.

445: Stop & Shop, Inc. 315 Centre Street (Sprinkler)

Apparatus to respond: Engine 14, Ladder 30, District Chief 12, Nearest box is 2415.

VIII: COMMENDATION

1. Ladderman Francis P. Dowling and John J. Hanbury of Ladder Co. 23 are hereby commended for alerting occupants of a burning building and assisting them to leave the premises before the arrival of apparatus at Box 2415 on March 30, 1953, and also, for working at said fire while off duty.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MICHAEL T. KELLEHER:

John V. Stapleton
Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 17

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, APRIL 24, 1953

I. RETIREMENT

1. The following retirement, in accordance with Chapter 347, Acts of 1892 as amended by Chapter 237, Acts of 1939, is hereby announced to become effective at 8:00 A. M., Wednesday, April 29, 1953:

Apparatus Operator Henry C. Bateman Engine Co. 54

2. Apparatus Operator Bateman was appointed to the department July 8, 1921, and he leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

II. FIRE ALARM BOXES INSTALLED

1. The following fire alarm boxes, which were established in General Orders No. 3 dated January 16, 1953, have been installed and connected into the circuits indicated:

2673 - Beechland Street, opposite No. 16 (Circuit No. 87)
2674 - Beechland Street & Farrington Avenue (Circuit No. 23)

2. Company commanders will add Box 2673 to Circuit Card No. 87 and Box 2674 to Circuit Card No. 23.

III. CORRECTION ON CIRCUIT CARD NO. 64

1. In General Orders No. 16, c.s., Paragraph V, request was made that Box 12-1585 on Circuit Card No. 64 be changed to read 12-5185. On April 9, 1953, Box 12-5185 was renumbered to read 12-5368.

IV. CHANGE OF TIME

1. Sunday, April 26, 1953, is the day required by law to make a change in clock time. In order to conform with the law, clocks in department stations will be set ahead one hour at 2:00 A. M. All tower clocks maintained by this department will be set ahead one hour at 6:00 A. M., or as soon thereafter as is practical, by the men regularly assigned to wind clocks.

V. A.D.T. ASSIGNMENTS

1. Company commanders shall add the following signal numbers to the running cards of the A. D. T. Company in this department:

Signal 519 - Sections #62, 63, 64, 65 and 68 (Sprinkler)
Signal 522 - Pier Shed, Section #5 to #9 (Sprinkler)
Signal 499 - Section #62, N.W. Corner, Outside (Manual Alarm)
Signal 587 - Pier Shed, Door #6 & Door #26, Outside (Manual Alarm)
Above signals on Long Wharf, Proprietors of Boston Pier.
Apparatus to respond to foregoing signals: Engine 25, Ladder 8, District Chief 4. Nearest Box is 1257.

2. Signal 593 - Loyal Mfg Co., Inc., 39 Damrell St.(Sprinkler)
Apparatus to respond: Engine 43, Ladder 20, District Chief 6. Nearest box is 7223.

3. Company commanders shall cancel Signal Numbers 64, 257, 258 and 259.

BY ORDER OF ACTING FIRE COMMISSIONER JOHN V. STAPLETON:
James J. Kane, Acting Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 18

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, APRIL 29, 1953

ANNUAL COMMUNION SUNDAY

1. The Tenth Annual Communion Sunday for Catholic members of the Boston Fire and Protective Departments will be held in the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Washington Street, Boston, at 9:00 A. M., Sunday, May 10, 1953.

2. The Celebrant of the Mass will be Department Chaplain, Very Reverend Monsignor Henry J. O'Connell; the sermon will be given by Right Reverend Matthew P. Stapleton, D.D., S.S.L.

3. The guest speaker for the breakfast will be Reverend Arthur J. Riley, Ph. D., National Historian of the Knights of Columbus. The toastmaster will be Fire Commissioner Michael T. Kelleher. His Honor, Mayor John B. Hynes will be present.

4. Upon completion of the Mass, members will form outside the church and march from there to the Hotel Bradford, Tremont Street, Boston, where the Annual Communion Breakfast will be held.

5. Regulation uniform with sack coat and white gloves shall be worn on this occasion.

6. Any member planning to attend the Mass will be excused from duty when relieved by his partner.

7. Members who desire to participate in the Annual Communion Sunday exercises are privileged to exchange time.

8. Members may have their sons accompany them at the Mass and at the breakfast.

9. This ceremony has become an established annual rite for the Catholic members of the department. For new members of the department inducted during the past year, it will be an opportunity to meet their spiritual leader and to make new contacts and friendships in the department during the breakfast. The Committee earnestly requests that all members off duty make every effort to attend the Mass and the breakfast. It is particularly requested that members possessing uniforms should wear same, although the lack of a uniform should not act as a deterrent for participation in the exercises. An especially fine program has been arranged for those attending.

