

**GENERAL ORDER
NO. 1**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
JANUARY 3, 1997**

I. FIRE FIGHTER JAMES A. ELLIS, ENGINE COMPANY 14

It is with deep regret that the Fire Commissioner announces the death of Fire Fighter James A. Ellis, Engine Company 14, who died in the line of duty on December 23, 1996 as a result of injuries received on December 21, 1996. Fire Fighter Ellis was appointed to the department on January 18, 1978.

The funeral was held from the Mann and Rogers Funeral Home, 44 Perkins Street, Jamaica Plain at 0900 hours, Saturday, December 28, 1996, and followed by a funeral Mass at 1000 hours, at Holy Name Church, 1689 Centre Street, West Roxbury.

The Fire Commissioner made the customary detail to act as funeral escort and members from Engine Company 14, Ladder Company 4, Personnel Division, Headquarters Division, Fire Prevention Division, Training, Maintenance and Research Division, Emergency Management Division and the Rifle Honor Guard attended the services.

II. RETIREMENT

The retirement of the following named member, in accordance with the provisions of Section 7, C32, M.G.L., became effective at 1700 hours, January 3, 1997:

Fire Captain

John B. Matthews

Engine Company 55

Fire Captain Matthews was appointed to the department on July 16, 1958, promoted to Fire Lieutenant on December 15, 1976, and to Fire Captain on September 14, 1983, and leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

III. RESIGNATION / RETIREMENT

The resignation/retirement of the following named member, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 5 and 10, C32, M.G.L., became effective at 1700 hours, January 2, 1997:

Fire Fighter

Salvatore J. Noto

Ladder Company 19

Fire Fighter Noto was appointed to the department on December 22, 1971, and leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

IV. COMMENDATIONS

1) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Eddie Echevarria, Engine Company 20, who, while off duty on December 20, 1996, reported a building fire to the man on patrol at Engine Company 42 and then assisted in running a feeder line at Working Fire Box 2275 for 1705 Columbus Avenue, Roxbury. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

2) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter John P. Dolan, Engine Company 42, who, while off duty on December 20, 1996, assisted in forcing a heavy door with window grates and assisted in running an attack line at Working Fire Box 2275 for 1705 Columbus Avenue, Roxbury. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

THE LAST ORDER IN THE 1996 SERIES WAS NO. 35

**GENERAL ORDER
NO. 3**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
JANUARY 15, 1997**

I. RETIREMENTS

The retirements of the following named members in accordance with the provisions of Section 7-94, C32, M.G.L., will become effective at 1700 hours, January 21, 1997:

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| Fire Captain Robert F. Brooks | Ladder Company 1 |
| Fire Captain Robert P. Mazzocca | Engine Company 51 |

Fire Captain Brooks was appointed to the department on July 26, 1972, promoted to Fire Lieutenant on December 20, 1978, and to Fire Captain on March 7, 1984.

Fire Captain Mazzocca was appointed to the department on September 4, 1963, promoted to Fire Lieutenant on October 22, 1975, and to Fire Captain on June 11, 1980.

Both members leave the department with the best wishes of their associates

II. ASSIGNMENT OF FIRE FIGHTERS ON PROBATION

The following named have been appointed Fire Fighters on Probation, effective 0800 hours, January 6, 1997, and assigned to the following companies:

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| John P. Kelly | Ladder Company 10 |
| Bruce E. Brown | Ladder Company 11 |
| Mark B. Selden | Ladder Company 25 |
| Paul D. Gillis | Ladder Company 11 |
| Kevin Bailey | Engine Company 5 |
| Michael A. Teehan | Engine Company 52 |
| James A. Corbett | Engine Company 9 |
| James E. Crudup | Engine Company 29 |
| Michael B. Hegarty | Engine Company 5 |
| Daniel D. Gomes | Engine Company 56 |
| David J. Messina | Engine Company 9 |
| Henry L. Perkins, Jr. | Ladder Company 21 |
| Adrian S. Jordan | Ladder Company 2 |
| Joseph N. Harris | Ladder Company 21 |
| Steven P. Bradley | Ladder Company 21 |
| Donald P. Maloney | Engine Company 51 |
| William L. Post | Engine Company 56 |
| Kevin J. Crawford | Engine Company 7 |
| Timothy W. Buckley | Ladder Company 21 |
| Robert P. Petitti, Jr. | Engine Company 42 |
| James J. Hoar | Ladder Company 4 |

ASSIGNMENT OF FIRE FIGHTERS ON PROBATION CONTINUED

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| Christopher J. McGrath | Ladder Company 19 |
| Michael E. Ahern | Engine Company 16 |
| Joseph D. Shea | Ladder Company 15 |
| William M. Regan | Ladder Company 16 |

These members are detailed to the Training, Maintenance and Research Division. They will report to their assigned company for full duty upon successful completion of drill school.

Fire Fighters on Probation shall not be used as company strength or detailed while attending drill school.

Fire Fighters on Probation will have their names appear on a separate morning report compiled and maintained by the Training Division while attending the Fire Academy. Upon their successful completion of the Fire Academy, the names of the Fire Fighters on Probation will be added to their respective companies morning reports.

III. HIGH COMMENDATIONS

1) On January 16, 1996, at 0735 hours, Box 1282 was struck for a fire in a non-sprinklered ten story high rise commercial and office building at 50 Congress Street. The fire had originated on the fifth floor and heavy smoke had rendered the upper floors untenable and people were threatening to jump from the tenth floor windows. Fire Fighter Robert Culbert of Rescue Company 1 and Fire Fighter Brian Hussey of Ladder Company 16, detailed to Rescue Company 1, went up the rear stairwell to the tenth floor where they found a man and a woman at the front window. Fire Fighter Culbert and Fire Fighter Hussey shared their air tanks with the victims. Both were removed to the street through interior stairs which were heavily charged with smoke.

Because these actions were performed at great personal risk, above the fire floor before lines were in place and before effective ventilation was accomplished, the Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Fighter Robert Culbert of Rescue Company 1 and Fire Fighter Brian Hussey of Ladder Company 16, detailed to Rescue 1, and refers their case to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

2) On November 8, 1996, at 0255 hours, Ladder Company 17 responded for a person threatening to jump from the third floor roof at 1 Commonwealth Avenue. While the attention of the woman was diverted by police officers, Ladder Company 17 raised the aerial to the edge of the gutter under her. Fire Lieutenant Michael J. Walsh and Fire Fighter Thomas P. Bell of Ladder Company 17 went up the aerial and grabbed the woman. Due to the distance from the top of the aerial to the woman, they had to stand on the top of the aerial. While they were rescuing the woman, all three were in a precarious position. They successfully removed her to the ground and undoubtedly saved her life.

Because these action were performed at great personal risk, the Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Lieutenant Michael J. Walsh and Fire Fighter Thomas P. Bell of Ladder Company 17 and refers their case to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

IV. COMMENDATION

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter (senior man) Lawrence C. Holt and Fire Fighter James Hardy of Rescue Company 1, and the members of Engine Company 10, Rescue Company 1 and the Tower Company for their expertise and professionalism in the successful treatment and removal of two workers with multiple injuries who became trapped 70 feet below grade at a “Big Dig” construction site, 185 Kneeland Street, on November 29, 1996. This commendation is made a part of their personnel file.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER
NO. 5**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
JANUARY 24, 1997**

I. RETIREMENTS

The retirements of the following named members in accordance with the provisions of Section 5, C32, M.G.L., became effective at 1700 hours, December 31, 1996:

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Senior Administrative Assistant Helen Connolly | Fire Prevention Division |
| Administrative Assistant Barbara A. Oakley | Fire Prevention Division |
| Data Processing Systems Analyst Edward C. O'Donnell, Sr. | Headquarters Division |
| Clerk Stenographer Nora Begley | Headquarters Division |
| Clerk Stenographer Pauline E. Clancy | Headquarters Division |
| Clerk Stenographer Margaret F. Talbot | Headquarters Division |
| Foreman of Linemen and Cablesplacers Gerald F. Cahill, Jr. | Emergency Management Division |
| Working Foreman Electrical Equipment Repairman Edward J. Downs | Emergency Management Division |
| Working Foreman Machinist Stephen P. Powers | Emergency Management Division |

Senior Administrative Assistant Helen Connolly was appointed to the department on July 2, 1979. Administrative Assistant Barbara A. Oakley was appointed to the department on December 7, 1961. Data Processing Systems Analyst Edward C. O'Donnell, Sr. was appointed to the department on July 2, 1984. Clerk Stenographer Nora Begley was appointed to the department on July 9, 1973. Clerk Stenographer Pauline E. Clancy was appointed to the department on December 18, 1974. Clerk Stenographer Margaret F. Talbot was appointed to the department on May 26, 1982.

Foreman of Linemen and Cablesplacers Gerald F. Cahill, Jr. was appointed to the department on March 28, 1973. Working Foreman Electrical Equipment Repairman Edward J. Downs was appointed to the department on March 13, 1985. Working Foreman Machinist Stephen P. Powers was appointed to the department on May 20, 1987.

All of these members leave the department with the best wishes of their associates.

II. APPOINTMENT - FIRE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to announce the appointment of Reverend Daniel L. Reason as Protestant Chaplain, Boston Fire Department, effective January 15, 1997.

III. PROMOTIONS TO FIRE CAPTAIN

The following named members will be promoted to Fire Captain and transferred to the Personnel Division effective 0800 hours, January 29, 1997:

| | |
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| Fire Lieutenant | |
| Igor Verbitzki | Engine Company 29 |
| Fire Lieutenant | |
| Dennis Costin | Engine Company 33 |
| Fire Lieutenant | |
| Richard F. Felton | Engine Company 48 |

IV. PROMOTIONS TO FIRE LIEUTENANT

The following named members will be promoted to Fire Lieutenant and transferred to the Personnel Division effective 0800 hours, January 29, 1997:

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Fire Fighter | |
| Michael J. Doherty | Engine Company 9 |
| Fire Fighter | |
| Michael J. Gurnick | Engine Company 37 |
| Fire Fighter | |
| Steven P. McGillicuddy | Ladder Company 10 |

V. TRANSFERS

The transfers of the following named members will become effective 0800 hours, February 1, 1997:

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|----------------------|-----------------|----|--------------------|
| Fire Captain | | | |
| John F. Walsh | Engine Co. 4 | to | Engine Co. 28 |
| Fire Lieutenant | | | |
| Joseph M. Provenzano | Engine Co. 48 | to | Ladder Co. 18 |
| Fire Lieutenant | | | |
| James D. Mullen | Pers./Medical | to | Detail Admin. Unit |
| Fire Fighter | | | |
| John D. McInerney | Fire Prev. Div. | to | Ladder Co. 19 |

TRANSFERS CONTINUED

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|------------------------------------|-----------------|----|-----------------------------------------|
| Fire Fighter John A. Albanese | Engine Co. 22 | to | Engine Co. 52 |
| Fire Fighter Daniel F. Costello | Engine Co. 55 | to | Engine Co. 51 |
| Fire Fighter Dennis J. Hogan | Pers./Medical | to | Ladder Co. 23 (eff: 1/9/97) |
| Fire Fighter Richard J. Hunt | Pers./Medical | to | Fire Prev. Div. (eff: 1/13/97) |
| Fire Fighter John Darling | Pers./Medical | to | Ladder Co. 9 (eff: 1/14/97) |
| Fire Fighter Richard E. Jones | Rescue Co. 2 | to | Ladder Co. 10 (Aide to Deputy Chief) |
| Fire Fighter John Stanton | Engine Co. 51 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter James J. Higgins | Tower Co. | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter Thomas P. Flaherty | Fire Prev. Div. | to | Ladder Co. 19 |
| Fire Fighter John J. Sullivan | Ladder Co. 7 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter Wilfredo Pacheco | Engine Co. 18 | to | Fire Prev. Div. |

VI. CORRECTION

The assignment of Fire Fighter on Probation Steven P. Bradley in General Order No. 3, should be corrected to read Engine Company 28.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER
NO. 6**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
JANUARY 28, 1997**

I. COMMISSIONER'S UNIT CITATIONS

1) On October 22, 1996 at approximately 1518 hours, Incident # 53096, Box 2216 was struck for a building fire at 96 Hammond Street, Roxbury.

Confronted with a fast moving fire, Ladder Company 26 was alerted by screams for help at the rear of the building. Many adults and children were clinging to fire balconies with heat and heavy smoke engulfing them and no apparent escape route.

Ladder Company 26, assisted by Ladder Company 15, mounted a coordinated effort under extremely hazardous conditions.

This effort, which displayed a thorough knowledge of their duties and the ability to work as a team under hazardous conditions, was successful in rescuing two adults and three children who were stricken with terror and threatening to jump, as this second alarm fire was rapidly escalating.

The Commissioner's Unit Citation shall be awarded to the following members at the Boston Fire Department Annual Ball:

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| Fire Lieutenant Kevin Kelley | Ladder Company 26 |
| Fire Fighter Ronald Ross | Ladder Company 26 |
| Fire Fighter Patrick Lynch | Ladder Company 26 |
| Fire Fighter Brian Carey | Engine Company 14 (detailed to Ladder 26) |
| Fire Lieutenant Stephen Daly | Ladder Company 15 |
| Fire Fighter William Herman | Tower Company (detailed to Ladder 15) |
| Fire Fighter Richard Graham | Ladder Company 15 |
| Fire Fighter Daniel Donovan | Ladder Company 15 |
| Fire Fighter Michael Lungelow | Ladder Company 15 |

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend these members and makes this commendation a part of their personnel file.

2) On December 16, 1996 at approximately 1140 hours, Incident #59361, the City of Chelsea requested assistance from the Boston Fire Department for the Confined Space Rescue Team.

The Greek ship *Qurios*, docked at the Eastern Mineral Company, reported a stowaway trapped in a pipe in a compartment which makes up the bottom structure of the vessel. It was not known if the deceased individual succumbed to fumes, or if there were more individuals trapped with him.

After consulting with the Chelsea incident commander, the U. S. Coast Guard and the ship's crew, members of the Confined Space Rescue Team developed an action plan and mounted a coordinated effort.

