GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 1

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, JANUARY 3, 1956

I. ASSIGNMENT OF FIRE FIGHTERS

1. The following assignments of Fire Fighters are hereby announced to become effective at 8 a.m., Wednesday, January 4, 1956:

John E. Woods	to Ladder Co. 22
Anthony B. Jerzylo	to Engine Co. 29
Walter J. Conley	to Engine Co. 31
Leo C. Reardon	to Engine Co. 12
Howard F. Clinkscale	to Ladder Co. 15
Richard J. Reynolds, Jr.	to Ladder Co. 18
Rocco A. Staffier	to Engine Co. 5
Louis Crifo	to Engine Co. 16
Richard C. Lawler	to Engine Squad 53
Arthur E. Cox	to Engine Co. 4
Martin J. Nee	to Ladder Co. 24
Garrett J. Murphy	to Ladder Co. 9
James F. Donovan	to Ladder Co. 12
William J. Moore	to Engine Co. 36
Paul F. Cunniff	to Engine Co. 7
Vernon H. Feurtado	to Ladder Co. 10
Vincent G. Mahoney	to Engine Co. 52
Philip F. Curran	to Engine Co. 2
Edward F. Fitzgerald	to Ladder Co. 8
Charles A. Coye	to Engine Co. 40

2. The following assignment of a Fire Fighter is hereby announced to become effective at 8 a.m., January 11, 1956:

Paul V. Dougherty	to Engine Co. 20

II. TRANSFERS

1. The following transfers which will become effective at 8 a.m., Wednesday, January 4, 1956 are hereby announced:

Fire Capt. James J. Murphy	from Engine 36 to Engine 3
Fire Capt. Edward F. Sullivan	from Engine Sqd. 11 to Eng. Sqd. 14
Fire Capt. Richard P. Duffley	from Engine 16 to Ladder 3
Fire Capt. Max Kneller	from Engine Squad 14 to Engine 36
Fire Capt. John R. Greene	from Ladder 3 to Engine 46
Fire Capt. John J. Coakley	from Engine 46 to Eng. Sqd. 11
Fire Capt. William R. Lovett	from Engine 3 to Engine 16
Fire Lieut. John R. Harrison	from Ladder 4 to Ladder 2
Fire Lieut. Paul J.O'Brien	from Engine 36 to Ladder 4
Albert J. Adomaitis	from Ladder 3 to Ladder 21
Walter F. Almeida	from Ladder 2 to Ladder 11
Charles E. Bagley	from Engine 25 to Engine Sqd. 14
Frank E. Bucelwicz	from Engine 41 to Engine 8
William R. Burke	from Ladder 3 to Engine 5
John E. Burwell	from Engine 52 to Ladder 11
Henry J. Byrnes	from Engine 25 to Engine 55
Gerald F. Cahill	from Engine 2 to Ladder 21
William R. Carey	from Engine 8 to Engine 41
Peter J. Cassis	from Ladder 15 to Ladder 9

Anthony C. Ciampa	from Engine 56 to Ladder 19
Robert B. Clarke	from Engine 7 to Engine 25
Michael J. Connolly	from Ladder 20 to Ladder 3
Felix F. Cosgrove	from Engine 48 to Engine 2
Joseph A. Cutcliffe	from Ladder 28 to Engine 2
Richard T. Daley	from Engine 41 to Ladder 2
Joseph A. Dashner	from Ladder 8 to Ladder 17
Ernest Deeb	from Ladder 16 to Ladder 17
Frank A. DeSisto	from Ladder 17 to Ladder 16
Robert M. Doheney	from Ladder 22 to Engine 32
Francis J. Dooley	from Ladder 19 to Engine 40
John F. Doyle	from Engine 10 to Engine 50
Daniel F. Duffy	from Engine 32 to Ladder 28
John W. Duggan	from Engine 3 to Eng. Sqd. 11
Melvin J. Durant	from Ladder 19 to Engine 9
Martin J. Earner	from Engine 25 to Engine 7
Frank J. Eckler	from Engine 39 to Engine 49
Edward L. Fitzpatrick	from Ladder 21 to Ladder 2
Michael A. Flammia	from Engine 9 to Ladder 19
Daniel J. Flanagan	from Ladder 9 to Ladder 15
James D. Ford	from Eng. Squad 14 to Ladder 11
Angelo Frizzi	from Engine 50 to Engine 10
Thomas H. Getherall	from Engine 4 to Engine 49
Frederick J. Grenier	from Ladder 28 to Engine 40
Thomas V. Griffin	from Engine 33 to Engine 40
Albert F. Hall	from Eng. Squad 14 to Engine 25
Robert J. Hamilton	from Ladder 16 to Ladder 8
John M. Hanley	from Engine 45 to Engine 36
Paul R. Harvey	from Ladder 14 to Engine 49
John F. Hasson	from Ladder 17 to Ladder 8
Robert D. Healy	from Eng. Squad 53 to Engine 25
Joseph L. Hurrie	from Ladder 17 to Eng. Squad 14
George Indelicato	from Engine 9 to Engine 28
Edwin T. Keenan	from Engine 2 to Engine 48
Thomas E. Kelly	from Engine 50 to Engine 10
Vincent J. Kilduff	from Engine 49 to Ladder 14
Edward F. Loonie	from Engine 28 to Engine 9
Joseph A. Lucas	from Engine 2 to Engine 41
William D. Manning	from Engine 5 to Engine 9
Frank P. Marcella	from Engine 36 to Engine 42
William Marranzini	from Engine 40 to Ladder 28
Francis P. McAlpine	from Engine 40 to Engine 21
William H. McClennan	from Ladder 8 to Ladder 14
Edward J. MacDonald	from Ladder 12 to Ladder 17
Gerald J. McEachern	from Ladder 3 to Ladder 22
James J. McGranachan	from Ladder 11 to Engine 8
James L. McGrath	from Engine 40 to Engine 33
John P. McLaughlin	from Ladder 9 to Ladder 6
Joseph J. McNeil	from Engine 24 to Engine 40
Zdzislaw Mierzykowski	from Engine 40 to Engine 24

Lester W. Monarch	from Engine 36 to Engine 45
Richard F. Murphy	from Engine 3 to Engine 37
George N. Norris	from Engine 25 to High Pressure
James J. O'Gorman	from Engine 3 to Engine 56
Joseph F. O'Rourke	from Engine 48 to Engine 32
John M. Osmun	from Ladder 11 to Ladder 6
Charles J. Parenteau	from Engine 2 to Ladder 28 —NC
Melzer T. Pietroski	from Ladder 27 to Ladder 23
Joseph A. Reardon	from Engine 40 to Ladder 29
John F. Reilly	from Engine 50 to Engine 13
Wilbert F. Rice	from Engine 10 to Engine 50
John W. P. Rogers	from Ladder 17 to Ladder 12
Leo F. Rusk	from Engine 42 to Engine 3
Stephen S. Sangas	from Engine 29 to Engine 40
Harry C. Shea	from Engine 13 to Engine 50
Arthur P. Spacone	from Ladder 19 to Engine 29
Francis C. Sullivan	from Ladder 21 to Ladder 3
Walter F. Thurston	from Ladder 8 to Ladder 30
John Trischitta	from Engine 29 to Engine 56
Edward T. Upton	from Ladder 6 to Engine Squad 14
~~Timothy J. Walsh~~	~~from Ladder 8 to Ladder 9~~ RESCINDED
John P. Ward	from Engine 26 to Engine 30
Daniel M. Watson	from Engine 36 to Engine 37
John F. White	from Eng. Squad 11 to Engine 36
Harold J. Ennis	from Ladder 12 to Engine 37
James D. Gallagher	from Eng. Sqd. 14 to Eng. Sqd. 34

III. CORRECTION IN CIRCUIT NUMBER FOR FIRE ALARM BOX

1. In General Orders No. 63, dated December 8, 1955, page 2, it was announced that Box 3216 would be changed to Box 7251.

2. The circuit for this box should be No. 86 instead of No. 36 as given in General Orders No. 63.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X. COTTER

John V. Stapleton
Chief of Department

The last General Order in the 1955 series was #67.

FILE

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 2

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, JANUARY 10, 1956

I: CIVIL DEFENSE AUXILIARY FIRE FORCE

1. The Boston Fire Department is seeking men between the ages of 21 and 55 to form an active, trained Civil Defense Auxiliary Fire Force to assist the regular fire department in the event of a disaster caused by wartime action, fire, flood, or any other cause. Whatever the reason, the magnitude of destruction might place it beyond the power of the Fire Department to handle with the regular personnel available.

2. To be prepared for such emergencies, the Boston Fire Department plans to form auxiliary units, equipped with the necessary apparatus and trained auxiliary fire fighters. A wide-spread publicity campaign is to be undertaken to attract volunteers to enroll in these units. To supplement this, every member of the department is urged to interest and enroll civilian friends or relatives in this program which is necessary for the overall protection of the public.

3. Under separate cover, enrollment cards and information placards are being furnished to all fire stations. Company officers will furnish the necessary assistance for the completion of the enrollment cards, and post placards in the fire stations, in locations visible to the public. Permission should be sought from local merchants and storekeepers in each company's respective sub-district, to post additional placards in display windows where they may be observed by passersby.

4. Membership in the auxiliary fire force shall be restricted to residents of, or persons regularly employed in the City of Boston. It is expected that all personnel of the Boston Fire Department will render every courtesy and assistance to civilians indicating a desire to enroll in the auxiliary fire force, and should answer whatever questions asked to the best of their ability and knowledge.

5. For the information and guidance of department members, it is planned to ---

(a) Hold weekly drills.
(b) Schedule drills to permit maximum participation. (evenings)
(c) Use Civil Defense Fire Apparatus.
(d) Make available protective clothing.
(e) Swear in volunteers upon placing auxiliary unit into service.

6. All enrollment cards, when completed, shall be returned to the Training Division at Headquarters.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X. COTTER

John V. Stapleton, Chief of Department

FILE

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 3

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, JANUARY 10, 1956

I: EUGENE J. O'GARA

1. It is with deep regret that the Fire Commissioner announces the death on January 1, 1956 of Working Foreman Sign Painter Eugene J. O'Gara of the Maintenance Division. He was appointed to the Department on August 16, 1950.

2. The funeral was held from the McArdle Funeral Home, 14 Common Street, Charlestown on Wednesday, January 4, 1956 at 8:30 A.M., followed by a Solemn Requiem High Mass at St. Catherine's Church at 9:00 A. M.

3. Employees representing the Maintenance Division were excused from duty in order to attend the services.

II: PROMOTIONS

1. The following promotions are hereby announced to become effective at 8:00 A. M., January 11, 1956:

District Fire Chief James J. Flanagan, District 4, to Deputy Fire Chief.
District Fire Chief Richard A. Ash, Dist. 1-2, to Deputy Fire Chief
Fire Captain Francis X. Finnegan, Eng. 4, to District Fire Chief
Fire Captain John J. McCarthy, Lad. 13, to District Fire Chief
Fire Lieut. Dante C. Ciampa, Lad. 10, to Fire Captain
Fire Lieut. Michael A. Laurano, Jr., Hdqtrs., to Fire Captain
Fire Fighter John E. Campbell, Jr., Lad. 18, to Fire Lieutenant
Fire Fighter Patrick J. Roache, Lad. 13, to Fire Lieutenant

III: TRANSFERS

1. The following transfers are hereby announced to become effective at 8:00 A. M., January 11, 1956:

Deputy Fire Chief James J. Flanagan	from Dist. 4 to Division 1
Deputy Fire Chief Richard A. Ash	from Dists. 1-2 to Division 2
District Fire Chief Francis X. Finnegan	from Eng. 4 to Special Service Unit
District Fire Chief John J. McCarthy	from Lad. 13 to Special Service Unit
District Fire Chief Frederick P. Clauss	from Dists. 5-11 to Dist. 4
District Fire Chief Daniel G. Ford	from Special Service Unit to Dists. 1-2.
District Fire Chief Harry W. Murphy	from Special Service Unit to Dists. 5-11.
Fire Captain Dante C. Ciampa	from Ladder 10 to Ladder 13
Fire Captain Michael A. Laurano, Jr.	from Hdqtrs. to Ladder 24
Fire Captain Michael L. Galvin	from Ladder 24 to Engine 4
Fire Lieut. John E. Campbell, Jr.	from Ladder 18 to Ladder 11
Fire Lieut. Patrick J. Roache	from Ladder 13 to Ladder 7
Fire Lieut. John J. Walsh	from Ladder 14 to Ladder 10
Fire Lieut. Paul W. Frost	from Ladder 11 to Ladder 14
Fire Lieut. Charles E. Maus	from Ladder 7 to Ladder 21
Fire Lieut. Donald F. Toomey	from Ladder 21 to Engine 36
Fire Fighter Joseph P. Murray	from Engine 26 to Engine 32

IV: REASSIGNMENT AS FIRE FIGHTER

1. The following reassignment as Fire Fighter, effective as of 8:00 A. M., January 4, 1956, is hereby announced:

Fire Fighter-Aide to Deputy Fire Chief William H. McClennan, Ladder Co. 14, to Fire Fighter

V: CANCELLATION OF APPOINTMENT AS FIRE FIGHTER

1. The following appointment to the position of Fire Fighter which was announced in General Orders No. 1, c.s., is hereby rescinded as of 8:00 A. M., January 4, 1956.

John E. Woods to Ladder Co. 22

VI: CANCELLATION OF TRANSFER

1. The following transfer, announced in General Orders No. 1, c. s., is hereby rescinded as of 8:00 A. M., January 4, 1956:

Timothy J. Walsh from Ladder 8 to Ladder 9

VII: RESIGNATION

1. The following resignation which will become effective at 5:00 P. M., Friday, January 13, 1956, is hereby announced:

Senior Clerk and Stenographer Bridget T. MacNeill, Hdqtrs.

VIII: FIRE ALARM BOX INSTALLED

1. The following fire alarm box which was established in General Order No. 62, dated November 29, 1955, has been installed and connected into Circuit No. 33:

12-7413 Patrick F. Gavin School, 215 Dorchester Street

2. Company Commanders will add Box 12-7413 to Circuit Card No. 33.

3. With the installation of Box 12-7413, the designation for fire alarm box 7413 will be corrected by deleting the words, "AUX. Patrick F. Gavin School", so that the designation of this fire alarm box will read as follows:

7413 Dorchester Street, opposite West Seventh.

IX: CHANGE IN DESIGNATION OF FIRE ALARM BOXES

1. The Bowdoin School has been discontinued and the designation of fire alarm box 1363 will be corrected by deleting the words "AUX. Bowdoin School", so that this designation will read as follows:

1363 Irving Street, opposite Revere

2. The designation of the following fire alarm boxes will be corrected to read as indicated:

15-1664 Medical Wards F. G. H
15-1667 Dowling Building

2352 Avenue Louis Pasteur, (AUX.), English High School
3384 Boston State Hospital, East Group Building, Harvard St.

X: COMMENDATIONS

1. Fire Fighter Frederick J. Grenier, Jr. of Engine Co. 40 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 3823, December 29, 1955, while off duty.

2. Fire Fighter Paul R. Cardoza of Ladder Co. 23 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 3516, January 7, 1956, while off duty.