10. A delegation of New York City firemen will be present at the Mass and Breakfast. The New York firemen will arrive in Boston on Saturday, May 9th. Members of this department are requested to extend every courtesy to our guests during their stay in this city. Aide to Deputy William H. McClennan will be host to the New York delegation.

11. Deputy Chief James J. Kane, Liaison Officer to Chaplain O'Connell, will be host of the department to all visiting guests and delegations.

12. COMMUNION BREAKFAST COMMITTEE

Honorary Chairman - Michael T. Kelleher

District Chief John A. O'Neill	Dists. 9 & 10
District Chief William F. Dewan	District 8
Captain John E. Broughton	Ladder 24
Lieut. John C. Kabachus	Fire Prev. Div.
Lieut. Gerard E. McGowan	Fire Prev. Div.
Lieut. Edward W. Sharkey	Engine 30
Lieut. George E. Graney	Engine 1
Lieut. Daniel J. McLoud	Boston Protective Dept.
Ladn. Martin E. Pierce	Ladder 17
Hosn. Robert A. Cook	Fire Prev. Div.
Hosn. Frank L. Mayo	Headquarters
Hosn. Frederick G. Hoppe	Engine 12
Hosn. Daniel F. Duffy	Engine 44
Hosn. Walter J. Stewart	Engine 53
Francis X. Cutler	Maintenance Division
Senior Operator Charles F. Connors	Fire Alarm Division

BY ORDER OF ACTING FIRE COMMISSIONER JOHN V. STAPLETON

James J. Kane

Acting Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 19

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, MAY 1, 1953

I: DANIEL F. HARRINGTON

1. It is with deep regret that the Acting Fire Commissioner announces the death, on April 27, 1953, of Ladderman Daniel F. Harrington of Ladder Co. 22. Ladderman Harrington was appointed to the Fire Department February 1, 1918.

2. The funeral was held from his late home, 5 Russell Street, Charlestown, at 8:00 A. M., Thursday, April 30, 1953, followed by services in St. Francis DeSales Church, Bunker Hill Street, Charlestown, at 9:00 A. M.

3. The Acting Chief of Department made the customary detail to act as a funeral escort, and members of Ladder Co. 22 were excused from duty in order to attend the services.

II: JOSEPH L. MURPHY

1. It is with deep regret that the Acting Fire Commissioner announces the death, on April 27, 1953, of Ladderman Joseph L. Murphy of Ladder Co. 26. Ladderman Murphy was appointed to the Fire Department July 16, 1937.

2. The funeral was held from his late home, 22 Gurney Street, Roxbury, at 9:00 A. M., Thursday, April 30, 1953, followed by services in the Mission Church, Tremont Street, Roxbury, at 9:45 A. M.

3. The Acting Chief of Department made the customary detail to act as a funeral escort, and members of Ladder Co. 26 were excused from duty in order to attend the services.

III: RETIRMENT

1. The following retirment, in accordance with Section 5 of Chapter 658, Acts of 1945, as amended, is hereby announced, effective at 5:00 P. M., Thursday, April 30, 1953:

   Interior Electrical Inspector Augustine C. Neville - Electrical Inspection Division.

2. Inspector Neville was appointed to the Electrical Inspection Division on July 20, 1906 and he leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

IV: FIRE ALARM BOXES INSTALLED

1. The following fire alarm box, which was established in General Orders No. 5, dated January 27, 1953, has been installed and connected into Circuit No. 91:

   12 - 2166 Elm Hill Nursing Home, 237-241 Walnut Avenue

2. Company Commanders will add the above box to Circuit Card No. 91.

3. The following fire alarm box, which was established in General Orders No. 16, dated April 14, 1953, has been installed and connected into Circuit No. 79:

12-3532 Frank Wood Convalescent Home, 1135 Morton Street

4. Company Commanders will add the above box to Circuit Card No. 79.

V: APPRECIATION

1. The Acting Fire Commissioner is pleased to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Mrs. Alice Goodman enclosing a check in the amount of $100.00 in appreciation of services rendered by members of the Fire Department on April 19, 1953, when Benny Goodman, nationally known orchestra leader, was suddenly taken ill while in Boston. The check will be turned over to the Boston Firemen's Relief Fund.

VI: COMMENDATION

1. Electrical Equipment Repairman Stephen A. Lydon of the Fire Alarm Division is hereby commended for sending in a still alarm for a fire on K Street, South Boston, on April 22, 1953. Repairman Lydon held the fire in check and worked at the fire upon arrival of the apparatus.

BY ORDER OF ACTING FIRE COMMISSIONER JOHN V. STAPLETON

James J. Kane

Acting Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 20

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, MAY 8, 1953

I. FIRE ALARM BOXES ESTABLISHED

1. In the near future the following fire alarm box will be installed:

   13-2351 Jimmy Fund Building, 35 Binney Street

2. The circuit for the above fire alarm box will be announced when the box is installed.

3. Company commanders will place a star alongside of Box 13-2351 to indicate the response of Ladder 15 on first alarm.

4. The auxiliary fire alarm boxes in the Jimmy Fund Building are connected to the master fire alarm box 13-2351. This master box is located near the telephone switchboard in the Children's Hospital, 300 Longwood Avenue.