These members displayed a thorough knowledge of their duties and the ability to work as a team under hazardous conditions, for what proved to be an exceptionally difficult extrication. They were successful in removing the victim and completing a primary and secondary search deep in the hole of the ship, which brought praise to the department for their technical rescue abilities.

The Commissioner's Unit Citation shall be awarded to the following members at the Boston Fire Department Annual Ball:

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|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| District Fire Chief James R. Evans | Safety Division |
| Fire Lieutenant John J. O'Brien | Training Division |
| Fire Lieutenant Arthur LaPorte | Training Division |
| Fire Fighter John L. Cetrino | Rescue Company 1 |
| Fire Fighter Joseph M. Hughes | Rescue Company 1 |

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend these members and makes this commendation a part of their personnel file.

II. COMMENDATION

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend the members of District 1, Safety Division, Rescue Company 1, Ladder Company 17, Engine Company 9 and the Training Division, who responded to and worked at the confined space incident in the city of Chelsea on December 16, 1996, for their professionalism in assisting with the successful removal of a victim trapped in a confined space aboard the Greek ship Quirios.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER
NO. 8**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
JANUARY 31, 1997**

I. RETIREMENTS

The retirements of the following named members in accordance with provisions of Section 5, C32, M.G.L., became effective at 1700 hours on the dates indicated:

| | | |
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| Fire Lieutenant Franklin C. Bancroft | Engine Company 5 | 1/31/97 |
| Fire Fighter (Aide to District Chief) Francis X. Feeney | Engine Company 55 | 1/31/97 |
| Fire Fighter William E. Oehlschlagel | Engine Company 28 | 1/21/97 |
| Fire Fighter Herbert Pearlstein | Engine Company 55 | 1/31/97 |
| Fire Fighter (Emergency Mask Specialist) Allan S. Richards | Training Division | 1/31/97 |
| Fire Fighter Alan B. Scully | Ladder Company 11 | 1/31/97 |
| Senior Administrative Assistant Thomas M. Kelly | Fire Prevention Division | 1/31/97 |

Fire Lieutenant Bancroft was appointed to the department on September 9, 1964, and promoted to Fire Lieutenant on August 16, 1978. Fire Fighter Francis X. Feeney was appointed to the department on September 4, 1963. Fire Fighter William E. Oehlschlagel was appointed to the department on January 17, 1968. Fire Fighter Herbert Pearlstein was appointed to the department on January 18, 1967. Fire Fighter Allan S. Richards was appointed to the department on January 17, 1968. Fire Fighter Alan B. Scully was appointed to the department on July 27, 1966. Senior Administrative Assistant Thomas M. Kelly was appointed to the department on June 11, 1986.

All of these members leave the department with the best wishes of their associates.

II. PROMOTION TO FIRE LIEUTENANT

The following named member will be promoted to Fire Lieutenant and transferred to the Personnel Division effective 0800 hours, February 5, 1997:

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|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Fire Fighter Michael E. Hocking | Engine Company 50 |
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III. TAX INFORMATION

Any member on injured leave during any holiday in 1996, or any member on injured leave while acting out of grade during calendar year 1996, will be issued a revised W-2 in approximately two weeks.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER
NO. 9**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
FEBRUARY 12, 1997**

I. RETIREMENT

The retirement of the following named member in accordance with the provisions of Section 5, C32, M.G.L., became effective at 1700 hours, February 10, 1997:

Fire Fighter

Richard J. DeCola

Training Division

Fire Fighter DeCola was appointed to the department on July 7, 1971 and leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

III. COMMENDATIONS

1) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter William J. McCarthy, Ladder Company 21, who while off duty on December 3, 1996, assisted the Weymouth Fire Department by running a garden hose into a house fire, venting and directing the first arriving engine companies to the fire location, thereby preventing a kitchen fire from extending to the rear of the house. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

2) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Dwaine Day, Engine Company 29 and Steven L. Bush, Ladder Company 11. On January 11, 1997 at 08:59 hours, Engine Company 29 and Ladder Company 11 responded to a motor vehicle accident on Lake Street, District 11, under hazardous driving conditions due to snow covered ice on the roads. Ladder Company 11 preceded Engine Company 29 onto Lake Street and was around a bend and out of sight when Engine Company 29 crested a hill and increased speed due to an uncontrollable slide. Engine Company 29 began sounding the siren to warn Ladder Company 11 and onlookers of this serious condition. Fire Fighter Dwaine Day remained calm and at the last second was able to maneuver between Ladder Company 11 and the accident scene and finally stopped sliding some two hundred feet past the scene.

Fire Fighter Steven L. Bush, operating Ladder Company 11, understood the urgency of this situation and hesitated long enough to let the members of Ladder Company 11 clear from the front and side of the truck. He then accelerated quickly allowing Engine Company 29 just enough clearance to safely maneuver through the accident scene. By remaining calm and their quick response to the situation, they prevented what appeared to be a tragedy. This commendation shall be made part of their personnel file.

3) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend the following named companies and individuals:

At 0553 hours on January 15, 1997, Box 2151 was struck for a report of "smoke in the hallway" at 300 (312) Warren Street. Engine Company 14 found smoke showing. A minute later, heavy fire blew out from the left front room of the first floor, followed by heavy fire in the front foyer and extending up the front stairs. This fire mushroomed on the fourth floor, engulfed the left front room and started down the halls to the rear of the illegal rooming house. All doors on floors one and four and all those off the front stairwell were heavily charred. Fire balconies and fire escapes had been illegally (without permit) removed from the rear. The Type I proprietary fire alarm system did not operate. Only a few battery powered room smoke detectors functioned. The occupants had only the front door for normal egress. This was no longer possible at the time of the first arriving fire companies. Approximately twenty occupants were rescued over several ground ladders and two aerial ladders.

Ladder Companies 4, 23, 26 and Rescue 2 raised ground ladders to the left side and the rear of 312 Warren Street. They literally saved the lives of several people who were ready to jump and threatening loudly to do so. One occupant on the left side and two more on the fourth floor left and right front rooms were removed seconds before the rooms flashed over. Some of these rescues and flash-overs were filmed by Nat Whittemore of WBZ-TV and other cameramen of other stations. That this was dramatic footage is an understatement. Further, Mr. Whittemore used his camera floodlight to illuminate the rear of the building and overhead power lines, allowing safe raising of the ground ladders at the expense of filming other rescues. He is a true friend of the fire service.

Fire fighters found occupants at the upper rear windows and left to get ladders. The occupants panicked and threatened to jump. Fire Fighter William Noonan, K-7, remained at the rear, calmed them and reassured the tenants that they would be rescued.

Critical time to make these rescues was made possible by aggressive hose line attacks by Engine Companies 14, 24, 42 and 21. They quickly cut off the fire from the stairwell and hallways, reducing the heat production, and allowing other members of the ladder companies and Rescue Company 2 to conduct a rapid primary search of all forty separate, locked rooms.

The aforementioned fire companies and individuals are recognized for their contributions in a heroic lifesaving effort. This commendation shall be made part of their personnel file.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER
NO. 10**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
FEBRUARY 14, 1997**

**INVESTIGATION & ORDERS UNDER GENERAL LAWS
CHAPTER 148, SECTIONS 4 & 5**

Pursuant to and in the exercise of the power invested in me under the provisions of General Laws, (ter, Ed.) Deputy Fire Chiefs, District Fire Chiefs, Fire Captains, Fire Lieutenants, Fire Fighter Inspectors of the Fire Prevention Division, Fire Fighters in the Fire Fighting Force, Fire Department Chemist, Senior Analytical Chemist, Fire Department Plans Examiners, Special Hazard Police Officer, Fire Investigation Police Officers, Superintendent of the Emergency Management Division, and those designated by him as Inspectors of Fire Alarm Systems, are authorized to do and perform all and singular the acts and things which I, as Head of the Fire Department, by said Chapter 148, Sections 4 & 5, am empowered to do and perform. Specific authority is hereby delegated to the said Deputy Fire Chiefs, District Fire Chiefs, Fire Captains, Fire Lieutenants, Fire Fighter Inspectors of the Fire Prevention Division, Fire Fighters in the Fire Fighting Force, Fire Department Chemist, Senior Analytical Chemist, Fire Department Plans Examiners, Special Hazard Police Officer, Fire Investigation Police Officers, Superintendent of the Emergency Management Division, those designated by him as Inspectors of Fire Alarm Systems and Fire Department Inspectors of the Special Projects Division, to make investigations and inspections and to issue orders in writing pursuant to the provisions of said actions.

The above delegations of authority, effective as of January 31, 1997, shall continue in force and effect for a period of one year from the effective date, unless revoked at any time prior thereto. The above delegations of authority are not to diminish nor curtail any of the powers conferred upon me by said General Laws, Chapter 148, Sections 4 & 5.

**INVESTIGATION & ORDERS UNDER ORDINANCES OF 1979 CHAPTER 28, KNOWN
AS BOSTON FIRE PREVENTION CODE**

Pursuant to and in the exercise of the power invested in me under the provisions of said Boston Fire Department Code, Deputy Fire Chiefs, District Fire Chiefs, Fire Captains, Fire Lieutenants, Fire Fighters Inspectors of the Fire Prevention Division, Fire Fighters in the Fire Fighting Force, Fire Department Chemist, Senior Analytical Chemist, Fire Department Plans Examiners, Special Hazard Police Officer, Fire Investigation Police Officers, Superintendent of the Emergency Management Division, those designated by him as Inspectors of Fire Alarm Systems and Fire Department Inspectors of the Special Projects Division, are authorized to do and perform all the singular the acts and things which I, as Head of the Fire Department, by said Boston Fire Prevention Code, Section 1.21 & 1.22 am empowered to do and perform. Specific authority is hereby delegated to the said Deputy Fire Chiefs, District Fire Chiefs, Fire Captains, Fire Lieutenants, Fire Fighter Inspectors of the Fire Prevention Division, Fire Fighters in the

Fighting Force, Fire Department Chemist, Senior Analytical Chemist, Fire Department Plan Examiners, Special Hazard Police Officer, Fire Investigation Police Officers, Superintendent of the Emergency Management Division and those designated by him as Inspectors of Fire Alarm Systems, to make investigations and inspections and to issue orders in writing pursuant to the provisions of said Code.

The above delegations of authority, effective as of January 31, 1997 shall continue in force and effect for a period of one year from effective date, unless revoked at any time prior thereto. The above delegations of authority are not to diminish nor curtail any of the powers conferred upon me by said Boston Fire Prevention Code, Sections 1.21 & 1.22.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER
NO. 11**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
FEBRUARY 26, 1997**

I. RETIREMENTS

The retirements of the following named members in accordance with the provisions indicated are effective at 1700 hours, February 28, 1997:

| | | | |
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| Fire Fighter | | | |
| Emil G. F. Belanger, Jr. | Engine Company 20 | S7-94, C32, M.G.L., | |
| Fire Fighter | | | |
| Donald F. MacDonald | Engine Company 49 | S5, C32, M.G.L. | |
| Asst. Superintendent | | | |
| Philip Virgilio | Fire Alarm Construction | S5, C32, M.G.L. | |

Fire Fighter Belanger was appointed to the department on January 18, 1967. Fire Fighter MacDonald was appointed to the department on January 18, 1967. Assistant Superintendent Virgilio was appointed to the department on June 12, 1963.

All of these members leave the department with the best wishes of their associates.

II. TRANSFERS

The transfers of the following named members will become effective at 0800 hours, March 1, 1997:

| | | | |
|------------------------|------------------|----|------------------|
| Fire Captain | | | |
| Michael J. Doherty | Engine Co. 32 | to | Engine Co. 4 |
| Fire Captain | | | |
| David Mager | Emer. Mgmt. Div. | to | Personnel Div. |
| Fire Lieutenant | | | |
| James J. Lonergan | Engine Co. 56 | to | Engine Co. 33 |
| Fire Lieutenant | | | |
| Paul Alfieri | Personnel Div. | to | Engine Co. 29 |
| Fire Lieutenant | | | |
| Mark J. O'Brien | Emer. Mgmt. Div. | to | Engine Co. 48 |
| Fire Lieutenant | | | |
| John Kisielius | Engine Co. 4 | to | Engine Co. 48 |
| Fire Lieutenant | | | |
| Alfred G. Hansen | Fire Prev. Div. | to | Emer. Mgmt. Div. |
| Fire Lieutenant | | | |
| Steven P. Rushton | Emer. Mgmt. Div. | to | G-25 |
| Fire Lieutenant | | | |
| Steven P. McGillicuddy | Personnel Div. | to | Emer. Mgmt. Div. |

TRANSFERS CONTINUED

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| Fire Lieutenant | | | | |
| Michael E. Hocking | Personnel Div. | to | Emer. Mgmt. Div. | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Gerard T. Sheehan | Fire Prev. Div. | to | Engine Co. 16 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Patrick J. Brady | Engine Co. 48 | to | Engine Co. 52 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Michael Buchanan | Ladder Co. 6 | to | Ladder Co. 4 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| William J. Hegarty | Rescue Co. 1 | to | Rescue Co. 2 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Robert L. Biggs | Engine Co. 33 | to | Ladder Co. 15 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Michael R. Mason | Engine Co. 10 | to | Engine Co. 42 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Steven M. Mahoney | Engine Co. 4 | to | Ladder Co. 10 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Joe E. Montoya | Engine Co. 22 | to | Engine Co. 53 (Aide to Dist. Chief) | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Mark C. Callahan | Ladder Co. 7 | to | Fire Invest. Unit | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| John M. Kilroe | Ladder Co. 28 | to | Ladder Co. 7 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Edward L. Mables | Ladder Co. 26 | to | Fire Prev. Div. | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Stuart A. MacLean | T.M.R. Division | to | Air Supply Unit | |

III. COMMENDATION

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Michael A. Gallagher, Ladder Company 15, who while off duty on February 4, 1997, observed an auto accident on Route 495. He secured the vehicle and performed CPR on a male victim who was in cardiac arrest until the arrival of an ambulance. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER
NO. 12**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
MARCH 24, 1997**

I. TRANSFERS

The transfers of the following named members will become effective at 0800 hours, 1 1, 1997:

