GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 1

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, JANUARY 5, 1954

I. ASSIGNMENTS OF FIREFIGHTERS ON PROBATION

1. The following assignments of Firefighters on Probation, which will become effective at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 6, 1954, are hereby announced:

Charles L. Stokinger	to Engine Co. 39
William P. Doyle, Jr.	to Engine Co. 7
Thomas F. Gorham, Jr.	to Engine Co. 56
Thomas Whalen	to Engine Co. 34
~~Francis L. M. Ritchie~~	~~to Ladder Co. 31~~
John V. Nee	to Ladder Co. 2
Melzer T. Pietroski	to Engine Co. 44
William D. McHugh	to Engine Co. 49
Edward F. McCarthy	to Ladder Co. 18
Gerald P. Hart	to Engine Co. 50
Richard J. McGinn	to Ladder Co. 17
* Thomas J. Callaghan	to Ladder Co. 14
Calvin W. Sweeney	to Engine Co. 11
William E. Loughnane	to Ladder Co. 10
Hugh F. J. Duffy	to Engine Co. 31
Joseph L. Nania	to Engine Co. 9
Frank P. Barresi	to Engine Co. 27
Joseph L. Corbett	to Engine Co. 27
Robert F. Hawkins	to Ladder Co. 17

* in Military Service

II. TRANSFERS

1. The following transfers will become effective at 8:00 a. m., Wednesday, January 6,1954:

Captain Edmund J. Sheehan	from Engine 8 to Engine 20
Captain Fred T. Willett	from Engine 2 to Engine 8
Lieut. Jerome P. Coffey	from Ladder 19 to Fire Prevention
Lieut. George L. Rooney	from Engine 46 to Engine 16
Lieut. Norman F. Davidson	from Engine 16 to Engine 46
Lieut. John C. Kabachus	from Fire Prevention to Ladder 15
Lieut. John A. Rose	from Ladder 15 to Engine 33
Hosn. Sebastian Alongi	from Engine 9 to Engine 30
Hosn. James H. Mandeville	from Engine 34 to High Pressure
Hosn. Harold A. Carle	from Engine 37 to Rescue 2
Hosn. Paul L. Saulnier	from Engine 11 to Ladder 16
Ladn. William Hagerty	from Ladder 16 to Engine 37
Hosn. James F. Riley	from Engine 3 to Engine 54
Ladn. Richard F. Murphy	from Ladder 16 to Engine 3
Hosn. Charles C. MacDonald	from Engine 30 to Ladder 16
Ladn. William P. Flynn	from Ladder 30 to Engine 30
Hosn. Edward T. Saniuk	from Engine 31 to Ladder 30
Hosn. Joseph P. Murray	from Engine 50 to Engine 32
Hosn. John E. Burwell	from Div. C. D. to Engine 52
Hosn. Richard J. Mahoney	from Engine 2 to Fire Prevention
Ladn. Bernard M. Lydon	from Ladder 17 to Engine 2
Hosn. Robert D. Doherty	from Engine 49 to Ladder 30
Ladn. Franklin E. Lawrence	from Ladder 30 to Engine 12

Ladn. Raymond P. Owens	from Ladder 17 to Engine 49
Ladn. Alexander Oram LHD	from Ladder 14 to Fire Prevention
Hosn. Charles J. Connelly	from Engine 2 to Ladder 20
Hosn. Edward M. McGuire	from Engine 56 to Engine 2
Ladn. Edward C. Donovan	from Ladder 18 to High Pressure
Ladn. William A. Hughes	from Ladder 12 to High Pressure
Ladn. Paul M. Kilduff	from Ladder 28 to Engine 19
Hosn. Carl F. Bowers LHD	from Engine 19 to Fire Prevention
Hosn. Fred W. Cavanagh LHD	from Engine 19 to Fire Prevention
Ladn. Edward B. Rist	from Ladder 11 to Ladder 28
Hosn. Raymond D. Doucette	from Rescue 1 to Ladder 11
Hosn. Joseph P. Curran	from Engine 49 to Rescue 1
Hosn. Vincent J. Kilduff	from Engine 23 to Engine 49
Hosn. Joseph F. Kearney	from Engine 21 to Engine 3
Hosn. Thomas F. Myers	from Engine 27 to Engine 21
Hosn. Stephen J. Gabrick	from Engine 44 to Ladder 9
Ladn. Lawrence P. Kelley	from Ladder 4 to Fire Prevention
Hosn. William J. Kelley	from Engine 52 to Ladder 33
Ladn. Ivan D. Henderson	from Ladder 30 to Ladder 28
Ladn. Ernest G. Thompson	from Ladder 28 to Ladder 30
Hosn. James W. Parks	from Engine 11 to Rescue 3
Hosn. Francis D. Gunning	from Rescue 3 to Ladder 15
Ladn. James M. Finn	from Ladder 15 to Rescue 2
Ladn. Paul F. Condon	from Ladder 17 to Rescue 1
Hosn. John W. P. Rogers	from Rescue 1 to Ladder 17
Hosn. Thomas H. O'Neil	from Engine 17 to Ladder 7
Ladn. Joseph P. Thornton	from Ladder 7 to Engine 17
Ladn. Lorenzo D. Merrill	from Ladder 27 to Engine 46
Hosn. John J. McSweeney	from Engine 46 to Ladder 27
Hosn. Robert T. Asquith	from Div. C. D. to Fire Prevention
Ladn. Thomas E. Driscoll	from Ladder 10 to Engine 10
Ladn. James J. McDonald LHD	from Ladder 28 to Fire Prevention

III. INVENTORY FORMS

1. Form 1, Inventory Forms, are being issued to the department today. These forms are to be filled out as of January 1, 1954 and returned to the office of the Fire Commissioner for his personal inspection on or before Friday, January 29, 1954. One (1) form is to be given to each company commander and head of branch divisions.

IV. A.D.T. ASSIGNMENT

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

Signal 258 - George K. Kurker & Jabran K. Kurker, 5 Appleton St.
SPRINKLER Apparatus to respond: Engine 22, Ladder 13, District Chief 7. Nearest box is 1612.

V. NEW PAGES FOR G.A.C. ASSIGNMENT BOOK

1. New pages, nos. 18 and 19, for the General Alarm Corporation running cards in this department are being distributed with this order. The new page 18 will take the place of old page 18 which is to be returned in the envelopes provided to Headquarters on or before January 11, 1954.

VI. FIRE ALARM BOXES INSTALLED

1. The following fire alarm boxes which were established in General Orders No. 57, dated December 8, 1953, have been installed and connected into the circuits indicated:

4119 - Warren St. and Monument Ave. - circuit no. 16
12-4174 - Sullivan Sq. overpass, Rutherford Ave. near Thorndike St. circuit no. 12
12-4175 - Sullivan Sq. overpass, Rutherford Ave. near Sullivan Sq. circuit 16
13-4184 - Sullivan Sq. overpass, Main St. near Beacham - circuit 12.

418 - Sullivan Sq. underpass, near Rutherford Ave. Entrance circuit 16
12-418 - Sullivan Sq. underpass, near Sullivan Sq.- circuit 12.
13-418 - Sullivan Sq. underpass, near Alfrod St. entrance circuit 16.

The following fire alarm box which was established in General Orders No. 32, dated June 23, 1953, has been installed and connected into circuit no. 83:

12-2552 Forest Hills Overpass at Washington Street

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

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER JOHN F. COTTER

John V. Stapleton
Chief of Department

The last General Order in the 1953 series was #60.

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 2

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
JANUARY 12, 1954

I: RETIREMENTS

1. The following retirement, in accordance with Section 57, Chapter 32, General Laws, amended, which became effective at 8:00 A. M., Wednesday, December 23, 1953, is hereby announced:

Hoseman William T. Pero — Engine Co. 48

2. The following retirements, in accordance with Chapter 347, Acts of 1892, as amended by Chapter 237, Acts of 1939, are hereby announced to become effective at 8:00 A. M., Wednesday, January 13, 1954:

2840. Apparatus Operator Joseph L. Dowd	Engine Co. 20
" Apparatus Operator Charles N. Moberg	Engine Co. 16
2790. Hoseman James H. Curran	Lighting Plant 1

3. Apparatus Operator Dowd was appointed to the department July 11, 1913; Apparatus Operator Moberg was appointed January 12, 1920; Hoseman Curran was appointed February 28, 1921; Hoseman Pero was appointed to the department February 1, 1924. All these men leave the department with the best wishes of their associates.

II: FIRE ALARM BOX INSTALLED

1. The following fire alarm box has been installed:

14-3274 St. Ambrose School, 25 Leonard Street

2. The Circuit Number for this box is 38.

3. Company Commanders will add Box 14-3274 to Assignment Card for Box 3274.

III: CHANGE IN DESIGNATION OF FIRE ALARM BOX

1. Fire Alarm Box 4147 has been relocated, and the designation of this box should be changed to read as follows:

4147 Medford Street, opposite No. 47

2. Company Commanders shall make the foregoing change on the Assignment Card for Box 4147.

IV: COMMENDATION

1. Ladderman Charles E. McCarthy of Ladder Co. 30 is hereby commended for responding to fire, Box 281, on December 31, 1953, while off duty.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER JOHN F. COTTER:

John V. Stapleton

Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 3

FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS,
BOSTON, JANUARY 15, 1954

1954 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 1954 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 nation wide effort to fight Polio. The contributions of past years have made possible the discovery of a new vaccine that may bring to an end this devastating disease. If the 1954 Campaign is successful, the real potentialities of this vaccine will be known. The plan is to inoculate 1,000,000 school children in 1954 if the necessary funds are raised.

3. Last year, 1953, the members of the Fire Department donated $1,912.85 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 wheel chair 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 key ring. 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, Lieutenant John Creedon, Division of Civil Defense, 194 Broadway, Boston, on or before Thursday, January 28, 1954. Donations will be received from 9:30 A. M. to 12:00 Noon on each week-day, except Saturday.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER JOHN F. COTTER:

John V. Stapleton

Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 4

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, JANUARY 25, 1954

I: FIRE COMMISSIONER JOHN F. COTTER

1. It is with deep regret that the Chief of Department announces the death on January 23, 1954 of Fire Commissioner John F. Cotter. He was appointed to the position of Fire Commissioner on June 1, 1953.

2. Although, it is not the custom to introduce into General Orders any word suggestive of a eulogy for a deceased member of the Department, yet, under the circumstances, it is only fitting and proper that a heartfelt tribute be paid to our late Commissioner, John F. Cotter, for his great effort and interest in the Department since his appointment a few short months ago by His Honor, Mayor John B. Hynes.

3. A man of unbounded energy, he strove unceasingly to acquaint himself with the countless details connected with his position and showed himself ever zealous for the reputation and efficiency of the Department and for the personal welfare of its members.