5. In the near future the following fire alarm box will be installed:

   12-3415 Miner Home, 40 Mill Street

6. Company commanders will add the above box to assignment card for Box 3415 and place a star alongside of Box 12-3415 and Ladder 20 to indicate response of Ladder 20 on first alarm.

7. The circuit number for the above fire alarm box will be announced when the box is installed.

II. A.D.T. ASSIGNMENT

1. Company commanders shall add the following signal number to running cards of the American District Telegraph Company in this department:

   Signal 368 - Haffenreffer & Co., Inc., 30 Germania St.
   SPRINKLER
   Apparatus to respond: Engine 42, Ladder 30, District Chief 12. Nearest box is 2446.

III. BOSTON AUTOMATIC ASSIGNMENTS

1. Company commanders shall add the following signal numbers to running cards of the Boston Automatic Fire Alarm Company in this department:

   Signal 416 - 68 Summer St., 1st floor & basement
   Workingmen's Cooperative Bank

   Apparatus to respond: Engine 7, Ladder 8, District Chief 5. Nearest box is 1431.

   Signal 1641 - 232 Townsend St., Carlton's Nursing Home
   (P) Manual Alarm System

   Apparatus to respond: Engine 24, Ladders 23 & 30. Nearest box is 2164. District Chief 9.

IV. AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY CAMPAIGN

1. Pamphlets and pledge cards in connection with the 1953 American Cancer Society Compaign for funds are being issued to the department today. The requirements of the Society are explained in the pamphlets, and the assistance of all employees who feel that they can help this worthy cause is invited. The money obtained will be used to support research work, much of it in hospitals and clinics in Massachusetts, in order to furnish the medical profession with information necessary to combat this disease.

2. Company commanders are requested to call the drive for funds to the attention of the members of their respective commands and ask them to contribute to the Society.

3. Members of the department who desire to contribute will fill out pledge cards. Company commanders will accept donations from such members and the stub of the card is to be given to each contributor as a receipt for his donation.

4. Pledge cards and money should be forwarded to Hoseman Robert T. Asquith in the Division of Civilian Defense, Public Relations and Public Information, 194 Broadway on or before May 22, 1953. Delivery of money can be made on any weekday excluding Saturday and should be made between the hours of 9 A. M. and 4:30 P. M.

V. COMMENDATION

1. Hoseman Thomas W. Nee of Engine Co. 17 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 3183, May 5, 1953, while off duty.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MICHAEL T. KELLEHER

John V. Stapleton
Chief of Department

FILE

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 21

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, May 12, 1953

I: RENUMBERING OF FIRE ALARM BOXES IN BRIGHTON

1. Company Commanders shall, on dates specified, make changes on assignment cards and circuit cards as indicated. Effective at 12:00 noon, Thursday, May 21, 1953, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered as given below:

PRESENT NO.	NEW NO.	CIRCUIT NO.	LOCATION
5251	5184	64	Cambridge and Eleanor Streets
5252	5185		Cambridge and Dustin Streets
12-5254	12-5185	51	William H. Taft School, Cambridge and Warren Streets
5254	5186	73	Cambridge and Sparhawk Streets, (AUX.) Brighton High School
5259	519		Cambridge and Elko Streets
5121	5126	64	Pratt and Ashford Streets
5122	5127	51	Farrington Avenue and Linden St.
5124	5136	14	Brighton Avenue and Allston St.

2. Effective at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, May 26, 1953, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered as given below:

5233	529	46	North Beacon and Gordon Streets
5234	5253	73	Braintree Street and Denby Road
5237	5255	45	Lincoln Street, near Everett
12-5237	12-5255	46	Boston & Albany Railroad Shops, Lincoln Street
5248	5271	21	Western Avenue and Telford St.
5249	528	14	Western Avenue, near Waverly St.
5256	5292	64	North Beacon and Dustin Sts.
5261	5276	82	Litchfield and Cygnet Streets

3. Effective at 12:00 noon, Thursday, May 28, 1953, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered as given below:

5262	5286	45	South Waverly and Lincoln Sts.
5263	5285	14	Waverly and South Waverly Sts.
5264	5282	21	Leo M. Birmingham Parkway and Waverly Street
5265	5281	14	Western Avenue opposite Mackin Street
12-5265	12-5281	14	William Wirt Warren School, 24 Waverly Street
13-5265	13-5281	14	James J. Storrow School, 17 Waverly Street
5266	5288	82	Leo M. Birmingham Parkway and Lincoln Street
5274	5294	21	North Beacon and Market Sts.