XI: RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. The following rule is hereby established to become effective at 8:00 A. M., Wednesday, January 11, 1956:

" 278A Whenever an officer of the rank of "Chief" visits company quarters, the member on house patrol shall announce his presence in quarters by sounding on the house call bell, the call number, identifying the particular grade of Chief, as follows:

Chief of Department	10 rings.
Assistant Fire Chief	2 - 2 - 2 rings.
Deputy Fire Chief	3 - 3 rings.
District Fire Chief	7 rings.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X. COTTER

John V. Stapleton

Chief of Department

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GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 4

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, JANUARY 13, 1956

I: HIGH COMMENDATIONS

1. The apparatus responded to an alarm from Box 2217 at 5:34 P. M., on December 24, 1955, followed by a second alarm at 5:41 P. M. Upon arrival, it was found that a three family wooden dwelling house at 5 Comet Place, South End, was involved in fire. Smoke and fire were issuing from the first floor windows and doorway. People on the street were shouting that a man was trapped in the first floor.

2. Fire Fighter William E. Pero of Ladder Co. 3, who was off duty at the time, and was in quarters when the alarm sounded, responded with Engine 3. He immediately went to the rear of the building and entered through a first floor window. The heat was intense and the room heavily charged with smoke and gases. Fire Fighter Pero groped his way about the room and came upon the unconscious form of a man on the floor. He lifted and dragged him across the floor to the window where he was assisted by another member in removing him to the street. Members of Ladder Co. 12 operated their resuscitator on the victim and he was removed to the Boston City Hospital in a Police Ambulance.

3. Fire Fighter Pero effected this rescue without the benefit of a gas mask. His prompt action, with a total disregard for his own personal safety, undoubtedly saved this man's life.

4. The Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Fighter Pero for his courageous action and this case is referred to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

5. A still alarm was received at 6:18 A. M., followed by an alarm from Box 7236 at 6:19 o'clock on Sunday, December 25th, 1955. When the apparatus arrived at the scene, the members encountered a fire, extending from the first floor to the upper stories of a 2½ story, frame dwelling house at 28 Middle Street, South Boston.

6. Fire Fighters Francis A. Cady of Ladder Co. 20 and Robert P. Foley of Engine Co. 43 entered the building with a booster line in advance of a 2½ inch line from Engine 43. While operating on the fire, they learned that a young boy was sleeping in an attic bedroom. They passed the booster line to another member, donned gas masks, and started up the stairs. Inasmuch as ventilation had not been completed, the presence of smoke was extremely heavy and the excessive heat started to burn the exposed parts of their hands, necksand ears. With firm determination, they continued to make their way up the stairs to the attic. They searched the two rooms and found the unconscious body of a young boy in a bed. They removed him from the bed, carried him out of the room and down the stairs to the street. He was removed to the Boston City Hospital in a Police Ambulance. Fire Fighter Cady suffered a painful injury to his right ankle when he slipped on the stairs during the rescue operation which required his going on injured leave.

7. This action was carried out under very trying conditions with great personal risk to the fire fighters. The Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Fighters Cady and Foley for their heroism and this case is referred to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X. COTTER
John V. Statpleton, Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 5

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, JANUARY 17, 1956

I: PROMOTION

1. The following promotion which will become effective at 8:00 A. M., Wednesday, January 18, 1956, is hereby announced:

Fire Captain John J. Sullivan, Engine Co. 37

to District Fire Chief

II: RETIREMENTS

1. The following retirements in accordance with Section 7, Chapter 32 of the General Laws, as amended, are hereby announced to become effective at 8:00 A. M., Wednesday, February 1, 1956:

Fire Fighter David F. Ritchie	Ladder Co. 23
Fire Fighter Thomas H. Waldron	Ladder Co. 24

2. Fire Fighter Ritchie was appointed to the Fire Department January 21, 1948, and Fire Fighter Waldron was appointed July 20, 1949.

3. Both of these men leave the department with the best wishes of their associates.

III: TRANSFER

1. The following transfer, effective at 8:00 A. M., Wednesday, January 18, 1956, is hereby announced:

District Fire Chief John J. Sullivan from Engine Co. 37 to Special Service Unit.

IV: RENUMBERING OF FIRE ALARM BOXES

1. Effective at 12:00 noon, Thursday, January 26, 1956, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered:

PRESENT NO.	NEW NO.	CIRCUIT NO.	LOCATION
1214	1258	10	Hanover and Union Streets
1215	1259	5	Union and Friend Streets
1218	1225	10	Endicott and Cross Streets
1219	1226	15	Hanover and Cross Streets
1257	1296	2	Atlantic Avenue at Long Wharf
132	1316	5	Canal and Traverse Streets
1341	1338	15	Leverett and Green Streets

2. Company Commanders will make the above changes on Assignment and Circuit Cards for fire alarm boxes indicated above.

V: FIRE ALARM BOX INSTALLED

1. The following fire alarm box, which was established in General Orders No. 67, dated December 28, 1955, has been installed and connected into Circuit No. 26:

12-2252 Dudley School, 20 Dudley Street

2. Company Commanders will add Box 12-2252 to Circuit Card No. 26.

3. With the installation of Box 12-2252, the designation on assignment card for Box 2252 will be corrected by deleting the words " (AUX.), Dudley School," so that this designation will read as follows:

2252 Dudley and Putnam Streets

VI: CORRECTION IN DESIGNATION OF FIRE ALARM BOX

1. In General Orders No. 3, dated January 3, 1956, the designation of Fire Alarm Box 3384 was given incorrectly.

2. The phrase "East Group Building" will be corrected to read, "East Group Buildings."

3. Company Commanders will make this correction on Assignment Card for Box 3384.

VII: COMMENDATION

1. Fire Fighter James Wallace of Engine Co. 12 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 3174, 4 alarms, on January 9, 1956.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X. COTTER

John V. Stapleton

Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 6

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, JANUARY 24, 1956

I. HENRY J. BYRNES

1. It is with deep regret that the Fire Commissioner announces the death on January 17, 1956 of Fire Fighter Henry J. Byrnes of Engine Co. 55. Fire Fighter Byrnes was appointed to the department February 1, 1924.

2. The funeral was held from his late home, 19 Peter Parley Road, Jamaica Plain at 8 a.m., Saturday, January 21, 1956, followed by a Solemn Requiem Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 9 a. m.

3. The Chief of Department made the customary detail to act as funeral escort, and the members of Engine Co. 25 were excused from duty in order to attend the services.

II. PROMOTIONS

1. The following promotions which will become effective at 8 a.m., Wednesday, January 25, 1956 are hereby announced:

Fire Lieutenant Edward W. Sharkey	Engine Co. 30 to Fire Captain
Fire Fighter James E. Halpin	Lad. Co. 26 to Fire Lieutenant
Fire Fighter Francis P. Dowling	Lad. Co. 23 to Fire Lieutenant
Fire Fighter Thomas F. O'Gara	Eng. Co. 47 to Fire Lieutenant
Fire Fighter John P. Vahey	Lad. Co. 20 to Fire Lieutenant
Fire Fighter John J. Waldron	Lad. Co. 23 to Fire Lieutenant

III. ASSIGNMENT AS ASSISTANT PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

1. The following assignment which became effective at 8 a. m., Wednesday, January 18, 1956 is hereby announced:

Fire Fighter William L. Reardon Fire Prevention Division
to Assistant Public Relations Officer

IV. RETIREMENT

1. The following retirement in accordance with Section 7, Chapter 658, Acts of 1945, as amended, is hereby announced to become effective at 8 a.m., February 1, 1956:

Fire Fighter Warren J. Caples, Ladder Co. 11

2. Fire Fighter Caples was appointed to the department January 29, 1947, and he leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

V. TRANSFERS

1. The following transfers will become effective at 8 a.m., Wednesday, January 25, 1956:

Dist. Fire Chief John A. O'Neill	from Sp. Service Unit to Dist. 11
Fire Capt. Edward W. Sharkey	from Engine 30 to Engine 37
Fire Lieut. James E. Halpin	from Ladder 26 to Engine 27
Fire Lieut. Francis P. Dowling	from Ladder 23 to Ladder 18
Fire Lieut. Thomas F. O'Gara	from Engine 47 to Engine 30
Fire Lieut. John P. Vahey	from Ladder 20 to Ladder 30
Fire Lieut. John J. Waldron	from Ladder 23 to Ladder 19

VI. CHANGE IN DESIGNATION OF FIRE ALARM BOX

1. The designation of fire alarm Box 12-2265 will be changed to read as follows:

   12-2265 City Garage, 280 Highland Street

2. Company commanders will make the above change on assignment cards for Box 12-2265.

VII. RENUMBERING OF FIRE ALARM BOXES

1. Effective at 12 Noon, Thursday, January 26, 1956, the following changes shall be made in the city boxes that are listed on the American District Telegraph and Boston Automatic Fire Alarm running cards in this department:

ADT SIGNAL	PRESENT NO.	NEW NO.	ADT SIGNAL	PRESENT NO.	NEW NUMBER
38	1257	1296	623	1214	1258
83	3217	7253	626	132	1316
84	132	1316	721	3116	7271
133	3112	7273	741	3116	7271*
163	1341	1338	742	3116	7271*
219	132	1316	743	3116	7271*
242	3113	7275	787	1257	1296
275	132	1316	3336	1215	1259
384	1257	1296	3449	3113	7275
412	132	1316	3457	3116	7271
413	132	1316	3458	3116	7271
437	3116	7271	3459	3116	7271
475	132	1316	3461	3116	7271
479	132	1316	3462	3116	7271
481	132	1316	3523	1257	1296
482	132	1316	3524	1257	1296
485	3117	7272	3525	1257	1296
499	1257	1296	3526	1257	1296
519	1257	1296	3546	3112	7273
522	1257	1296	3568	1215	1259
587	1257	1296			

*Drop City Box 7271--add City Box 7272

Boston Auto. Signal	Present No.	New No.	Boston Auto. Signal	Present No.	New No.
17	1257	1296	571	132	1316
31	1214	1258	651	1215	1259
36	3115	727	652	1215	1259
136	1215	1259	653	1215	1259
358	132	1316	654	1215	1259
359	132	1316	655	1215	1259
373	3113	7275	656	1215	1259
374	3113	7275	687	311	7276
375	3113	7275	688	311	7276
397	3112	7273	689	311	7276
398	3112	7273	1323	3112	7273
541	1215	1259	1343	1257	1296
542	1215	1259	1344	1257	1296
543	1214	1258	1345	132	1316
544	1214	1258	1346	132	1316

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X.COTTER
John V. Stapleton, Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 7

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, JANUARY 26 , 1956

I: MUTUAL AID

1. Effective immediately, the following changes shall be made in Mutual Aid assignments from Boston to adjoining cities and towns and companies concerned shall be governed accordingly:

2. Company Commanders shall be responsible for the changes to be made on the Mutual Aid cards as follows:

Box 8213 Winthrop

2nd alarm to fire:	Drop, E. S. 11	Add, E. 9
2nd alarm covering	Drop E. 6-56	Add, E. 26-56
3rd alarm to fire	Drop, E. 6	Add, E. 26
3rd alarm cover	Drop, E. 13-8, E. 15-56	Add, E.22-8, *27-56

Note: * Respond via Chelsea.

Box 8214 Revere

2nd alarm to fire	Drop E. S. 11	Add, E. 9
2nd alarm cover	Drop E. 6-56	Add, E. 26-56
3rd alarm to fire	Drop E. 6	Add E. 26
3rd alarm cover	Drop E. 3-56	Add E. *27-56

Note: * Respond via Chelsea.

Box 8215 Chelsea

1st alarm cover	Drop E. S. 11-Chel. 2	Add E. 9-Chel. 2
2nd alarm to fire	Drop E. S. 11	Add E. 27
2nd alarm cover	Drop E. 32-Chel. 2, E. 6-50, E. 15-9	Add E. 26-Chel. 2, E. 22-50
3rd alarm to fire	Drop E. 32, E. 6	Add E. 26
3rd alarm cover	Drop E. 15-Chel. 2, E. 13-50, E. 21-9	Add E. 39-Chel. 2.
4th alarm to fire and cover:	Delete.	

Box 8216 Everett

1st alarm cover	Drop E. S. 11-Ev. 1	Add E. 9-Ev. 1
2nd alarm to fire	Drop E. S.11, E. 50	Add E. 9, E.27
2nd alarm cover	Drop E. 9-Ev. 1, E. 6-50, E. 15-9,	Add E. 26-Ev. 1, E. 22-32
3rd alarm to fire	Drop E. 9, E. 6	Add E. 26
3rd alarm cover	Drop E. 15-Ev. 1, Eng. 13-50, E. 21-9.	Add E. 39-Ev. 1
4th alarm to fire and cover:	Delete.	

Box 8217 Somerville

1st alarm cover	Drop E. 6-Som. 1	Add E. 26-Som. 1
2nd alarm to fire	Drop E. 6	Add E. 26
2nd alarm cover	Drop E. 3-Som 1, E. 43-27	Add E. 22-Som. 1, E. 9-32
3rd alarm to fire	Drop E. 43, E. 26	Add E. 22
3rd alarm cover	Drop E. 9-27, E. 20-26	Add E. 39-Som. 1
4th alarm to fire and cover:	Delete.	

Box 8218 Cambridge

1st alarm cover	Drop E. 6-Camb. 3 Add E. 26-Camb. 3
2nd alarm cover	Drop E. 32-Camb. 7, E.S.34-Camb. 6 Add E. 10-Camb.7, E. 41-Camb.6, E.9-10
3rd alarm to fire	Drop E. 6, E. 32, E. S.34 Add E. 10, E. 41
3rd alarm cover	Drop E. 13-Camb. 2, E. 15-Camb. 3 Add E. 27-Camb. 2
4th alarm to fire and cover:	Delete
5th alarm to fire and cover:	Delete

Box 8219 Watertown

1st alarm to fire	Drop E. S. 34 Add E. 41
2nd alarm to fire	Drop Eng. 37
2nd alarm cover	Drop E. 6-51 Add E. 26-51
3rd alarm to fire	Drop E. 6, E. 13 Add E. 26
3rd alarm cover	Drop E. 32-51, E.43-37 Add E.9-10, E. 10-51.

Box 8221 Newton

1st alarm cover	Drop E. 51-Newton 1 Add E. 41-Newt. 1
2nd alarm to fire	Drop E. S. 34 Add E. 41
2nd alarm cover	Drop E. 37-Newt. 1, E. 6-51, Add E. 10-Newt.1, E.9-10, E.26-51.
3rd alarm to fire	Drop E. 37, E.6, Add E. 10
3rd alarm cover	Drop E.13-Newt.1, E.32-51, E.43-37 Add E. 26-Newt.1, E. 3-51

Box 8222 Brookline

2nd alarm cover	Drop E. 6-Bkl. 5, E. S.53-Bkl. 4, Add E.26-Bkl. 5, E.29-Bkl. 4, E.3-37
3rd alarm to fire	Drop E.S.53, E.13 Add E.26, E. 29
3rd alarm cover	Drop E. 28-Bkl. 4, E. 3-37, E.24-28 Add E. 10-Bkl. 5, E. 9-10.
4th alarm to fire and cover:	Delete

Box 8223 Dedham

1st alarm, cover	Drop E. 16-49 Add E. 52-49
2nd alarm to fire	Drop E. 16 Add E. 52
2nd alarm cover	Add E. 26-42

Box 8224 Milton

1st alarm cover	Drop E. 20-16 Add E. 43-19
2nd alarm to fire	Drop E. 20, E. S. 18 Add E. 43
2nd alarm cover	Drop E. 3-18, E. 43-16, Add E. 26-19
3rd alarm to fire	Drop E. 43, E. 3, Add E. 26
3rd alarm cover	Drop E. 6-13, E. 13-18, E.24-16 Add E. 2-43, 3-19.