4. The Department takes this opportunity to express its deep felt sympathy to his mother and family for the loss of one who was near and dear to them and who was so highly respected by all members of the Boston Fire Department.

John V. Stapleton

Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 5

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, JANUARY 25, 1954

I. DEPUTY CHIEF DENNIS J. COUGHLIN

1. It is with deep regret that the Acting Fire Commissioner announces the death, on January 16, 1954, of Deputy Chief Dennis J. Coughlin of the Headquarters Division. Deputy Chief Coughlin was appointed to the Fire Department September 7, 1907. He was promoted to the grade of Lieutenant February 1, 1924, to Captain May 28, 1927, to District Chief February 1, 1929 and to Deputy Chief July 3, 1936.

2. The funeral was held from his late home, 73 Shepton Street, Dorchester at 8 a. m., Wednesday, January 20, 1954, followed by a Solemn High Mass of Requiem in St. Mark's Church, Dorchester, at 9 a. m.

3. The Chief of Department detailed officers and men to act as funeral escort and many members who were off duty also attended.

II. DISTRICT CHIEF WILLIAM J. ROONEY

1. It is with deep regret that the Acting Fire Commissioner announces the death, on January 16, 1954, of District Chief William J. Rooney of District 15. District Chief Rooney was appointed to the Fire Department May 2, 1919. He was promoted to the grade of Lieutenant November 1, 1929, to Captain July 3, 1936 and to District Chief September 17, 1947.

2. The funeral was held from his late home, 74 St. Gregory's Street, Dorchester, at 8 a. m., Tuesday, January 19, 1954, followed by a Solemn High Mass of Requiem in St. Gregory's Church, Dorchester Avenue at 9 a. m.

3. The Chief of Department assigned a detail of officers and men to act as funeral escort and many members who were off duty also attended.

III. PROMOTIONS

1. The following promotions, which will become effective at 8 a. m., Wednesday, January 27, 1954 are hereby announced:

Temporary District Chief Daniel G. Ford, Dist. 8	to District Chief
Captain Joseph L. Dolan, Engine 10	to District Chief
Captain Andrew J. McElaney, Engine 25	to District Chief
Lieutenant Edward D. Campbell, Ladder 12	to Captain
Lieutenant William D. Donovan, Engine 8	to Captain
Lieutenant Frank A. Bergdoll, Engine 27	to Captain
Lieutenant Neil C. Penny, Engine 32	to Captain
Lieutenant Richard J. Lane, Jr., Ladder 8	to Captain
Lieutenant Richard E. Sullivan, Engine 27	to Captain
M.S. Lieutenant Stephen F. McMahon, Engine 40	to Lieutenant
M.S. Lieutenant Joseph F. Manning, Tower 1	to Lieutenant
Ladderman William P. Connell, Ladder 2	to Lieutenant
Ladderman Paul F. Hynes, Ladder 15	to Lieutenant
Hoseman William H. Doherty, Engine 1	to Lieutenant
Hoseman John F. Noonan, Engine 36	to Lieutenant
Hoseman Robert P. Beltramini, Engine 23	to Lieutenant
Ladderman Richard A. Kemp, Ladder 20	to Lieutenant
Ladderman John L. Campbell, Ladder 30	to Lieutenant
Ladderman George R. Haines, Ladder 23	to Lieutenant

III. PROMOTIONS (CONTINUED)

Hoseman Francis W. Quigley, Engine 19	to Lieutenant
Ladderman James D. Kennedy, Ladder 15	to Lieutenant
Ladderman William F. Griffin, Ladder 27	to Lieutenant
Hoseman Howard J. Sylvester, Engine 1	to Lieutenant

IV. TRANSFERS

1. The following transfers will become effective at 8 a. m., Wednesday, January 27, 1954:

Deputy Chief Henry S. Franz	from Division I to Headquarters
Dist. Chief James F. White	from Dists. 4 & 5 to Dist. 4
Dist. Chief J. Herbert White	from Dists. 12 & 13 to Dist. 12
Dist. Chief Amoreno R. Vitiello	from Dists. 14 & 15 to Dists. 12 & 13
Dist. Chief Joseph L. Dolan	from Engine 10 to Dists. 4 & 5
Dist. Chief Andrew J. McElaney	from Engine 25 to Dist. 15
Capt. William H. Pineo	from Ladder 9 to Engine 10
Capt. Bartholomew F. Clements	from Engine 36 to Engine 25
Capt. James J. Hartnett	from Engine 43 to Ladder 10
Capt. Emilio F. Marino	from Ladder 2 to Engine 43
Capt. Edward D. Campbell	from Ladder 12 to Engine 2
Capt. William D. Donovan	from Engine 8 to Ladder 21
Capt. Frank A. Bergdoll	from Engine 27 to Engine 36
Capt. Neil C. Penny	from Engine 32 to Engine 51
Capt. Richard J. Lane, Jr.	from Ladder 8 to Ladder 2
Capt. Richard E. Sullivan	from Engine 27 to Ladder 9
Lieut. John C. Kabachus	from Ladder 15 to Ladder 12
Lieut. Emmett F. Collins	from Ladder 8 to Ladder 15
Lieut. James J. Murphy	from Engine 31 to Ladder 8
Lieut. John M. Burke	from Engine 8 to Rescue 1
Lieut. Thomas F. Callahan	from Engine 13 to Ladder 14
Lieut. Robert E. J. Regan	from Ladder 17 to Engine 13
Lieut. John F. Beecher	from Engine 15 to Fire Prevention
Lieut. Charles F. Briscoe	from Engine 56 to Engine 15
Lieut. Herbert J. Cahill	from Engine 11 to Engine 56
Lieut. Joseph P. Hession	from Engine 23 to Engine 45
Lieut. John F. Creedon	from Div. C. D. to Engine 45
Lieut. George E. Randall	from Ladder 2 to Ladder 8
Lieut. John R. Greene	from Engine 2 to Rescue 2
Lieut. Joseph F. Manning	from Tower 1 to Engine 8
Lieut. William P. Connell	from Ladder 2 to Engine 11
Lieut. Paul F. Hynes	from Ladder 15 to Ladder 17
Lieut. William H. Doherty	from Engine 1 to Engine 8
Lieut. John F. Noonan, Jr.	from Engine 36 to Engine 32
Lieut. Robert P. Beltramini	from Engine 23 to Engine 31
Lieut. Richard A. Kemp	from Ladder 20 to Ladder 19
Lieut. John L. Campbell	from Ladder 30 to Tower 1
Lieut. George R. Haines	from Ladder 23 to Engine 23
Lieut. Francis W. Quigley	from Engine 19 to Engine 27
Lieut. James D. Kennedy	from Ladder 15 to Ladder 18
Lieut. William F. Griffin	from Ladder 27 to Ladder 2
Lieut. Howard J. Sylvester	from Engine 1 to Engine 2
Hosn. Paul H. Lynch	from Engine 56 to Engine 1

St. B. acc. div.

V. RETIREMENT

1. The following retirement, in accordance with Section 9, Chapter 658 of the Acts of 1945 as amended, is hereby announced to become effective at 8 a. m., Monday, February 1, 1954:

Lieutenant Herbert I. McLane Engine Co. 44

2. Lieutenant McLane was appointed to the Fire Department December 24, 1941 and was promoted to the grade of Lieutenant February 5, 1947. He leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

VI. FIRE ALARM BOX DISCONTINUED

1. Notice has been received from the Boston Automatic Fire Alarm Division that the following fire alarm box has been permanently discontinued and removed from service:

12-7115 Atlas Stores, Congress and Sleeper Streets

2. Company commanders will delete Box 12-7115 from the assignment card for Box 7115 and from circuit card 32.

VII. CHANGE IN STREET NAMES

1. Notice has been received from the Board of Street Commissioners regarding the following change in street names:

ABBEY ROAD, formerly Waverly Place, Brighton, from Waverly Street approximately 275 ft. westerly.

ARVALE ROAD, formerly Harvard Road, Dorchester, from Harvard Avenue approximately 180 ft. northeasterly.

BANTON STREET, formerly Barnes Street, Dorchester, from Dorchester Ave. approximately 332 ft. westerly.

BANTRY WAY, formerly Bateman Place, South Boston, from N Street to East Eighth Street.

BY ORDER OF ACTING FIRE COMMISSIONER JOHN V. STAPLETON

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 6

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, JANUARY 27, 1954

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

"Having been duly appointed as Acting Fire Commissioner of the City of Boston by the Mayor, I hereby assume charge of the Fire Department of the City of Boston, effective as of Tuesday, January 26, 1954."

HARRY J. KEEFE
ACTING FIRE COMMISSIONER

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 7

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, FEBRUARY 2, 1954

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, February 1, 1954."

FRANCIS X. COTTER
FIRE COMMISSIONER

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 8

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, FEBRUARY 5, 1954

I. APPARATUS OPERATOR JAMES J. DEVANEY

1. It is with deep regret that the Fire Commissioner announces the death, on January 29, 1954, of Apparatus Operator James J. Devaney of Engine Co. 41. Apparatus Operator Devaney was appointed to the department February 1, 1918.

2. The funeral was held from the Warren Sullivan Funeral Home, 35 Henshaw Street, Brighton, at 8 a. m., Monday, February 1, 1954, followed by a Solemn High Mass of Requiem in St. Anthony's Church, Holton Street, Allston at 9 a. m.

3. The Chief of Department assigned a detail to act as funeral escort and members of Engine Co. 41 were excused from duty in order to attend the services.

II. NEW FIRE ALARM BOX

1. In the near future, the following fire alarm box will be installed and connected into circuit no. 41:

12-3432 - St. Mark's Grammar School, 197 Centre Street

2. Company commanders will add Box 12-3432 to assignment card for Box 3432.

III. TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT

1. The employment of the following-named terminated as of January 31, 1954:

Clerk & Typist Eleanor H. Ansbro Fire Prevention Division

2. Clerk & Typist Eleanor H. Ansbro reached the employable age limit of 70 years on January 15, 1954. She leaves the department with the best wishes of her associates.

IV. HEART FUND

1. The 1954 Heart Fund Campaign is now 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 for each member. Those members who desire to contribute to this cause should place their donation in the envelope provided, print name and address and amount contributed in the spaces designated on the envelope and seal the envelope.

3. The envelopes containing contributions should be forwarded to the Department Collector, Mrs. Julia R. Khoury, Headquarters Division, on or before Friday, February 26, 1954. Envelopes will be received from 9:30 a. m. to 11:30 a. m. on each weekday, except Saturday.

V. G.A.C. ASSIGNMENT

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

Signal ~~445~~ 455 - Buck Printing Co., 146 Ipswich St. Enter 7 Lansdowne Street. (2 Wet Systems)

Signal 456 - Buck Printing Co., 146 Ipswich St., Enter 11 Lansdowne St. (1 Wet Sprinkler System)

Apparatus to respond to both foregoing signals: Engine 33, Ladder 15, District Chief 8. Nearest box is 234.