4. Effective at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 2, 1953, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered as given below:

PRESENT NO.	NEW NO.	CIRCUIT NO.	LOCATION
5217	5234	21	North Harvard Street and Coolidge Road
5218	5248	21	Myrick and Bayard Streets
5219	5231	14	Travis and Kingsley Streets, (AUX.) David L. Barrett School
5241	5247	82	Franklin and Aldie Streets
5243	5261	82	Appian Way and Raymond Street
5244	5262	14	Athol and Brentwood Streets, (Aux.) Thomas Gardner School
5227	5264	14	North Harvard Street and Western Avenue
5228	5266	82	Western and Speedway Avenues

5. Effective at 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 4, 1953, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered as given below:

5235	5251	51	Everett Street, opposite No.52
5214	5238	14	Cambridge and North Harvard Streets
5245	5274	21	Everett and Holton Streets
12-5245	12-5274	14	Old Cordage Works, Western Avenue and Everett Street
5215	5241	21	Cambridge and Mansfield Streets
5216	5244	14	Hooker and Holman Streets
5115	5121	64	Commonwealth Avenue and St. Lukes Road
5116	5124	46	Brighton Avenue and Chester St.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MICHAEL T. KELLEHER:

John V. Stapleton

Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 22

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, MAY 25, 1953

I: DANIEL P. McLAUGHLIN

1. It is with deep regret that the Acting Fire Commissioner announces the death on May 12, 1953 of Ladderman Daniel P. McLaughlin of Ladder Co. 20. Ladderman McLaughlin was appointed to the department on November 3, 1943.

2. The funeral was held from the Timothy J. Mahoney and Sons Funeral Home, 644 Dudley Street, Roxbury at 8:00 A. M., Friday, May 15, 1953, followed by services in St. Paul's Church, Hartford Street, Dorchester at 9:00 A. M.

3. The Chief of Department made the customary detail to act as a funeral escort and the members of Ladder Co. 4 were excused from duty in order to attend the services.

II: RETIREMENT

1. The following retirement in accordance with provisions of Section 7, Chapter 658, of the Acts of 1945 ishereby announced to become effective at 8:00 A. M., Monday, June 1, 1953:

Lieutenant George J. McNulty - Ladder Co. 26

2. Lieutenant McNulty was appointed to the department on July 16, 1937 and he was promoted to the grade of Lieutenant on March 17, 1948. He leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

III: A. D. T. ASSIGNMENT

1. Company Commanders shall add the following signal number to running cards of the American District Telegraph Company in this department:

Signal 597: Seal Tanning Company
103 - 109 South Street
(Sprinkler System)

Apparatus to respond:
Engine 7, Ladder 8, District Chief 5
Nearest Box is 1434

IV: G. A. C. ASSIGNMENT

1. Company Commanders shall add the following signal number to running cards of the General Alarm Corporation in this department:

Signal 446: Enterprise Realty Co.,
2263 Washington Street (Sprinkler)
Appratus to respond: Engine 14
Ladder 4, District Chief 8
Nearest Box is 2124

V: TRANSFERS

1. The following transfers, effective at 8:00 A. M., Wednesday, May 27, 1953, are hereby announced:

Lieut. George H. Paul	from Ladder 23 to Ladder 26
Hsmn. Paul R. Harvey	from Division of Civil Defense, Public Relations and Public Information to Ladder 14
Hsmn. Leo J. Keefe	from Division of Civil Defense, Public Relations and Public Information to Ladder 26
Hsmn. John M. Morrissey	from Engine 3 to Ladder 3
Ldmn. Alfred R. Sears	from Ladder 3 to Engine 3

VI: RETURN TO DUTY FROM ARMED FORCES

1. The following named who was granted a leave of absence on March 28, 1951 to serve in the U. S. Army has been discharged from the Army and will return to duty in the Fire Department at 8:00 A. M., May 27, 1953:

Ladderman William R. Tehan Ladder Co. 5

VII: COMMENDATION

1. Ladderman James F. Murphy of Ladder Co. 14 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 5274, on May 16, 1953, while off duty.

BY ORDER OF ACTING FIRE COMMISSIONER JOHN V. STAPLETON

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 23

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, MAY 29, 1953

FAREWELL MESSAGE TO MEMBERS OF THE BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

As I come to the end of my administration as Fire Commissioner, I wish to express to all the members of the department, officers and men, and civilians, my thanks and appreciation for the loyalty and cooperation which I have experienced during the past three years and four months. My service as Commissioner has been made an easy and pleasant experience due to the fine cooperation of all.

If we have accomplished any good for the department and the City of Boston, the results will speak for themselves.

MICHAEL T. KELLEHER

FIRE COMMISSIONER

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 24

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, JUNE 1, 1953

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

"Having been duly appointed as Fire Commissioner of the City of Boston by the Mayor in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by Chapter 479, Acts of 1924, I hereby assume charge of the Fire Department of the City of Boston, effective as of Monday, June 1, 1953."

JOHN F. COTTER
FIRE COMMISSIONER

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 25

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, JUNE 2, 1953

I: WILLIAM F. O'BRIEN

1. It is with deep regret that the Fire Commissioner announces the death, on May 23, 1953, of Steam Fireman William F. O'Brien of the Maintenance Division. Fireman O'Brien was appointed to the department on March 31, 1943.