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|----|----------------------------------------|
| Fire Captain Daniel P. Kelley | Personnel Div. | to | Engine Co. 32 |
| Fire Captain Peter P. Pearson | Personnel Div. | to | Ladder Co. 24 |
| Fire Captain Jean A. Pillard | Engine Co. 17 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Lieutenant Paul D. Lucas | G-25 | to | Engine Co. 56 |
| Fire Lieutenant Michael E. Hocking | Emer. Mgmt. Div. | to | Engine Co. 4 |
| Fire Lieutenant Paul E. Gover | T.M.R. Division | to | Engine Co. 5 |
| Fire Lieutenant John D. Teehan | Engine Co. 33 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter Hector Cintron | Ladder Co. 26 | to | Engine Co. 4 |
| Fire Fighter Robert J. Doyle | Engine Co. 37 | to | Ladder Co. 26 |
| Fire Fighter Paul D. Fountaine | Engine Co. 18 | to | Ladder Co. 6 |
| Fire Fighter Thomas J. Murphy | Engine Co. 32 | to | Marine Unit |
| Fire Fighter Kevin B. Jeffers | Engine Co. 16 | to | Tower Co. |
| Fire Fighter Paul T. Capeless | Engine Co. 22 | to | Rescue Co. 1 |
| Fire Fighter Francis X. Connors | Ladder Co. 14 | to | Marine Unit |
| Fire Fighter Steven M. Mahoney | Ladder Co. 10 | to | Engine Co. 28 |
| Fire Fighter Willie K. Harris | Ladder Co. 6 | to | Engine Co. 10 |
| Fire Fighter Alvin A. Smith | Engine Co. 37 | to | Engine Co. 37 (Aide to Dist. Chief) |

TRANSFERS CONTINUED

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| Fire Fighter Don F. Cuddahy | Tower Co. | to | Ladder Co. 7 |
| Fire Fighter Paul S. Arathuzik | Rescue Co. 1 | to | Tower Co. |
| Fire Fighter Jose R. Nieves | Ladder Co. 28 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter Robert F. Campbell | Ladder Co. 18 | to | Marine Unit |
| Fire Fighter Chester P. Daiute | Engine Co. 18 | to | Marine Unit |
| Fire Fighter David E. Thompson | Fire Prev. Div. | to | Engine Co. 32 |
| Fire Fighter Mark C. Callender | Engine Co. 48 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter Robert Dean | Ladder Co. 17 | to | Rescue Co. 1 |
| Fire Fighter Joseph P. Hurley | Engine Co. 50 | to | Safety Division (Aide to Dist. Chief) |

III. IDENTIFICATION PHOTOS

The Public Information Office will be issuing new identification photos to those who have been promoted, or to those who have lost or damaged their cards.

Photos will be taken on April 14, 15, 16, 17, 1997 from 0900 to 1200 hours and 1300 to 1500 hours. These dates will cover all working groups.

Members shall be in proper dress uniform. Uniforms will not be available at the Public Information Office. This is the only time that new identification cards will be issued in the coming months.

IV. COMMENDATIONS

1) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend the following members, who on January 22, 1997, responded to 541 Washington Street, District 11. A roofer had been shot in the leg by a power nail gun and was on a gable roof of a three and one half story wood frame dwelling. Because of his position and the steep pitch of the roof, ground and aerial ladders could not reach the victim. A large hole was cut in the roof from the attic, three members climbed a ground ladder and walked a 2' x 10' plank to the victim, rolled him to the hole and put him into the attic where he was removed through an attic window via aerial ladder. Fire Lieutenant Robert F. Moriarty, Ladder Company 11, Fire Fighter Edward C. Mahoney, Engine Company 51 and Fire Fighter John Walton, Engine Company 41, detailed to Engine Company 51, shall have this commendation made part of their personnel file.

2) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter on Probation Steven P. Bradley, Engine Company 28, who while off duty on the night of February 25, 1997, stabilized a victim of a motor vehicle accident, passed vital information along to the companies upon their arrival as well as to EMS. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER
NO. 13**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
APRIL 22, 1997**

I. COMMENDATION

The powerful early spring snowstorm which began at 1100 hours on March 31, 1997, and continued until 1400 hours on April 1, 1997, left a total accumulation of approximately 25 inches of heavy wet snow and was recorded as the third greatest snowstorm in Boston history. The storm caused widespread power outages, downed power lines, and fallen trees and branches. The total number of incidents that the department responded to under blizzard conditions from 1800 hours, Monday, March 31, until 0800 hours, Thursday, April 3, was 967 responses.

I commend all of the Chief Officers, Company Officers, Firefighters and members of the Fire Alarm Operations Division for your dedication and professionalism in responding to, dispatching and providing the emergency response and assistance to the many people in the city under some of the most difficult conditions. All of the incidents were handled with the high standard of excellence that is a long standing tradition of this department.

My sincere appreciation to all of the men and women of this department for demonstrating once again that the Boston Fire Department is always prepared and ready to respond and mitigate any emergency or disaster that may arise in this city. The commitment and extraordinary efforts by each of you during this significant storm was outstanding and something that all of the members of this department can be truly proud of.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

TRANSFERS CONTINUED

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|----------------------|----------------|----|------------------------------|--|
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Robert L. Biggs | Ladder Co. 15 | to | Ladder Co. 26 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Paul F. Vinard | Ladder Co. 26 | to | Engine Co. 37 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Coleman F. Connolly | Engine Co. 10 | to | Engine Co. 37 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Paul D. Fountaine | Ladder Co. 6 | to | Engine Co. 18 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Joseph G. Welch | Engine Co. 16 | to | Engine Co. 18 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Joseph M. Regan | Ladder Co. 18 | to | Ladder Co. 19 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| James E. Mackin | Engine Co. 53 | to | Engine Co. 49 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Mark S. Oliver | Engine Co. 41 | to | Ladder Co. 28 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Stephen W. MacDonald | Engine Co. 7 | to | Ladder Co. 28 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Lawrence J. Brennan | Engine Co. 22 | to | Engine Co. 16 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| John E. Steiner | Pers./Medical | to | Engine Co. 16 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| John E. Steiner | Engine Co. 16 | to | Pers/Medical | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Arthur E. Hitchman | Ladder Co. 9 | to | Engine Co. 50 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Bradley Andrews | Pers/Medical | to | Ladder Co. 11 (eff: 3/31/97) | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Robert X. Dunkle | Ladder Co. 18 | to | Fire Prevention Div. | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Daniel Kenneally | T.M.R Division | to | Engine Co. 14 (eff: 4/14/97) | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Brian C. Summering | Engine Co. 56 | to | Engine Co. 8 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| James L. McGuirk | Engine Co. 56 | to | Engine Co. 32 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Edward Rose | Ladder Co. 21 | to | Ladder Co. 15 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Randall Bither | Ladder Co. 21 | to | Engine Co. 53 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Oscar Francisco | Engine Co. 9 | to | Ladder Co. 9 | |

TRANSFERS CONTINUED

Fire Fighter

Derek McMillan Ladder Co. 25 to Engine Co. 7

Fire Fighter

Joseph Capobianco Engine Co. 5 to Ladder Co. 26

Fire Fighter

Edward Curran Ladder Co. 2 to Ladder Co. 16

Fire Fighter

Philip J. Cetrino Engine Co. 29 to Engine Co. 41

IV. HIGH COMMENDATION

On February 12, 1997, while on vacation and being onboard a boat two and one half hours out to sea, Fire Fighter Bruce K. Haggquist, Engine Company 41, was informed that a member of the group while snorkeling near a coral reef, had swam into a cove and suffered a severe heart attack. Fire Fighter Haggquist dove into the water, swam 300 feet into the cove where he found the man clinging to the rocks. Fire Fighter Haggquist assisted by another civilian, pulled the man from the rocks and successfully placed him onboard the boat. Fire Fighter Haggquist monitored the victims vital signs for almost an hour and one half before they intercepted a Coast Guard vessel. The victim was then transported by the Coast Guard boat to a medical facility.

Because his actions were performed under great personal risk, the Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Fighter Bruce K. Haggquist of Engine Company 41, and refers his case to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

V. COMMENDATIONS

1) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Otilio Santiago of Engine Company 18. Fire Fighter Santiago, while off duty on March 23, 1997, discovered a fire at 12 Boyd Street, District 7. He assisted occupants out of the fire building prior to the arrival of apparatus and assisted in running lines at the fire which escalated to a second alarm. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

2) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Reynold Maughn of Ladder Company 10. Fire Fighter Maughn, while off duty on April 9, 1997, discovered a fire at 29 Kittredge Street, District 10. He assisted occupants out of the fire building prior to the arrival of apparatus and assisted Ladder Company 16 with aerial ladder operations at this second alarm fire. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER
NO. 15**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
MAY 16, 1997**

I. RETIREMENTS

The retirements of the following named members in accordance with the provisions indicated became effective at 1700 hours, April 30, 1997:

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| Fire Fighter Paul D. Markham | Ladder Company 29 | S7-94, C32, M.G.L. |
| Fire Fighter John J. McCarthy | Ladder Company 9 | S7-94, C32, M.G.L. |
| Fire Fighter John J. Nee | Fire Brigade | S7, C32, M.G.L. |
| Fire Fighter Michael K. Walsh | Engine Company 52 | S7, C32, M.G.L. |

Fire Fighter Markham was appointed to the department on March 20, 1974. Fire Fighter McCarthy was appointed to the department on July 27, 1966. Fire Fighter Nee was appointed to the department on January 18, 1978. Fire Fighter Walsh was appointed to the department on September 27, 1978.

All of these members leave the department with the best wishes of their associates.

II. MEMORIAL SUNDAY

The One Hundred and Fourth Anniversary of Firemen's Memorial Sunday will be held on Sunday, June 8, 1997. Rabbi Dr. Yitzchok Aharon Korff, Boston Fire Department Chaplain, will conduct the ceremonies at Forest Hills Cemetery at 0930 hours. Fire Fighter Leo Hughes, President, Charitable Association of the Boston Fire Department, will be Chief Marshal. Norman Knight, President, One Hundred Club of Massachusetts, will be Orator of the day.

Trustees of the Charitable Association of the Boston Fire Department and the Boston Fire Department Rifle Honor Guard will report to Deputy Fire Chief John Hasson at the archway via the Morton Street entrance at 0915 hours. Regulation Uniform - sack coat or jacket, short sleeve shirt, black tie, regulation trousers, black shoes, dress cap and white gloves will be worn.

The Fire Commissioner earnestly urges all off duty members to make every effort to attend these services. Members of Headquarters, Personnel, Special Services, Fire Prevention and Training Research and Maintenance Divisions will attend.

A Catholic Mass will be celebrated at the Forsyth Chapel, Forest Hills Cemetery, before the Memorial Service at 0830 hours for all who wish to attend.

III. COMMENDATIONS

- 1) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Leo Brown of the Hazardous Material Unit, who while off duty on August 23, 1996, and driving on the Riverway, noticed a man (later identified as an off duty police officer) pinned underneath his fallen motorcycle. Fire Fighter Brown turned his truck so that it shielded the victim from further harm and called for medical assistance. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

- 2) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Lieutenant Joseph L. Driscoll, Ladder Company 6, and Fire Fighter Abelardo Guzman, Engine Company 21, who while off duty on May 2, 1997, witnessed a serious automobile accident on Morrissey Boulevard, Dorchester. They went to the aid of a woman who was unconscious and bleeding from the nose and mouth. They maintained traction and cleared the blood until arrival of Engine Company 20 and Boston EMS. This commendation shall be made part of their personnel file.

- 3) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighters Edward J. Gottwald and Torin M. Little of Ladder Company 4, who at 0532 hours on April 16, 1997, responded to a building fire at 96 Warren Street, Roxbury. Upon arrival the rear of a two and one half story wood frame dwelling was fully involved in fire and spreading toward the front of the building. At this time a man appeared at an attic window that was secured with plywood and held in place by two by fours and lag bolts, with about a ten inch opening at the bottom of this window. Fire Fighters Edward J. Gottwald and Torin M. Little extended the aerial ladder to the window and after great difficulty in removing the plywood in rapidly deteriorating fire conditions, as well as cries for help growing fainter from the victim, were able to pull the man onto the aerial ladder and remove him safely to the street. Had it not been for the coordinated efforts and teamwork of these men the victim would have certainly perished. This commendation shall be made part of their personnel file.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER
NO. 16**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
MAY 21, 1997**

BOARD OF MERIT

The Board of Merit, consisting of the Fire Commissioner and the Deputy Fire Chiefs, has considered all meritorious acts referred to it during the year 1996. After careful consideration and study, the Board submitted the following recommendations which are hereby approved by the Fire Commissioner:

**1. Gerard J. Molito Award
District Fire Chief Joseph E. Finn, Personnel Division**

District Fire Chief Joseph E. Finn, while assigned to the Emergency Management Division as the Emergency Medical Liaison, was involved in many areas which have and continue to benefit the Fire Department's overall role in providing the highest level of emergency medical services to the citizens of the City of Boston.

He established a dialogue with the State Regional Office of Emergency Medical Services which has allowed the Fire Department to be recognized as a key player in the delivery of emergency medical services. He was responsible for the re-drafting of state legislation which not only allowed the fire service to be included, but also to be a major player in the delivery of emergency medical services. He opened a city wide dialogue with the Emergency Medical Service Division of the Boston Medical Center which provides for an agreement enabling both the Fire Department and the Emergency Medical Service to work from the same protocols. He was responsible for the number of Emergency Medical Technicians to increase by 50 percent and improved the certification process for the use of the Semi-Automatic External Defibrillator for the department.

The Board recommends that District Fire Chief Joseph E. Finn, Personnel Division, be awarded the Gerard J. Molito Award for Professional Excellence.