VI. HIGH COMMENDATION

1. At 6:55 P. M., January 23, 1954, the department responded to Box 5121 (2 alarms) for a fire in the apartment house at 1139-1141 Commonwealth Avenue, Allston.

2. When members of the department arrived at the scene, it was found that two elderly women were trapped on the fifth floor and apparently were about to jump from a window. Lieutenant Andrew J. Canning of Engine Co. 34 and Ladderman John C. Murphy of Ladder Co. 14 raised a 50 ft. ladder, with assistance, to the window. The butt of the ladder was resting on an icy sidewalk, and it rose almost perpendicularly to the fifth floor window barely reaching said window. It was not possible to dog the ladder. Fire and smoke were coming through the fourth floor window directly underneath the apartment where the women were trapped. Lieutenant Canning and Ladderman Murphy ascended the ladder and assisted the women to the street. Shortly after the rescues, fire extended through the ceiling and windows into the fifth floor apartment consuming the entire contents.

3. Lieutenant Canning and Ladderman Murphy performed the rescue work under very difficult conditions and exposed themselves to great personal risk in rescuing the women who, otherwise, might have died in the fire.

4. The Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Lieutenant Canning and Ladderman Murphy, and their cases are referred to the Board of Merit for futher consideration.

VII. COMMENDATIONS

1. Lieutenant William R. Lovett of Engine Co. 13 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 2214, on January 22, 1954, while off duty.

2. The following-named members are hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 5121, 2 alarms, January 23, 1954, while off duty:

Hosn. Stephen S. Sangas	Eng. 29	Hsn. John J. Tretter	Eng. 41
Ladn. Warren J. Caples	Lad. 11		

3. The following-named members are hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 731, 3 alarms, Jan. 31, 1954, while off duty:

Hosn. William E. Connolly	Eng. 15	Ladn. John S. Allen	Lad. 5
Ladn. Gerard F. Finnegan	Lad. 5		

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X. COTTER

John V. Stapleton
Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 9

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, FEBRUARY 16, 1954

I: RETIREMENTS

1. The following retirement, in accordance with Chapter 347, Acts of 1892, as amended by Chapter 237, Acts of 1939 (Chapter 519, Acts of 1914), is hereby announced to become effective at 8:00 A. M., Wednesday, February 17, 1954:

3273. Working Foreman Machinist Howard L. Landers Fire Alarm Division

2. The following retirement, in accordance with Section 58, Chapter 32 of the General Laws, as amended, is hereby announced to become effective at 8:00 A. M., Wednesday, February 17, 1954:

2834 Hoseman John J. Kelley Headquarters Division

3. Working Foreman Machinist Landers was appointed to the department February 19, 1912, and Hoseman Kelley was appointed February 1, 1924. Both these men leave the department with the best wishes of their associates.

II: FIRE ALARM BOX DISCONTINUED

1. The following fire alarm box has been removed from service and permanently discontinued:

12-2273 : Trimont Manufacturing Co., 55 Amory Street

2. Company Commanders will delete Box 12-2273 from assignment card for Box 2273 and delete Box 12-2273 from circuit card #27.

III: CHANGES IN RESPONSE

1. Company Commanders shall make the following changes on the assignment card for Box 631, Deer Island.

First Alarm response --- Drop WIN. 1, Engine
Add WIN. 2

Engine Covering:

First alarm	---	Drop	9-WIN. 1
		Add	9-WIN. 2
Second alarm	---	Drop	26-WIN. 1
		Add	26-WIN. 2
Third alarm	---	Drop	21-WIN. 1
		Add	21-WIN. 2
Fourth alarm	---	Drop	43-WIN. 1
		Add	43-WIN. 2
Fifth alarm	---	Drop	10-WIN. 1
		Add	10-WIN. 2

2. Engine Company 2 is located at 34 Pauline Street, Winthrop.

3. Company Commanders shall make the following changes on the assignment card for Box 8112 "Boston Requests Mutual Aid."

Everett Covering:

Drop E. 32
Add E. 50

Somerville Covering:

Drop E. 50
Add E. 32

IV: FIRE ALARM BOXES TO BE RENUMBERED - SOUTH BOSTON ANNEX
Boston NAVAL SHIPYARD NAVAL DRY DOCK
FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE DEPARTMENT NO CHANGES TO BE MADE AT PRESENT

1. Notice has been received from the Boston Naval Shipyard that in order to conform to the general emergency plan of the Shipyard it will be necessary to renumber some of the fire alarm boxes in the South Boston Annex.

2. These boxes will be renumbered in the near future but no definite date has been set for the changes. As the number of each box is changed the first alarm companies will be notified regarding the change. During the Changing of these fire alarm boxes apparatus responding to a box alarm in the South Boston Annex, upon arrival at the main gate, will be directed to the scene of the fire.

3. After these boxes have been renumbered a notice will be sent to the Department in order to change their records and new assignment cards will be distributed. All of these boxes are connected to Circuit No. 92.

The following boxes are to be renumbered:

Present Number	New Number	Location
7511	7521	Dry Dock Avenue, at Waterfront
7512	7522	Pump Well, Dry Dock No. 3
7521	7535	Building 18, Fifth and A Streets
7522	7539	Building 18, Waterfront End at C Street
7523	7518	A and Sixth Streets, near Power House
7524	7511	Building 30, A Street Side
7525	7519	Building 19, A and Seventh Streets
7535	(see below)	Pier No. 5, Midway on Pier
NOTE	(The above box will be changed to an auxiliary station connected to Box 7538)	
7541	7523	East Jetty
7542	7524	South Jetty
7543	7525	Building 16, C and First Streets

Present number	new number	Location
7544	7526	North Jetty
7545	7527	West Jetty
7546	7528	Building 16, Southwest Corner at Second Street.
7547	7529	Dry Dock No. 3, North Side, near Third Street
7548	7541	Fire Station Building 29

4. The corrected list of fire alarm boxes after the above boxes have been renumbered is given below with minor changes in designation in accordance with information received from the Boston Naval Shipyard:

Box No.	Location
7511	South Boston Annex, A Street, between Building 30 and 53
7513	Officers' Quarters, Dry Dock Avenue and Sixth St.
7514	Northeast Corner Building 32, Seventh Street (Aux.)
7515	Main Gate, Building 24
7516	Building 32, Southwest Corner at Eighth Street
7517	Building 19, Southwest Corner at Eighth St. (Aux.)
7518	A and Sixth Streets, near Power House
7519	Building 19, A and Seventh Streets (Aux.)
7521	South Boston Annex, Dry Dock Avenue, Northwest End Building 41
7522	Pumpwell, Dry Dock No. 3
7523	East Jetty
7524	South Jetty
7525	Building 16, C and First Streets (Aux.)
7526	North Jetty
7527	West Jetty
7528	Building 16, Southwest Corner at Second Street (Aux.)
7529	Dry Dock No. 3, North Side
7531	South Boston Annex, Pier No. 1 and Aux. Midway on Pier.
7532	Pier No. 2 and Aux. Midway on Pier
7533	Pier No. 3 and Aux. Midway on Pier
7534	Pier No. 4 and Aux. Midway on Pier
7535	Building 18, Fifth and A Streets (Aux.)
7536	Pier No. 6, Midway on Pier
7537	Pier No. 7, Head of C Street and Aux. Midway on Pier
7538	Dry Dock No. 4, South Side, Aux. Midway Pier No.5
7539	Building 18, Waterfront End at C Street (Aux.)
7541	South Boston Annex, Fire Station Building 29

V: RESIGNATION

1. The following resignation, to take effect at 8:00 A. M. Wednesday, February 17, 1954, is hereby announced:

Firefighter on Probation John V. Nee Ladder Co. 2

To Pers Dept

VI: COMMENDATIONS

1. Hoseman Charles R. Gove of Engine Co. 4 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 1321, 5 alarms, on February 1, 1954, while off duty.

2. Aide to Deputy Chief Lloyd V. Langill of Ladder Co. 8 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 2152, on February 4, 1954, while off duty.

3. Ladderman Frederick J. Grenier of Ladder Co. 32 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 3774, on February 7, 1954, while off duty.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X. COTTER:

John V. Stapleton

Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 11

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, MARCH 1, 1954

I: HOSEMAN JOHN B. CARR

1. It is with deep regret that the Fire Commissioner announces the death, on February 19, 1954, of Hoseman John B. Carr, of the Headquarters Division. Hoseman Carr was appointed to the Fire Department September 9, 1918.

2. The funeral was held from 68 Bates Avenue, Winthrop, at 9:00 A. M., Monday, February 22, 1954, followed by a Solemn High Mass of Requiem in St. John the Evangelist Church, Winthrop, at 10:00 A.M.

3. The Chief of Department arranged for a detail of firefighters to act as pall bearers.

II: HOSEMAN WILLIAM C. WESSON

1. It is with deep regret that the Fire Commissioner announces the death on February 24, 1954, of Hoseman William C. Wesson of Tower Co. 1. Hoseman Wesson was appointed to the department on February 1, 1924.

2. The funeral was held from his late home, 127 Magnolia Street, Dorchester, at 9:00 A. M., February 27, 1954, followed by a Solemn High Mass of Requiem at St. Pau's Church, Hartford Street, Dorchester, at 10:00 A. M.

3. The Chief of Department assigned a detail of firefighters to act as a funeral escort and members of Tower 1 were excused from duty in order to attend the services.

III: RETIREMENTS

1. The following retirement, in accordance with Section 7, Chapter 658 of the Acts of 1945, as amended, which became effective at 8:00 A. M., September 10, 1953, is hereby announced:

Hoseman George F. Ware — Engine Co. 8

2. Hoseman Ware was appointed to the Fire Department February 15, 1950, and he leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

3. The following retirement, in accordance with Section 58, Chapter 32 of the General Laws, as amended, is hereby announced to become effective at 8:00 A. M., Wednesday, March 3, 1954:

Lieutenant Ralph A. MacKinnon — Engine Co. 10

4. Lieutenant MacKinnon was appointed to the Fire Department July 8, 1921 and was promoted to the grade of Lieutenant April 21, 1943. He leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

IV: FIRE ALARM BOXES ESTABLISHED

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

6254 Faywood Avenue, opposite No. 174
6255 Faywood Avenue, opposite No. 214
6256 Overlook Street, opposite No. 29

6257	Overlook Street, opposite No. 61
6258	Waldemar Avenue, opposite No. 170
6259	Waldemar Avenue, opposite No. 230
6271	Bennington Street at Suffolk Downs Station

2. The assignment of apparatus for the above fire alarm boxes will be the same as for Box 6253.

3. The circuit number for these fire alarm boxes will be announced when the boxes are installed. Assignment cards will be distributed at a later date.