Box 8225 Quincy

3rd alarm to fire	Drop E. 16 Add E. 17
3rd alarm cover	Drop E.S.18-Qu.2, E.3-20, Add E.2-Qu.2, E.3-17,E.26-43.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X. COTTER

John V. Stapleton, Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 8

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, FEBRUARY 1, 1956

I. DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF FREDERICK F. KEENAN

1. It is with deep regret that the Fire Commissioner announces the death, on January 22, 1956, of District Fire Chief Frederick F. Keenan of District 11. District Fire Chief Keenan was appointed to the department February 26, 1923. He was promoted to the grade of Fire Lieutenant July 3, 1936, to Fire Captain October 7, 1942, and to District Fire Chief September 17, 1947.

2. The funeral was held from his late home, 39 Trapelo St., Brighton at 8 a.m., Wednesday, January 25, 1956, followed by a Solemn High Mass of Requiem at St. Columbkille's Church, Market St. at 9 a.m.

3. The Chief of Department made the customary detail to act as funeral escort.

II. THOMAS SLATTERY

1. It is with deep regret that the Fire Commissioner announces the death, on January 29, 1956, of Fire Fighter Thomas Slattery of Engine Co. 40 who was killed in the performance of his duties during fire at Box 6172. Fire Fighter Slattery was appointed to the department April 27, 1955.

2. The funeral was held from the Milton Funeral Home, 1126 Washington St., Dorchester Lower Mills, at 9 a.m., Wednesday, February 1, 1956, followed by a Solemn High Mass of Requiem at St. Gregory's Church, Dorchester Avenue at 10 a. m.

3. The Chief of Department assigned the customary detail to act as funeral escort, and the members of Engine Co. 40 were excused from duty to attend the services.

III. ASSIGNMENT AS AIDE TO DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

1. The following assignment, effective at 8 a.m., February 1, 1956, is hereby announced:

F. F. James C. Harold, Ladder Co. 8 to Fire Fighter (Aide to Deputy Fire Chief)

IV. RETIREMENT

1. The following retirement, in accordance with Section 57, Chapter 32 of the General Laws as amended, is hereby announced effective as of 4:30 p. m., January 31, 1956:

Painter Arthur Beaulieu Maintenance Division

2. Painter Beaulieu was appointed to the department March 15,1944, and he leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

V. 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 14 - Stop & Shop, 420 D St. (Manual Fire Alarm)
Apparatus to respond: Engine 1, Ladder 18, District Fire Chief 6. Nearest city box is 7145.

Signal 39 - Darman -Victor Co., 18 Bartlett Sq., from 147 Green St. SPRINKLER
Apparatus to respond: Engine 28, Ladder 10, District Fire Chief 9. Nearest box is 254.

Signal 41 - Cook-Vivian-Lindenmeyer Co., Inc., 35 Mt. Washington Ave. SPRINKLER
Apparatus to respond: Engine 39, Ladder 18, District Fire Chief 6. Nearest box is 7131

Signal 59 - United Waste Co., Inc., 1608 River St. SPRINKLER
Apparatus to respond: Engine 49, Ladder 28, District Chief 10. Nearest box is 3832.

VI. COMMENDATIONS

1. Fire Fighter John G. Thompson of Engine Co. 56 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 6135, three alarms, January 18, 1956, while off duty.

2. The following members are hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 6172, four alarms, January 29, 1956, while off duty:

Fire Fighter John J. Maffei	Engine Squad 11
Fire Fighter Louis C. Liberatore	Engine Squad 11

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X. COTTER

John V. Stapleton
Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 9

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, FEBRUARY 7, 1956

I. FIRE LIEUTENANT MICHAEL A. LANGONE

1. It is with deep regret that the Fire Commissioner announces the death on February 3, 1956 of Fire Lieutenant Michael A. Langone of Engine Co. 40 who died as the result of injuries received during the performance of his duties at Box 6172 on January 29, 1956. Fire Lieutenant Langone was appointed to the department December 10, 1937 and was promoted to the grade of Fire Lieutenant February 5, 1947.

2. The funeral was held from the Langone Funeral Home, 58 Merrimac Street, Boston at 8:45 a.m., Tuesday, February 7, 1956, followed by a Requiem High Mass in St. Mary's Church, Endicott and Thacher Sts., Boston at 9:30 a. m.

3. The Chief of Department made the customary detail to act as funeral escort, and members of Engine Co. 40 were excused from duty in order to attend the services.

II. PROMOTIONS

1. The following promotions which will become effective at 8 a.m., Wednesday, February 8, 1956 are hereby announced:

Fire Fighter George F. Lee, Jr.	Engine 43 to Fire Lieutenant
Fire Fighter Renzo R. Santangelo	Ladder 12 to Fire Lieutenant
Fire Fighter Frederick J. Collins	Ladder 23 to Fire Lieutenant
Fire Fighter Frank J. Lang	Engine 19 to Fire Lieutenant
Fire Fighter Joseph C. Doherty	Engine 27 to Fire Lieutenant

III. TRANSFERS

1. The following transfers will become effective at 8 a. m., Wednesday, February 8, 1956:

Fire Lieut. George F. Lee, Jr.	from Engine 43 to Ladder 3
Fire Lieut. Renzo R. Santangelo	from Ladder 12 to Ladder 22
Fire Lieut. Frederick J. Collins	from Ladder 23 to Ladder 26
Fire Lieut. Frank J. Lang	from Engine 19 to Engine 40
Fire Lieut. Joseph C. Doherty	from Engine 27 to Engine 40

IV. RETIREMENT

1. The following retirement, in accordance with Chapter 347, Acts of 1892 as amended by Chapter 237, Acts of 1939, which will become effective at 8 a.m., Wednesday, February 8, 1956 is hereby announced:

Fire Fighter Arthur I. Roake Engine Co. 54

2. Fire Fighter Roake was appointed to the department September 9, 1918, and he leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

V. RESIGNATION

1. The following resignation which became effective at 5 p. m., Friday, February 3, 1956 is hereby announced:

Principal Clerk & Stenographer Ursula E. Nurse, Headquarters Div.

VI. COMMENDATION

1. Fire Fighter James W. McDonald of Engine Co. 13 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire,Box 1565, two alarms, on February 1, 1956, while off duty.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X. COTTER

John F. Stapleton
Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 10

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, FEBRUARY 14, 1956

I. RENUMBERING OF FIRE ALARM BOXES

1. In connection with renumbering of the following fire alarm boxes, company commanders shall make the necessary changes on assignment cards and circuit numbers.

2. Effective at 12 Noon, Thursday, February 16, 1956, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered:

Present No.	New Number	Circuit No.	Location
3118	1715	37	Kemble and Gerard Streets
3127	174	84	Edward Everett Square
12-3127	12-174	49	Boston Edison Co., Massachusetts Ave.
3128	1741	69	East Cottage & Humphreys Streets
3129	1742	24	Columbia Road & Holden Street
3131	1714	37	George and Gerard Streets
3132	1726	77	Norfolk Ave. and Magazine Street
12-3132	12-1726	36	Samuel W. Mason School, Norfolk Ave.

3. Effective at 12 Noon, Tuesday, February 21, 1956, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered:

3134	173	36	Norfolk Ave. and Burrell Street
3135	1724	36	George and Clarence Streets
3136	1721	88	Dudley & Langdon Sts., (AUX.) Hugh O'Brien & R. W. Emerson Schools
12-3136	12-1721	90	Little Sisters of the Poor, 424 Dudley Street
3137	1723	62	Burrell & Clifton Streets
3141	1731	90	Dudley and East Cottage Streets
3142	1757	88	Howard Ave. and Harlow St., (AUX.) Hawthorne School
3143	1734	69	East Cottage and Batchelder Streets

4. Effective at 12 Noon, Friday, February 24, 1956, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered:

3144	1735	90	Dudley Street, opposite Magnolia St.
3146	1744	88	Dudley and Monadnock Streets
3147	1743	53	Uphams Corner
315	175	67	Blue Hill Ave. and Winthrop Street
3151	1753	37	Dennis and Stafford Streets
3152	1754	67	West Cottage and Judson Streets
3153	1752	37	Blue Hill Ave., opposite Clifford St.
3154	1764	37	Brookford Street, opposite Dromey St.
12-3154	12-1764	67	John Winthrop School, 35 Brookford St.

5. Effective at 12 Noon, Tuesday, February 28, 1956, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered:

3155	1761	67	Blue Hill Ave. & Woodcliff St.
3157	1765	67	Howard Ave. & Sargent St.
3161	1766	37	Hartford and Robin Hood Sts.
3162	1767	53	Magnolia and Oleander Sts.
3163	1777	54	Hartford and Wayland Sts.
3164	1775	54	Bird and Alexander Sts.
12-3164	12-1775	53	Benedict Fenwick School, Magnolia St.
3165	1773	53	Bird Street, near Sayward St.

6. Effective at 12 Noon, Thursday, March 1, 1956, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered:

3167	1771	53	Columbia Rd. and Glendale Street
3168	1772	24	Columbia Rd. and Quincy Street
3171	1785	37	Howard Ave. & Cunningham Street
3172	1782	37	Quincy and Dacia Streets
3173	1783	67	Fayston & Perth Sts. (AUX.) Phillips Brooks School
3174	179	67	Blue Hill Ave. & Intervale Street
3175	1778	67	Quincy and Magnolia Streets
12-3175	12-1778	37	Quincy E. Dickerman School, Magnolia Street

7. Effective at 12 Noon, Tuesday, March 6, 1956, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered:

3176	1787	67	Lawrence Ave. & Mascoma St. (AUX.) Patrick T. Campbell School
3177	1781	62	Blue Hill and Lawrence Aves.
3178	1795	67	Creston and Normandy Streets
3179	1796	62	Intervale and Mascoma Streets
3195	1794	37	Devon and Normandy Streets
3196	1792	37	Blue Hill Ave. at Grove Hall
2114	171	37	Albany & Northampton Streets
2116	1712	67	Hampden and Yeoman Streets
2134	1713	19	Dudley and Hampden Streets

8. In connection with the renumbering of fire alarm boxes, the following changes shall be made by company commanders in the city boxes that are listed on American District Telegraph Co. and Boston Automatic Fire Alarm Division running cards in this department:

Effective at 12 Noon, Thursday, February 16, 1956:

A.D.T. SIGNAL	PRESENT NO.	NEW NUMBER
31	3131	1714
172	3132	1726
375	3131	1714
3469	3118	1715
Boston Automatic Signal		
281	3131	1714
288	3132	1726
289	3132	1726
365	3131	1714
594	3131	1714
616	3118	1715
661	3118	1715
1331	3118	1715
1332	3118	1715

Effective at 12 Noon, Tuesday, February 21, 1956

A.D.T. 32	3141	1731

Effective at 12 Noon, Friday, February 24, 1956:

Signal No.	Present No.	New Number
A.D.T. 585	3147	1743
586	3147	1743
692	3147	1743
Bos. Auto. 642	3146	1744
643	3146	1744
644	3146	1744
645	3146	1744
646	3146	1744
647	3146	1744
1613	315	175
1653	3147	1743

Effective at 12 Noon, Tuesday, February 28, 1956:

A.D.T. 796	3155	1761
Bos. Auto. 1651	3161	1766

Effective at 12 Noon, Tuesday, March 6, 1956:

A.D.T. 82	2114	171
471	2114	171
753	2134	1713
3313	2116	1712
3314	2116	1712
3315	2116	1712
3316	2116	1712
3317	2116	1712
Boston Auto. 67	2114	171
68	2114	171
69	2114	171
87	2114	171
457	2116	1712

II. ASSIGNMENT OF ADDITIONAL APPARATUS

1. Effective immediately, whenever the Deputy or District Fire Chief reports that there is a working fire in progress, the following shall be observed by Fire Alarm.

2. The Engine Squad Company or Rescue Company assigned to the District shall be dispatched. In the event that there is an Engine Squad Company or Rescue Company at the alarm, another engine company shall be sent. Should the first company arriving at the alarm report a working fire, Fire Alarm shall proceed to send assistance as outlined above.

3. It is brought to the attention of the department that the Engine Squad or Rescue Company may have to come some distance, and member in charge at the alarm shall be governed accordingly and order such other additional assistance as needed.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X. COTTER
John V. Stapleton, Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 11

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, FEBRUARY 21, 1956

I. REASSIGNMENT AS FIRE FIGHTER

1. The following reassignment as Fire Fighter (at his own request) effective at 8 a.m., February 22, 1956 is hereby announced:

Fire Fighter-Aide to Deputy Chief Daniel T. McInness,
Ladder Co. 30 to Fire Fighter

II. LETTER OF APPRECIATION

1. The following letter received by Fire Commissioner Francis A. Cotter from Chief John E. Corcoran of Newton is hereby published for the information of the department:

"February 13, 1956

Dear Commissioner:

Once again the value of Mutual Aid was demonstrated on the occasion of the general alarm fire which occurred at the Eliot Church of Newton, 474 Centre Street, in this city.

I would like to extend to you and Chief Stapleton, my sincere thanks and appreciation for the assistance rendered by your department on this occasion.

Very truly yours,

Signed/ John E. Corcoran
Chief of Fire Department."

III. HIGH COMMENDATION

1. An alarm was received from Box 2161, 10:59 p.m., January 27, 1956. The apparatus responded, and upon arrival, the members encountered a fire involving the first floor of a two-story wood frame dwelling at 5 Bower Park, Roxbury, Members of Ladder 4 were informed that some of the occupants were trapped in the building. Immediately and without taking time to don a gas mask, Fire Fighter George J. Lohnes entered the building and made his way up the front stairs to the second floor. There was a heavy concentration of smoke and heat present. He entered a bedroom that led off the hallway and groping and searching about the room he came upon two brothers, one age 4 and the other, 3, lying on a bed, partially unconscious because of inhalation of smoke. He gathered both children in his arms, carried them out of the room and down the stairs to the street and safety.

2. At about the same time that this rescue was being carried out, Fire FightersJohn J. Devine and George W. Girvan of Ladder 4, attempted to enter the first floor apartment through the front entrance but were driven back by the fire. They went to the rear where they were able to force an entrance. They proceeded into the kitchen which was involved in fire, due to an exploding fuel oil tank. The occupant, a middle aged man, was on his hands and knees in the middle of the floor, severely burnt, dazed and bewildered. They carried him out of the kitchen to the rear yard and to the street where he was placed in a police ambulance and brought to the Boston City Hospital.

The quick action by Fire Fighters Devine and Girvan, with total disregard for their own personal safety, undoubtedly saved the occupant from being burned to death.

3. The Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Fighters Lohnes, Devine and Girvan for their prompt and heroic action in effecting these rescues and this case is referred to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X. COTTER

John V. Stapleton
Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 12

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, FEBRUARY 28, 1956

I. TRANSFERS

1. The following transfers will become effective at 8 a.m., Wednesday, February 29, 1956:

F. F. Edward F. McDonald	from Engine Co. 22 to Ladder Co. 8
F. F. Joseph E. Barron	from Engine Co. 5 to Ladder Co.30
F. F. William E. Bills	from Lighting Plant 2 to Eng. 54

II. RENUMBERING OF FIRE ALARM BOXES

1. In connection with renumbering of the following fire alarm boxes, company commanders will make the necessary changes on assignment cards and circuit numbers.