**2. Cases of Fire Fighter Bruce E. Thomas, Engine Company 4
Fire Fighter John F. Mitchell, Engine Company 4
Fire Fighter Thomas Flynn, Ladder Company 24
Fire Fighter Edgar C. Honeycutt, Ladder Company 28
(Detailed to Ladder Company 24)**

On July 6, 1996, at 0800 hours, members of Engine Company 4 were alerted by civilians that a man had been assaulted and robbed and the suspect was observed running into the firehouse parking lot. Fire Fighters Bruce E. Thomas, Engine Company 4, John F. Mitchell, Engine Company 4, Thomas Flynn, Ladder Company 24, and Edgar C. Honeycutt, Ladder Company 28 detailed to Ladder Company 24, found the suspect hiding behind the rear of the firehouse. They apprehended him until the arrival of the Boston Police and retrieved the stolen wallet.

Because their aggressive actions reflected credit upon themselves and the Boston Fire Department, the Fire Commissioner highly commended Fire Fighter Bruce E. Thomas of Engine Company 4, Fire Fighter John F. Mitchell of Engine Company 4, Fire Fighter Thomas Flynn of Ladder Company 24 and Fire Fighter Edgar C. Honeycutt of Ladder Company 28 (detailed to Ladder Company 24) in General Order No. 22 of 1996.

The Board recommends that Fire Fighter Bruce E. Thomas, Engine Company 4, Fire Fighter John F. Mitchell, Engine Company 4, Fire Fighter Thomas Flynn, Ladder Company 24 and Fire Fighter Edgar C. Honeycutt, Ladder Company 28 (detailed to Ladder Company 24) be awarded the Distinguished Service Award.

3. Case of Fire Fighter Gerard A. Yanovitch, Engine Company 2

On September 16, 1996, at 0738 hours, Incident # 42191, Engine Company 2 and Ladder Company 19 responded to the Columbia Yacht Club for a person in the water. Prior to their arrival, off duty Fire Fighter Gerard A. Yanovitch, Engine Company 2, spotted a woman clinging to a raft. She was unable to call for help as a result of being in the water for a considerable time and suffering from hypothermia. He climbed a fence to the Puritan Canoe Club and yelled for help which was heard at the Columbia Yacht Club. A boat was taken from the Columbia Yacht Club, brought to the scene and together they were able to pull the woman from the water, administered first aid and stabilized her until the arrival of an ambulance.

Because his actions were performed under great personal risk, the Fire Commissioner highly commended Fire Fighter Gerard A. Yanovitch of Engine Company 2 in General Order No. 30 of 1996.

The Board recommends that Fire Fighter Gerard A. Yanovitch of Engine Company 2 be awarded the Distinguished Service Award.

4. Case of Fire Captain Joseph E. Duggan, Rescue Company 1

On October 20, 1996, while off duty at home, Captain Joseph E. Duggan, Rescue Company 1, was alerted by a neighbor that her house was on fire. He ran to the neighbor's house across the street where he found a hose in the front yard. He then entered the house, descended the basement stairs that were charged with heat and smoke and extinguished the fire.

Because his actions were performed under great personal risk, without protective clothing and before proper ventilation, the Fire Commissioner highly commended Fire Captain Joseph E. Duggan of Rescue Company 1 in General Order No. 35 of 1996.

The Board recommends that Fire Captain Joseph E. Duggan of Rescue Company 1 be awarded the Distinguished Service Award.

5. Case of Fire Fighter William Benevelli, Rescue Company 2

On May 20, 1996, at 0322 hours, Incident No. 22795, Box 2264 was struck for a building fire at 126A Highland Street, Roxbury. Upon arrival, heavy fire was reported from the front and rear first floor of a two story townhouse. As the fire was knocked down at the front doorway, Fire Fighter William Benevelli of Rescue Company 2 raced past the fire and up the stairwell to the second floor. He searched the upper floor under intense heat and heavy smoke conditions, found a child on the floor, and removed the victim to the street after again passing fire on the first floor.

Because his actions were performed under great personal risk, the Fire Commissioner highly commended Fire Fighter William Benevelli of Rescue Company 2 in General Order No. 26 of 1996.

The Board recommends that the name of Fire Fighter William Benevelli of Rescue Company 2 be placed on the Roll of Merit.

6. Case of Fire Fighter Lawrence Brennan, Engine Company 22

On July 1, 1996, while off duty at Nantasket Beach, Hull, Fire Fighter Lawrence Brennan of Engine Company 22 heard screams of help from a boy struggling in a riptide 75 yards off shore. When he was within 20 yards of the youngster, the boy lost his grip on the surf board that was keeping him afloat. Fire Fighter Brennan reached the boy, secured a hold on him and began to tow him ashore. After they made their way to the beach, the boy explained he was caught in a current that would not allow him to make his way to safety and that he was not an accomplished swimmer.

While reflecting credit upon himself and the Boston Fire Department, the Fire Commissioner highly commended Fire Fighter Lawrence Brennan of Engine Company 22 in General Order No. 30 of 1996.

The Board recommends that the name of Fire Fighter Lawrence Brennan of Engine Company 22 be placed on the Roll of Merit.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER
NO. 17**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
MAY 21, 1997**

118TH ANNUAL BALL AND AWARDS CEREMONY

The 118TH Annual Ball and Awards Ceremony of the Boston Fire Department will be held Saturday evening, May 24, 1997, at the Sheraton Boston Hotel, Grand Ballroom, 39 Dalton Street, Boston.

The Fire Commissioner and the Officers of the Relief Fund have given considerable time and thought in preparing a program that will be interesting and enjoyable to all.

Insofar as the proceeds from this event are used for the assistance of department members, past and present, the Fire Commissioner requests all off duty members to attend this function.

It is your organization. Help support it.

ADMISSION WILL BE BY TICKET ONLY.

PROGRAM

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| 2000 hours | General Admission |
| 2030 hours | Boston Fire Department Video by Nat Whittemore |
| 2045 hours | Grand March |
| 2050 hours | National Anthem Frederick Tenaglia |
| 2055 hours | Invocation by Rev. Daniel Mahoney Chief Chaplain, Boston Fire Department |
| 2100 hours | Martin E. Pierce, Jr., Fire Commissioner Thomas M. Menino, Mayor, City of Boston |

Greetings by the President of the Boston Firemen's Relief Fund
Fire Fighter Joseph F. Ingemi, T. M. R. Division

Master of Ceremonies
Nino N. Tramontozzi, Deputy Fire Chief (Retired)

Presentation of the Commissioner's Unit Citation to

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| District Fire Chief James R. Evans | Safety Division |
| Fire Lieutenant John J. O'Brien | T. M. R. Division |
| Fire Lieutenant Arthur LaPorte | T. M. R. Division |
| Fire Lieutenant Stephen F. Daly | Ladder Company 15 |
| Fire Lieutenant Kevin M. Kelley | Ladder Company 26 |
| Fire Fighter John L. Cetrino | Rescue Company 1 |
| Fire Fighter Joseph M. Hughes | Rescue Company 1 |
| Fire Fighter Ronald R. Ross | Ladder Company 26 |
| Fire Fighter Patrick Lynch | Ladder Company 26 |
| Fire Fighter Brian A. Carey | Engine Company 14 |
| Fire Fighter Richard H. Graham | Ladder Company 15 |
| Fire Fighter Daniel Donovan | Ladder Company 15 |
| Fire Fighter William K. Herman | Tower Company |

Fire Fighter
Michael Lungelow Engine Company 33

Presentation of the Gerard J. Molito Award for Professional Excellence to

District Fire Chief
Joseph E. Finn Headquarters Division

Presentation of the Distinguished Service Award to

Fire Captain
Joseph E. Duggan Rescue Company 1

Fire Fighter
Gerard A. Yanovitch Engine Company 2

Fire Fighter
Bruce E. Thomas Engine Company 4

Fire Fighter
John F. Mitchell Engine Company 4

Fire Fighter
Thomas Flynn Ladder Company 24

Fire Fighter
Edgar C. Honeycutt Ladder Company 28

Presentation of the Roll of Merit to

Fire Fighter
William Benevelli Rescue Company 2

Fire Fighter
Lawrence Brennan Engine Company 22

Presentation of the Medal of Valor to

The Family of Fire Fighter James A. Ellis, Engine Company 14

Memorial Prayer

Reverend Daniel Reason
Chaplain, Boston Fire Department

Drawings

Grand Prize
Boston Firemen's Relief Fund
Belknap Memorial Award
Staples Awards
Greater Boston Fire Safety
Council Award

Dancing

Day Break Band

Award recipients will be excused from duty from 0800 hours, May 24, 1997 to 0800 hours, May 25, 1997.

The Grand March will be under the direction of Floor Marshal Daniel L. McDougall, (Fire Fighter - Retired). The Rifle Honor Guard will be under the direction of Fire Fighter Charles D. Sudhalter.

The Rifle Honor Guard working Group 3 will be excused from duty from 1800 hours, May 24, 1997 to 0800 hours, May 25, 1997.

The Relief Fund Office will be closed all day, Friday, May 24, 1997.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER
NO. 18**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
MAY 28, 1997**

**I. FIRE LIEUTENANT JAMES FOSSA
ENGINE COMPANY 10**

It is with deep regret that the Fire Commissioner announces the death of Fire Lieutenant James Fossa, Engine Company 10, on May 13, 1997. Fire Lieutenant Fossa was appointed to the department on May 1, 1968 and promoted to Fire Lieutenant on March 1, 1990.

The funeral was held from the John J. O'Connor & Son Funeral Home, 740 Adams Street, Dorchester, at 0800 hours, Saturday, May 17, 1997, followed by a Funeral Mass at Saint Anne's Church, 251 Neponset Avenue, Dorchester, at 0900 hours.

The Fire Commissioner made the customary detail to act as funeral escort and members of Engine Company 10, the Tower Company, Rescue Company 1, Divisions 1 and 2, Personnel Division, Headquarters Division, Fire Prevention Division, Training, Maintenance and Research Division, Emergency Management Division, Special Projects Division, and the Rifle Honor Guard attended the service.

II. TRANSFERS

The transfers of the following named members will become effective at 0800 hours, June 1, 1997:

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| Fire Captain | | | | |
| Walter T. McGinn | Ladder Co. 18 | to | Pers./Medical | |
| Fire Lieutenant | | | | |
| John F. Alves | Ladder Co. 24 | to | Ladder Co. 1 | |
| Fire Lieutenant | | | | |
| Benjamin E. Brown | Rescue Co. 1 | to | Pers./Medical | |
| Fire Lieutenant | | | | |
| Richard R. Parker | Engine Co. 10 | to | Emer. Mgmt. Div. | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| John J. O'Sullivan | Fire Invest. Unit | to | Pers./Medical | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Craig L. Andrews | Ladder Co. 11 | to | Pers./Medical | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Joseph P. McDonough | Engine Co. 7 | to | Engine Co. 7 (Aide to Dist. Chief) | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| John E. Steiner | Pers./Medical | to | Engine Co. 16 (eff: 5/8/97) | |

TRANSFERS CONTINUED

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| Fire Fighter Samuel P. Powell | Engine Co. 28 | to | Fire Prevention Div. |
| Fire Fighter Phillip Marsh | Fire Prevention Div. | to | Emer. Mgmt. Div. |
| Fire Fighter Robert Ford | Ladder Co. 24 | to | Engine Co. 4 (Aide to Dist. Chief) |
| Fire Fighter Kevin E. Weekes | Ladder Co. 21 | to | Ladder Co. 16 |
| Fire Fighter Kirk Johnson | Pers./Medical | to | Rescue Co. 1 (eff: 5/20/97) |
| Fire Fighter David J. Montoya | Engine Co. 7 | to | Ladder Co. 7 |
| Fire Fighter Don V. Twiggs | Engine Co. 37 | to | Engine Co. 10 |
| Fire Fighter Christopher F. Stevens | Engine Co. 4 | to | Engine Co. 37 |
| Fire Fighter Michael E. Davis | Ladder Co. 16 | to | Engine Co. 33 |
| Fire Fighter James R. Neff | Engine Co. 39 | to | Ladder Co. 18 |
| Fire Fighter Matthew J. Nihill | Engine Co. 28 | to | Ladder Co. 17 |
| Fire Fighter Michael J. McLaughlin | Ladder Co. 11 | to | Ladder Co. 25 |
| Fire Fighter Michael P. Boyle | Engine Co. 10 | to | Engine Co. 37 |
| Fire Fighter John A. Albanese | Engine Co. 52 | to | Pers./Medical |

III. COMMENDATION

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Joseph P. Hurley, Aide to the Safety Chief, who, while off duty on May 22, 1997, assisted the pump operator of Engine Company 50 and assisted in running lines at three alarms, Box 415, and makes this commendation a part of his personnel file.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER
NO. 19**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
JUNE 10, 1997**

I. VENDOME MEMORIAL

On June 17, 1997, the 25th Anniversary of the Vendome tragedy will be commemorated with the dedication of the Vendome Memorial honoring the nine Boston Fire Fighters who died in the line of duty on June 17, 1972, at Box 1571.

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| Fire Lieutenant Thomas J. Carroll | Engine Company 32 |
| Fire Lieutenant John E. Hanbury | Ladder Company 13 |
| Fire Fighter Thomas W. Beckwith | Engine Company 32 |
| Fire Fighter Joseph F. Boucher | Engine Company 22 |
| Fire Fighter Charles E. Dolan | Ladder Company 13 |
| Fire Fighter John E. Jameson | Engine Company 22 |
| Fire Fighter Richard B. Magee | Engine Company 33 |
| Fire Fighter Paul J. Murphy | Engine Company 32 |
| Fire Fighter Joseph P. Saniuk | Ladder Company 13 |

Parking for all department members and members from other fire departments will be at the Bayside Mall. MBTA buses, with a police escort, will shuttle members to the memorial site beginning at 0730 hours. There will be no parking in the area surrounding the memorial site and there will be no parking at Florian Hall. Public Transportation is strongly encouraged.

Members shall report to Deputy Fire Chief John F. Hasson for formation at Commonwealth Avenue and Fairfield Street no later than 0930 hours. At 0945 hours members from the Boston Fire Department, active and retired, will march down Commonwealth Avenue on the inbound side. All members from other fire departments will march down the outbound side. Regulation uniform for all members will be sack coat with ties and white gloves.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies, MBTA buses will shuttle members back to Florian Hall for a collation. MBTA buses will be shuttling members back to the Bayside Mall from Florian Hall, from 1400 hours to 1800 hours.