V: ASSIGNMENT CHANGES

1. Company Commanders shall make the following changes on the running cards of the American District Telegraph Co. and the Boston Automatic Fire Alarm Co.

American District Telegraph Co.

Signal:

255	Add Nearest Box 7115
362	Drop Engine Compahy 23 Add Engine Company 13
553	Drop Engine Company 23 Add Engine Company 3
777	Drop Engine Company 23 Add Engine Company 13

Boston Automatic Fire Alarm Co.

371	Add Nearest Box 7115
372	Add Nearest Box 7115

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X. COTTER:

John V. Stapleton

Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 12

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, MARCH 2, 1954

1954 RED CROSS FUND CAMPAIGN FOR GREATER BOSTON

His Honor, Mayor John B. Hynes, has asked that all City employee contribute to the 1954 Red Cross Fund Campaign for Greater Boston which begins March 1 and will continue during the month.

2. The week beginning Monday, March 8, has been designated as "Boston Fire Department Contribution Week." The Fire Commissioner asks that all members of the department make their contributions during this particular week. Company commanders are requested to interview each member of their commands during the week and ask them to make a contribution. It is desired that the campaign in the department be completed during the week beginning March 8.

3. All 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 1954 Drive for Funds.

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

(a) Serving of hot coffee and food to fire fighters during multiple alarm fires in Boston.

(b) Providing for instant use of large amounts of blood plasma.

(c) Training of persons in First Aid.

(d) Services to the Armed Forces both here and abroad.

6. Other numerous relief programs are also undertaken by the Red Cross. One notable example of Red Cross relief work was the aid rendered by that organization after the disastrous tornado which swept through the Worcester area of Massachusetts in 1953, causing loss of life, injuries to many persons and millions of dollars worth of damage to homes and other property.

7. Pledge cards--one for each member of the department--are being issued with this order. These cards are to be filled out and returned to Principal Clerk and Stenographer Ursula E. Nurse in the Headquarters Division during the week of March 8, 1954. Stubs on pledge cards should be filled out by the company commanders and division heads and given to contributors as receipts. Company commanders will also sign in the space allowed for solicitor's signature.

8. Company commanders and division heads shall place the completed cards, together with any money received, in the Captain's Report Envelopes and seal the envelopes. The company number should be written in the space at the top and the address will be given as "Boston Fire Department." The names of those contributing will be listed on the envelope, together with the total contribution, amount paid and balance due in each case.

9. The envelopes containing pledge cards and currency can be delivered to the Headquarters Division on any week-day during the week of March 8, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m., excluding Saturdays. If, for any good reason, a member cannot make his contribution during the week of March 8, it will be accepted on or before March 26, 1954.

10. If additional pledge cards are required, they may be obtained at Headquarters.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X. COTTER

John V. Stapleton

Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 13

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, MARCH 12, 1954

I. AUGUSTUS J. LYONS

1. It is with deep regret that the Fire Commissioner announces the death on March 1, 1954, of Hoseman Augustus J. Lyons of Engine Co. 28. Hoseman Lyons was appointed to the Fire Department July 16,1937.

2. The funeral was held from 47 Mt. Vernon St., West Roxbury, on Thursday, March 4, 1954 at 8 a. m., followed by a Solemn High Mass of Requiem in the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Centre St., Jamaica Plain, at 9 a. m.

3. The Chief of Department assigned a detail to act as funeral escort and members of Engine Co. 28 were excused from duty in order to attend the services.

II. CHANGE IN DEPARTMENT RULE 153 - OPERATOR'S REPORT OF MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT

1. Copies of Form E23a "The Commonwealth of Massachusetts - Operator's Report of Motor Vehicle Accident" are being distributed to the department today, fifteen (15) to each district. These reports shall replace the present Form E23.

2. The following change in Rule 153, Rules & Regulations of the Boston Fire Department, is hereby announced. Strike out Rule 153 as it now appears and substitute the following:

"Rule 153. Chauffeurs involved in an accident in which any person is killed or injured, or in which there is damage in excess of $100. to any one vehicle or other property, shall report the same on Form E23a (The Commonwealth of Massachusetts - Operator's Report of Motor Vehicle Accident) and forward the same to Headquarters."

The Form will then be sent to the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

3. Company commanders and branch division heads are requested to return to Headquarters all unused blank E23 Forms now in their possession.

III. RETURN TO DUTY FROM ARMED FORCES

1. The following named, who resigned on April 1, 1948 in order to serve in the U. S. Air Corps, will return to duty in this department, effective at 8 a. m., Thursday, March 18, 1954:

Hoseman James P. Walsh — Engine Co. 14

IV. FIRE ALARM BOXES REMOVED FROM SERVICE

1. The following fire alarm boxes have been discontinued and removed from service:

12-2547 - Hastings House, 215 Forest Hills Street
7414 - Carney Hospital

2. Company commanders will delete Box 12-2547 from circuit card #87 and Box 7414 from circuit card #33.

3. Company commanders will delete Box 12-2547 from assignment card for Box 2547 and return old assignment card for Box 7414 to Hdqtrs.

V. CHANGE IN DESIGNATION OF FIRE ALARM BOXES

1. The designation of fire alarm Box 5253 will be changed to read as follows:

   5253 - Braintree Street and Rugg Road

2. Due to the change in name of Overlook St. to Vallar Rd., the designation of fire alarm Boxes 6256 & 6257, as given in G. O. 11, dated March 1, 1954, will be changed to read as follows:

   6256 - Vallar Road, opposite No. 29
   6257 - Vallar Road, opposite No. 61

3. Company commanders will make the above changes in designation of fire alarm boxes on the assignment cards indicated.

VI. CHANGE IN NAME OR DESIGNATION OF STREETS

1. The attention of the department is called to the following changes in name or designation of streets:

   Rugg Road, Brighton, from 441 Cambridge St. to Braintree St.
   Denby Road, Brighton, from 433 Cambridge St. to Rugg Road
   Emery Road, Brighton (private way) from 449 Cambridge St. to Rugg Road
   Vallar Road, East Boston (Orient Heights Housing Project) formerly Overlook St., from 160 Faywood Ave. westerly approx. 1200 feet.

2. Faywood Ave., East Boston, which originally extended from 31 Orient Ave. to Tower St., has been extended through the Housing Project over what was formerly Farrington St. to the intersection with Orient Avenue.

VII. APPRECIATION

1. The Fire Commissioner is pleased to publish the following resolve adopted by the Boston City Council on March 8, 1954:

   "RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, desires to express its congratulations to the officers and men of the Boston Fire Department, who, once again, demonstrated their outstanding ability and devotion to duty during the recent fire at the Parker House in Boston, which could have brought far more extended losses in property and possibly in lives were it not for the splendid manner in which members of the Department handled the situation.

   In City Council March 8, 1954. Adopted.

   Attest: (signed) Walter J. Malloy
   City Clerk

2. The Fire Commissioner also takes this opportunity to extend his personal congratulations to the firefighters who performed courageous and efficient service during the operations of this department at the recent fire in the Parker House for which Box 12-1263 was sounded at 3:09 a. m., March 4, 1954.

VIII. COMMENDATION

1. The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend all members of the department who worked at the fire in the four-story tenement house at 17-19 Lowell Street, Boston, on March 9, 1954, for which two alarms were sounded from Box 1342, the first at 4:22 a. m., and the second at 4:25 a. m. There were a number of adults and children rescued from the upper floors of this dwelling house.

2. The efficient action of the firefighters on this occasion reflected great credit upon the entire membership of the Boston Fire Department.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X. COTTER

John V. Stapleton
Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 15

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, MARCH 16, 1954

I. ASSISTANT CHIEFS OF DEPARTMENT

1. The following positions are hereby established in the Fire Department effective at 8 a. m., Wednesday, March 17, 1954:

Assistant Chief of Department in Charge of Fire Fighting Force
Assistant Chief of Department in Charge of Personnel and Training
Assistant Chief of Department in Charge of Fire Prevention Division

II. PROMOTIONS

1. The following promotion which will become effective at 8 a. m., Wednesday, March 17, 1954 is hereby announced:

Deputy Chief Patrick E. Collins Division 2
to Assistant Chief of Department in Charge of Fire Fighting Force (Temporary)

2. The duties of the position of Assistant Chief of Department in Charge of Fire Fighting Force are as follows:

"It shall be the duty of the Assistant Chief of Department in Charge of the Fire Fighting Force to directly command the several fire fighting divisions under the Chief of Department. He shall assign officers and men to various command and company units taking into account individual capabilities and manpower requirements. He shall be in charge of the roster of the fire fighting force indicating ranks and assignments. He shall respond to such major alarms of fire as the Chief of Department may direct and assist in the direction of fire fighting. He shall be in charge on the fireground in the absence of the Chief of Department. He shall supervise the fire prevention program of the several fire companies and maintain liaison with the Fire Prevention Division relative to special fire hazards. He shall be responsible for the efficiency of the various fire fighting divisions and units under his command. As directed by the Chief of Department he shall assist in the development of effective mutual aid agreements with neighboring fire departments and in the development of assignment cards governing the response of fire department units to alarms of fire."

3. The following promotion which will become effective at 8 a. m., Wednesday, March 17, 1954 is hereby announced:

Deputy Chief Walter E. Crouch - Division 3 - to Assistant Chief of Department in Charge of Personnel and Training (Temporary)

4. The duties of the position of Assistant Chief of Department in Charge of Personnel and Training are as follows:

"It shall be the duty of the Assistant Chief of Department in Charge of Personnel and Training to direct and command the personnel activities under the Chief of Department. As Director of the Training Division he shall see that officers and members of all units are instructed in their duties. He shall make reports to the Assistant Chief of Fire Force regarding the capabilities of individuals and fire fighting units as indicated by the departmental training program. He shall recommend the establishment of schools and courses covering all phases of fire department activity and shall direct the operation

of such schools. He shall recommend the provision of additional training facilities as needed. He shall be in charge of the fire department equipment maintenance program and shall have carried out a program of preventive maintenance of apparatus and equipment in all fire fighting units. He shall be in charge of the Fire Department Maintenance Division and Repair Shops and shall see that apparatus is maintained at top efficiency at all times. He shall study and test new developments in fire equipment and fire fighting techniques and shall make recommendations to the Chief of Department and Commissioner regarding the adoption of methods and equipment applicable to this department and shall see that purchases specifications used by the department include the latest and best types of equipment available under competitive bidding. He shall respond to such major alarms of fire as the Chief of Department may direct and shall give special attention to the efficient operation of fire fighting equipment and the necessity for additional training. He shall perform such other duties as directed by the Chief of Department such as the development of mutual aid agreements and assignment cards."