2. The funeral was held from Morrissey Bros. Funeral Home, 139 Stoughton Street, Uphams Corner, Dorchester, at 8:15 A. M., Tuesday, May 26, 1953, followed by services at St. Brendan's Church, Gallivan Boulevard, Dorchester, at 9:00 A. M.

3. The members of the Maintenance Division were excused from duty in order to attend the services.

II: RETIREMENT

1. The following retirement, in accordance with Chapter 800 of the Acts of 1913 and Chapter 519 of the Acts of 1914, is hereby announced to become effective at 8:00 A. M., Friday, June 5, 1953:

Jr. Building Custodian Joseph Hinchey Fire Alarm Division

2. Jr. Building Custodian Hinchey was appointed to the Fire Department on October 26, 1923 and he leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

III: ASSIGNMENT TO ENGINEER, MOTOR SQUAD

1. The following assignments which became effective at 8:00 A. M., May 27, 1953, are hereby announced:

Hoseman Frederick F. Bury, Maintenance Division

To Engineer, Motor Squad

Hoseman James S. Walker, Maintenance Division

To Engineer, Motor Squad

IV: REVEREND DENNIS J. LYNCH SCHOLARSHIP

1. Notice has been received from the Reverend Principal of Boston College High School that on Saturday, June 6, 1953, at 9:00 A. M., in the High School Building on James Street, Boston, there will be a special examination for the Reverend Dennis J. Lynch Scholarship, founded by members of the Boston Fire Department in memory of their late Chaplain.

2. This is a scholarship awarded to the son of a member of the Boston Fire Department (or son of a retired or deceased member) who obtains the highest average in the annual scholarship examination. The winner is entitled to one year of free tuition at Boston College High School.

V: CEREBRAL PALSY CAMPAIGN

1. His Honor Mayor John B. Hynes has asked that all members of the department cooperate in the drive for funds now being conducted by the United Cerebral Palsy Associations of Massachusetts.

2. Pledge slips are being issued to the department today and Company Commanders are asked to interview each member of their commands in regard to contributions to this worthy fund. Members who desire to make a donation should fill out a card. Company Commanders will acknowledge receipt of contributions on the stub attached to the forms being issued.

3. All contributions should be forwarded to the Office of Civilian Defense, Public Relations and Public Information at 194 Broadway, Boston, on or before June 16, 1953. Deliveries of money and donation slips should be made between the hours of 9:00 A. M. and 4:00 P. M. on any weekday except Saturday.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER JOHN F. COTTER

John V. Stapleton

Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 27

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, JUNE 8, 1953

FIREMEN'S MEMORIAL SUNDAY

1. The 60th anniversary of Firemen's Memorial Sunday will be held on Sunday morning, June 14, 1953. Sumner G. Whittier, Lieutenant-Governor of Massachusetts, will be Orator of the day. Lieutenant George E. Graney will be Chief Marshal.

2. A detail consisting of one man from each engine, ladder and rescue company will act as an escort to the various organizations participating in the Memorial Exercises. The detail shall report to Captain-Drillmaster Augustus J. Beaupre in front of Engine Co. 3, Harrison Avenue and Wareham Street at 9:30 A. M.

3. The detail will include the trustees or members of the Charitable Association of the Boston Fire Department who are on duty that day. Regulation uniform with sack coat and white gloves shall be worn on this occasion.

4. Members on the night tour of duty Saturday, June 13, 1953 who are to participate in the services will be excused from roll call if relieved by members of the oncoming shift prior to eight o'clock.

5. Members of the department who are off duty on Sunday, June 14th, are invited to participate in the Memorial Exercises and it is hoped that a large number will be present to honor the memory of the deceased members of this department.

6. Members of the department who are on the Committee on Arrangements will be granted sufficient time to attend to their customary duties and those members of the Committee who are scheduled to work on Sunday, June 14th, will be excused from duty that day.

7. The Boston Fire Department Band and Color Guard will take part in these exercises. They shall report to District Chief-Band Manager James F. White at Engine Co. 3 at 9:30 A. M.

8. Members of the band and color guard who are working the night tour of duty the 13th will be excused at 7 A. M. Members working the day tour the 14th will be excused until 3 P. M.

9. Captain-Drillmaster Augustus J. Beaupre will be in charge of the formation of members in the line of march. The buses that will convey the members to the cemetery will return members who desire it to Engine Co. 3.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER JOHN F. COTTER

John V. Stapleton
Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 29

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, JUNE 9, 1953

MAYOR'S CHARITY FIELD DAY

1. Each year Mayor John B. Hynes and his fellow trustees on the Mayor's Charity Field Day Committee distribute the proceeds of the Field Day to needy and indigent persons whose requirements are not, and cannot, be provided for by use of public funds.