This is our opportunity to stand and honor these nine brave fire fighters who made the supreme sacrifice while serving the people of this city.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the dedication as we honor these nine brave men and their families.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER
NO. 21**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
JUNE 11, 1997**

I. RESIGNATION / RETIREMENT

The resignation/retirement of the following named member, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 5, C32, M.G.L., became effective at 1700 hours, June 1, 1997:

Fire Fighter

Thomas J. Hill

Fire Prevention Division

Fire Fighter Hill was appointed to the department on May 1, 1968 and leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

II. PROMOTION TO FIRE LIEUTENANT

The following named member was promoted to Fire Lieutenant and transferred to the Personnel Division effective 0800 hours, June 4, 1997:

Fire Fighter

James V. Boyle

Engine Company 22

III. URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM AWARD

The Boston Management Consortium has selected the Boston Urban Search and Rescue Team to receive the City Excellence Award in the category of Making Boston a 21st Century Leader.

A screening committee met in May to select two finalists from sixteen applications. The Boston Urban Search and Rescue Team became a finalist, and on June 3rd District Fire Chief James Evans, Fire Lieutenant Arthur LaPorte, EMT Robert Haley, Boston EMS Special Operations, and Boston Police Sergeant Shawn Feeney, K-9 Unit, made a presentation to a judging panel consisting of leaders of Boston's business community.

At the conclusion of the presentation the judging panel was so impressed with the team's highly technical rescue ability, their use of advanced rescue equipment, and the interagency cooperation and teamwork, that they awarded the Boston Urban Search and Rescue Team the much sought after City Excellence Award for Making Boston a 21st Century Leader.

My congratulations to the men and women of the team and in particular, District Fire Chief James Evans, Fire Lieutenant Arthur LaPorte, EMT Robert Haley, Boston EMS Special Operations, and Boston Police Sergeant Shawn Feeney, K-9 Unit, for making the presentation that captured the enthusiasm of the judging panel and won the award in a tough competitive field.

The award will be presented at Pier 4 in the Charlestown Navy Yard on June 26, 1997.

IV. COMMENDATIONS

- 1) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Kevin G. Mitchell, Ladder Company 17, who, while off duty on April 26, 1997, was informed by a distraught employee at 273 Clarendon Street, District 4, of a burn victim in the rear of the building. Fire Fighter Mitchell found the victim who suffered second and third degree burns to fifty percent of his body. He tore the burning clothes from the victim, ventilated the room, and applied first aid. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.
- 2) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Raymond W. Frazel, Jr., Engine Company 55, who, on June 1, 1997, was driving Engine Company 55 to the shop for repairs when the piece began to accelerate at a dangerously high rate of speed and was unable to shut off the engine or stop it by means of the braking system. Fire Fighter Frazel maneuvered away from road traffic, and after traveling several hundred yards down a hill was able to drop the transmission into neutral and apply the maxi brakes, bringing the piece to a full stop against the curb. Because of his clear thinking and professionalism in handling this dangerous situation, no injuries resulted to the public or fire fighters. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.
- 3) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighters Patrick F. Keane, Ladder Company 2, and Cornelius M. Keane, Aide to Deputy Fire Chief, Division 1, who, on June 9, 1997, came upon an accident in Woburn while off duty. The driver of a pick up truck was pinned inside the vehicle with fire burning his legs. They extinguished the fire with a portable extinguisher, cut the seat belt straps, removed the victim, and performed CPR before the arrival of an ambulance. This commendation shall be made part of their personnel files.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER
NO. 22**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
JUNE 20, 1997**

I. COMMISSIONER'S UNIT CITATIONS

1) On January 9, 1997, Incident #1580, Box 2-2287 was struck for a building fire at 30 Marcella Street, Roxbury.

Rescue Company 2 encountered heavy, acrid smoke issuing from a two and one half story wood frame dwelling. They were informed that a woman was trapped in the building.

Rescue Company 2 entered the fully charged building before lines were stretched to begin a primary search. Within minutes of their arrival a flashover occurred. Three members of Rescue Company 2 were blown from the front door of the structure onto the sidewalk. One member remained inside. Without hesitation they reentered the building.

Engine Company 42 was aware that Rescue Company 2 had entered an extremely dangerous environment and backed them up with a charged line. Both companies encountered a high volume of fire and intense heat. Engine Company 42 made an aggressive attack to the second floor knowing that a member of Rescue Company 2 had gained access to the second floor and was in danger of being trapped by the fast moving fire. The trapped member had gained egress through a second floor window and was rescued over a ground ladder.

The actions of the members of Rescue Company 2 and Engine Company 42 were in the finest tradition of the Boston Fire Department. The members conducted themselves with high disregard for their own personal safety under intense fire conditions while displaying exemplary professionalism, teamwork and fortitude.

This effort which displayed a thorough knowledge of their duties and the ability to work as a team under hazardous conditions, was successful in completing a primary search and securing the safety of the operating force. Therefore, the Commissioner's Unit Citation is hereby presented to:

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|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Fire Lieutenant William Tobin | Engine Company 42 |
| Fire Fighter Michael Dillon | Engine Company 42 |
| Fire Fighter Eric Brown | Engine Company 42 |
| Fire Fighter Richard Finn | Engine Company 42 |
| Fire Fighter Paul Zepf | Engine Company 42 |
| Acting Fire Lieutenant Donald Robinson | Ladder Company 10 (Detailed to R-2) |
| Fire Fighter Francis Baxter | Rescue Company 2 |
| Fire Fighter William Benevelli | Rescue Company 2 |
| Fire Fighter James McCarthy | Rescue Company 2 |
| Fire Fighter Paul Covington | Rescue Company 2 |

2) On January 15, 1997, at 0553 hours, Box 2151 was struck for a building fire at 312 Warren Street, District 9. The temperature was 25 degrees with a wind chill factor of 10 degrees. Upon the arrival of Engine Company 14 and Ladder Company 4, smoke was showing from the first floor room on the left. Moments later a large volume of fire erupted from the windows and spread into the front hallway. It spread unchecked up the unprotected front stairs, charring the wainscoting and every door off the hallways. The fire mushroomed at the fourth floor and lit up the rooms on the right for several seconds. The rooms darkened as the fire drew back and lit up the rooms on the left front, which soon became a heavy volume of fire coming from the front windows.

Captain McLellan of Ladder Company 23 saw people at several windows in front and reported a working fire. He reported that several more people were trapped in the rear and a Second Alarm was struck.

The building was built as a four story hotel in the early 1900's. The occupancy later changed to eight apartments. At the time of the fire, the occupancy was an unlicensed rooming house. It did not have a valid second means of egress at the rear, nor fire balconies and fire escapes. More than forty people have been identified as tenants. Several occupants were not in the building at the time of the fire and two are known to have exited the front door. Only one is known to have exited a cellar door. Twenty tenants were rescued over aerial and ground ladders under extremely difficult conditions.

Ladder Company 4's aerial operator rescued four tenants from the third and fourth floor front left windows and from the second and third floor front right windows. The two remaining members used bolt cutters to remove a lock from a fence gate to allow Ladder Company 23 entry with a thirty-five foot ladder. As flames in the foyer were briefly knocked back, they entered the fire building and rescued a tenant from the first floor front room on the right side. They then conducted a primary search of the four floors on the right side, and assisted with the rescue of several tenants over ground ladders from the rear fourth floor rooms.

Ladder Company 23's aerial operator rescued a tenant from the fourth floor front window and two more from an adjoining roof. They exited their fourth floor rooms through windows onto the roof at 314 Warren Street. The three remaining members raised a thirty-five foot ground ladder to the left side of the windows of the fourth and third floors to rescue trapped tenants. Flames erupted just seconds after one tenant fled his fourth floor room.

The officer and senior man of Rescue Company 2 entered the building as the flames in the foyer were knocked down and conducted a primary search for trapped occupants on the left side of the building under extreme heat and heavy smoke conditions. The four remaining members, with Ladder Company 23 and G-25, raised a thirty-five foot and a fifty foot ground ladder at the rear to rescue several tenants from the second, third and

fourth floor windows. Overhead electric power lines, telephone wires and video cables ran diagonally to the rear wall, obstructing the placement of ground ladders. The ground was uneven, covered with broken glass, and pitched toward the building. There was only four feet between a rear retaining wall and the building's cellar stairwell on which to place and raise the ladders. The combination of overhead lines and treacherous footing made the raising of ladders extremely hazardous. Once in place, firefighters guided tenants onto the ladders and assisted them to the ground and to awaiting ambulances. Eight were hospitalized for smoke inhalation. G-25 assisted with the ladderwork, rescue and treatment of the victims, and later with the rehabilitation of the fatigued firefighters.

Working Fire Company Ladder Company 26 was ordered by radio to respond to Clifford Street to bring a fifty foot ground ladder through a small alley to the rear of the fire building. They had to cut another lock from a rear gate to gain access. Once in the rear they were assisted in raising their fifty foot ladder. Fire Fighter Schomburg ascended the ladder and entered through the window to calm and assist the trapped tenants. This work was done under extreme heat and heavy smoke conditions. He suffered a severe back strain in guiding the tenants out the window and safely onto the ladders.

Teamwork and timely communications were essential in accomplishing simultaneous rescues on three building sides. For their aggressive, coordinated, life saving efforts, under very difficult conditions, the Commissioner's Unit Citation is hereby presented to:

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| Fire Lieutenant George R. O'Brien | Ladder Co. 4 |
| Fire Fighter Torin M. Little | Ladder Co. 4 |
| Fire Fighter Ira McKinnon | Ladder Co. 4 |
| Fire Fighter Kirk Stokes | Ladder Co. 4 |
| Fire Captain Paul McLellan | Ladder Co. 23 |
| Fire Fighter Daniel M. Polvere | Ladder Co. 23 |
| Fire Fighter James B. Donahue | Ladder Co. 23 |
| Fire Fighter Gary L. Walker | Ladder Co. 23 |
| Fire Fighter Edward C. Doherty | Ladder Co. 23 |
| Fire Captain John Stapleton | Ladder Co. 26 |
| Fire Fighter Dwight H. Brown | Ladder Co. 26 |
| Fire Fighter Arthur D. Espinosa | Ladder Co. 26 |
| Fire Fighter William B. O'Sullivan | Ladder Co. 26 |
| Fire Fighter William B. Schomburg | Ladder Co. 26 |
| Fire Lieutenant Austin F. McLaughlin | Rescue Co. 2 |
| Fire Fighter Francis J. Mahoney | Rescue Co. 2 |
| Fire Fighter Winston C. Ashley | Rescue Co. 2 |
| Fire Fighter William Benevelli | Rescue Co. 2 |
| Fire Fighter William J. McCarthy | Rescue Co. 2 |
| Fire Fighter Patrick J. Smith | Rescue Co. 2 |
| Fire Lieutenant Mark O'Brien | G-25 |

3) On March 8, 1997, at 0318 hours, Box 1212 was struck for a building fire at 73-77 Endicott Street, North End. Heavy fire was observed upon arrival from a store front on the first floor and extending to all floors in the front of the building. The fire at this time was being fed by propane cylinders and blowing into the street.

Engine Company 50 quickly went into deck gun operations, pushing back heavy fire which was directly exposing numerous building occupants. The Tower Company, without any hesitation, extended its platform directly into heavy smoke conditions and removed four occupants who were seriously threatened by the fire. Ladder Company 1, despite heavy fire conditions, positioned its apparatus in an advantageous location and removed five building occupants seriously threatened by extending fire conditions over their aerial ladder.

The timely and professional actions undertaken by these members in the early stages of a rapidly developing building fire, undoubtedly prevented multiple fatalities and contributed to fire containment. Therefore, the Commissioners Unit Citation is hereby presented to:

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Fire Captain John S. Varner | Engine Company 50 |
| Fire Fighter David C. Johnson | Engine Company 50 |
| Fire Fighter Steven B. Teixeira | Engine Company 50 |
| Fire Fighter John A. Flowers | Engine Company 50 |
| Fire Lieutenant Francis L. McLaughlin | Tower Company |
| Fire Fighter Franklin A. O'Leary | Tower Company |
| Fire Fighter Gerard H. Leahy | Tower Company |
| Fire Fighter Mark A. Boyd | Tower Company |
| Fire Fighter Ronald L. Cook | Engine Company 10 (Detailed to T. C.) |
| Fire Lieutenant Charles V. Doherty | Ladder Company 1 |
| Fire Fighter Steven W. Baden | Ladder Company 1 |
| Fire Fighter Ronald Ridings | Ladder Company 1 |
| Fire Fighter Melvin E. Ashley, Jr. | Ladder Company 1 |
| Fire Fighter Michael T. Higgins | Ladder Company 1 |

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER
NO. 23**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
JUNE 25, 1997**

I. TRANSFERS

The transfers of the following named members will become effective at 0800 hours, July 1, 1997:

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------|----|----------------------------------------------|
| Fire Captain Walter T. McGinn | Pers./Medical | to | Ladder Co. 18 (eff: 6/28/97) |
| Fire Lieutenant Manuel J. Arruda | Engine Co. 32/Gr. 1 | to | Engine Co. 32/Gr. 4 |
| Fire Lieutenant William P. Kenneally | T.M.R. Division | to | Ladder Co. 24 |
| Fire Lieutenant Vincent P. Russell | Mobile Comm. Post | to | Engine Co. 10 |
| Fire Lieutenant Gerard M. Cahill | Engine Co. 5 | to | Engine Co. 10 |
| Fire Lieutenant James D. Mullen | Headquarters | to | Fire Prevention Div. (Detail Admin. Unit) |
| Fire Fighter James R. Neff | Ladder Co. 18 | to | Engine Co. 39 |
| Fire Fighter Isaac R. Hendricks | Haz Mat (H-3) | to | Engine Co. 10 |
| Fire Fighter Robert L. Biggs | Ladder Co. 26 | to | Engine Co. 7 |
| Fire Fighter Frank C. Rogier | Rescue Co. 1 | to | Ladder Co. 24 |
| Fire Fighter Joseph P. Langan | Engine Co. 4 | to | Engine Co. 28 |
| Fire Fighter Paul F. Lombard, Jr. | Engine Co. 39 | to | T.M.R. Division |
| Fire Fighter Stephen J. Cummings | Pers./Medical | to | Tower Co. (eff: 6/2/97) |
| Fire Fighter John P. Kelly | Engine Co. 2 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter Jerry E. Smith, Jr. | Spec. Projects Div. | to | Fire Prevention Div. (Detail Admin. Unit) |
| Fire Fighter Edward C. Dowd | Fire Prevention Div. | to | Spec. Projects Div. |
| Fire Fighter Bernard Taylor | Ladder Co. 10 | to | Ladder Co. 24 |

TRANSFERS CONTINUED

Fire Fighter

Michael D. O'Reilly Engine Co. 37 to Engine Co. 37
(Aide to Dist. Chief)

Fire Fighter

Stephen G. Mortlock Ladder Co. 26 to Ladder Co. 26
(Aide to Dist. Chief)

FFOP

Donald P. Maloney Engine Co. 51 to Personnel Division

II. RETIREMENT

The retirement of the following named member in accordance with the provisions of Section 7, C32, M.G.L., will become effective at 1700 hours, June 30, 1997:

Fire Fighter

Craig L. Andrews Ladder Company 11

Fire Fighter Andrews was appointed to the department on January 18, 1978 and leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

III. RESIGNATIONS

The Resignation of the following named members became effective on the dates indicated:

Fire Fighter

John Imbruglia Engine Company 3 1700 hours March 6, 1997

Fire Fighter

Dennis G. Hester Ladder Company 11 0800 hours June 23, 1997

IV. UNIT RELOCATION

Effective July 1, 1997, the Hazardous Material Unit (H-3) currently located at the quarters of Engine Company 10 will be relocated to the quarters of Engine Company 53.