5. The following promotion which will become effective at 8 a. m., Wednesday, March 17, 1954 is hereby announced:

Deputy Chief Edward N. Montgomery - Fire Prevention Division- to Assistant Chief of Department in Charge of Fire Prevention Division (Temporary)

6. The duties of the position of Assistant Chief of Department in Charge of Fire Prevention Division are as follows:

"It shall be the duty of the Assistant Chief of Department in Charge of the Fire Prevention Division to head the fire prevention program of the Fire Department under the Chief of Department. He shall be in direct charge of the Fire Prevention Division, the Arson Squad, the Public Relations program, the Civil Defense program. It shall be his duty to make suggestions relative to fire prevention activities for the entire Fire Department, to assist the Chief of Department and Commissioner relative to special fire hazards, to recommend the public and private fire protection facilities which he considers essential to the safety of life and property in the community, and under the direction of the Chief of Department to carry out such fire prevention activities as are prescribed by state law or municipal ordinance."

III. DEPUTY CHIEFS

1. Effective at 8 a. m., March 17, 1954, the senior Deputy Chief in each division will be assigned as Division Commander and will be in over-all charge of his respective division. Seciority of each Deputy Chief shall be computed from the date of his permanent promotion to that grade.

IV. DISTRICT CHIEF

1. Effective at 8 a. m., March 17, 1954, the senior District Chief in each district will be assigned as District Commander and will be in over-all charge of his respective district. Seniority of each District Chief shall be computed from the date of his permanent promotion to that grade.

V. TRANSFERS

1. The following transfers will become effective at 8 a. m., Wednesday, March 17, 1954.

Assistant Chief of Department in Charge of Fire Fighting Force
Patrick E. Collins from Division 2 to Headquarters
Assistant Chief of Department in Charge of Personnel and Training
Walter E. Crouch from Division 3 to Headquarters
Deputy Chief Franklin E. Sanborn from Div. of Civil Defense to Division 3
Deputy Chief John J. Crehan from Headquarters to Division 2

Captain John J. Martin	from Engine 44 to Engine 48
Lieut.-Master Carl H. Foss	from Engine 44 to Engine 31
Lieut. Charles H. McCarthy	from Engine 44 to Engine 31
Lieut. John F. Beecher	from Fire Prevention to Ladder 32
Lieut. John F. Creedon	from Engine 45 to Fire Prevention
Lieut. Robert P. Beltramini	from Engine 31 to Engine 40
Lieut. Stephen F. McMahon	from Engine 40 to Engine 10
Master Coleman B. Norton	from Engine 44 to Engine 47
Master Eugene E. O'Donnell	from Engine 44 to Engine 47
Master Allan G. McLean	from Engine 44 to Engine 31
1st Engr. John E. Govoni	from Engine 44 to Engine 31
1st Engr. Edwin C. Neimann	from Engine 44 to Engine 31
1st Engr. Richard E. Pare	from Engine 44 to Engine 47
2nd Engr. Joseph H. Murphy	from Engine 44 to Engine 31
2nd Engr. Edward T. Scanlan	from Engine 44 to Engine 31
2nd Engr. John E. Lydstone	from Engine 44 to Engine 47
2nd Engr. Gerard F. Walton	from Engine 44 to Engine 47

Aide to Commissioner Harold J. Mahoney	from Headqtrs. to Engine 2
Aide to Deputy Thomas F. McGowan	from Hdqtrs. to Ladder 13
Aide to Deputy Frank W. Goyette	from Div. Civil Defense to Ladder 23
Aide to Deputy Edward A. Codair	from Ladder 13 to Headquarters
Aide to Deputy James L. Hoban	from Ladder 23 to Headquarters
Hosn. George D. Kellen	from Engine 1 to Headquarters
Hosn. Peter F. Cotter	from High Pressure to Engine 34
Hosn. Robert T. Asquith	from Fire Prevention to Tower 2
Hosn. Gerard D. Spear	from Engine 7 to Tower 2
Ladn. John F. Brennan	from Ladder 30 to Rescue 1
Hosn. Robert H. Lundquist	from Engine 40 to Engine 21
Hosn. Robert D. Healy	from Engine 42 to Engine 53
Hosn. Lawrence P. Kelley	from Fire Prevention to Ladder 4
Hosn. James F. Mahoney	from Hdqtrs. to Ladder 10
Ladn. John V. Donovan	from Ladder 13 to Engine 1
Hosn. Carl F. Carlson LHD	from Engine 44 to Engine 31
Hosn. Joseph M. McCarthy	from Engine 44 to Engine 47
Hosn. Jacob Spitz LHD	from Engine 44 to Fire Prevention
Hosn. George H. Ryan	from Engine 44 to Engine 2
Hosn. William J. Kane	from Engine 44 to Engine 43
Hosn. Daniel F. Duffy	from Engine 44 to Engine 27
Hosn. Vincent M. Fountaine	from Engine 44 to Engine 4
M.O.P. Melzek T. Pietroski	from Engine 44 to Ladder 27

V. TRANSFERS (CONTINUED)

Hosn. James T. Giger	from Engine 31 to Engine 10
Hosn. James F. Reardon	from Engine 31 to Engine 30
Hosn. Frederick W. Thomas	from Engine 31 to Engine 49
Hosn. William V. Connolly	from Engine 31 to Engine 36
Hosn. Joseph V. Morgan	from Engine 31 to Ladder 13
M.O.P. Hugh F. J. Duffy	from Engine 31 to Engine 17
Hosn. Robert G. Brady	from Engine 47 to Ladder 15
Hosn. Edward F. Kenney	from Engine 47 to Engine 1
Hosn. Peter J. Cassis	from Engine 47 to Ladder 15
Hosn. Edward J. O'Gorman	from Engine 47 to Fire Prevention

2. The following transfer will become effective at 8 a. m., Thursday, March 18, 1954:

Hosn. James P. Walsh	from Engine 14 to Engine 42

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X. COTTER:

John V. Stapleton

Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 16

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, MARCH 23, 1954

I. HERBERT W. SULLIVAN

1. It is with deep regret that the Fire Commissioner announces the death, on March 20, 1954, of Hoseman Herbert W. Sullivan of Engine Co. 1. Hoseman Sullivan was appointed to the department Apr. 27,1949.

2. The funeral was held from the James F. O'Donnell Funeral Home, 780 E. Broadway, South Boston at 10:30 a. m., Monday, March 22, 1954, followed by a Solemn High Mass of Requiem in St. Augustine's Church, Dorchester Street at 11 a. m.

3. The Chief of Department assigned a detail to act as funeral escort and the members of Engine Co. 1 were excused from duty in order to attend the services.

II. PROMOTION

1. The following promotion which will become effective at 8 a. m., March 24, 1954 is hereby announced:

Temporary Deputy Chief John E. Clougherty, Div. 1 to Deputy Chief

III. TRANSFERS

1. The following transfers will become effective at 8 a. m., Wednesday, March 24, 1954:

Deputy Chief John E. Clougherty	from Dists. 8 & 11 to Division II
District Chief Daniel G. Ford	from Dists. 8 & 11 to District 8
Capt. Carl A. V. Anderson	from Ladder 17 to Maint. Div.
Ap. Op. John J. Corcoran	from Engine 40 to Maint. Div.
Aide to Deputy John T. Donlan	from Ladder 13 to Headquarters
Hosn. Peter J. Bradley	from Tower 2 to Headquarters
Ladn. Joseph P. Doyle	from Ladder 28 to Headquarters
Hosn. Patrick J. Lyons	from Engine 48 to Headquarters
Hosn. John J. McCue	from Engine 17 to Headquarters
Ap. Op. Martin E. Ahlstrom	from Engine 14 to Headquarters
Hosn. Simon I. Eskot	from Engine 18 to Headquarters
Hosn. Winthrop C. Hayward	from Engine 52 to Headquarters
Hosn. James M. Collins	from Engine 34 to Headquarters
Ladn. John E. Mello	from Ladder 6 to Headquarters
Hosn. Alfred E. Smith	from Tower 1 to Maintenance Div.
Hosn. Stephen F. Gallivan	from Engine 28 to Maintenance Div.
Hosn. William F. Sweeney	from Engine 7 to Maintenance Div.

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IV. RETIREMENTS

1. The following retirement, in accordance with Section 57, Chapter 32, General Laws, as amended, is hereby announced to become effective at 8 a. m., Wednesday, March 24, 1954:

Hoseman Frederick J. Kavanagh — Water Tower 1

2. The following retirement in accordance with Section 58, Chapter 32, General Laws, as amended, is hereby announce to become effective at 8 a. m., Wednesday, March 24, 1954:

Hoseman Aide to Supervisor of Drills Alexander W. Wilson, Hdqtrs.

3. The following retirement, in accordance with Section 13, Chapter 521, Acts of 1922, is hereby announced to become effective at 8 a.m., Thursday, April 1, 1954:

BRS

Hoseman Edmond J. Newman Engine Company 1

4. Hoseman Kavanagh was appointed to the department August 14,1925; Aide to Supervisor of Drills Wilson was appointed February 1, 1924; Hoseman Newman was appointed April 3, 1946. All of these men leave the department with the best wishes of their associates.

V. RESIGNATION

1. The following resignation is hereby announced to become effective at 8 a. m., Wednesday, March 24, 1954:

Hoseman Ralph R. Camerlengo Engine Company 7

VI. 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 259 - Rogers Peet Co. of Mass., 104 Tremont St. (SPRINKLER)
Apparatus to respond: Engine 4, Ladder 24, District Chief 5. Nearest box is 1441.

VII. DISCONTINUANCE OF BOSTON AUTOMATIC SIGNALS

1. Notice has been received from the Boston Automatic Fire Alarm Division of the Automatic Fire Alarm Company that the following signals have been discontinued:

Signal	Location
252	26-30 Winter Street
335	128-128a Pearl Street
336	132-134-134a Pearl Street
338	138-140 Pearl Street
343	139 Purchase Street
344	137 Purchase Street

VIII. FIREBOAT ASSIGNMENT CHANGES

Effective at 8 a.m., Wednesday, March 24, 1954, changes in assignments for fireboats and Rule 247 shall be as follows:

Boxes 1235, 12-1235 - Second Alarm: Drop Engine Co. 44

Boxes 1242, 12-1242, 13-1242, 1245, 1246, 1247, 1257, 1292, 1293, 1294, 1295, 1411, 12-1411, 71, 7115
First Alarm: Drop Engine 47; add Engine 31
Second Alarm: Drop Engine 44

Boxes 1626, 1634 First Alarm: Drop Engine 47; Add Engine 31
Second Alarm: Drop Engine 31

Boxes 1625, 3418, 7131. First Alarm: Add Engine 31

Box 3229 First Alarm: Drop Engine 31

Boxes 1211, 1232, 1234, 1314, 4112, 4122, 4125, 12-4125, 13-4125, 14-4125, 15-4125, 4147, 4148, 4162, 4164, 4166, 4179, 419, 12-419, 4191, 12-4191, 4192, 12-4192, 13-4192, 4193, 4200 series, 6178, 6179, 6181, 6211, 6212, 12-6212
First Alarm: Drop Engine 44; add Engine 47
Second Alarm: Drop Engine 47

Box 4131 First Alarm: Drop Engine 44; add Engine 47

Boxes 6113, 12-6113, 13-6113, 14-6113
Second Alarm: Drop Engine 31

Boxes 6131, 6132, 6133, 6134, 6135, 6136, 13-6136, 6151, 12-6151, 6152, 6156, 6157, 6163, 6173, 6174, 6175, 6177
Second Alarm: Drop Engine 44

Boxes 631, 7123, 12-7124, 7124, 7127, 7500 series, 7600 series. Second Alarm: Drop Engine 47

Boxes 7113, 7116, 7122, 12-7122, 13-7122, 14-7122, 15-7122, 16-7122, 17-7122, 7128, 7132
First Alarm: Drop Engine 47; add Engine 31
Second Alarm: Drop Engine 31

Should a second fireboat be needed at a fire, the officer in command at fire may order the second boat be dispatched to fire.