Effective at 12 noon, Thursday, March 8, 1956, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered:

Present No.	New Number	Circuit No.	Location
3219	1821	49	Columbia Road and Moseley Street
3221	1833	69	Sumner and Willis Streets
3222	1831	49	East Cottage and Chase Streets
3223	1837	84	Pleasant and Mayfield Streets
3224	1823	86	Dorchester and Crescent Avenues
3225	1811	24	Monticello and B randon Avenues
12-3225	1812	49	Brandon Ave., opposite Belvoir Road
13-3225	1813	49	Montpelier Road, opposite No. 20
14-3225	1814	24	Monticello Ave., opposite No. 96
15-3225	1815	24	Monticello Ave., opposite Montpelier Rd.
16-3225	1816	49	Monticello Ave., opposite No. 166

Effective at 12 Noon, Tuesday, March 13, 1956, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered:

3226	1825	49	Crescent Ave. and Spring Garden St.
3228	181	49	Mt. Vernon St., opposite No. 240
15-3228	12-181	49	Boston College High School, 150 William T. Morrissey Boulevard
3229	1817	49	Pumping Station, Mt. Vernon St. East End
3231	1876	90	Everett Ave. and Jerome Street
3233	1875	24	Cushing Ave. and Windermere Road
12-3233	12-1875	9	St. Mary's Infant Asylum, Cushing Ave.
3234	1873	9	Sawyer and Downer Avenues
3235	1872	69	Sawyer Ave. opposite Cushing, East End
3236	1877	49	Stoughton and Sumner Streets

Effective at 12 Noon, Thursday, March 15, 1956 the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered:

3237	1871	90	Pleasant and Thornley Sts., (AUX.) Edward Everett School
3238	1864	68	Pleasant and Roach Streets
3239	1865	84	Dorchester Ave. & Greenmount St.
12-3239	12-1865	68	General Services Administration Warehouse, 130 Auckland Street
3241	1841	49	Dorchester Ave. and Victoria St.

3242	1862	40	Dorchester and Savin Hill Avenues
3243	1845	86	Belfort and Sagamore Streets
3244	1843	86	Sydney and Harbor View Streets
3245	1848	49	Sydney Street, opposite No. 67

Effective at 12 Noon, Tuesday, March 20, 1956, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered:

3246	1861	49	Savin Hill Ave. and Saxton Street
13-3246	12-1861	84	St. William's Parochial School, Tuttle St. and Savin Hill Ave.
3247	1866	88	Auckland and Bay Streets
3248	1847	86	Tuttle Street, opposite No. 62
3251	186	86	Savin Hill Ave. near Railroad
12-3251	12-186	49	John L. Motley School, Savin Hill Ave.
3252	1856	49	Savin Hill Ave. and Grampian Way
3254	1857	86	Savin Hill Ave., opposite No. 225
3255	1852	86	Savin Hill Ave. and Evandale Terrace
3256	1851	49	Savin Hill Ave. and Davitt Street

Effective at 12 Noon, Thursday, March 22, 1956, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered:

3257	1853	86	Grampian Way, opposite No. 29
3261	188	80	Hancock and Jerome Streets
3262	1881	24	Hancock and Trull Streets
3263	189	9	Hancock and Bowdoin Streets
3264	1896	69	Dorchester Avenue and East Street
3266	1895	62	East and Winter Streets
12-3266	12-1895	40	Parish St., Edw. Southworth and Mather Schools
3182	1885	9	Quincy and Bellevue Streets
3183	1892	24	Quincy and Bowdoin Streets

Effective at 12 Noon, Tuesday, March 27, 1956, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered:

3184	3127	24	Hamilton and Barry Streets
3185	3123	9	Bowdoin and Norton Streets
3186	3122	24	Olney and Blakeville Streets
3187	3126	9	Richfield Street and Puritan Avenue
3188	3115	54	Richfield Street & Columbia Terrace
3191	3111	86	Columbia Road and Wyola Place
3192	3113	24	Columbia Road and Geneva Avenue
12-3192	12-3113	86	Atherton School, Columbia Road near Geneva Ave.

Effective at 12 Noon, Thursday, March 29, 1956, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered:

3271	314	79	Fox and Percival Streets
3272	3142	40	Adams and Linden Streets
3273	3146	9	Dorchester Ave. and Leedsville St.
3274	3148	69	Dorchester Ave. and Adams Street
12-3274	12-3148	9	Grover Cleveland School, Charles St. near Dorchester Ave.
14-3274	13-3148	38	St. Ambrose School, 35 Leonard St.

3275	3144	40	Robinson St., opposite Montello (AUX.) Benjamin Cushing School
3276	3151	24	Draper and Westville Streets
3277	3137	9	Draper Street, opposite No. 101

Effective at 12 Noon, Tuesday, April 3, 1956, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered:

3278	3156	9	Josephine and Ditson Streets
328	3134	9	Stonehurst and Topliff Streets
3281	3135	24	Hamilton and Speedwell Streets
3282	3133	86	Longfellow and Topliff Streets
3283	3131	24	Geneva Avenue and Bowdoin Street
3284	3153	9	Geneva Avenue and Westville Street
3291	3155	86	Geneva Avenue and Waldeck Street
3294	3191	24	Park and Marlowe Streets
3295	3195	88	Melville Ave. and Penhallow Street
3321	3121	86	Geneva Avenue and Olney Street

Effective at 12 Noon, Thursday, April 5, 1956, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered:

341	3161	88	Greenwich Street and Marlin Way
3411	3162	62	Freeport and Kimball Streets
3412	3164	62	Clayton and Leonard Streets
3413	3165	68	Freeport and Beach Streets
12-3413	12-3165	68	Simms Brothers, 242 Freeport Street
3414	3166	62	Park and Everett Streets
3415	3175	68	Mill and Ashland Streets
12-3415	12-3175	39	Miner Home, 40 Mill Street
3416	3176	39	Blanche and Green Hill Streets

Effective at 12 Noon, Tuesday, April 10, 1956, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered:

3417	3174	39	Freeport and Everdean Streets
3418	3171	39	Freeport Street and Victory Road
3421	319	84	Dorchester Avenue and Park Street
12-3421	12-319	69	MTA Carhouse, Dorchester Ave. & Park St.
13-3421	13-319	69	MTA, Fields Corner Station, Busway
3423	3182	38	Park and Adams Streets
3425	3184	62	Neponset Avenue and Adams Street
3424	12-3184	38	Rochambeau School, Gibson Street
3427	3186	88	Dix and Lafield Streets

In connection with the renumbering of fire alarm boxes, the following changes shall be made by company commanders in the city boxes that are listed on American District Telegraph Company and Boston Automatic Fire Alarm Division running cards in this department.

Effective at 12 Noon, Thursday, March 8, 1956:

A.D.T. Signal	Present No.	New Number
328	3219	1821
337	3224	1823

Signal Number	Present No.	New No.
Effective at 12 Noon, Tuesday, March 13, 1956:		
A.D.T. 48	3226	1825
49	3226	1825
785	3228	181
788	3228	181
793	3228	181
794	3228	181
Boston Auto. 1633	3236	1877
Effective at 12 Noon, Thursday, March 15, 1956:		
A.D.T. 716	3239	1865
Effective at 12 Noon, Thursday, April 5, 1956:		
A.D.T. 526	3411	3162
565	3411	3162
137	3412	3164
141	3412	3164
323	3412	3164
414	3412	3164
795	3412	3164
338	3413	3165
Effective at 12 Noon, Tuesday, April 10, 1956:		
A.D.T. 3472	3418	3171
513	3421	319

III. INSTRUCTIONS, RE: EMERGENCY CALLS

Hereafter, when the members of this department respond to an emergency involving questionable injury to a minor child, and a parent or doctor is not in attendance or enroute to the scene, the officer or member in charge shall have the patient transported to the Boston City Hospital.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X. COTTER

Patrick E. Collins
Acting Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 13

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, MARCH 2, 1956

I. RETIREMENT

1. The following retirement, in accordance with the provisions of Section 7, Chapter 658, Acts of 1945 as amended, which became effective as of 8 a.m., March 1, 1956 is hereby announced:

Fire Fighter Frank J. Storey Ladder Co. 23

2. Fire Fighter Storey was appointed to the department April 9, 1947, and he leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

II. 1956 RED CROSS FUND CAMPAIGN FOR GREATER BOSTON

1. His Honor, Mayor John B. Hynes, has asked that all City employees contribute to the 1956 Red Cross Fund Campaign for Greater Boston which begins March 1 and will continue during the month.

2. The week beginning Monday, March 5, 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 5.

3. For the past few years, the Fire Department has not met its quota, while other City Departments have, and in some cases have exceeded their quotas. Annual membership in the Red Cross starts at $1.00 and it is hoped this year we will achieve 100% membership.

4. The money collected from the Fire Department this year will be used to defray, in part, the expense of operating the Emergency Wagon which is a familiar and welcome sight to all members of the Department. This wagon has responded to long stands on request of the officer in charge, even though the alarm was not a multiple.

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

   (a) Serving hot coffee and food to fire fighters during lengthy stands, or other incidents in Boston.

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

   (c) Training of persons in First Aid.

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

6. 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 Joseph P. Cawley in the Headquarters Division during the week of March 5, 1956. Stubs on pledge cards should be filled out by company commanders and division heads and given to contributors as receipts. Company commanders will also sign in the space allowed for solicitor's signature.

7. Company commanders and division heads shall place 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, with the total contribution, amount paid, and balance due in each case.

8. Envelopes containing pledge cards and currency can be delivered to Headquarters on any weekday during the week of March 5 between 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 5, it will be accepted on or before March 23, 1956.

9. Fire Fighter Frank L. Mayo of Headquarters is Chairman of the Red Cross Fund Campaign in the Boston Fire Department.

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

III. FIRE ALARM BOXES ESTABLISHED

1. In connection with the construction of the John F. Fitzgerald Expressway, the following fire alarm boxes are hereby established and will be installed in the near future.

125 - John F. Fitzgerald Expressway, South Bound at Commercial St.
12-125 - John F. Fitzgerald Expressway, North Bound at Commercial St.
128 - John F. Fitzgerald Expressway, South Bound at India St.
12-128 - John F. Fitzgerald Expressway, North Bound at India St.
129 - John F. Fitzgerald Expressway, South Bound near Oliver St.
12-129 - John F. Fitzgerald Expressway, North Bound near Oliver St.

The assignment of apparatus to Box 125 and 12-125 will be the same as for Box 1251.

The assignment of apparatus to Box 128 and 12-128 will be the same as for Box 1281.

The assignment of apparatus to Box 129 and 12-129 will be the same as for Box 1281.

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

IV. COMMENDATIONS

1. Fire Fighter Paul J. Murphy of Engine Co. 24 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 3179, February 27, 1956, while off duty.

2. Fire Fighter William F. Greenwood of Ladder Co. 13 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 1544, February 29, 1956, while off duty.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X. COTTER

Patrick E. Collins
Acting Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 14

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, MARCH 5, 1956

I. CHANGES IN RULES & REGULATIONS BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

The following changes and additions to the Rules & Regulations of the Boston Fire Department shall become effective immediately.

1. ASSIGNMENT OF POSITIONS FOR FIRST-ARRIVING ENGINE COMPANIES

Unless otherwise ordered by the officer in charge at a fire, (as specified by Rule 187 (a) of the Rules and Regulations of the Department) the first arriving engine company at a fire in a building is hereby designated as the engine company assigned to operate at the front of the fire. This will normally be the front of the building unless the main body of the fire is located at or is obviously threatening exposures at any other part of the building, in which event the officer in charge at the fire shall designate such area as the fire front or front of the fire building. The foregoing shall also apply to fires in large open areas such as lumber yards, barrel and box storage, open wharves or piers or any other fire involving large quantities of combustible materials. Normally, it shall be the duty of the first-arriving engine company to advance lines of hose by way of the front doorway, when the same is accessible, to attack the fire and prevent vertical or lateral extension. When ordinary means of access to a building is not available, access shall be gained by the use of ladders or any other means at hand. When a fire is in a cellar or basement, the first-arriving engine company shall, when possible, advance a line or lines to the basement or cellar and extinguish the fire under the direction of the officer in charge. If the fire is extending vertically and threatening to involve the first or other floors of the building, all necessary action shall be taken to hold the fire in check until the arrival of additional help.

2. SINGLE UNIT ENGINE COMPANIES

Rule 187 (d) shall be amended by adding the following:

"Single unit engine companies, on arrival at a fire on a still or box alarm, shall employ the basic principles of single unit operation in controlling and extinguishing the fire. The pumper shall stretch a feeder line from the nearest available hydrant in accordance with prescribed instructions, and one or more preconnected 1½" lines shall be stretched for operation on the fire or for covering exposures. When it is obvious from the nature and extent of the fire that it would be impracticable to use 1½" lines on the fire, 2½" or larger lines shall be used. When 1½" lines are stretched at a fire, the officer in charge shall take the necessary precautions to back them up with 2½" lines in accordance with recognized departmental policy. Normally, a single unit pumper supplied by one 3" feeder line can supply water to two 1½" attack lines and one 2½" hand line. If an additional line is going to be stretched from this unit, the company stretching the additional line shall stretch a second feeder line from an available hydrant or pumper to augment the supply of water to the unit."

3. TWO-PIECE ENGINE COMPANIES

When a two-piece company is the first engine company to arrive at a fire, the procedure shall be as prescribed in current rules of the department which require that the pumper be connected to a hydrant and a line or lines be stretched to the fire. When a booster line is stretched for the initial attack on a fire, it shall be backed up with a larger line in accordance with departmental policy.

4. ASSIGNMENT OF SECOND-ARRIVING ENGINE COMPANY

Unless otherwise ordered by the officer in charge at a fire, the second-arriving engine company on a box alarm is hereby designated as the engine company to operate at the rear of the fire. It shall be the duty of this company to stretch the necessary line or lines to attack the fire in the rear and prevent its extension by operating on the fire or by covering exposures. Companies operating at the rear shall exercise extreme diligence to prevent extension of the fire and to control and extinguish it. If the second-arriving engine company is a two-piece company, the pumper shall connect up in accordance with the rules of the department, and the wagon shall stretch a line or lines as close to the fire as is practicable and the company shall operate at the rear of the fire as heretofore stated. If the second-arriving engine company is a single unit company, it shall operate in accordance with the prescribed instructions unless otherwise ordered by the officer in command at the fire.

5. FIRES IN SPRINKLERED BUILDINGS

Rule 187 (e) shall be deleted and the following substituted:

"The second-arriving engine company at a fire in a sprinklered building, unless otherwise ordered by the officer in command at the fire, shall stretch a 2½" line from the nearest available pumper or high pressure hydrant to the siamese connection of the sprinkler system. However, if, in the opinion of the officer in command at the fire, the fire can be attacked more successfully or can be controlled more readily by use of the sprinkler system on the initial attack, he shall order the first or any subsequent arriving engine company or companies to stretch 2½" or 3" lines into the siamese connection of the system to augment the supply or increase the pressure in the system. If a line is stretched from a single unit pumper into a sprinkler system, a second feeder line shall be stretched to the intake or suction side of the pumper."