V. HIGH COMMENDATION

On May 23, 1997, at 1619 hours, Box 221 was struck for a building fire at 405 Massachusetts Avenue, Roxbury. Heavy smoke was showing from the third floor upon arrival, and members were informed of two children trapped on that floor. Fire Captain James E. Welsh and Fire Fighter Dennis E. Keith, both of Ladder Company 15,

immediately ascended the front stairs to the third floor, forced the apartment door, encountering extreme heat and heavy smoke conditions. Both members found unconscious children at opposite ends of the apartment and removed them to the street where first aid was administered.

Another child was reported missing at this time and Lieutenant Richard M. Quinlan, Ladder Company 17, ascended the aerial ladder to the third floor and entered a front window. He crawled through the living room through intense heat and smoke conditions, down the hallway past the fire room, and into a rear bedroom where he found an unconscious child lying face down on the floor. He immediately removed the child to the street, giving mouth to mouth resuscitation as he descended the stairs.

Because these actions were performed at great personal risk under heavy smoke and fire conditions before charged lines and ventilation were performed, the Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Captain James E. Welsh of Ladder Company 15, Fire Lieutenant Richard M. Quinlan of Ladder Company 17, and Fire Fighter Dennis E. Keith of Ladder Company 15, and refers their case to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

VI. COMMENDATIONS

- 1) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Richard E. Jones, Ladder Company 10, and Fire Fighter Peter J. Dolan, Engine Company 7, who while off duty came upon a pedestrian who had been struck by a motor vehicle at the intersection of North Harvard and Kingsley Streets, Allston, on June 6, 1997. They performed a primary and secondary survey and stabilized the victim until the arrival of apparatus and Boston EMS. This commendation shall be made part of their personnel file.
- 2) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Ricardo Anderson, Ladder Co. 10, who came upon a motor vehicle accident while off duty on June 18, 1997. He stabilized the victim until the arrival of apparatus and Boston EMS, and assisted with boarding and removing the victim from the vehicle to the ambulance. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.
- 3) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter on Probation Eugene B. Fortes, Engine Company 51, who assisted in running lines while off duty at Box 2113, 883 Harrison Avenue, on June 19, 1997. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER
NO. 25**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
JULY 10, 1997**

**I. FIRE FIGHTER BRIAN F. O'DONNELL
ENGINE COMPANY 21**

It is with deep regret that the Fire Commissioner announces the death of Fire Fighter Brian F. O'Donnell, Engine Company 21, on June 27, 1997. Fire Fighter O'Donnell was appointed to the department on August 25, 1971.

The funeral was held from the C. C. Shepherd Funeral Home, 134 Pleasant Street, South Weymouth, at 0900 hours, on Monday, June 30, 1997, followed by a Funeral Mass at Saint Ann's Church, 200 Samoset Avenue, Hull, at 1000 hours.

The Fire Commissioner made the customary detail to act as funeral escort and members of Engine Company 21, Divisions 1 and 2, Personnel Division, Training, Maintenance and Research Division, Headquarters Division, Fire Prevention Division, Emergency Management Division, Special Projects Division, and the Rifle Honor Guard attended the service.

II. RESIGNATION / RETIREMENT

The resignation/retirement of the following named member, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 5, C32, M.G.L., became effective at 1700 hours, July 8, 1997:

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Deputy Fire Chief | |
| John D. White | Emergency Management Division |

Deputy Fire Chief White was appointed to the department on October 2, 1957, promoted to Fire Lieutenant on October 18, 1966, to Fire Captain on March 4, 1970, to District Fire Chief on July 3, 1973, to Deputy Fire Chief on October 20, 1982, and served as Chief of Operations from September 25, 1986 to January 30, 1991.

Deputy Fire Chief White leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

III. RETIREMENTS

The retirements of the following named members in accordance with the provisions indicated, became effective at 1700 hours, June 30, 1997:

| | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Fire Fighter | | |
| Erasto Mercado | Ladder Company 24 | S7, C32, M.G.L. |
| Fire Fighter | | |
| Edward J. Sullivan | Ladder Company 1 | S7-94B, C32, M.G.L. |

Fire Fighter Mercado was appointed to the department on January 22, 1986. Fire Fighter Sullivan was appointed to the department on September 27, 1978.

Both members leave the department with the best wishes of their associates.

IV. ASSIGNMENT OF FIRE FIGHTERS ON PROBATION

The following named have been appointed Fire Fighters on Probation, effective 0800 hours, July 9, 1997, and assigned to the following companies:

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Richard E. Davis | Engine Company 56 |
| Michael D. Hogan | Engine Company 9 |
| Yuri J. Quinnie | Ladder Company 21 |
| Sean P. Gibbons | Engine Company 18 |
| Jose A. Estrella | Ladder Company 2 |
| Brian F. Martinage | Ladder Company 21 |
| Sean D. Hanlon | Engine Company 24 |
| Robert W. Gallagher | Engine Company 21 |
| George A. Paige | Ladder Company 21 |
| James R. Boyd | Ladder Company 11 |
| Joseph G. Bento | Engine Company 9 |
| Brian Cobb | Engine Company 33 |
| Carlo Breneus | Ladder Company 11 |
| Kevin M. McCarthy | Engine Company 56 |
| Abraham F. Lopez | Engine Company 56 |
| Christopher Goggin | Ladder Company 26 |
| Hector L. Rodriguez | Engine Company 51 |
| John F. Fitzpatrick | Ladder Company 21 |
| Joseph F. Mahoney | Engine Company 56 |
| William Pappas | Ladder Company 2 |
| Leamon R. Miller | Engine Company 29 |
| William Boyle | Engine Company 8 |
| Edwin Melecio | Engine Company 9 |
| Thomas M. Goggin | Engine Company 39 |
| Michael W. Westwater | Engine Company 5 |

These members are detailed to the Training, Maintenance and Research Division. They will report to their assigned company for full duty upon successful completion of drill school.

Fire Fighters on Probation shall not be used as company strength or detailed while attending drill school.

Fire Fighters on Probation will have their names appear on a separate morning report compiled and maintained by the Training Division while attending the Fire Academy. Upon their successful completion of the Fire Academy, the names of the Fire Fighters on Probation will be added to their respective companies morning reports.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER
NO. 26**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
JULY 10, 1997**

**I. COMMENDATION
VENDOME MEMORIAL**

The Vendome Memorial is a fitting way to remember and honor the nine Boston Fire Fighters who died in the line of duty on June 17, 1972 at Box 1571. The memorial is noble in its simplicity, symbolic of brave deeds and sacrifices, while recognizing the time honored profession of firefighting. The dedication and unveiling of the Vendome Memorial on June 17, 1997 was an event of which everyone in this department can be truly proud.

All of the men and women, active and retired of this department, who took the time to attend this dedication or assisted in any way to make this event so special for everyone, are to be congratulated and highly commended for a job well done. The overwhelming turnout of fire officers and fire fighters from this department and fire departments across the country was an exceptional demonstration of support, unity, and love for a profession that typifies that special bond among its members.

My congratulations and appreciation goes out to Deputy Fire Chief Paul A. Christian, Division I, and the late District Fire Chief Gerard Molito for taking the initiative to have this memorial established. I commend them for their hard work, persistence, and leadership in seeing this memorial completed.

The dedication of the Vendome Memorial was one of the department's finest moments, a proud day for everyone, and a wonderful tribute to the nine fire fighters and their families.

Our hope is that this long deserved public remembrance will be a source of comfort for the families and friends of these nine brave men.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER
NO. 28**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
JULY 25, 1997**

I. RETIREMENTS

The retirements of the following named members in accordance with the provisions of Section 5, C32, M.G.L., will become effective at 1700 hours, July 31, 1997:

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Fire Lieutenant | |
| Joseph F. DelSignore | Ladder Company 16 |
| Fire Fighter/Engineer | |
| Robert C. DeYoung | Marine Unit |
| Fire Fighter | |
| George F. Kelley | Engine Company 50 |

Fire Lieutenant DelSignore was appointed to the department on October 20, 1965, and promoted to Fire Lieutenant on March 15, 1978. Fire Fighter DeYoung was appointed to the department on May 1, 1968. Fire Fighter Kelley was appointed to the department on July 27, 1966.

All of these members leave the department with the best wishes of their associates.

II. PROMOTION TO DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

The following named member will be promoted to Deputy Fire Chief and transferred to the Personnel Division effective 0800 hours, August 6, 1997:

| | |
|---------------------|-------------|
| District Fire Chief | |
| Peter A. Laizza | District 10 |

III. PROMOTION TO DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF

The following named member will be promoted to District Fire Chief and transferred to the Personnel Division effective 0800 hours, August 6, 1997:

| | |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Fire Captain | |
| Lawrence S. DiSanto | Headquarters |

IV. PROMOTION TO FIRE CAPTAIN

The following named member will be promoted to Fire Captain and transferred to the Personnel Division effective 0800 hours, August 6, 1997:

| | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Fire Lieutenant | |
| Douglas W. Smith | Ladder Company 24 |

V. PROMOTIONS TO FIRE LIEUTENANT

The following named members will be promoted to Fire Lieutenant and transferred to the Personnel Division effective 0800 hours, August 6, 1997:

| | | |
|-----------------|--|-------------------|
| Fire Fighter | | |
| Joseph Casper | | Engine Company 33 |
| Fire Fighter | | |
| Mark J. Raymond | | Engine Company 5 |

VI. TRANSFERS

The transfers of the following named members will become effective at 0800 hours, August 1, 1997:

| | | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|----|--|----------------------------------------|
| Fire Lieutenant | | | | |
| Bradley H. Annis | T.M.R. Division | to | | Engine Co. 5 |
| Fire Lieutenant | | | | |
| Gerald F. Sparrow | Personnel Div. | to | | Engine Co. 32 |
| Fire Lieutenant | | | | |
| Paul R. Finn | Engine Co. 33 | to | | Mobile Command Post |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Matthew J. Nihill | Ladder Co. 17 | to | | Rescue Co. 1 |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Michael Gregorio | Engine Co. 39 | to | | Ladder Co. 26 |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Scott M. Coyne | Ladder Co. 15 | to | | Engine Co. 39 |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Paul Vinard | Engine Co. 37 | to | | Ladder Co. 26 (Aide to Dist. Chief) |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Mark Pina | Engine Co. 29 | to | | Engine Co. 29 (Aide to Dist. Chief) |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| John R. Ward | Engine Co. 29 | to | | Engine Co. 29 (Aide to Dist. Chief) |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Joseph M. Briscoe | Engine Co. 55 | to | | Engine Co. 55 (Aide to Dist. Chief) |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Roger J. Dunn | Engine Co. 42 | to | | Engine Co. 42 (Aide to Dist. Chief) |

**GENERAL ORDER
NO. 29**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
AUGUST 27, 1997**

I. RETIREMENTS

The retirements of the following named members in accordance with the provisions and dates indicated will become effective at 1700 hours:

| | | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|---------|-----------------|--|
| Fire Captain | | | | |
| John S. Varner, Jr. | Engine Co. 50 | 7/31/97 | S5, C32, M.G.L. | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Paul S. Rankin | Marine Unit | 8/12/97 | S5, C32, M.G.L. | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Charles A. Seaboyer | Engine Co. 18 | 8/31/97 | S7, C32, M.G.L. | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Joseph P. Walsh | Fire Brigade | 8/29/97 | S5, C32, M.G.L. | |

Fire Captain Varner was appointed to the department on November 13, 1957, promoted to Fire Lieutenant on March 19, 1975, and to Fire Captain on June 11, 1980. Fire Fighter Rankin was appointed to the department on January 18, 1967. Fire Fighter Seaboyer was appointed to the department on January 17, 1968. Fire Fighter Walsh was appointed to the department on May 29, 1957.

All of these members leave the department with the best wishes of their associates.