2. Proportionate amounts are also assigned to organized charities embracing every creed, color, and worthwhile purpose. The funds are dispersed upon application, but only after careful investigation is made and the need is convincingly established.

EVERY PENNY RECEIVED GOES DIRECT TO CHARITY

3. Although a sizable sum is realized, it falls far short of the amount needed to cover the most imperative of the demands. Therefore, in order to secure increased funds, the Mayor's Committee this year is going to present a value, worth many, many, times more than the amount which will be invested.

4. The cost of a ticket is $1.00 including tax, and that dollar entitles you to the opportunity of winning a brand new 1953 Cadillac Convertible Sedan, delivered price, $5,200.00, whether you are in the park, or not. A few years ago, a member of this department won an automobile and last year another member won a ranch home completely furnished on a ticket such as this. Your ticket also entitles you to see in person America's finest performers as seen on your television screen, and a colorful, exciting baseball game, as well as other top quality entertainment. This entertainment program is not "nailed down" at this moment, but you can be assured that it will be one of the best ever seen in New England and it will be presented to you in precise form far in advance of the Field Day. At the same time, your dollar really goes a long way to helping our neighbors, and especially little children in the community who look to us for help. Mayor John B. Hynes is Honorary Chairman, our genial Park Commissioner Frank R. Kelley is General Chairman, and the undersigned is in charge of promotion and publicity. The Field Day, this year, will take place on July 6, 1953.

5. In my first personal message to you, I ask the support of every member of this outstanding department. Let each one of us work hard to place the Fire Department of Boston at the top of the list of those supporting this great charity and your reward is assured. It has been written, "What you have done unto these the least of my little ones, you have done unto Me."

6. All returns will be made to the Division of Civilian Defense, Public Relations, and Public Information, 194 Broadway, Boston, between the hours of 9:30 A. M. and 4:00 P. M. on any weekday, except Saturday, up to July 2, 1953.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER JOHN F. COTTER

John V. Stapleton
Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 30

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, JUNE 11, 1953

I. EXAMINATION FOR PROMOTION TO DEPUTY CHIEF

1. An examination for promotion to the grade of Deputy Chief in the Boston Fire Department will be conducted by the Department of Civil Service on July 17, 1953.

2. The examination is open to permanent District Chiefs in the Boston Fire Department who have been employed in this grade, after certification, for at least one (1) year prior to the date of examination.

3. The duties are the regular duties of a Deputy Chief.

4. The subjects and weights of the examination are as follows: Experience, 3; report, 2; practical questions, 10; total, 15.

5. Applicants must obtain at least 70% in each subject in order to become eligible.

6. Application blanks may be obtained from the Office of the Fire Commissioner, John F. Cotter, 115 Southampton Street, Boston. When completed, applications should be sent to the Division of Civil Service, Room 148, State House, Boston. Applications must be placed on file not later than Friday, June 26, 1953.

7. Applicants who are absent on military duty may be allowed to take this examination provided that they make request at the time of filing application and that the necessary arrangements for the proper conduct of the examination can be made. Under the provisions of Chapter 708 of the Acts of 1941, as amended, persons unable to compete in a competitive promotional examination because of absence in military or naval service may be given a qualifying promotional examination if request in writing is made within six months after the termination of such service.

8. Applicants will be notified at a later date of the time and place of the examination.

9. Posters being issued with this order are to be posted in each fire station.

II. EXAMINATION FOR PROMOTION TO DISTRICT CHIEF

1. The Department of Civil Service will conduct an examination for promotion to the grade of District Chief in the Boston Fire Department on July 24, 1953.

2. The examination is open to permanent Captains in the Boston Fire Department who have been employed in this grade, after certification, for at least one (1) year prior to the date of examination.

3. The duties are the regular duties of a District Chief.

4. The subjects and weights of the examination are as follows: Experience, 3; report, 2; practical questions, 10; total, 15.

5. Applicants must obtain at least 70% in each subject in order to become eligible.

6. Application blanks may be obtained from the Office of Fire Commissioner John F. Cotter, 115 Southampton Street, Boston. When completed, applications should be sent to the Division of Civil Service, Room 148, State House, Boston. Applications must be placed on file not later than Friday, July 3, 1953.

7. Applicants who are absent on military duty may be allowed to take this examination provided that they make request at the time of filing application and that the necessary arrangements for the proper conduct of the examination can be made. Under the provisions of Chapter 708 of the Acts of 1941, as amended, persons who are unable to compete in a competitive promotional examination because of absence in military or naval service may be given a qualifying promotional examination if request in writing is made within six (6) months after the termination of such service.

8. Applicants will be notified at a later date of the time and place of the examination.

9. Notices concerning the examination are being issued with this order, one (1) copy to be posted in each fire station and branch division.

III. EXAMINATION FOR PROMOTION TO LIEUTENANT

1. The Department of Civil Service will conduct an examination for promotion to the grade of Lieutenant in the Boston Fire Department on July 31, 1953.