6. PLACING OF WAGONS AND PUMPERS AT FIRES

Officers and drivers of engine companies shall not stop or leave pumpers or wagons at or near a fire building or fire area so as to prevent the raising of aerial or other ladders or to interfere with other operations. Pumpers and wagons not in use at a fire shall be driven to the side of the street and parked so that they will not interfere with the movement of either apparatus, street cars, buses or other vehicles. Apparatus shall not be driven from the fire area as this prevents the use of hose, ladders or equipment by other companies.

7. USE OF SOFT SUCTION HOSE

Rule 187 (f) shall be amended by deleting the last sentence and adding the following:

"Soft suctions shall not be used by engine companies responding to multiple alarm fires. However, if, in the opinion of the officer in command at a multiple alarm fire, the fire can be attacked or controlled more efficiently by use of single unit operation by designated companies, he may order such companies to connect to hydrants in the prescribed manner and stretch a feeder line in accordance with previous instructions; or, if in his opinion, the gun mounted on the pumper of a single unit engine company can be put into operation more expeditiously by using feeder lines to the pumper, he shall order the stretching of such feeder lines. In no case shall less than two feeder lines be used in supplying guns, and, where possible, such feeder lines shall be stretched simultaneously by the pumper."

8. ASSIGNMENT OF POSITION FOR FIRST-ARRIVING LADDER COMPANY

The first ladder company to arrive on a still or box alarm for a fire in a building shall operate at the front of the fire building unless otherwise ordered by the officer in command at the fire. The ladder company officer shall be responsible for correctly spotting the truck so that the aerial ladder, if needed, can be raised and placed in position for rescue work, ventilation or other fire fighting operations. When the aerial ladder is not needed, the truck shall be so located that ladders and other equipment are readily available. Ladders shall be raised immediately if life or limb be in jeopardy or when ladders are needed for stretching of lines, ventilation or other fire fighting operations. On each tour of duty, the officer in charge of each ladder company shall assign one or more members for opening up purposes, (forcible entry) and at least one member who shall go to the roof or other suitable location by way of the aerial or other ladder or by any other accessible means and proceed to initiate ventilation above the fire. The member assigned for this purpose shall carry an axe and such other tools as are necessary and shall start ventilation where heat and smoke indicate the immediate need for such ventilation. If ventilation is to start at the roof, openings over stair, elevator and other shafts shall be made and if necessary, holes shall be cut in the roof. Windows shall be opened as required. Members shall refrain from breaking glass except in emergencies or where windows cannot be opened. It shall be the responsibility of the officer of the first ladder company arriving at a fire to use every means at his command to properly ladder the fire building, to perform necessary rescue or other work to prevent the loss of life or injury to occupants or firefighters, to properly and effectively ventilate the fire building or section of the building, to open up and provide every means of access for the stretching of lines or for other fire fighting operations. When time and conditions permit, axe, rake, overhauling and such other duties as are required to control and extinguish the fire shall be performed.

9. ASSIGNMENT OF POSITION FOR SECOND-ARRIVING LADDER COMPANY

The officer of the second-arriving ladder company, on arrival on the fireground, shall stop his truck at a point from which it can take any position designated and report to the officer in command at the fire and be governed by his orders.

In the absence or orders to the contrary, the second - arriving ladder company shall take the rear of the building and assist the first-arriving truck company in laddering the building, rescuing or directing occupants from the building, opening up for engine companies, ventilating and performing such other duties as are required.

10. USE OF MASKS AT FIRES AND OTHER EMERGENCIES.

On each tour of duty, the officer in charge of every engine, engine s quad and ladder company shall assign two men who shall, upon arrival at a working or multiple alarm fire or at any other emergency where the use of masks is necessary, don the Chemox breathing apparatus assigned to the company. It shall be the duty of the men so protected to take over and advance lines of hose and perform rescue or other duties as may be required. All-service filter type masks may be worn for ordinary fire-fighting purposes a bove grade but when it is necessary to advance lines for operation below grade or when members of the department are dalled upon to make rescues in man-holes or deep excavations or in tanks which have contained inflammable or other questionable liquids the All-service mask SHALL NOT be worn. It shall be the responsibility of the officer in command of a company to assure himself that all members are equipped with self-generating or self-contained oxygen breathing masks when duties requiring such equipment are being performed. All masks and breathing apparatus shall be inspected weekly to ascertain that they are in proper and safe working order.

11. ELECTRIC OPERATING EQUIPMENT — See G.O. #50-1959

The driver of apparatus equipped with electric generating equipment shall be responsible for the care and condition of such equipment. He shall examine and test the batteries in accordance with the provisions of Rule 143. He shall start the generator at 8:30 A. M. daily and he shall run the generator for two minutes. A notation shall be made in the company journal regarding such tests and inspections. The fire fighter assigned to operate an electric generator shall, upon arrival at a fire, report to the officer in command or to the Assistant Fire Chief (Division) and inform him of the availability of the generator for use of lights, power tools, smoke blower fans, etc., and when ordered, shall get such equipment ready for service as quickly as possible.

12. FIREGROUND DUTES OF DISTRICT FIRE CHIEFS

Dis trict Fire Chiefs are charged with the responsibility of seeing that fire companies in their districts understand and follow the proper procedure for fire fighting and that orders relating to same are observed on the fireground. Where variations occur, the Dis trict Chief s hall ascertain the reasons therefor and note same on his fire report. He shall note ventilation activities and any difficulties connected therewith. When a District Chief is in charge at a fire, he is expected to see that smoke blower fans, when available, are utilized to maximum advantage where there is any smoke condition that may impede fire fighting operations or increase property damage. On arrival of a superior officer at a fire, the Dis trict Chief shall report to him, and unless otherwise ordered, shall direct the operations of companies working inside the fire building.

13. FIREGROUND DUTIES OF DEPUTY FIRE CHIEFS

The Deputy Fire Chief shall be in command of the fireground until the arrival of a superior officer to whom he shall report the existing conditions and the action taken. Unless otherwise ordered, the Deputy Fire Chief shall take command at the rear of all multiple alarm fires in his division. He shall make certain that all exposures are covered and shall coordinate the attack at the rear with the overall operations. As soon as possible, he shall inform the officer in command at the fire of the conditions and give him an estimate of the companies and other equipment needed to cover the assigned positions. He shall keep the officer in command informed of changing conditions and possibilities and shall request such additional companies or equipment as may be required for anticipated extension of the fire or to cover additional exposures. After a multiple alarm fire is under control, the overall command shall revert to the Deputy Fire Chief of the division. It shall be his duty to relieve companies as soon as is practicable, and if not already ordered by the officer in command at the fire, it shall be his duty to arrange for and establish necessary fire details. As soon as conditions permit, he shall order the all-out signal sounded and turn the command over to the District Fire Chief.

14. ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF IN CHARGE OF FIREFIGHTING FORCE (HDQTRS.)

On arrival of the Assistant Fire Chief in Charge of Firefighting (Hdqtrs.), in the absence of the Chief of Department, he shall be in charge of fireground activities, and he shall direct all operations in connection therewith. Upon arrival of the Chief of Department, the Assistant Fire Chief in Charge of Firefighting shall report existing conditions and then will take charge of the area at the rear of the fire, and, after consulting with the Deputy Fire Chief regarding the existing conditions and the action taken by him, he shall be assisted by the Deputy Fire Chief in directing the attack on the fire in that area. He shall keep the Chief of Department constantly informed of the conditions at the rear of the fire area, and he shall coordinate the attack with the overall plan of the Chief of Department. He shall notify the Chief of Department of any additional help or equipment that may be needed in attacking the fire in the rear.

15. ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF - FIRE PREVENTION

The Assistant Fire Chief in Charge of Fire Prevention shall be in charge of the attack on the right side of the fire building or fire area and shall be in charge of all operations in connection therewith. He shall keep the officer in command at the fire constantly informed of the conditions in that area and of any additional help or equipment required for the attack. He shall coordinate the attack with the overall plan of the officer in command at the fire.

16. ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF - IN CHARGE OF TRAINING

The Assistant Fire Chief in Charge of Training shall be in charge of the attack on the left side of the fire building or fire area and shall be in charge of all operations in connection therewith. He shall keep the officer in command at the fire constantly informed of the conditions in that area and of any additional help or equipment required for the attack. He shall coordinate the attack with the overall plan of the officer in command at the fire.

17. FIREGROUND ACTIVITIES OF ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF (DIVISIONS)

The Assistant Fire Chief (Division) is specifically charged with the following duties at multiple alarm fires:

(1) He shall see that all pumping engines are properly connected to hydrants or other sources of water supply and are being operated within their proper motor speeds and discharge capabilities.

(2) He shall make certain that all heavy stream appliances are supplied and operated for maximum effectiveness and that whenever possible the maximum number of lines are stretched to such appliance to reduce friction loss and increase the effectiveness of the streams On arrival at a multiple alarm fire, he shall immediately check all heavy stream appliances in service to see that they are properly supplied and that they are equipped with tips of the proper design and size for the available water supply.

(3) He shall maintain liaison with the Water Department by way of department radio through the Fire Alarm Office and keep himself informed regarding the existing water supply on the fireground, and he shall notify the officer in command when additional pressure is needed on the water supply system.

(4) He shall inform the chief in command at the fire when additional pressure is required on the high pressure system.

(5) When necessary for pumpers to draft water at waterfront fires, he shall make certain that pumpers are lifting water and supplying it to lines under proper pressure and volume.

(6) He shall make certain that the effectiveness of existing streams is not impaired by the overloading of pumping engines or water mains. However, this shall not prevent the running of additional lines to reduce friction loss in layouts to streams already in service.

(7) He shall be responsible for the correct placing of heavy stream appliances and shall have such appliances placed in position where they may be needed in anticipation of extension of the fire.

(8) At every multiple alarm fire to which he responds, he shall make certain that one or more ladder pipes are attached and connected up ready for service if needed to attack the fire or to cover exposures.

(9) He shall see that all large capacity fog nozzles are set to give maximum fog coverage at the required range and pressure.

(10) He shall direct the placing and operation of wet water and fog-making equipment when the same are to be used at a fire.

(11) He shall keep the roadway around the fire area as clear as possible for the movement of apparatus. He shall arrange to open the streets for the movement of public traffic as soon as possible.

(12) It shall be the responsibility of the Assistant Fire Chief (Division) to note any conditions on the fireground which indicate the need for further specific training by any company or unit and to arrange for such training.

18. CHIEF IN CHARGE - MAINTENANCE DIVISION

The chief in charge of the Maintenance Division and the officers of the Motor Squad are hereby directed to report to the Assistant Fire Chief (Division) and to assist him in carrying out the responsibilities assigned to him. The chief in charge of the Maintenance Division shall be held responsible for carrying out the activities of the Assistant Fire Chief (Division) in his absence.

19. RULE 187 (m)

Rule 187 (m) shall be amended by deleting the words, "From November 1 to April 1," in the first sentence.

The sentence will then read, "The first and second due engine companies arriving at a fire on the first alarm shall not connect to the same hydrant."

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X. COTTER

Patrick E. Collins
Acting Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 15

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, MARCH 13, 1956

I. WILLIAM L. LANE

1. It is with deep regret that the Fire Commissioner announces the death, on February 26, 1956, of Fire Fighter William L. Lane of Engine Co. 46. Fire Fighter Lane was appointed to the department December 28, 1917.

2. The funeral was held from his late home, 62 Bailey Street, Dorchester at 9 a.m., Wednesday, February 29, 1956, followed by a Solemn High Mass of Requiem in St. Gregory's Church, Dorchester Ave., Dorchester.

3. The Chief of Department made the customary detail to act as a funeral escort, and members of Engine Co. 46 were excused from duty in order to attend the services.

II. ASSIGNMENT AS AIDE TO DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

1. The following assignment which will become effective at 8 a.m., Wednesday, March 14, 1956 is hereby announced:

Fire Fighter Charles R. Dowd, Engine Co. 22 to Fire Fighter (Aide to Deputy Fire Chief)

III. TRANSFER

1. The following transfer will become effective at 8 a.m., Wednesday, March 14, 1956:

Fire Fighter (Aide to Deputy Fire Chief) Charles R. Dowd from Engine Co. 22 to Headquarters

IV. RETIREMENTS

1. The following retirement, in accordance with Section 57, Chapter 32, General Laws, as amended, which will become effective at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 13, 1956, is hereby announced:

Painter Gerald J. Stuart Maintenance Division

2. The following retirements, in accordance with Section 7, Chapter 658, Acts of 1945, as amended, are hereby announced to become effective at 8 a. m., Sunday, April 1, 1956:

Fire Fighter William J. Lane	Engine Co. 16
Fire Fighter Arthur J. Reardon	Engine Co. 17

3. Fire Fighter Reardon was appointed to the department January 7, 1927, Fire Fighter Lane was appointed January 29, 1947, and Painter Stuart was appointed January 21, 1949.

4. These men leave the department with the best wishes of their associates.

V. FIRE ALARM BOXES ESTABLISHED

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

12-1564 Charles C. Perkins School, 145 St. Botolph Street

2. Company commanders will add the foregoing box to assignment card for Box 1564.

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

2589 - Division of Youth Service, Reception and Detention Center
450 Canterbury Street

4. The assignment of apparatus for Box 2589 will be the same as for Box 2588. Assignment cards will be distributed at a later date.

5. Circuit numbers for these boxes will be announced when the boxes are installed.

VI. CHANGE IN DESIGNATION OF FIRE ALARM BOX

1. Due to a change in the name of Berwick Street to Vernon Street, the designation of fire alarm Box 3837 will be changed to read:

3837 - Turtle Pond Parkway and Vernon Street

2. Company commanders will make the above change in designation on assignment card for Box 3837.

VII. 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 64 - C. Crawford Hollidge, Ltd., 141-143 Tremont St.
SPRINKLER. Apparatus to respond: Engine 26, Ladder 17,
Nearest box, 1441. District Chief 3.

Signal 68 - A. W. Perry, 581-583 Washington St., SPRINKLER
Apparatus to respond: Engine 26, Ladder 17, District
Chief 3. Nearest box, 1461.

VIII. BOSTON AUTOMATIC SIGNALS

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

671 - U.S.Steel Co., 176 Lincoln St., Office Building
672 - U.S.Steel Co., 176 Lincoln St., Dispensary
673 - U.S.Steel Co., 176 Lincoln St., Washroom
674 - U.S.Steel Co., 176 Lincoln St., Warehouse
675 - U.S.Steel Co., 176 Lincoln St., Traffic Dept.
676 - U.S.Steel Co., 176 Lincoln St., Power House

Apparatus to respond to all foreoing signals; Engine
Squad 34, Ladder 14, District Chief 11.
Nearest box is 5255.

1634 - 46 Magnolia St., Magnolia Rest Home (MANUAL ALARM)
Apparatus to respond: Engine 21, Ladder 7, District Chief 7. Nearest box is 1767.