Rule 247: Strike out Rule 247 as it now appears and substitute the following:

Rule 247: If for any reason a fireboat is out of service, the method of procedure shall be as follows:

(a) If Engine Company 31 is out of service, Engine Company 47, in addition to their own assignment, shall automatically assume the assignments of Engine Company 31.

(b) If Engine Company 47 is out of service, Engine Company 31, in addition to their own assignments, shall automatically assume the assignments of Engine Company 47.

Company commanders shall make the above changes on the assignment cards and rule book respectively.

IX. STREETS ESTABLISHED

Information has been received from the Boston Housing Authority that the following streets have been established in the Columbia Point Housing Project:

MONTICELLO AVENUE, from 274 Mt. Vernon Street to 400 Mt. Vernon St.

MONTPELIER ROAD, from 60 Monticello Ave. to 150 Monticello Ave.

BRANDON AVENUE, from Monticello Ave. to 340 Mt. Vernon St.

BELVOIR ROAD, from Brandon Avenue to Monticello Avenue

BLAIR ROAD, from Brandon Avenue to Monticello Avenue

X. COMMENDATION

1. Ladderman Edward C. Becker of Ladder Co. 7 is hereby commended for holding a fire in check and working at fire, Box 3224, March 12, 1954, while off duty.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X. COTTER

John V. Stapleton

Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 17

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, MARCH 30, 1954

I. ASSIGNMENT AS AIDE TO FIRE COMMISSIONER

1. The following assignment which will become effective at 8 a. m., Wednesday, March 31, 1954 is hereby announced:

Hoseman George D. Kellen, Headquarters, to Hoseman Aide to Fire Commissioner

II. RETIREMENT

1. The following retirement in accordance with Chapter 347, Acts of 1892, as amended by Chapter 237, Acts of 1939, which became effective at 8 a. m., March 24, 1954 is hereby announced:

Hoseman William R. Walker Engine Co. 43

2. Hoseman Walker was appointed to the Fire Department June 7,1918, and he leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

III. CHANGE IN DEPARTMENT RULE 31, DEPUTY CHIEFS

1. The following change in Rule 31, Rules & Regulations of the Boston Fire Department, is hereby announced.

2. Strike out Rule 31 as it now appears and substitute the following:

Rule 31. The senior Deputy Chief in each Division will be assigned as Division Commander and will be in over-all charge of his respective division. Deputy Chiefs in their respective divisions shall cooperate with and assist the Division Commander in general routine duties of the division. Each Deputy Chief, while on duty, shall be held strictly accountable for the maintenance of discipline and efficiency of the fire fighting force of his division. The Deputy Chief going off duty shall impart to the Deputy Chief coming on duty all information concerning any important event occurring during his tour of duty. All records and papers relating to their command shall be accessible at all times for the use of each Deputy Chief of the division. During any extended absence of the Division Commander; such as, a vacation period, leave of absence (sick, injured or otherwise), or a permanent absent detail assignment, the Deputy Chief next in seniority shall assume the duties of the Division Commander and be so respected.

IV. CHANGE IN DEPARTMENT RULE 34, DISTRICT CHIEFS

1. The following change in Rule 34, Rules & Regulations of the Boston Fire Department is hereby announced.

Rule 34. The senior District Chief in each district will be assigned as District Commander and will be in over-all charge of his respective district. District Chiefs in their respective districts shall cooperate with and assist the District Commander in the general routine duties of the district. Each District Chief, while he is on duty, shall be held strictly accountable for the maintenance of discipline and efficiency of the fire fighting force of his district. The District Chief going off duty shall impart to the District Chief coming on duty all information concerning any important event occurring during his tour of duty. All records and papers relating

to their command shall be accessible at all times for the use of each District Chief of the district. During any extended absence of the District Commander; such as, vacation period, leave of absence (sick, injured or otherwise), or a permanent absent detail assignment, the District Chief next in seniority shall assume the duties of the District Commander and be so respected.

V. SENIORITY IN RANK

1. As published in General Orders No. 15, dated March 16, 1954, the seniority of each Deputy Chief shall be computed from the date of his permanent promotion to that grade, and the seniority of each District Chief shall be computed from the date of his permanent promotion to that grade.

2. When two or more officers are promoted to equal rank at the same time and date, the seniority in rank shall be determined by their standing on the official Civil Service Eligible List from which they were certified for promotion.

NOTE: Not a part of either Rule 31 or 34.

VI. NEW FIRE ALARM BOXES ESTABLISHED

1. In the near future the following fire alarm boxes will be installed in the Columbia Point Housing Project:

3225 - Monticello and Brandon Avenues
12-3225 - Brandon Avenue, opposite Belvoir Road
13-3225 - Montpelier Road, opposite No. 20
14-3225 - Monticello Avenue, opposite No. 96
15-3225 - Monticello Avenue, opposite Montpelier Road
16-3225 - Monticello Avenue, opposite No. 166

2. The assignment of apparatus to the above boxes will be the same as for Box 3219. Assignment card will be printed and distributed at a later date.

3. The circuit number for these six fire alarm boxes will be announced when the boxes are installed.

4. A complete heat-detection and manual fire alarm system has been installed in the Old North Church, and in the near future the following fire alarm box will be installed:

12-1233 - Christ Church, 193 Salem Street

5. The circuit number for this box will be announced when the box is installed. Company commanders will add Box 12-1233 to assignment card for Box 1233.

VII. APPRECIATIONS

1. The Commissioner is pleased to publish the following letter from Chief Engineer James H. O'Hara of the Somerville Fire Department:

"Mr. Francis Cotter, Fire Commissioner
Fire Headquarters, Southampton Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Commissioner Cotter:

May I extend to you, and through you, to the Officers and Members of the Boston Fire Department, my sincere thanks and appreciation for the valuable assistance rendered to this City during the General Alarm Fire on March 18.

The work performed by Engine Companies #3 - 6 and 32 - Ladder Co.#9 and the Lighting Unit at the fire was of valuable assistance in controlling the spread of the fire and eventually led to the extinguishment.

It was reassuring to know, while at the fire, that Engine 27 - 43 and Ladder 1 of your department were covering in at the stations, and, if necessary, were available for service at the fire.

Kindly convey to the Officers and Members of the above companies my deep appreciation.

Sincerely yours,

Signed/ James H. O'Hara
Chief Engineer"

2. The Fire Commissioner is pleased to acknowledge receipt of a check in the amount of $25.00 which was donated by Mrs. George King in appreciation of services rendered by members of the Fire Department during the fire at Box 3196, 3 alarms, March 20, 1954. The check has been forwarded to the Boston Firemen's Relief Fund.

VIII. COMMENDATIONS

1. The following named are hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 5455, 3 alarms, March 22, 1954, while off duty:

Captain Leo A. Wisentaner	Engine Co. 29
Hoseman Pasquale DiRocco	Engine Co. 29
Hoseman Robert F. Newell	Engine Co. 29
Hoseman Patrick J. Roache	Engine Co. 34
Hoseman James L. McGrath	Engine Co. 34
Ladderman Russell J. Kelly	Ladder Co. 11

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X. COTTER

John V. Stapleton
Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 18

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, MARCH 30, 1954

I: FIRE FIGHTING DIVISIONS

1. Effective at 8:00 A. M., Wednesday, March 31, 1954, the fire fighting divisions in the Boston Fire Department will be reduced from three to two. Division 2 will be discontinued and Division 3 will be renumbered Division 2.

2. Division 1 will consist of Fire Districts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, with division headquarters at its present location, Engine House 25, 123 Oliver Street, Boston.

3. Division 2 will consist of Fire Districts 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, with division headquarters relocated from its present site, Ladder House 23, 36 Washington Street, Dorchester, to Engine House 42, 1870 Columbus Avenue, at Bragdon Street, Roxbury.

II: DISTRICT 5 HEADQUARTERS

1. Effective at 8:00 A. M., Wednesday, March 31, 1954, the headquarters of District 5 will be relocated from its present site, Engine House 25, 123 Oliver Street, Boston, to Engine House 26, 194 Broadway, Boston.

III: CHANGES IN ASSIGNMENTS FOR CHIEF OFFICERS

1. Effective at 8:00 A. M., Wednesday, March 31, 1954, the following changes in assignments, for the present, are hereby announced: Additional changes will be promulgated at a future time.

BOXES:

1519	13-1523	1532	1538	1545	1571
12-1519	1524	1534	1539	1546	1575
1521	1525	1535	1541	1547	1578
1523	12-1525	1536	12-1541	12-1547	
12-1523	1526	1537	1542	1561	
			1544		1611
1612	1621	1632	1635	12-1642	1671
1613	1622	13-1632	12-1635	1643	
1614	1624	1633	1641	1645	
1615	1626	1634	1642	1646	

First Alarm: Drop Division 2 Add District 5
Second Alarm: Drop District 5 Add Division 1

BOXES:

1551	1556	12-1563	1572	1576	1585
1552	1557	1564	12-1572	1577	1593
1553	1562	12-1564	1573	1581	12-1593
1554	1563	1565	1574	1582	

First Alarm: Drop Division 2 Add District 8
Second Alarm: Drop District 8 Add Division 1

1651	14-1653	1661	12-1664	16-1664	1665
1653	15-1653	12-1661	13-1664	17-1664	12-1665
12-1653	1654	1663	14-1664	18-1664	13-1665
13-1653	13-1654	1664	15-1664	19-1664	15-1665
16-1665	17-1667	19-1667	1677		
1667	18-1667	1672	12-1677		
12-1667		1673	13-1677		
13-1667		12-1673			
14-1667					
15-1667					

First Alarm: Drop Division 2 Add District 9
Second Alarm: Drop District 9 Add Division 1

1668	12-1668	13-1668	14-1668	15-1668	16-1668
					17-1668

First Alarm: Drop Division 3 Add District 8
Second Alarm: Drop District 8 Add Division 2

BOXES:

2211	2215	2221	12-2226	2243	12-2312
12-2211	2216	2223	2237	231	2313
2212	2217	12-2223	2241	2311	12-2313
2213	2218	2224	13-2241	2312	2314
2214	2219	2226	2242		2315
2317	12-2322	12-2327	12-2331	2335	2341
2318	2323	2328	2332	2336	12-2341
2319	2324	12-2328	12-2332	12-2336	2342
232	2325	2329	2334	2337	2343
2322	2327	2331	12-2334	234	2344
2345	235	12-2353	13-2363		
2346	2352	2354	2364		
12-2346	12-2352	2361			
2347	14-2352	12-2361			
2348	2353	2363			
		12-2363			

First Alarm: Division 2 shall continue to respond.