2. The examination is open to permanent Fire Fighters in the Boston Fire Department who have been employed in this grade, after certification, for at least three years prior to the date of examination.

3. The duties are the regular duties of a Lieutenant.

4. The subjects and weights of the examination are as follows: Experience, 1; practical questions, 4; total, 5.

5. Applicants must obtain at least 70% in each subject in order to become eligible.

6. Application blanks may be obtained from the Office of Fire Commissioner John F. Cotter, 115 Southampton Street, Boston. When completed, applications should be sent to the Division of Civil Service, Room 148, State House, Boston. Applications must be placed on file not later than Friday, July 10, 1953.

7. Applicants who are absent on military duty may be allowed to take this examination provided that they make request at the time of filing application and that the necessary arrangements for the proper conduct of the examination can be made. Under the provisions of Chapter 708 of the Acts of 1941, as amended, persons unable to compete in a competitive promotional examination because of absence in military or naval service may be given a qualifying promotional examination if request in writing is made within six (6) months after termination of such service.

8. Applicants will be notified at a later date of the time and place of the examination.

9. Notices concerning the examination are being issued with this order, one (1) copy to be posted in each fire station and branch division.

IV. RESIGNATION

1. The following resignation which became effective as of 8:00 A.M., Wednesday, June 10, 1953, is hereby announced:

Hoseman John F. Duffy Engine Co. 37

V. FIRE ALARM BOXES INSTALLED

1. The following fire alarm boxes have been installed and connected into circuits indicated:

	Locations	Circuit Nos.
5165	Cambridge St. & Cambridge Terrace	45
5185	Cambridge St. and Dustin St.	45
519	Cambridge and Elko Streets	14
543	Washington and Parsons Streets	64

2. The above fire alarm boxes were established in General Orders No. 64, dated December 12, 1952.

3. Attention is called to the fact that the numbers of these fire alarm boxes as given in General Orders No. 64 were changed in the renumbering of fire alarm boxes in Brighton as covered in General Orders No. 11, dated March 30, 1953, General Orders No. 15, dated April 10, 1953 and General Orders No. 21, dated May 12, 1953.

4. Company commanders will add the above four boxes to the circuit cards indicated.

VI. NEW FIRE ALARM BOXES ESTABLISHED

1. In the near future the following fire alarm boxes will be insta installed:

14-1412 - South Station, Third and Fourth Floors, Atlantic Avenue and Summer Street, Northwest Section

2. This fire alarm box will be connected to Automatic Heat Detection System located in the Northwest Section of the third & fourth floors,

3. The master fire alarm box and annunciator for this system will be located in the Stationmaster's Office.

4. Company commanders will add this fire alarm box to assignment card for Box 1412.

5. The circuit number for this box will be announced later when the box is installed.

6. In the near future a fire alarm box will be installed in the Roslindale General Hospital and will be designated as follows:

12-2597 - Roslindale General Hospital, 780 American Legion Highway

7. Company commanders will add the above box to assignment card for Box 2597 and place a star alongside of this box and Ladder 28 to indicate the response of Ladder 28 on first alarm.

8. The circuit number for this fire alarm box will be given later when the box is installed.

VII. COMMENDATIONS

1. The following-named members of the Fire Department are hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 4191, five alarms, on June 2, 1953, while off duty:

Hoseman Walter W. Corwin, Jr.	Engine Co. 32
Hoseman Edmund F. Doherty	Engine Co. 32
Hoseman Bernard L. Donohue	Engine Co. 32
Hoseman Harold L. Ralston	Engine Co. 32

2. Ladderman Richard F. Concannon of Ladder Co. 15 is hereby commended for reporting to and working at fire, Box 1572, May 28, 1953, while off duty.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER JOHN F. COTTER

John V. Stapleton

Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 31

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, JUNE 23, 1953

MAYOR'S CIRCULAR LETTER

The following self-explanatory message has been received from Mayor John B. Hynes, and it is transmitted for the information of the department.

"Chapter 118 of the Acts of 1952 provides for the granting of monthly cash awards to municipal employees who submit suggestions for improving the service of the municipality.

All employees, permanent and temporary, of the City of Boston, including the School Department, and the County of Suffolk are eligible for awards.

Suggestions which will contribute to the operating efficiency and economy of the city, and which are deemed worthy of adoption by the committee selected by the Mayor, will be rewarded for not less than $10. or more than $1000, depending on the quality, adaptability and practicality of the suggestion made. All such suggestions will be handled confidentially during their evaluation by the committee, names will be removed from all correspondence.

The acceptance of a cash award by an employee shall constitute an agreement that the use by the City of Boston, the School Department, or the County of Suffolk, of the suggestion for which the award is made shall not form the basis for further claims of any nature on the City of Boston, the School Department, or the County of Suffolk by him, his heirs, or assigns.

Suggestions are to be submitted in writing to Joseph M. Dunlea, Chairman, Room 31, City Hall, Boston 8, Massachusetts.