IX. DISCONTINUANCE OF BOSTON AUTOMATIC SIGNALS

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

37 - 541-547 Washington Street
1241 - 639-641 Atlantic Avenue
1242 - 643-645 Atlantic Avenue

X. CHANGES IN RESPONSES

1. Company commanders shall make the following changes on assignment cards for mutual aid:

Box 8218 - 2nd alarm cover: Drop Eng. 10 to Cambridge Eng. 7
Add Eng. 10 to Cambridge Eng. 2

Box 8112 - Response for a four alarm fire:
Drop Cambridge Eng. 7 to Eng. 10
Add Cambridge Eng. 2 to Eng. 10

XI. COMMENDATION

1. Fire Fighter William F. Greenwood of Ladder Co. 13 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 1471, 4 alarms, March 6, 1956, while off duty.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X. COTTER

Patrick E. Collins
Acting Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 17

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, MARCH 29, 1956

I. RETIREMENTS

1. The following retirement, in accordance with Section 58, Chapter 32 of the General Laws as amended, which became effective at 5 p.m., March 13, 1956, is hereby announced:

Inside Wireman John E. Downey Fire Alarm Division

2. The following retirement, in accordance with Section 7, Chapter 32 of the General Laws as amended, which will become effective at 8 a.m., April 1, 1956, is hereby announced:

Fire Fighter Joseph F. Vogel Ladder Company 20

3. Inside Wireman Downey was appointed to the department January 25, 1924, Fire Fighter Vogel was appointed January 22, 1947. Both these men leave the department with the best wishes of their associates.

II. FIRE ALARM BOX ESTABLISHED

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

12-1871 - Edward Everett School, 71 Pleasant Street

2. Company commanders will add the above box to assignment card for Box 1871.

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

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 69 - Colourpicture Co., 396-402 Newbury Street (SPRINKLER)
Apparatus to respond: Engine 33, Ladder 15,
District Chief 5. Nearest box is 232.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X. COTTER

Patrick E. Collins
Acting Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 18

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
April 3, 1956

I: BULK OIL DISTRIBUTION PLANTS

1. After an investigation into the cause of the death of the driver of a tank truck at an oil distributing plant in East Boston on February 24, 1956, the following conclusions were arrived at:

1. The primary cause of the explosion which resulted in the death of the driver was a violation of Section 12, F.P.R. 7.

2. The death of the driver was attributed to contributory negligence and a complete disregard of regulation designed to minimize or prevent such accidents.

3. If Sections 7, 10, 13, 15 and 18 of Form F. P. R. 7 had been enforced, the accident may have been prevented.

4. This accident has placed an obligation on the fire department to require the managers and supervisors of oil distribution plants to enforce fire and safety regulations.

As a result of the foregoing conclusions the following orders are hereby promulgated:

1. District Fire Chiefs in districts where bulk filling or distributing yards are located shall familiarize themselves with such properties and the causes of fires and explosions therein.

2. District Fire Chiefs shall familiarize themselves with the provisions of Form F. P. R. 7.

3. They shall make frequent visits to bulk oil tank yards for the purpose of checking filling operations and to ascertain that the provisions of Form F. P. R. 7 are complied with.

4. They shall inspect the grounding apparatus of loading racks to ascertain that it is in good working condition and that it is used when required.

5. District Fire Chiefs shall question the drivers of tank trucks that are on the premises to ascertain the type of load that was carried in the tanks on the last delivery trip.

6. District Fire Chiefs must realize that the approving of a license by them for such plants does not relieve them of further responsibility of frequently inspecting such premises to make certain that maximum safety precautions are being taken.

7. District Fire Chiefs shall check filling stations in their districts, particularly when tank trucks are making deliveries to underground storage tanks, in order to satisfy themselves that every precaution is being taken to prevent accidents.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X. COTTER

Patrick E. Collins
Acting Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 19

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, APRIL 3, 1956

I: CHANGE IN LOCATION OF COMPANIES

1. Effective at 8:00 A. M., Wednesday, April 4, 1956, the members and apparatus of Engine Squad 53 shall be transferred to the quarters of Engine Company 45, 4246 Washington Street, Roslindale. At the same time, the members and apparatus of Engine Company 45 shall be transferred to the quarters of Engine Squad 53, 16 Walk Hill Street, Forest Hills.

2. On and after 8:00 A. M., Wednesday, April 4, 1956, Engine Squad 53 shall be known as Engine Squad 45 and shall assume the running card response of Engine Company 45 and such other responses as directed by the Fire Alarm Office. On and after 8:00 A. M., Wednesday, April 4, 1956, Engine Company 45 shall be known as Engine Company 53 and shall assume the running card response of Engine Squad 53 and such other responses as directed by the Fire Alarm Office. The foregoing companies shall not be out of service while moving to the new quarters.

3. Effective at 8:00 A. M., Friday, April 6, 1956, the members and apparatus of Engine Squad 34 shall be transferred to the quarters of Engine Company 29, 138 Chestnut Hill Avenue, Brighton. At the same time, the members and apparatus of Engine Company 29 shall be transferred to the quarters of Engine Squad 34, 444 Western Avenue, Brighton.

4. On and after 8:00 A. M., Friday, April 6, 1956, Engine Squad 34 shall be known as Engine Squad 29 and shall assume the running card response of Engine Company 29 and such other responses as directed by the Fire Alarm Office. On and after 8:00 A. M., Friday, April 6, 1956, Engine Company 29 shall be known as Engine Company 34 and shall assume the running card response of Engine Squad 34 and such other responses as directed by the Fire Alarm Office. The foregoing companies shall not be out of service while moving to the new quarters.

5. In accordance with the above, the Maintenance Division shall make the necessary arrangements to move personal property of the members of the companies specified in this order and the following equipment:

All hose (which shall be remarked in the near future)
Bedding (not including beds and mattresses)
Note -- No furniture, lockers or house supplies shall be included in the transfer of property.
Foam and foam equipment. Company library.
The following records from the metal file (iron book, so-called) Personnel records. Records of apparatus. Laundry records. All other company records, company journals, etc.

6. Company Commanders shall delete Engine 29 from the list of companies equipped with foam generators and supply of foam in Appendix XI, "Instructions for Operating and Maintaining the Foamite Foam Generator" on page 171 of the Rules and Regulations of the Boston Fire Department, and substitute Engine 34 therefor.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X. COTTER

Patrick E. Collins Acting Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 20

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, APRIL 6, 1956

I: COMPANY-IN-SERVICE INSPECTIONS

1. Effective at 9:00 A. M., Monday, April 9, 1956, company-in-service inspections shall be resumed in accordance with the hydrant inspection schedule issued to the department on October 14, 1955. Inspections shall continue as scheduled, without interruption, except when cancelled by the Deputy or Assistant Chiefs or by the Chief of Department because of weather or other conditions. In order to insure uniformity throughout the department, when there is a question of cancelling inspections because of weather conditions, the Deputy Fire Chiefs of Divisions 1 and 2 shall confer with each other and come to an agreement before issuing an order to cancel the inspections.

2. General Order 18 of April 12, 1955 requires members making inspections to print the names of the owner and occupant on the inspection report. This has not been done in every instance and therefore, the company officer in charge at the time s hall make certain that the names are printed in capital letters before the reports are forwarded to district headquarters.

3. When fuel oil violations are noted on the Form 9C, the amount of fuel oil kept or stored in violation of the regulations shall be stated, together with the full name, (printed in capitals) of the person responsible for same. Where there is more than one person responsible, that is, where more than one occupant is violating the regulations, the name of each violator shall be printed on the report form. Members making inspections shall not limit the violations to fuel oil only. There are other violations present in many buildings of which no mention is made on the inspection report. Among them are large accumulations of paints and other inflammable fluids, discarded furniture and toys, boxes, cartons, papers, and other inflammable rubbish, and obstructions to free and easy access to or egress from buildings. Anything that can cause a fire or lend itself to the quick spread of a fire should be brought to the attention of occupants and they should be instructed to remove it as soon as possible.

4. Because of the limited time permitted by Chapter 148, G. L. to comply with the exercise of an abatement notice, members must exercise judgment in issuing such notices when violations of a minor nature are encountered. A reasonable time may be permitted to correct conditions after a verbal order has been given. If, after re-inspections, which should be a reasonable time apart, it is obvious that the person to whom the verbal order has been given does not intend to comply with it or if such person refuses to obey the order, an abatement notice shall be served on him or her. Whenever a condition is encountered which jeopardizes the life or safety of any of the occupants, an abatement notice shall be served on the responsible person immediately and such other steps as are necessary to protect the occupants shall be taken.

5. When a company responds to an alarm while inspecting, the officer in charge of the company shall so state, giving the information required in General Order 37, 1954. In addition, the box number or the word, "Still" shall be printed at the top of left hand corner of the first page of Form 9C. Clip-boards, for use in making out the inspection reports on the scene have been furnished to all companies in the recent past. These boards shall be handled carefully and shall not be mutilated.

6. Members are reminded that General Order 18 of April 12, 1955, will continue to serve as a guide in making inspections. In view of the increasing number of deaths and injuries at fires caused by defective fuel oil burners, the careless disposal of cigarettes and smokers' articles, smoking in bed and defective electrical equipment, inspectors are urged to stress these causes of fires to occupants whenever the opportunity presents itself. Inspectors shall impress on parents of small children the great danger of leaving them unattended. Company officers shall read General Order 18 to the members at regular intervals, preferably before leaving quarters for inspection.

7. Members are also reminded that a courteous approach is apt to produce quicker and better results than an antagonistic or bellicose attitude. This will apply particularly when violations of laws, regulations or of good judgment are encountered. Our main objective is to get the cooperation of householders and make them fire conscious to the point where they will take every precaution to guard against fires and thereby, prevent the loss of life in their homes. In order to do this intelligently, we must teach them the causes of fires and how those causes can be eliminated. Then, and only then, can the in-service inspection program be a success.

8. District and Deputy Fire Chiefs shall examine and sign every report form and no reports shall be forwarded to Headquarters without being signed by a District and Deputy Fire Chief. When violations of a serious nature are reported, District Fire Chiefs shall cooperate with and assist company officers in having them corrected as son as possible.

II: RETURN TO DUTY FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1. Fire Fighter Terence J. McGonagle of Engine Co. 46 has returned to duty in this department from a leave of absence, effective at 8:00 A. M., Wednesday, April 4, 1956.

III: TRANSFERS

1. The following transfer , effective at 8:00 A. M., Wednesday, April 4, 1956, is hereby announced:

Fire Fighter Terence J. McGonagle from Engine 46 to Engine 48

2. The following transfers, effective at 8:00 A. M., Wednesday, April 11, 1956, are hereby announced:

Fire Fighter Lawrence D. MacDougall from Engine 53 to Eng.Sqd.45
Fire Fighter Martin J. Johnson from Engine 53 to Eng. Sqd. 45
Fire Fighter George J. Green from Engine 53 to Eng. Sqd. 45

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X. COTTER

Patrick E. Collins
Acting Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 21

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, APRIL 9, 1956

I: FIRE ALARM BOX ESTABLISHED

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

13-511 Commonwealth Armory, 925 Commonwealth Avenue, Ground Floor, Rear.

2. Company Commanders will add the above box to Assignment Card for Box 511.

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

II: CHANGES IN DESIGNATION OF FIRE ALARM BOXES

1. The designation of fire alarm box 12-2363 will be changed to read as follows:

12-2363 State Teachers College, 625 Huntington Avenue.

2. The designation for fire alarm Box 12-511 will be changed to read as follows:

12-511 Commonwealth Armory, 925 Commonwealth Avenue, First Floor, Front.

3. The designation of fire alarm box 3458 will be changed to read as follows:

3458 Pope's Hill and Houghton Streets.

4. Company Commanders shall make the above listed changes.

III: RENUMBERING OF FIRE ALARM BOXES

1. In connection with renumbering of the following fire alarm boxes, Company Commanders will make the necessary changes on Assignment Cards and in Circuit numbers:

2. Effective at 12:00 noon, Thursday, April 12, 1956, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered:

PRESENT NO.	NEW NO.	CIRCUIT NO.	LOCATION
3428	321	80	Adams and Centre Streets
3429	3213	88	Whitten and Althea Streets
12-3429	12-3213	79	St. Joseph's Manor, 321 Centre St.
3443	3215	68	King and Florida Streets
3445	3223	84	Florida and Templeton Streets
3446	3225	62	Adams and Lonsdale Streets
3448	3221	84	Wrentham Street, opposite no. 36
345	324	39	Victory Road, Opposite Houghton St.
3451	3217	39	Train and King Streets
12-3451	12-3217	68	Mary Hemenway School, King and Adams Sts.

3. Effective at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, April 17, 1956, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered:

3452	3218	38	Train Street, Opposite Daly Industrial School.
3453	3235	39	Ashmont and Train Streets
3454	3244	38	Neponset Avenue, Opposite King St.

PRESENT NO.	NEW NO.	CIRCUIT NO.	LOCATION
12-3454	12-3244	39	Hebrew Ladies Home for Aged, 21 Queen St.
3455	3246	39	Neponset Avenue, Opposite Boutwell St.
3456	3249	38	Neponset Avenue and Tolman Street.
3457	325	39	Tolman and Norwood S treets
3458	3242	38	Popes Hill and Houghton Streets
3461	3247	39	Freeport and Conley Streets
3463	3251	39	Tenean Street, near Colonial File Works.

4. Effective at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, April 24, 1956, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered:

3464	3253	38	Walnut and Ericsson S treets.
3465	3254	39	Water and Taylor Streets
3467	3255	38	Walnut and Woodworth Streets
3468	3256	38	Neponset Avenue and Taylor Street
3471	3257	39	Neponset Avenue and Walnut Street
12-3471	12-3257	38	Minot School, Neponset Avenue
3472	3268	38	Gallivan Boulevard and Hallet St.
3473	326	39	Minot and Hallet Streets
3474	3232	38	Pierce Avenue and Newhall Street
3475	323	38	Chickatawbut and Plain Streets

5. Effective at 12:00 noon, Thursday, April 26, 1956, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered:

3476	3261	39	Minot and Stock Streets
3477	328	39	Oakton Avenue and Glide Street
12-3477	12-328	62	Thomas J. Kenny School, Oakton Avenue, near Adams Street.
3478	3281	39	Chelmsford and Charlemont Streets
3479	3263	38	Minot and Branton Streets
3481	3264	80	Gallivan Boulevard and Rockne Ave.
3482	3266	68	Gallivan Boulevard and Grayson St.
3483	12-3272	68	Keystone Mfg. Company, 151 Hallet St.
3484	3276	68	Milton Street and Crockett Ave.
3485	3272	68	Hill Top and Whitridge Streets

6. In connection with the renumbering of fire alarm boxes, the following changes shall be made by Company Commanders in the City boxes that are listed on American District Telegraph Company and Boston Automatic Fire Alarm Division running cards in this department:

7. Effective at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, April 24, 1956.

A. D. T. SIGNAL	PRESENT NO.	NEW NO.
112	3464	3253
781	3465	3254
782	3465	3254
BOSTON AUTOMATIC SIGNAL		
2121	3465	3254
2122	3465	3254

BOSTON AUTOMATIC SIGNAL	PRESENT NO.	NEW NO.
2123	3465	3254
2124	3465	3254
2125	3465	3254

8. Effective at 12:00 noon, Thursday, April 26, 1956.

A. D. T. SIGNAL		
78	3483	12-3272
79	3483	12-3272
85	3483	12-3272
431	3483	12-3272
3287	3481	3264

IV: COMMENDATIONS

1. Fire Fighter Frank A. DeSisto of Ladder Co. 16 is hereby commended for the services he rendered, while off duty, at the fire at 39 Emerald Street, South End, for which Box 1613 was struck at 3:09½ P. M. on March 26, 1956. Fire Fighter DeSisto was at the scene before the arrival of the apparatus and made a valiant attempt to rescue two trapped children but was driven from the building by the intense heat and smoke. Upon arrival of the apparatus, he informed the officer of conditions and assisted with operations until the "All Out" was sounded.