II. PROMOTION TO FIRE CAPTAIN

The following named member has been promoted to Fire Captain and transferred to the Personnel Division effective 0800 hours, August 6, 1997:

| | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|--|
| Fire Lieutenant | | |
| Michael J. Guarente | Engine Company 14 | |

III. PROMOTION TO FIRE LIEUTENANT

The following named member has been promoted to Fire Lieutenant and transferred to the Personnel Division effective 0800 hours, August 6, 1997:

| | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|--|
| Fire Fighter | | |
| John J. Tkachuk | Engine Company 50 | |

IV. TRANSFERS

The transfers of the following named members will become effective at 0800 hours, September 1, 1997:

| | | | |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----|----------------------------------------|
| Fire Captain Walter Porter | Engine Co. 48 | to | Fire Prevention Div. |
| Fire Captain George W. Welch, Jr. | Ladder Co. 4 | to | Fire Prevention Div. |
| Fire Lieutenant John J. O'Brien | T. M. R. Division | to | Rescue Co. 1 |
| Fire Lieutenant Robert M. Shaw | Fire Invest. Unit | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Lieutenant Francis J. Cummings | Engine Co. 49 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Lieutenant Ralph H. Reis | Engine Co. 52 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter Kevin M. Hoar | Engine Co. 53 | to | Engine Co. 24 |
| Fire Fighter Jeremiah A. McCarthy | Engine Co. 39 (Aide to Dist. Chief) | to | Ladder Co. 18 |
| Fire Fighter Jeremiah A. McCarthy | Ladder Co. 18 | to | Engine Co. 39 (Aide to Dist. Chief) |
| Fire Fighter David Hayes | Engine Co. 7 | to | Ladder Co. 17 |
| Fire Fighter Robert M. Linnell | Engine Co. 7 | to | Ladder Co. 17 |
| Fire Fighter James F. Haines | Engine Co. 52 | to | Ladder Co. 18 |
| Fire Fighter Nicholas J. Driscoll | Engine Co. 16 | to | Engine Co. 18 |
| Fire Fighter Sean F. Kelly | Engine Co. 10 | to | Ladder Co. 26 |
| Fire Fighter Robert C. Moritz | Engine Co. 53 | to | Engine Co. 55 |
| Fire Fighter Robert E. Jackson | Ladder Co. 11 | to | Engine Co. 55 |
| Fire Fighter Joseph M. Briscoe | Engine Co. 55 | to | Ladder Co. 25 |

TRANSFERS CONTINUED

| | | | | |
|--------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|----|--------------------------|
| Fire Fighter | Paul V. Blake | T.M.R. Division | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter | Lawrence Crosby | Engine Co. 39 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter | John J. Doyle | Engine Co. 7 (Aide to Dist. Chief) | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter | Fred J. Ellis, Jr. | Rescue Co. 1 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter | Philip A. Gagnon | Engine Co. 39 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter | Frank E. Hawe | Ladder Co. 1 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter | Richard McLaughlin | Ladder Co. 9 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter | John J. Fogarty | Fire Invest. Unit | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter | Joel C. Duke | Engine Co. 20 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter | Frederick J. Michaud | Engine Co. 55 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter | Paul T. Stanley | Rescue Co. 2 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter | Paul C. Griffin | Engine Co. 3 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter | James J. Higgins | Pers./Medical | to | Tower Co. (eff: 7/11/97) |

V. IDENTIFICATION PHOTOS

The Public Information Office will be issuing new identification photos to those who have been promoted, or to those who have lost or damaged their cards.

Photos will be taken on September 15, 16, 17, 18, 1997 from 0900 to 1200 hours and 1300 to 1500 hours. These dates will cover all working groups.

Members shall be in proper dress uniform. Uniforms will not be available at the Public Information Office. This is the only time that new identification cards will be issued in the coming months.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER
NO. 30**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
SEPTEMBER 19, 1997**

I. EVERY CHILD IS OURS PROGRAM

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the United States Department of Education, and the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company are sponsoring an initiative in Boston with the theme, "Every Child is Ours". Two events that promote this theme will be held in Boston on October 7, 1997.

The Boston Fire Department has been asked to participate in this major event at the James P. Timility Middle School, along with disaster preparedness and law enforcement agencies during Fire Prevention Week (October 5-11).

An additional theme for this event is "America Goes Back to School". The department will be proactive in assisting the school children, teachers, and administrators for support and assistance at this event. The department plans to introduce an innovative CD-ROM disk "Prime Time Math-Fire" for eighth graders, which features the Boston Fire Department in an educational methodology of mathematics.

Uniformed members are asked to consider assisting the department at the Timility School with the planned program on Tuesday, October 7, 1997, from 0800 to 1500 hours. Please contact Chief Dorsey, Commissioner's Office, at 343-3610 if you are interested.

II. HIGH COMMENDATION

On August 14, 1997, at 1040 hours, a distraught man approached the apron of Engine Company 9's quarters at 239 Summer Street, East Boston. He motioned for Fire Fighter Shawn Farrar, Engine Company 9, to come to him. When the fire fighter went toward him he produced a handgun and waved it at Fire Fighter Farrar. Fire Fighter Farrar immediately notified Fire Lieutenant Donald R. Mullen, Engine Company 3, who was covering at Engine Company 9. Lieutenant Mullen ordered Fire Fighter Farrar inside the firehouse and to close the overhead doors while he notified the police. Lieutenant Mullen, recognizing the danger to fire fighters and pedestrians, went outside to divert the gunman's attention. Lieutenant Mullen spoke with him for several minutes from a distance of fifty feet in an attempt to diffuse the situation. While waving the gun, the man said something to Lieutenant Mullen, pointed the gun at himself and pulled the trigger, inflicting a serious wound to his head. With complete disregard for his safety, Lieutenant Mullen ran to the man to start life saving medical aid. Lieutenant Mullen, a certified Emergency Medical Technician for over twenty years, applied dressings to the wound and inserted an airway while the victim still clutched the loaded weapon.

Because Lieutenant Mullen's actions to protect the public and firefighters were performed at extreme personal risk, the Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Lieutenant Donald R. Mullen, Engine Company 3, and refers his case to the board of Merit for further consideration.

III. COMMENDATIONS

- 1) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter John P. Kelly, Engine Company 37. Fire Fighter Kelley, while off duty on August 12, 1997, conducted a primary survey and stabilized an accident victim prior to the arrival of apparatus. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.
- 2) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Sheldon K. Jackson, Fire Prevention Division. On August 23, 1997, Fire Fighter Jackson notified the Fire Alarm Office of heavy fire showing at 35 Pleasant Hill Avenue, District 8, which became Working Fire Box 3487. He entered the building and searched the second floor for occupants without protective clothing or mask prior to the arrival of apparatus, and was later transported to the Carney Hospital suffering from smoke inhalation. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.
- 3) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Louis P. Grifone, Engine Company 5. Fire Fighter Grifone, while off duty on September 15, 1997, observed a twelve year old boy whose right hand was impaled by a large broken bottle resulting in a extensive loss of blood. The boy was in severe pain and emotionally distraught. Fire Fighter Grifone prevented the boy from removing the bottle which would have resulted in a greater loss of blood, elevated his hand, and rendered first aid prior to the arrival of apparatus and an ambulance. This commendation shall be made part of his personnel file.

IV. CORRECTION

The retirement date of Fire Fighter Joseph P. Walsh, Fire Brigade, in General Order No. 29, should be corrected to read August 31, 1997.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER
NO. 31**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
SEPTEMBER 26, 1997**

I. RESIGNATION / RETIREMENT

The resignation/retirement of the following named member, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 5, C32, M.G.L., will become effective at 1700 hours, September 30, 1997:

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Fire Fighter Frederick J. Michaud | Engine Company 55 |
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Fire Fighter Michaud was appointed to the department on January 18, 1967, and leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

II. TRANSFERS

The transfers of the following named members will become effective at 0800 hours, October 1, 1997:

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------|----|------------------|
| Deputy Fire Chief John F. Hasson | Division 2 | to | Emer. Mgmt. Div. |
| Deputy Fire Chief Andrew O'Halloran | Personnel Div. | to | Division 2 |
| District Fire Chief Robert J. Calobrisi | Emer. Mgmt. Div. | to | Personnel Div. |
| District Fire Chief Lawrence S. DiSanto | Personnel Div. | to | Emer. Mgmt. Div. |
| District Fire Chief Cornelius J. Walsh | District 3 | to | District 10 |
| Fire Captain Walter J. Wyse | Engine Co. 39 | to | Engine Co. 50 |
| Fire Captain Igor Verbitzki | Personnel Div. | to | Ladder Co. 4 |
| Fire Captain Richard K. Lynch | Personnel Div. | to | Engine Co. 48 |
| Fire Lieutenant Steven L. Baldassari | Ladder Co. 28 | to | Ladder Co. 16 |
| Fire Lieutenant Leo J. Bracken | Engine Co. 37 | to | Engine Co. 14 |
| Fire Lieutenant Michael J. Sheehan | Personnel Div. | to | Ladder Co. 24 |
| Fire Fighter Gerard T. Sheehan | Engine Co. 16 | to | Engine Co. 52 |

TRANSFERS CONTINUED

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----|---------------------------------------|
| Fire Fighter Richard J. Hunt | Fire Prev. Div. | to | Engine Co. 55 |
| Fire Fighter Charles H. Rheddick | Engine Co. 20 | to | Ladder Co. 9 |
| Fire Fighter Robert M. Ford | Engine Co. 4 (Aide to Dist. Chief) | to | Engine Co. 50 |
| Fire Fighter Robert M. Linnell | Ladder Co. 17 | to | Engine Co. 7 |
| Fire Fighter Thomas C. White | Engine Co. 8 | to | Ladder Co. 1 |
| Fire Fighter Edward D. Chase | Engine Co. 22 | to | Engine Co. 10 |
| Fire Fighter Vernon L. Lassiter | Engine Co. 16 | to | Engine Co. 22 |
| Fire Fighter Michael J. Morrissey | Pers./Medical | to | Engine Co. 20 |
| Fire Fighter Michael J. Morrissey | Engine Co. 20 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter Paul D. Hynes | Ladder Co. 10 (Aide to Dep. Chief) | to | Engine Co. 7 (Aide to Dist. Chief) |
| Fire Fighter Michael A. Short | Engine Co. 55 | to | Haz Mat Unit |
| Fire Fighter Wendell L. Sumpter | Ladder Co. 15 | to | Engine Co. 22 |
| Fire Fighter Patrick A. Munroe | Engine Co. 22 | to | Engine Co. 21 |
| Fire Fighter Roy A. Marshall | Engine Co. 18 | to | Engine Co. 22 |
| Fire Fighter Thomas W. Uniacke | C-11 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter Mark A. McLean | Engine Co. 49 | to | Engine Co. 3 |
| Fire Fighter Ronald W. Davis | Engine Co. 53 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter Robert X. Dunkle | Fire Prev. Div. | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter Paul V. Hoban | Engine Co. 42 | to | Pers./Medical |

TRANSFERS CONTINUED

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|-------------------------|----------------|----|---------------------------------------|--|
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| John E. Steiner | Engine Co. 16 | to | Pers./Medical | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Paul V. Walsh | Ladder Co. 14 | to | Ladder Co. 10 (Aide to Dep. Chief) | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Richard W. Kennedy, Jr. | Personnel Div. | to | Pers./Medical | |

III. COMMENDATION

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Jerome E. Sampson, Engine Company 18, and Fire Fighter On Probation James E. Crudup, Engine Company 29, who while off duty on September 17, 1997, came upon a child struck by an automobile on Warren Street, Roxbury. They applied direct pressure to a head wound and held the child in traction prior to the arrival of apparatus. This commendation shall be made part of their personnel file.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER
NO. 33**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
SEPTEMBER 30, 1997**

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Fire Prevention Week will be observed in the City of Boston from October 5 to October 11, 1997, inclusive.

During Fire Prevention Week, company officers and all members shall review the smoke detector laws so that people visiting the firehouses can get the correct answers to smoke detector laws.

Fire stations shall be open to the public between the hours of 1200 and 1700 hours for inspection of the premises and for the conveyance of information concerning the fire department functions and fire prevention matters. When citizens come to a station during Fire Prevention Week, the member on house patrol shall summon the commanding officer who should be available to show the visitors around the station and to answer the questions regarding the department, or to have a suitable person assigned to this duty.

The officer in charge of quarters shall see that the new Fire Prevention banners being issued to all stations are displayed for the entire month of October. Banners shall be checked daily by the officer in charge of quarters to assure that they are firmly affixed to the building in a proper manner. The banners will be collected at the end of the month to be stored at Headquarters.

District Fire Chiefs are directed to take an active interest in Fire Prevention Programs in the following manner:

By making arrangements with the various plants and industrial enterprises within the district to hold fire drills during the week, by grading these drills as good, fair, or poor and making a report of same to the Fire Prevention Division, indicating the name of the enterprise, the date of the drill and the grade. Same should be forwarded promptly. Each concern should be requested to acknowledge participation in Fire Prevention Week activities via written correspondence. These drills should be conducted by a company officer after arrangements are made. At plants where there are special or company fire brigades, particular attention should be given to assignments and/or response procedures. It is requested that the name of the company officer conducting the drill be furnished. It is anticipated that not less than three drills be conducted in each district.

Company officers will contact school officials in the schools in their sub-district and make arrangements to hold the required fire exit drills during Fire Prevention Week. The fire exit drill shall be so arranged that it will be held prior to the end of the school day. The District Fire Chief should compile a list of fraternal, social, civic and professional organizations within the district and convey to them the willingness of the fire department to provide company officers for the purpose of lecturing on fire prevention at any time.

District Fire Chiefs should make a concerted effort to bring the activities of the department before these organizations and arrange for lectures to be given. The name of any organization so participating should be reported to the Fire Prevention Division, specifically if the organization can be urged to forward on their own stationery a notation of the event, it would be to the greater advantage of the fire department.

Firefighters are to pay special attention to the observance of fire hazards and to the duty of observing and locating fire hazards along the route followed by them in their coming to and going from daily work. All buildings being erected, demolished or significantly remodeled require permits, as do storage and use of flammable gases. Notify your District Fire Chief and/or Fire Prevention Division at extension 3620. Dilapidated buildings, rubbish accumulation and the other hazards should be reported in accordance with abatement procedures as outlined in S.O.P. 25. The public expects uniformed members of the fire department to know something about fire prevention work and to have an interest in this subject since they are public employees engaged in this field. Firefighters, therefore, during Fire Prevention Week, should have this subject uppermost in their minds and they should not pass a fire hazard at any time without making a note of it for reference to the Fire Prevention Division. In short, every uniformed member in the fire department is a fire prevention inspector at all times.