I strongly urge employees to use their talents towards the end that worth-while savings may be accomplished, for experienced employees are aware of economies which might be effected which will benefit not only the city but themselves.

Respectfully,

S/ J. B. Hynes
Mayor "

It is respectfully requested that all persons having ideas to promote the efficiency of this or any other department within the City of Boston submit their views in writing at once.

We would be happy to see a member of the Boston Fire Department win the top award.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER JOHN F. COTTER

John V. Stapleton
Chief of Department

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, JUNE 23, 1953

I: RETIREMENTS

1. The following retirement, in accordance with Section 58, Chapter 32 of the General Laws, as amended, which became effective as of 5:00 P. M., Tuesday, June 16, 1953, is hereby announced:

Spray Painter Harold J. Holmes - Maintenance Division

2. The following retirement, in accordance with Section 13, Chapter 521 of the Acts of 1922, which will become effective at 8:00 A. M., Wednesday, July 1, 1953, is hereby announced:

Ladderman John A. Sousa -- Ladder Company 2

3. Spray Painter Holmes entered the employ of the City of Boston on March 31, 1922 and was transferred to the Fire Department on December 5, 1951.

4. Ladderman Sousa was appointed to the Fire Department on December 9, 1942.

5. Both these men leave the Department with the best wishes of their associates.

II: NEW FIRE ALARM BOXES ESTABLISHED

1. In the near future, the following fire alarm boxes will be installed:

2552	Washington and Morton Streets
12-2552	Forest Hills Overpass at Washington Street

2. The assignment of apparatus for Box 2552 will be the same as for Box 2551.

3. Assignment cards will be distributed at a later date, and the circuit numbers for the above fire alarm boxes will be announced when the boxes are installed.

4.

2618	Washington Street and Archdale Road
2792	Washington Street and Atherton Avenue
2795	Washington and Cornell Streets

5. Assignment of apparatus to Box 2618 will be the same as for Box 2619.

Assignment of apparatus to Box 2792 will be the same as for Box 2793.

Assignment of apparatus to Box 2795 will be the same as for Box 2794.

6. Assignment cards for these three boxes will be distributed at a later date. Circuit numbers for these boxes will be announced when the boxes are installed.

III: BOSTON AUTOMATIC ASSIGNMENTS

1. Company Commanders shall add the following signal numbers to running cards of the Boston Automatic Fire Alarm Division of the Automatic Fire Alarm Company in this department:

Signal 1642: 3 Parley Vale, Parley Vale Nursing Home
(This is a manual alarm)

Apparatus to respond: Engine 28, Ladders 10 - 23, District Chief 12, Nearest box is 2423.

Signal 426: 90 - 104 Hanover St. and 1 - 7 Portland St.
Signal 427: 9 Portland Street (Sprinkler alarms)

Apparatus to respond: Engine 4, Ladder 24, District Chief 4, Nearest box is 1323.

Signal 373: 202 Southampton St. and 7 Moore St., Building No. 1, Waldo Bros. Co.
Signal 374: 202 Southampton St., Shed No. 1, Waldo Bros. Co.
Signal 375: 202 Southampton St., Shed No. 2, Waldo Bros. Co.
(These buildings are equipped with automatic fire alarm service)

Apparatus to respond: Engine 43, Ladder 20, District Chief 6, Nearest city box is 3113.

IV: A. D. T. ASSIGNMENTS

1. Company Commanders shall add the following signal numbers to running cards of the American District Telegraph Company in this department:

Signal 52: Esther Lunder, 110 Business St., Hyde Park,
(Sprinkler System)

Apparatus to respond: Engine 48, Ladder 28, District Chief 15, Nearest box is 3827.

Signal 112: Dorchester Ice Cream Corporation
12 Ericsson St., Dorchester
(Sprinkler System)

Apparatus to respond: Engine 20, Ladder 27, District Chief 14, nearest box is 3464.

V: NEW CARDS FOR A. D. T. ASSIGNMENT BOOK

1. New pages for the A. D. T. Assignment Book, Nos. 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 29 and 30, are being issued to the department today.

2. The new cards will replace old Pages 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 29. Page 30 is a new page. The old cards are to be returned to Headquarters in the envelopes provided on or before June 29, 1953.

VI: COMMENDATIONS

1. The following named members of the department are hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 3568, on June 13, 1953, while off duty:

District Chief William C. Jeffers District 6
Hoseman Edmund L. Keif Engine Co. 19

VII: APPRECIATION

1. The Fire Commissioner is pleased to announce that he is in receipt of a letter, dated June 16, 1953, from Mr. George Swartz.

2. Mr. Swartz, in his letter, commended the fire fighters for their efficient work in extinguishing a fire in the building at 1444 Commonwealth Avenue, Brighton on Sunday morning, June 7, 1953, for which two alarms were sounded.

3. Mr. Swartz enclosed a check for $25.00 for the Boston Firemen's Relief Fund.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER JOHN F. COTTER:

John V. Stapleton
Chief of Department