2. Fire Fighter Joseph D. Muscato of Engine Co. 25 is hereby commended for responding to and working at Box 1422, for which 4 alarms were struck on March 29, 1956. Fire Fighter Muscato was off duty at the time and he responded after the second alarm and assisted with operations at the scene for about four hours.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X. COTTER

Patrick E. Collins

Acting Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 22

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, APRIL 13, 1956

I: ANNUAL BALL

1. The Seventy-seventh Annual Ball of the Boston Fire and Protective Departments will be held on Monday evening, April 16, 1956 in the Boston Garden.

2. The Fire Commissioner, Acting 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 the Boston Fire Department Band
8:40 P. M.	Marching and Music by St. Ann's Parish Band, Neponset
9:00 P. M.	Entrance of Officers and Guests of the Boston Fire and Protective Departments
	Honor Escort - Boston Fire Department Band and Color Guard
9:15 P. M.	Exhibition by American Legion Junior Drill Team and Gate of Heaven Senior and Junior Cadet Corps, V. F. W., 1955 Champions, under the direction of Captain Edward J. Kelley of Boston Public Latin School
9:45 P. M.	Greetings by President of the Boston Firemen's Relief Fund, Joseph L. Hurrie
9:50 P. M.	Presentation of Walter Scott Medal by His Honor, Mayor John B. Hynes
9:55 P. M.	Presentation of Patrick J. Kennedy Medal by Honorable Francis X. Cotter, Fire Commissioner
10:00 P. M.	Presentation of Roll of Merit by Acting Chief of Department Patrick E. Collins
10:05 P. M.	Presentation of Roll of Merit by Assistant Fire Chief Leo C. Driscoll
	Presentation of High Commendations by Acting Chief of Department Patrick E. Collins, Assistant Fire Chiefs Edward N. Montgomery and William A. Terrenzi.
10:10 P. M.	Presentation of 40 Year Service Buttons by Assistant Fire Chiefs Leo C. Driscoll and Edward N. Montgomery
10:15 P. M.	Presentation of 25 Year Service Buttons by Assistant Fire Chief William A. Terrenzi

Outline of the Program (cont.)

10:20 P.M. Entertainment -- Stars of Radio and Television
Presented by Paul Jordan.

11:15 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. Dancing -- Music by Karle Rohde and
His Orchestra.

The Floor Marshall will be Fire Captain Drillmaster Cornelius F. Finnegan of the Training Division.

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 Squad 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.

Detailed Members will attend strictly to the duties assigned to them.

Trustees, Aides, Band and Color Guard Members, and other Members detailed to the Ball will be excused from duty at 4:00 P.M. April 16th. Members scheduled for the night tour of duty will return to their companies after the Ball.

Members of the B and and Color Guard, Medal, Roll of Merit, and Service Button Recipients shall report to Captain-Drillmaster Cornelius F. Finnegan in Room 1 at 8:00 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

Patrick E. Collins

Acting Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 24

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, APRIL 16, 1956

I: BOARD OF MERIT

1. The Board of Merit of the Boston Fire Department, consisting of the Chief of Department, Assistant Fire Chiefs, and Deputy Fire Chiefs, has considered all meritorious acts referred to it for the year 1955. After careful consideration and study, the Board submitted the following recommendations which are hereby approved by the Fire Commissioner:

2. Case of Fire Fighter Warren F. Hall, Engine Co. 28

An alarm was received from Box 2517 at twelve minutes after 1:00 o'clock on the morning of December 4, 1955. Engine 28, Engine Squad 53, Ladder Cos. 10, 30, and the District Fire Chief responded and found a two family dwelling house at 5-7 St. Rose Street, Jamaica Plain, involved in fire.

Members of the department were informed by people in the street that a woman was trapped on the second floor. Immediately, Fire Fighter Warren F. Hall of Engine Co. 28 entered the building, in advance of the line, ascended the stairs to the second floor and made his way to a bedroom in the front of the building. This room was afire; nevertheless, Fire Fighter Hall, in spite of intense heat and smoke, made his way into the room. He found an unconscious woman on the floor, lifted and carried her out of the room, along the hallway, to the head of the stairs, where he was assisted by members of Ladder Co. 10 in removing her to the street. The members of Engine Squad 53 gave the victim first aid; she was removed to the Boston City Hospital in a Police Ambulance. Prior to the arrival of the apparatus, a passerby attempted to enter the building and rescue the victim but was overcome by the intense heat and inhalation of smoke. He was given first aid by members of Engine Squad 53 and removed in a Police Ambulance to the Boston City Hospital.

Fire Fighter Hall was highly commended in General Orders No. 65, series of 1955, for his courageous action under adverse conditions. Because of his prompt action, with a total disregard for his own safety, the Board of Merit recommends that the name of Fire Fighter Warren F. Hall be placed on the "Roll of Merit".

3. Case of Fire Fighter William E. Pero, Ladder Co. 3

The apparatus responded to an alarm from Box 2217 at 5:34 P. M., on December 24, 1955, followed by a second alarm at 5:41 P. M. Upon arrival, it was found that a three family wooden dwelling house at 5 Comet Place, South End, was involved in fire. Smoke and fire were issuing from the first floor windows and doorway. People on the street were shouting that a man was trapped in the first floor.

Fire Fighter William E. Pero of Ladder Co. 3, who was off duty at the time, and was in quarters when the alarm sounded, responded with Engine 3. He immediately went to the rear of the building and entered through a first floor window. The heat was unbearable and the room heavily charged with smoke and gases. Fire Fighter Pero groped his way about the room and came upon the

unconscious form of a man on the floor. He lifted and dragged him across the floor to the window where he was assisted by another member in removing him to the street. Members of Ladder Co. 12 operated their resuscitator on the victim and he was removed to the Boston City Hospital in a Police Ambulance. Fire Fighter Pero effected this rescue without the benefit of a gas mask.

Fire Fighter Pero was highly commended by the Fire Commissioner in General Orders No. 4, series of 1956, for his courageous action which undoubtedly saved the victim's life. Because of his quick and determined action, and the great personal risk involved, the Board of Merit recommends that the name of Fire Fighter William E. Pero be placed on the "Roll of Merit."

4. Case of Fire Fighters Francis A. Cady, Ladder Co. 20 and Robert P. Foley, Engine Co. 43

A still alarm was received at 6:18 A. M., followed by an alarm from Box 7236 at 6:19 o'clock on Sunday, December 25th, 1955. When the apparatus arrived at the scene, the members encountered a fire, extending from the first floor to the upper stories of a 2½ story, frame dwelling house at 28 Middle Street, South Boston.

Fire Fighters Francis A. Cady of Ladder Co. 20 and Robert P. Foley of Engine Co. 43 entered the building with a booster line in advance of a 2½ inch line from Engine 43. While operating on the fire, they learned that a young boy was sleeping in an attic bedroom. They passed the booster line to another member, donned gas masks, and started up the stairs. Inasmuch as ventilation had not been completed, the presence of smoke was extremely heavy and the excessive heat started to burn the exposed parts of their hands, necks and ears. With firm determination, they continued to make their way up the stairs to the attic. They searched the two rooms and found the unconscious body of a young boy in a bed. They removed him from the bed, carried him out of the room and down the stairs to the street. He was removed to the Boston City Hospital in a Police Ambulance. Fire Fighter Cady suffered a painful injury to his right ankle when he slipped on the stairs during the rescue operation which required his going on injured leave.

Fire Fighters Cady and Foley were highly commended by the Fire Commissioner in General Orders No. 4, series of 1956, for their heroism. Because of their heroic action, under very trying conditions, and the extreme personal risk undertaken, the Board of Merit recommends that Fire Fighter Francis A. Cady be awarded the "Patrick J. Kennedy Medal of Honor", and Fire Fighter Robert P. Foley be awarded the "Walter Scott Medal for Valor".

5. Case of Fire Fighters George E. Gilbrook, Engine Co. 9, William A. Cunningham, Engine Co. 28 (formerly Engine Co. 40), James A. Gray, Ladder Co. 21.

The details concerning the rescue work performed by these members, Box 6154, 12:18 A. M., April 11, 1955, are contained in General Orders No. 29, series of 1955, under "High Commendation".

The Board is of the opinion that the High Commendation given these members is sufficient.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X. COTTER
Patrick E. Collins, Acting Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 25

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, APRIL 20, 1956

I: AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY CAMPAIGN

1. Pamphlets, pledge cards and report envelopes in connection with the 1956 American Cancer Society Campaign 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 is invited in aid of this worthy cause. The money obtained will be used to support research work, much of it in hospitals and clinics in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in order to furnish the medical profession with information necessary to combat this dread disease.

2. Company Commanders and heads of branch divisions are requeste to call the drive for funds to the attention of 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 the pledge cards. Company Commanders will accept donations from such members, and the stub of the card is to be given to each contributor as the receipt for his donation. Pledge cards and money are to be placed in the solicitor's report envelope, the front of the envelope is to be filled out as directed, and envelopes are to be forwarded to Mr. John J. Walsh in the Headquarters Division on or before April 30, 1956. Delivery of money can be made on any weekday, excluding Saturday, and is to be made between the hours of 9:00 and 11:00 A. M.

II: BOSTON AUTOMATIC ASSIGNMENT

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

Signal 78 - 445 " C " Street, South Boston
Apparatus to respond: Engine 39, Ladder 18, District Chief 6. Nearest box is 7121.

III: DISCONTINUANCE OF BOSTON AUTOMATIC SIGNAL

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:

635 - 646-650 Washington Street
1275 - 556-566 Washington Street, Jefferson Building
1276 - 34 Harrison Avenue Extension, Jefferson Building
1335 - 30 Roland Street, Office Building
1336 - 34 Roland Street, Warehouse

IV: APPRECIATION

1. The Fire Commissioner is pleased to acknowledge receipt of a check for $500.00 for the Boston Firemen's Felief Fund which was sent by Minot, DeBlois & Maddison, 294 Washington Street, Boston, Massachusetts. The Commissioner is also pleased to publish the following letter which accompanied the check:

" March 30, 1956

Francis X. Cotter
Boston Fire Department
115 Southampton Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Commissioner:

This office is Managing Agent for the property 143/147 Federal Street, Boston. A four-alarm fire occurred the night of March 29, 1956, resulting among other things, in injury to three members of your department.

I talked to the Assistant Chief, Edward Montgomery, whom I know, this morning, and was very pleased to learn that it would appear the three men will make a satisfactory recovery. We extend our thanks and best wishes to them.

As tangible evidence of our feeling, we enclose a check to the order of the Boston Firemen's Relief Fund in the amount of $500.00.

Sincerely yours,

Minot, DeBlois & Maddison

by
s/ R. S. Fifield

Robert S. Fifield "

V: COMMENDATIONS

1. Fire Fighters William F. Burke and John J. McHugh of Ladder Co. 11 are hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 5465, (3 alarms) on April 4, 1956, while off duty.

2. Fire Fighter Frank Gambardello of Engine Co. 33 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 2342, on April 9, 1956, while off duty.

VI: CHANGE OF TIME

1. Sunday, April 29, 1956, 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 A. M., or as soon thereafter as is practical, by the men regularly assigned to wind clocks.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X. COTTER

Patrick E. Collins
Acting Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 26

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, APRIL 24, 1956

I. RETIREMENT

1. The following retirement, in accordance with Section 58, Chapter 32, General Laws, as amended, is hereby announced to become effective at 8 a.m., Wednesday, April 25, 1956:

Fire Fighter Joseph Schein — Lighting Plant 2

2. Fire Fighter Schein was appointed to the department January 1, 1926, and he leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

II. TRANSFERS

1. The following transfer will become effective at 8 a.m., Wednesday, April 25, 1956:
   Fire Fighter James W. McDonald from Engine 13 to Engine 22
   Fire Fighter John P. Fleming from Engine 55 to Fire Prevention

III. FIRE ALARM BOX INSTALLED

1. The following fire alarm box, which was established in General Orders No. 21, April 9, 1956, has been installed and connected into circuit #14:

13-511 Commonwealth Armory, 925 Commonwealth Ave., Ground flr. Rear

2. Company commanders will add the above box to circuit card 14.

IV. MUTUAL AID ASSIGNMENT CHANGES

1. Company commanders shall make the following changes on the Mutual Aid assignment cards to become effectively immediately:

Box 8222 (Brookline)
Second alarm cover: Drop Engine 29 to BKL Engine 4
Add Engine 42 to BKL Engine 4

Third alarm to fire: Drop Engine 29
Add Engine 42

V. RENUMBERING OF FIRE ALARM BOXES

1. In connection with renumbering of fire alarm boxes, company commanders shall make the necessary changes on assignment cards and circuit numbers.

2. Effective at 12 Noon, Tuesday, May 1, 1956, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered:

Present No.	New No.	Circuit No.	Location
3334	3396	54	Harvard and Wales Streets
3486	3275	68	Milton and Belton Streets
3487	3278	80	Milton Street and Lenoxdale Ave.
3621	3291	62	Ashmont and Bruce Streets
3622	3227	68	Ashmont and Adams Streets
3625	3295	38	Carruth and Minot Streets

3626	3284	80	Adams and Franconia Streets
3641	3282	62	Adams Street and Granite Avenue
3642	3274	80	Granite Avenue, near Hill Top St.

3. Effective at 12 Noon, Thursday, May 3, 1956, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered:

3335	339	54	Harvard & Glenway Sts., (AUX.) Sarah Greenwood School
3336	3397	88	Wales and Kingsdale Streets
3432	3414	79	Centre and Samoset Streets
12-3432	12-3414	41	St. Mark's Grammar School, 197 Centre Street
3433	3416	41	Centre & Seaborn Sts.
3435	3417	62	Brent & Wainwright Sts.
3441	341	69	Dorchester Ave. & Centre St.
3442	3412	69	Dorchester & Welles Aves.
3611	344	38	Peabody Sq., Engine House No. 46
12-3611	12-344	62	M T A, Ashmont Station

4. Effective at 12 Noon, Tuesday, May 8, 1956, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered:

3354	3421	53	Talbot Ave. & Spencer St.
3356	342	39	Codman Square
12-3356	12-342	88	Girls' Latin School, Codman Sq.
3362	3422	40	Southern Ave., near Millet St., (AUX.) John G. Whittier School
3363	3426	53	Norfolk & Chipman Sts.
3364	3427	40	Norfolk & Whitman Sts.
3365	3446	79	Washington and Euclid Sts.
3436	3447	40	Welles Ave. & Ocean St.
12-3436	12-3447	39	Henry L. Pierce School, Washington St. and Welles Ave.
3437	3445	41	Harley & Roslin Sts.

5. Effective at 12 Noon, Thursday, May 10, 1956, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered:

3366	3432	62	Washington St., opp. Roslin
12-3366	12-3432	79	Emily A. Fifield School, Dunbar Ave.
3368	13-3432	53	Dorchester High School for Boys, Dunbar Ave.
351	3429	84	Norfolk and Stanton Sts.
3511	3428	53	Norfolk St. & Thetford Ave.
3512	3496	40	Norfolk and Crowell Sts.
3514	3495	40	Evans and Capen Sts.
12-3514	12-3495	41	Frank V. Thompson School, Maxwell St.
3516	3435	41	Milton Ave. and Rockwell St.
3517	3492	40	Fuller and Capen Sts.