2247 2265 12-2265 2266 12-2266 2267
2271 2272

First Alarm: Drop District 12 Add Division 2
Second Alarm: Drop Division 2

2273 2275 12-2275 13-2275 2276 12-2276

First Alarm: Drop Division 3 Add Division 2

1531 1583 1584 1591 1623 1625 1662

Second Alarm: Drop Division 2 Add Division 1

Boxes 1335 1336 1337 134 1341 1343 1344 1346
1348 1352 1354 12-1354 1363 1364 1367
1371 1372 12-1372 13-1372 1373

First Alarm: Add Division 1. Second Alarm: Drop Division 1

Boxes 71 711 7112 7113 7115 7116 7118 712
12-712 7121 12-7121 7122 12-7122 13-7122
14-7122 15-7122 16-7122 17-7122 7123 7124
12-7124 7127 7128 713 7131 7132 7133
7500 series

First Alarm: Drop District 5, Add Division 1
Second Alarm: Drop Division 2
Fourth Alarm Cover: Drop District 7 to Division 2

Boxes 7135, 7136 12-7136 7143 7145 7146
First Alarm: Drop District 5. Second Alarm: Drop Division 2-
Add Division 1
Fourth Alarm Cover: Drop District 7 to Division 2

Boxes 1345 1347 1351 1353 1355 12-1355 13-1355
14-1355 1356 12-1356 1361 1362 1363 1364
1365 1366 1374 1375 1381 1382 1383
First Alarm: Add District 5. Second Alarm: Drop District 5.

On all assignment cards where it appears: Drop District 7 covering Division 2. Drop District 5 covering Division 2. Add District 5 to District 7.

Boxes 2245 2246 2248 2249 2255 2261 2262 2263
12-2263 2264 2362 12-2362 2365 2366 12-2366
2367 12-2367 2369 2371 2374
First Alarm: Drop District 9, Add Division 2.
Second Alarm: Drop Division 2.

Boxes 2384 2385 2387 2389 2395 2396
First Alarm: Drop District 8.

Boxes 3221 3222 3223 3235 3236 3237 3238 3239
3241 3242 3243 3244 3245 3246 13-3246
3247 3248 3251 12-3251 3252 3254 3255
3256 3257
First Alarm: Drop District 9

Boxes 2116 2134 2135 2136 2139 2141 2142 2143
12-2143 2144 2145 2151 12-2151 13-2151 2152
2153 2154 12-2154 2156 2158 216 2161
2162 2163
First Alarm: Drop Division 3. Second Alarm: Add Division 2

Boxes 3118 3136 3141 3142 3144 3147 315 3151
3152 3153 3154 3155 3157 3161 3162 3163
3164 12-3164 3165 3167 3168 3171 3172
3173 3174 3175 12-3175 3176 3177 3178
3179 3182 3183 3184 3185 3186 3187 3188
3191 3195

First Alarm: Drop Division 3. Second Alarm: Add Division 2

Boxes 3231 3233 12-3233 3234 3261 3262 3263
3264 3266 12-3266 3271 3272 3273 3274
12-3274 13-3274 14-3274 3275 3276 3277
3278 3281 3282 3283 3284 3285 3286 3291
3292 3293 3294 3295 3296 3297

First Alarm: Drop Division 3. Second Alarm: Add Division 2

Boxes 3314 3315 3316 3317 3318 3321 3322
3323 3324 3325 3326 3327 12-3327 3331
3334 3335 3336 3341 3342 3343 12-3343
3344 3345 3346 12-3346 13-3346 3347 3351
3352 3353 3355 337 12-337 13-337 14-337
15-337 16-337 17-337 3374 3375

3376 3377 3378 3379 3381 3382 3383 12-3383
First Alarm: Drop Division 3. Second Alarm: Add Division 2.

Boxes 341 3411 3421 12-3421 13-3421 3545
First Alarm: Drop Division 3. Second Alarm: Add Division 2.

Boxes 311 3112 3113 3116 3117 3123 3125 3126
321 3211 3212 3213 3214 3215 3216 12-3216
3217 3218 12-3218
Second Alarm: Drop Division 2, Add Division 1.

On all box assignment cards of the 7000 series in District 6, above 7133, except the 7500 series
Second Alarm: Drop Division 2, Add Division 1

On all box assignment cards of District 11
Second Alarm: Drop Division 2, Add Division 1
Second Alarm Cover: Drop District 7 to Division 2
Fourth Alarm Cover: Drop District 5 to Division 2--add District 5 to District 7.

On all box assignment cards where Division 3 is assigned:
Drop Division 3, Add Division 2

IV: TRANSFERS

1. The following transfers, effective at 8:00 A. M., Wednesday, March 31, 1954, are hereby announced:

Deputy Chief John F. Pettit	from Division 2 to Headquarters
Deputy Chief Coleman G. Clougherty	from Division 3 to Hdqtrs.
Deputy Chief Franklin B. Sanborn	from Division 3 to Division 2
Deputy Chief James J. Harrington	from Division 3 to Division 2
Deputy Chief John J. Ryan	from Division 3 to Division 2
Deputy Chief Leo C. Driscoll	from Division 2 to Division 1
Lieut.-Aide to Commissioner William H. Bell	from Headquarters to Engine 45
Aide to Deputy Chief James H. Donnelly	from Ladder 13 to Lad. 8
Aide to Deputy Chief John A. Connerty	from Lad. 13 to Fire Alarm Division
Aide to Deputy Chief Henry J. Byrnes	from Lad. 23 to Lad. 30
Aide to Deputy Chief Thomas F. Callahan	from Lad. 23 to Lad. 30
Aide to Deputy Chief Joseph F. Noonan	from Lad. 23 to Lad. 30
Aide to Deputy Chief Thomas F. McGowan	from Lad. 13 to Lad. 30
Aide to Deputy Chief Frank W. Goyette	from Ladder 23 to Lad. 30
Aide to Deputy Chief Eugene W. Estey	from Lad. 8 to Lad. 30
Hsmn. Carl F. Carlson	from Eng. 31 to Eng. 40
Hsmn. Thomas P. Lewis	from Eng. 4 to Eng. 37
Hsmn. William J. Reardon	from Eng. 7 to Eng. 26
Hsmn. Albert G. Spitz	from Eng. 7 to Eng. 26
Hsmn. Michael J. Giunta	from Eng. 7 to Eng. 26
Ldmn. Fred Hahn	from Lad. 6 to Hdqtrs.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X. COTTER:

John V. Stapleton

Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 19

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, APRIL 6, 1954

I. RETIREMENTS

1. The following retirement, in accordance with Section 57, Chapter 32, General Laws, as amended, which became effective at 8 a. m., Wednesday, March 31, 1954, is hereby announced:

Lieutenant-Master Carl H. Foss Engine Co. 31

2. The following retirement, in accordance with Section 58, Chapter 32, General Laws, as amended, which became effective at 8 a. m., Wednesday, March 31, 1954, is hereby announced:

Hoseman William P. McMorrow Engine Co. 5

3. Lieutenant Foss was appointed to the Fire Department February 1, 1924 and was promoted to the grade of Lieutenant January 3, 1945. Hoseman McMorrow was appointed to the Fire Department February 1, 1924. Both these members leave the department with the best wishes of their associates.

II. CHANGES IN DESIGNATION OF FIRE ALARM BOXES

1. Due to the change in name of Beechland Street (formerly Farrington Ave.) to Beram Ave., the designation of the following fire alarm box will be changed to read as follows:

2674 - Beechland Street and Beram Avenue

2. Company commanders will change the designation of the above fire alarm box on assignment card for Box 2674.

3. Due to the construction of a new street called Newmarket Square, the designation of fire alarm box 3113 will be changed to read as follows:

3113 - Southampton St. and Newmarket Square

4. Company commanders will make the above change on assignment card for Box 3113.

III. FIRE ALARM BOXES ESTABLISHED

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

5371 - Commonwealth Ave. and Lake Street

2. Assignment of apparatus for this box will be the same as for Box 5372.

3. The circuit number for this box will be announced when the box is installed. Assignment cards will be printed and distributed at a later date.

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

13-2331 - Northeastern University, Physical Education Centre, 400 Huntington Avenue

5. Company commanders will add Box 13-2331 to assignment card for Box 2331. The circuit number for this box will be announced when the box is installed.

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

14-245 - Massachusetts Osteopathic Hospital, 43 Evergreen Street

7. Company commanders will add Box 14-245 to assignment card for Box 245 and place a star alongside Box 14-245 and Ladder 26 to indicate the response of Ladder 26 on first alarm. The circuit number for this box will be announced when the box is installed.

IV. STREETS ESTABLISHED AND CHANGE OF NAME

1. Notice has been received from the Board of Street Commissioners regarding the following streets established or name changed:

PAULMAN CIRCLE, West Roxbury, street established, leading easterly from about No. 35 Church Street

COLEBROOK STREET, South Boston, formerly Howe Avenue, from H Street approximately 223 feet westerly

HARTWOOD STREET, West Roxbury, formerly Hart Street, from Baker Street to Prospect Street, name changed to Hartlawn Road

BEECHLAND STREET, West Roxbury, southeasterly from Beech St. for a distance of approx. 260 feet, formerly Farrington Ave. (see G. O. #34, dated July 10, 1953). Name changed to Beram Avenue

ABBY ROAD, formerly Waverly Place, Brighton, from Waverly Street approximately 275 feet westerly

BANTON STREET, formerly Barnes Street, Dorchester, from Dorchester Ave., approximately 332 feet westerly

ARVALE ROAD, formerly Harvard Road, Dorchester, from Harvard Avenue, approximately 180 feet northeasterly

BANTRY WAY, formerly Bateman Place, South Boston, from N Street to East Eighth Street

DERRY ROAD, formerly part of Reddy Avenue, Hyde Park, from Safford Street to Westminster Street

CORMAN ROAD, Mattapan, from Cummins Highway, near Orlando Street

RICHROW STREET, Dorchester, from 1125 Morton St. to Groveland St.