6. Effective at 12 Noon, Tuesday, May 15, 1956, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered:

3322	3338	24	Olney and Rosseter Sts.
3323	3335	86	Bullard & Rosseter Sts.
3324	3336	9	Bowdoin Ave. & Bullard St.
3519	3489	40	Milton Ave. & Fairmount St.
353	3485	40	Codman Hill Ave. & Nevada St.
3531	3488	84	Gallivan Blvd. & Oakridge St.
3612	3442	41	Ashmont St., opposite Ocean
3613	3434	40	Washington & Rockwell Sts.
3614	3483	41	Washington & Fairmount Sts.

7. Effective at 12 Noon, Thursday, May 17, 1956, the following fire alarm boxes will be renumbered:

3551	3487	79	Pleasant Hill Ave., near Morton St.
3615	3451	40	Bailey & Atherstone Sts.
12-3615	12-3451	84	Thomas E. Leen School, Bailey St.
3616	3459	69	Dorchester Ave. & Beale St.
3617	3452	40	Fuller & Clermont Sts.
3618	3454	79	Alicia Rd. & Croftland Ave., (AUX.) Woodrow Wilson School
3631	3461	62	Gallivan Blvd. & Magdala St.
12-3631	12-3461	38	M T A Yard, Gallivan Blvd.
3632	3457	39	Dorchester Ave. at Gallivan Blvd.
12-3632	12-3457	69	Home for Incurables, 2049 Dorchester Avenue

8. In connection with the renumbering of fire alarm boxes, the following changes shall be made by company commanders in the city boxes that are listed on the Boston Automatic Fire Alarm Division running cards in this department:

Effective at 12 Noon, Tuesday, May 8, 1956:

Boston Auto. Signal 1649 Present No. 3356 New No. 342

Effective at 12 Noon, Tuesday, May 15, 1956:

Boston Auto. Signal 1629 Present No. 3612 New No. 3442

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X. COTTER

Patrick E. Collins

Acting Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 27

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, APRIL 26, 1956

APPARATUS TO BE PLACED IN RESERVE

1. Effective at 8 a.m., Tuesday, May 1, 1956, Towers 1 and 2 and Lighting Plants 1, 2 and 3 will be placed in reserve.

2. The foregoing apparatus shall be kept ready for immediate service at all times, and the same care and attention shall be given to this apparatus as is given to apparatus in service. The provisions of Rules 41, 43 as amended by General Order 61 of 1954; Rules 66, 70, 71, 72 and 77 as amended by General Order 61 of 1954; Rules 94 (b), 101, 133, 138, 140, 142, 143, 251, 379, 386 (b) and the second sentence of Rule 399 shall be strictly complied with.

3. Company commanders of fire stations where such equipment is located shall be held responsible for its condition and shall forward a weekly report on Form 5 of the condition of the apparatus and of the tools and appliances installed or carried thereon. Such report shall be forwarded to reach Department Headquarters not later than Monday morning of each week.

4. In addition to the above, company commanders of the aforementioned fire stations shall forward to Department Headquarters not later than Monday, May 7, 1956, two copies of Form 1, showing all of the tools and appliances carried on the said apparatus.

5. The members of all companies located in fire stations where water towers and lighting plants are in reserve shall be thoroughly drilled and trained in the use and operation of such equipment so that when it is necessary to use it in an emergency, there will be no delay either in delivering it to the scene of the emergency or in placing it in operation after it arrives. No excuse shall be countenanced when there is delay in arrival or delay in putting it into operation because of lack of trained personnel.

II. TRANSFERS

1. The following transfers will become effective at 8 a.m., Tuesday, May 1, 1956:

F. F. Frank C. McKenna	from Tower 1 to Engine Co. 4
F. F. Garode R. Joyce	from Tower 1 to Engine Co. 4
F. F. Norman E. Brophy	from Tower 2 to Ladder Co. 8
F. F. Gerard D. Spear	from Tower 2 to Engine Co. 52
F. F. Paul D. McLaughlin	from Tower 2 to Engine Co. 55
F. F. Robert J. Laubenstein	from Tower 2 to Engine Co. 7
F. F. Francis N. Smith	from Tower 2 to Engine Co. 22
F. F. Anthony Grace	from Lighting Plant 1 to Ladder 27
F. F. Bertram L. Camick	from Lighting Plant 1 to Engine 41
F. F. Francis X. McCormick	from Lighting Plant 1 to Engine 53
F. F. Kenneth E. Liddell	from Lighting Plant 1 to Engine 20

F. F. Harold V. Haskell	from Lighting Plant 2 to Eng. Squad 45
F. F. Arthur S. Dolber	from Lighting Plant 2 to Engine 3
F. F. John J. McLaughlin	from Lighting Plant 2 to Ladder 14
F. F. Charles F. Baldner	from Lighting Plant 2 to Engine 41
F. F. Andrew J. Brady	from Lighting Plant 2 to Engine 3
F. F. Lester W. Brasher	from Lighting Plant 3 to Engine Squad 18
F. F. William F. McGoldrick	from Lighting Plant 3 to Ladder 23
F. F. Leo R. Thompson	from Lighting Plant 3 to Ladder 9
F. F. William W. Sparrow	from Lighting Plant 3 to Ladder 16
F. F. Thomas G. Sullivan	from Lighting Plant 3 to Ladder 21
F. F. Daniel T. McGinnis	from Ladder 30 to Engine Co. 4
F. F. David F. Sheehan	from Engine 52 to Engine 17

III. ASSIGNMENT CARDS

1. Company commanders shall delete the Water Towers and Lighting Plants from the assignment cards in this department.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X. COTTER

Patrick E. Collins

Acting Chief of Department

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 28

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, MAY 3, 1956

I: HYDRANT INSPECTIONS

Effective on Monday, May 7, 1956, all companies except Engine Companies 31 and 47 and the Rescue Company shall engage in a program of hydrant inspection in accordance with the accompanying schedule.

Hydrant inspections shall be made between the hours of 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., except in those instances where companies are scheduled to inspect on Sunday mornings at which time the inspections shall be made between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Inspections shall be made under the supervision of the company officer or member acting in that capacity and shall include the removal of the covers of all Lowry hydrants, the removal of the bonnets of all high pressure hydrants and the opening of the main valve of all post hydrants to permit water to pass through the outlets in order to flush the hydrant.

All post hydrants, except high pressure hydrants, shall be flushed in the following manner:

1. Remove the caps of all hydrant outlets.

2. Open the main valve three full turns to close the waste or drain valve and to permit water to flow freely from the outlets.

3. When water is flowing freely, open the main valve fully to get the full, unrestricted flow of water from the hydrant and allow it to flow for about a minute. NOTE: Before any hydrant valve is opened to permit water to flow through the outlets, observation must be made to ascertain that observers or passersby are not in the path of the flowing water and that automobiles or other property will not be damaged by water.

4. Shut the hydrant down by closing the main valve, counting the number of turns of the main stem to close it completely.

5. Lubricate the threads of caps and outlets with the lubricant which has been furnished to all companies. A dab of lubricant on the ring by which the chain is secured to the cap will permit the ring to rotate freely and facilitate the removal of the cap and minimize the possibility of breaking the chain. A little lubricating oil squirted around the edge of the cap-nut will assist in opening the main valve.

6. Do not replace the outlet caps for at least one full minute, thus permitting the atmospheric pressure to assist in draining the barrel.

7. Before replacing the outlet caps, examine them to ascertain whether or not they are equipped with gaskets. A set of hydrant gaskets, one 4½" and two 2½", cost approximately thirty cents and many of them are missing because members who have operated hydrants in the past have not taken the time to pick up the gaskets which have dropped from the caps when they were removed from the hydrants and replaced them in the caps.

Hydrant inspections shall continue in accordance with the schedule until every hydrant in a company sub-district has been inspected. Inspections shall take place at the prescribed time, including holidays, unless cancelled by the Chief of Department, or by Assistant or Deputy Chiefs.

Hydrants shall be inspected for the following defects:

Inaccessibility, insufficient clearance between outlets and the ground, missing cap-nuts, bent or broken main stems, availability of water, broken or missing bonnets, missing outlet caps, broken or disconnected cap chains, difficulty in opening main valve, failure to drain, or any other defect that would prevent the use of the hydrant or interfere with its proper operation.

Accompanying this order, new hydrant inspection reports are being furnished to the department. These reports are of two types, one for high pressure hydrants and one for other types of hydrants.

A separate report, in duplicate, shall be made out for each hydrant inspected. The original shall be kept on file in company quarters for reference and the duplicate or second copy shall be forwarded to Department Headquarters. All questions on the report shall be answered and the reports shall be forwarded weekly.

Any defects in hydrants which are serious enough to prevent their use under fire conditions shall be reported to the Fire Alarm Office by radio and upon return to quarters, the information shall be posted on the last alarm slate and the district chief notified. Such hydrants shall be reinspected within a reasonable period to ascertain whether or not the defect has been corrected. It will not be necessary to fill out another inspection form on reinspections; a Form 5 will be forwarded to report any change or lack of change in the hydrant.

When all hydrants which are installed in a company sub-district have been inspected, this fact shall be reported to Headquarters. It will not be necessary to withhold this report pending corrections of hydrants found to be defective.

Companies responding to alarms while inspecting hydrants, as in dwelling inspections, shall be on the alert at intersections and blind corners for other responding companies which may also be off their prescribed routes.

In every instance where automobiles are found parked so as to interfere with the proper operation of a hydrant, a hydrant sticker shall be affixed to the auto in accordance with S. O. 55, July 15, 1954.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X. COTTER

John V. Stapleton
Chief of Department

HYDRANT INSPECTION SCHEDULE

1:30 P. M. TO 3:30 P. M.

DIST.	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUN.
1	Eng. 9 Eng. 56	Eng. 40	Eng. 5	Lad. 21		Lad. 2 Eng.Sqd.11	
2	Eng. 36	Lad. 9	Eng. 50	Eng. 32	Eng. 27	Lad. 22	
3	Lad. 24	Eng. 10	Eng. 8	Eng. 4	Lad. 1		E.25a.m. L.8,p.m.
4	Eng. 22	Eng. 33	Eng. 26	Lad. 15	Lad. 3	Eng. 3 Lad. 13	L.17a.m. E7 p.m.
5	Eng.Sqd. 14	Eng. 13	Lad. 26	Lad. 12	Eng. 12	Eng. 37 Lad. 4	
6	Lad. 19	Lad. 20	Eng. 2	Eng. 43	Eng. 1	Eng. 39	L.18
7	Eng. 24		Eng. 17	Lad. 7	Eng. 21	Lad. 23	
8	Eng. 16	Lad. 27	Lad. 29	Eng. 46 Eng. 19	Eng. 20 Eng.S.18	Eng. 52 Lad. 6	
9	Eng. 42	Eng. 53	Eng. 28	Lad. 30	Lad. 10		
10	Lad. 28	Lad. 25 Eng. 49	Eng.Sqd. 45	Eng. 55	Lad. 16	ng. 30 Eng. 48	
11	Eng. 41	Eng. Sqd. 29	Eng. 51	Lad. 11	Eng. 34	Lad. 14	

COMPANIES INSPECTING HYDRANTS SUNDAY A. M. SHALL

INSPECT BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:30 A. M. AND 11:30 A. M.

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 29

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, MAY 7, 1956

I: RETIREMENT

1. The following retirement, in accordance with Section 58, Chapter 32 of the General Laws, as amended, which became effective at 8:00 A. M., Wednesday, May 2, 1956, is hereby announced:

Fire Fighter Horace E. Wood Engine Co. 41

2. Fire Fighter Wood was appointed to the Fire Department February 1, 1924, and he leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

II: CHANGES IN COMPANY RESPONSE ASSIGNMENTS

1. Effective at 8:00 A. M., Tuesday, May 8, 1956, changes in company response assignments shall be as follows:

Boxes: 1345, 1347, 1351, 12-1351, 1353, 1355, 12-1355, 13-1355, 14-1355.
First alarm response: Drop Ladder 1, Add Ladder 17, (order of arrival Lad. 24, 17)
Second alarm response: Drop Ladder 17, Add Ladder 1, (order of arrival, Lad. 1, 3)

Boxes: 1367, 1371, 1372, 12-1372, 13-1372
First alarm response: Drop Ladder 1, Add Ladder 17 (order of arrival Lad. 24, 17.
Second alarm response: Drop Ladder 17, Add Ladder 1 (order of arrival Lad. 1, 8)

Box 1381
First alarm response: Drop Ladder 13, Add Ladder 17 (order of arrival Lad. 24, 17)
Second alarm response: Drop Ladder 17, Add Ladder 13, (order of arrival, Ladder 13, 15)

Boxes: 1384, 1385
First Alarm response: Drop Ladder 13, Add Ladder 17 (order of arrival Lad. 17, 24)
Second alarm response: Drop Ladder 17, Add Ladder 13 (order of arrival, Lad. 13, 15)

2. Company Commanders shall make the above listed changes on their assignment cards.

III: CHANGE IN DESIGNATION OF FIRE ALARM BOX

1. The designation of the following fire alarm box will be changed to read as follows:

12-2351 Frederika Home, Inc., 65 Deaconess Road

2. Company Commanders will make the above change in designation on assignment card for the above box.

IV: TRANSFERS

1. The following transfers, effective at 8:00 A. M., Wednesday, May 9, 1956, are hereby announced:

Fire Fighter Anthony Grace from Ladder 27 to Ladder 9
Fire Fighter Leo R. Thompson from Ladder 9 to Ladder 27
Fire Fighter Kenneth E. Liddell from Engine 20 to Engine 54
Fire Fighter Thomas G. Sullivan from Ladder 21 to Ladder 23
Fire Fighter Bertram L. Camick from Engine 41 to Ladder 24
Fire Fighter Daniel J. Harrington from Engine 19 to Ladder 8
Fire Fighter Anthony J. Charttinitz from Ladder 14 to Ladder 17
Fire Fighter Thomas J. Hanley from Engine 25 to Engine 19

V: SALVATION ARMY

1. A subscription blank and envelope of the Salvation Army is being issued to each house and branch division with this General Order.

2. Company Commanders are requested to call the attention of members of their companies to the annual appeal of the Salvation Army and accept such donations as the members wish to give. All members of the department know of the excellent service rendered by the Salvation Army in connection with multiple alarm fires and also its fine record in giving assistance to needy persons.

3. The subscription lists are to be returned, with the money donated, sealed in the envelope provided, to Mrs. Dorothea P. Collins, Headquarters, on any weekday, except Saturday, between the hours of 9 and 11 A. M. Final day for receipts will be May 25, 1956.

VI: HOUSE JOURNALS

1. Company Commanders are requested to submit to Headquarters on Form 5 before May 11, 1956, the number of house journals which will be required for use at the Patrol Desks in the various houses for a one year period beginning June 1, 1956.

VII: COMMENDATION

1. Fire Fighter Daniel E. Donovan of Ladder Co. 10 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 5352, four alarms, May 2, 1956, while off duty.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER FRANCIS X. COTTER

John V. Stapleton
Chief of Department