SPRUCE PLACE, Boston Proper, passageway in rear 22-32 Chestnut St., from No. 3 Spruce Street

ALWYN STREET, Hyde Park, from Turtle Pond Pkwy. to Dedham Parkway

DIETZ ROAD, Hyde Park, southerly from Alwyn Street, for a distance of approximately 225 feet

KARDON ROAD, Hyde Park, southeasterly from Dietz Road

NEWMARKET SQUARE, from 225 Southampton Street to Theodore A. Glynn Way

V. BOSTON AUTOMATIC ASSIGNMENTS

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

Signal 551 - 53 Fargo Street, front section
Signal 552 - 53 Fargo Street, rear section
Signal 553 - 53 Fargo Street, entire 8th floor

Apparatus to respond to foregoing signals: Engine 39, Ladder 18, District Chief 6. Nearest box is 7121.

Signal 1517-3 - Mystic Docks, Building in front of Pier 48
Signal 1517-4 - Mystic Docks, Boiler House

Apparatus to respond to above two signals: Engine 36, Ladder 22, District Chief 2. Nearest box is 4191.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X. COTTER

John V. Stapleton
Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 20

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, APRIL 13, 1954

I. ASSIGNMENT AS AIDE TO CHAPLAIN

1. The following assignment which will become effective at 8 a. m., Wednesday, April 14, 1954 is hereby announced:

Hoseman Francis J. Muldoon Headquarters Division
to Aide to Chaplain

II. RETIREMENTS

1. The following retirement, in accordance with Section 58, Chapter 32, General Laws, as amended, which became effective at 4:30 p. m., April 6, 1954 is hereby announced:

Fire Apparatus Repairman Dennis McGowan Maintenance Division

2. The following retirement, in accordance with Section 58, Chapter 32, General Laws, as amended, which will become effective at 4:30 p. m., Tuesday, April 13, 1954 is hereby announced:

Working Foreman Sign Painter Anthony Lopardi Maintenance Division

3. The following retirement, in accordance with Section 58, Chapter 32, General Laws, as amended, which will become effective at 8 a. m., Wednesday, April 14, 1954 is hereby announced:

Ladderman Frank A. Doyle Ladder Co. 25

4. Fire Apparatus Repairman McGowan was appointed to the Fire Department August 31, 1923. Ladderman Doyle was appointed March 9, 1923, and Working Foreman Lopardi was appointed April 5, 1924.

5. All the foregoing named leave the department with the best wishes of their associates.

III. RESIGNATION

1. The following resignation which became effective at 8 a. m., Tuesday, April 6, 1954 is hereby announced:

Engineer, Motor Squad, James S. Walker Maintenance Division

IV. HOUSE JOURNALS

1. Company commanders are requested to submit to Headquarters on Form 5A, before April 23, 1954, the number of House Journals which will be required for use at the Patrol Desk in their respective quarters for the period beginning June 1, 1954.

V. INDEX TO GENERAL ORDERS - 1953

1. The index to General Orders for the year, 1953 is being issued to the department today.

VI. FIRE ALARM BOX INSTALLED

1. The following fire alarm box, which was established in General Orders No. 39, dated August 11, 1953, has been installed and connected into circuit #57:

   12-3773 - Fairmount School, Williams Avenue and Summit Street

2. At the time of establishing this box in General Orders No. 39, the name of the school was not known. Company commanders will insert the name "Fairmount School" on assignment card for this box.

3. Company commanders will add Box 12-3773 to circuit card #57.

VII. CHANGES IN ASSIGNMENTS FOR CHIEF OFFICERS

1. Effective at 8 a. m., April 14, 1954, the following changes in assignments will become effective:

   Boxes 1363, 1364 First Alarm: Drop District 5
   Second Alarm: Add District 5

   Box 1371 First Alarm: Drop Division 1
   Second Alarm: Add Division 1

   Box 1671 Second Alarm: Drop District 9. Drop Dist. 5 to Dist. 7
   Second Alarm Cover: Add District 9 to District 7
   Fourth Alarm: Drop District 5

   Box 1578 Second Alarm Cover: Add District 9 to District 7

   Boxes 2245 2246 2248 2249 2255 2261 2262 2263 12-2263
   2264 2362 12-2362 2365 2366 12-2366 2367 12-2367
   2369 2371 2374
   Second Alarm: Add District 9 to fire

   Boxes 3221 3222 3223 3235 3236 3237 3238 3239 3241
   3242 3243 3244 3245 3246 13-3246 3247 3248 3251
   12-3251 3252 3254 3255 3256 3257
   Second Alarm: Add District 9 to fire

   Boxes 2247 2265 12-2265 2266 12-2266 2267 2271 2272
   Second Alarm Cover: Drop District 10 to District 12

G.O. No. 18, current series, on Page 4, an order appears as follows: On all assignment cards where it appears: Drop District 7 to Division 2. Drop Dist. 5 to Div. 2. Add Dist. 5 to Dist. 7.

Some confusion has arisen on this order. It is not the intention of the order to have District 5 cover District 7 when District 7 was dropped from covering Division 2. Because District 7, when dropped, reverted back to its own assignments, in its own quarters.

VIII. ANNUAL MAINTENANCE APPEAL - BOSTON EVENING CLINIC

1. His Honor, the Mayor, has asked that all city employees cooperate in the drive to obtain needed funds for maintenance and new equipment at the Boston Evening Clinic. This is a non-sectarian and non-profit institution which makes available low-cost medical services to people of low and moderate income.

2. Pledge cards are being issued to the department today and company commanders and heads of branch divisions are requested to bring the campaign to the attention of members of their commands.

3. Pledge cards and cash are to be forwarded to Headquarters on or before Friday, April 30, 1954.

4. Delivery of cards and money will be made to Mr. John J. Walsh in the Headquarters Division between the hours of 9 and 11:30 a. m., on each weekday, excepting Saturdays.

5. Company commanders are requested to fill out the stubs on pledge cards and return them to members making a contribution.

IX. COMMENDATIONS

1. Laddermen James P. Duffy and Leo M. Myott of Ladder Co. 21 are hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 6187, two alarms, on April 10, 1954, while off duty.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X. COTTER

John V. Stapleton
Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 21

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, APRIL 15, 1954

ANNUAL BALL

The Seventy-fifth Annual Ball of the Boston Fire and Protective Departments will be held on Monday evening, April 19, 1954 at the Boston Garden.

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.

Following is a brief outline of the program.

8:00 p. m.	Concert by Karle Rohde and his Orchestra
8:30	Exhibition and Drill by Gate of Heaven Cadets, C.Y.O., Gate of Heaven Parish, South Boston
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 Band and Color Guard and the Gate of Heaven Cadets.
9:15	Greetings by President of Boston Firemen's Relief Fund, Francis J. Dooley.
9:20	Roll of Merit Awards by Mayor John B. Hynes
9:25	High Commendation Awards -- U.S.S. Leyte by Senator John E. Powers
9:30	High Commendation Awards by Fire Commissioner Francis X. Cotter
9:35	Awarding of 40 and 25 year Service Buttons by Chief of Department John V. Stapleton The following members will represent their grades in the awarding of the service buttons: District Chief John J. O'Brien, District 15 Captain Thomas J. Mulhern, Rescue Co. 3 Lieutenant John E. Napier, Engine Co. 43 Hoseman William A. Moore, Lighting Plant No. 1 Joseph E. Donovan, Fire Alarm Division
9:40	Ceremony to Departed Members of Boston Fire and Protective Departments by Department Chaplain, Reverend Howard E. Pomeroy
9:45	Entertainment - Stars of Radio and Television. "Yesterday and Today Revue" presented by Tom Foran. Music by Karle Rohde and his Orchestra.
11 to 1 a. m.	Dancing. Music by Karle Rohde and his Orchestra

The Floor Marshal will be Lieutenant William R. Lovett of Engine Co. 13.

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

Relief Fund ticket sellers are detailed to the Ball as Aides.

The Chief of Aides will be Captain John P. Brooks, Engine Co. 18. All members of the department detailed to the Ball as Aides and members from the districts and Fire Alarm Division shall report to Captain John P. Brooks at 7:30 p. m. at the Press Gate, Boston Garden.

Members detailed will attend strictly to the duties assigned them.

Trustees, Aides, Band and Color Guard members, and other members detailed to the Ball will be excused from duty at 4 p. m., April 19th. Members scheduled for the night tour of duty will return to their companies after the Ball.

Members of the Band and Color Guard, Roll of Merit, High Commendation, and Service Button recipients shall report to Captain-Drillmaster Augustus J. Beaupre in Room 1 at 8 p. m.

Uniform for the Band and Color Guard will be sack coat, white shirt, black tie, band hat. The remaining uniformed members shall be in regulation uniform with white gloves.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X. COTTER

John V. Stapleton

Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 22

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, APRIL 19, 1954

I: BOARD OF MERIT

1. The Board of Merit of the Boston Fire Department, consisting of the Chief of Department and Deputy Chiefs, has considered all meritorious acts referred to it for the year 1953. After careful consideration and study, the Board submitted the following recommendation which is hereby approved by the Fire Commissioner:

2. Rescue operations at fire, Box 3654, 45-53 Adams Street, Milton.

At 7:36 A. M., on November 22, 1953, the department responded to an alarm from Box 3654 for a fire in a building at 45-53 Adams Street, Milton. During the fire, Hoseman Arthur C. Morton of Engine Co. 16, who was operating a line of hose inside the building, on the third floor, was thrown into the cellar due to a sudden collapse of the roof and floor.

Immediately, with a total disregard for their own safety, Assistant Chief of Department Walter E. Crouch (at that time, Deputy Chief Crouch), followed by Lieutenant James G. Boles of Ladder Co. 6 and Hoseman John E. Kelley of Engine Co. 16 slid down the line of hose into the cellar. They found Hoseman Morton, unconscious, trapped in the wreckage, with his right foot wedged under a heavy beam.

They removed the debris which covered the victim, and because of the heavy weight of the beam, lifted him bodily in such a manner so that his right leg could be slipped out of his rubber boot, thus, freeing him.

This rescue work had to be done with great care in order to prevent additional wreckage from falling and trapping the victim and his rescuers. After freeing Hoseman Morton, they carried him to a point of safety where other members removed him to a waiting ambulance.

The prompt action, courage, and resourcefulness, displayed by these members in effecting this rescue saved Hoseman Morton from more serious injury and possibly suffocation. They were highly commended in General Orders No. 57, series of 1953.

Because of the great personal risk involved in this rescue the Board of Merit recommends that the names of Assistant Chief of Department Walter E. Crouch, Lieutenant James G. Boles, and Hoseman John E. Kelley be placed on the Roll Of Merit.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X. COTTER

John V. Stapleton
Chief of Department