A list of all fire prevention activities and their locations will be forthcoming.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER
NO. 34**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
OCTOBER 1, 1997**

I. UNAUTHORIZED RIDING ON APPARATUS

Rule 18.28 shall be strictly enforced. Only the Fire Commissioner will authorize individuals to ride department apparatus or other department vehicles. Release forms that are currently being used in the field are obsolete and shall be destroyed.

II. FIRE POLES

Only uniformed members of the Boston Fire Department are authorized to slide the pole in all firehouses. Company Commanders shall insure that no unauthorized use of fire poles occurs.

All Company Commanders shall inspect the condition of the pole and mat and report on a Form 5A the condition of same.

III. HIGH COMMENDATION

On January 13, 1997, at 2214 hours, Ladder Company 15 responded to a report of a bus in the Charles River. Fire Fighter Richard S. O'Neill notified the officer he had his scuba gear with him and would follow Ladder Company 15 to the scene. Upon arrival, Ladder Company 15 encountered an MBTA bus in the water with the front end submerged. Fire Fighter O'Neill suited up and reported to Deputy Chief Stephen Dunbar who informed him that because of the life hazard and the ability of the EMS personnel on scene to revive cold water drowning victims, the faster he could remove any persons the better their chances of surviving. Operating at this incident, Fire Fighter O'Neill was faced with the problem of a night dive in the iced covered river, diesel fuel in the water, and the unstable confined space of the underwater bus in zero visibility.

Without regard for his own safety, Fire Fighter O'Neill entered the bus and conducted a search, located the driver and removed him to the surface. He returned and conducted a secondary search but no other persons were found.

Because this rescue was performed under great personal risk and the most hazardous conditions, the Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Fighter Richard S. O'Neill, Ladder Company 15, and refers his case to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER
NO. 35**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
OCTOBER 2, 1997**

I. FIRE PREVENTION WEEK ACTIVITIES

The Boston Fire Department is engaged in a program of promoting fire prevention to the public. To assist in setting this example, it is the sincere wish of the Fire Commissioner that all members of the department support its Fire Prevention Week activities. This may be done by conveying to your family, friends and relatives those events which are in support of this worthwhile activity and by requesting their presence whenever possible. A schedule of fire prevention activities is furnished herewith.

The Public Education Office of the Fire Prevention Division will kick off Fire Prevention Week by participating in the Roslindale Day Parade with the Fire Safety House on Sunday, October 5, 1997, from 1200 hours to 1600 hours.

The Boston Fire Department Aerial Drill Team will perform at the following locations:

HOURS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1997

1545 FALLON FIELD, ROSLINDALE

HOURS MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1997

0930 HAYES SQUARE, CHARLESTOWN

1200 BARNES MIDDLE SCHOOL, 312 BORDER ST., EAST BOSTON

HOURS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1997

0800 TIMILTY MIDDLE SCHOOL, 205 ROXBURY ST., ROXBURY

1200 FANEUIL HALL MARKETPLACE

HOURS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1997

0930 TAFT MIDDLE SCHOOL & FRANCISCAN CHILDREN'S
HOSPITAL, 30 WARREN ST., BRIGHTON

1245 PERRY SCHOOL, 745 EAST SEVENTH ST., SOUTH BOSTON

HOURS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1997

0915 SOLOMAN LEWENBERG MIDDLE SCHOOL, 20 OUTLOOK RD.,
DORCHESTER

1230 HOLY NAME SCHOOL, 525 WEST ROXBURY PARKWAY,
WEST ROXBURY

HOURS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1997

0930 ITALIAN HOME FOR CHILDREN, 1125 CENTRE STREET,
JAMAICA PLAIN

1230 COPLEY SQUARE PARK IN FRONT OF TRINITY CHURCH

HOURS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1997

1030 CASTLE ISLAND, SOUTH BOSTON

The following is a schedule of times and locations where the Fire Safety House will be on display:

| | | |
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| Monday | October 6, 1997 | Perry School 745 East Seventh St., South Boston 1000 to 1400 hours |
| Tuesday | October 7, 1997 | Timilty School, 205 Roxbury St., Roxbury 0700 to 1500 hours |
| Thursday | October 9, 1997 | Prudential Center, Boylston St. 1000 to 1400 hours |
| Friday | October 10, 1997 | Copley Square Park 1200 to 1500 hours |
| Saturday | October 11, 1997 | Castle Island, South Boston 1000 to 1400 hours |

The following additional activities will take place as listed:

HOURS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1997

0900 JOHN W. MCCORMACK FEDERAL BUILDING
5 POST OFFICE SQUARE

Division 1 and District 3 to act as observers of evacuation drill.
Tower Company to raise bucket. Engine 10 to run short line to door.

HOURS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1997

0930 THOMAS P. O'NEILL, JR. FEDERAL BUILDING
10 CAUSEWAY STREET

Division 1 and District 3 to act as observers of evacuation drill. Ladder 1 to raise aerial with member over ladder. Engine 8 to run short line to door.

HOURS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1997

0930 JOHN F. KENNEDY FEDERAL BUILDING
Low-Rise GOVERNMENT CENTER

1000 Division 1 and District 3 to act as observers of evacuation drills.
High-Rise Ladder 24 to raise aerial with member over ladder. Engine 4 to run
short line to door.

HOURS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1997

0900 CAPTAIN JOHN F. WILLIAMS FEDERAL BUILDING
408 ATLANTIC AVENUE (U.S. COAST GUARD BUILDING)

Division 1 and District 3 to act as observers of evacuation drill.
Tower Company to raise bucket. Engine 10 to run short line to door.

A press release has been sent to all the local Boston papers. If you do not see an article on Fire Prevention Week in your local paper, call them and ask why. If they want more information, they can contact Fire Fighters Stephen MacDonald or David Walsh in the Public Relations Office, 343-3415. Packages containing activity sheets that teach fire prevention lessons have been distributed to every school and licensed day care center in the city. To assist members in dealing with the public, each firehouse is being sent hand-outs that can be used with adults or children to give to the public. In addition, each firehouse will be sent information dealing with this year's Fire Prevention Week theme, "Let's Hear it for Fire Safety: Test Your Detectors". Members should familiarize themselves with the information so that they can pass it on to the public when they visit the firehouse. Remember - unvented liquid fueled space heaters are illegal in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER
NO. 37**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
OCTOBER 28, 1997**

I. ASSIGNMENT OF FIRE FIGHTERS ON PROBATION

The following named have been appointed Fire Fighters on Probation, effective 0800 hours, October 29, 1997, and assigned to the following companies:

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Kenneth L. Alicea | Engine Company 5 |
| Brian D. Burke | Ladder Company 21 |
| Michael T. Costello | Engine Company 32 |
| James K. Elow | Engine Company 55 |
| Max X. Beichel | Engine Company 9 |
| Adrain S. Worrell | Engine Company 5 |
| John F. Nee | Ladder Company 21 |
| David A. Middleton | Engine Company 51 |
| John P. Piccione | Engine Company 53 |
| Arthur W. Brown | Engine Company 56 |
| Robert K. Callahan | Ladder Company 2 |
| William L. Miller | Ladder Company 2 |
| Calvin Smalls | Engine Company 9 |
| Brian D. McKenna | Engine Company 20 |
| Clifford W. Hearn | Engine Company 10 |
| Michael C. Hanson | Engine Company 24 |
| Rodney Herbin | Ladder Company 24 |
| Thomas J. Carroll | Engine Company 51 |
| Charles F. Follett | Engine Company 55 |
| Michael Hendricks | Engine Company 29 |
| John R. Berthiaume | Engine Company 29 |
| Thomas J. Scanlan | Engine Company 29 |
| Colin P. Kelly | Engine Company 16 |
| Paul G. Glora | Engine Company 52 |
| Edward A. Kelly | Ladder Company 17 |

These members are detailed to the Training, Maintenance and Research Division. They will report to their assigned company for full duty upon successful completion of drill school.

Fire Fighters on Probation shall not be used as company strength or detailed while attending drill school.

Fire Fighters on Probation will have their names appear on a separate morning report compiled and maintained by the Training Division while attending the Fire Academy. Upon their successful completion of the Fire Academy, the names of the Fire Fighters on Probation will be added to their respective company's morning reports.

II. RESIGNATIONS

The resignations of the following named members became effective on the dates indicated:

| | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------|----------|--|
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Charles B. Smith, Jr. | Ladder Company 2 | 1700 hrs. | 10/3/97 | |
| Radio Repairman | | | | |
| Joseph R. Leeman | Emergency Mgmt. Div. | 0800 hrs. | 10/20/97 | |

III. TRANSFERS

The transfers of the following named members will become effective at 0800 hours, November 1, 1997:

| | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|----|----------------------------------------|--|
| District Fire Chief | | | | |
| Paul F. Mahoney | Personnel Div. | to | District 3 | |
| Fire Captain | | | | |
| Richard B. Magee | Ladder Co. 11 | to | Engine Co. 17 | |
| Fire Captain | | | | |
| Michael J. Doherty | Engine Co. 4 | to | Engine Co. 39 | |
| Fire Captain | | | | |
| David R. Mager | Personnel Div. | to | Engine Co. 16 | |
| Fire Lieutenant | | | | |
| Francis L. McLaughlin | Tower Co. | to | Ladder Co. 28 | |
| Fire Lieutenant | | | | |
| William P. Kenneally | Ladder Co. 24 | to | Engine Co. 37 | |
| Fire Lieutenant | | | | |
| William P. Ward | Engine Co. 18 | to | Pers./Medical | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Peter J. Dolan | Engine Co. 7 (Aide to Dist. Chief) | to | Ladder Co. 17 (Aide to Dist. Chief) | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Kenneth B. Veiga | Engine Co. 32 | to | Ladder Co. 17 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| James E. Sullivan | Ladder Co. 11 | to | Engine Co. 53 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Paul G. Doherty | Engine Co. 21 | to | Engine Co. 8 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Stephen M. Montoya | Engine Co. 33 | to | Ladder Co. 15 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| William M. Gillis | Engine Co. 24 | to | Ladder Co. 15 | |

TRANSFERS CONTINUED

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| Fire Fighter Daniel F. Costello | Engine Co. 51 | to | Engine Co. 49 |
| Fire Fighter William F. Candler | Engine Co. 24 | to | Engine Co. 55 |
| Fire Fighter Barbara A. Marotta | Engine Co. 10 | to | Engine Co. 55 |
| Fire Fighter Kennedy L. Lightfoot | Ladder Co. 24 | to | Ladder Co. 18 |
| Fire Fighter Robert D. MacLean | Ladder Co. 28 | to | Engine Co. 39 |
| Fire Fighter Franklin A. O'Leary | Tower Co. | to | Engine Co. 50 |
| Fire Fighter Anthony Thompson | Engine Co. 24 | to | Engine Co. 48 |
| Fire Fighter Mark A. Corwin | Engine Co. 4 | to | Engine Co. 16 |
| Fire Fighter Thomas R. Powers | Ladder Co. 21 | to | Engine Co. 39 |
| Fire Fighter Dennis Rosher | Engine Co. 56 | to | Engine Co. 2 |
| Fire Fighter Kenneth Simpson | Engine Co. 9 | to | Ladder Co. 25 |
| Fire Fighter Waymon Martin | Engine Co. 9 | to | Engine Co. 7 |
| Fire Fighter Rodney O. Marshall | Engine Co. 56 | to | Engine Co. 33 |
| Fire Fighter Walter J. Godino | Engine Co. 9 | to | Engine Co. 55 |
| Fire Fighter Ronald W. Cox | Engine Co. 51 | to | Engine Co. 22 |
| Fire Fighter Shawn K. Adams | Ladder Co. 21 | to | Engine Co. 4 |
| Fire Fighter Karlos A. Roque | Engine co. 56 | to | Engine Co. 37 |
| Fire Fighter Keith Rowe | Ladder Co. 2 | to | Ladder Co. 11 |
| Fire Fighter William K. Morrison | Engine Co. 56 | to | Engine Co. 41 |
| Fire Fighter Robert A. Franklin | Ladder Co. 21 | to | Ladder Co. 10 |

TRANSFERS CONTINUED

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|-----------------------|---------------|----|------------------------------|--|
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Thaddeus W. Pritchard | Engine Co. 55 | to | Engine Co. 3 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Brian T. Holmes | Engine Co. 55 | to | Engine Co. 39 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Thomas V. Walsh | Engine Co. 55 | to | Engine Co. 3 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Mark J. Jones | Engine Co. 39 | to | Ladder Co. 18 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Ronald F. Keenan | Engine Co. 32 | to | Pers./Medical | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Paul V. Hoban | Pers./Medical | to | Engine Co. 42 (eff: 10/4/97) | |

IV. COMMENDATIONS

1) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Joseph M. Connolly, John J. O'Sullivan and William F. Noonan of the Fire Investigation Unit, whose investigation of the fatality of an eighty-three year old woman, Box 45-1594, on March 27, 1996, indicated she had been stabbed and strangled to death prior to the apartment being doused with gasoline and ignited. Their subsequent investigation led to the arrest of a thirty-eight year old male who was convicted and is serving a twelve to fifteen year sentence for arson of a dwelling and a life sentence for murder. This commendation shall be made part of their personnel file.

2) The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighters William F. Noonan, Joseph M. Connolly and William J. Mitchell of the Fire Investigation Unit, whose investigation of an arson fire at Box 189 on March 5, 1997, where a fire fighter received a serious injury, resulted in the arson conviction of two juveniles who are each serving a five year sentence for this crime. This commendation shall be made part of their personnel file.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER
NO. 38**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
NOVEMBER 7, 1997**

I. RESIGNATIONS

The resignations of the following named members became effective on the dates indicated:

| | | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------|----------|--|
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Tyrone E. Smith | Engine Company 51 | 0800 hrs. | 10/20/97 | |
| Fire Fighter on Probation | | | | |
| Rodney Herbin | Ladder Company 24 | 0800 hrs. | 10/30/97 | |

II. SUSPENSION

In accordance with the provisions of Section 20.10 of the Rules and Regulations of the Boston Fire Department, the following named member is suspended without pay:

Fire Captain Albert Giannetti, Personnel Division, for two tours effective 0900 hours, November 7, 1997, and continuing to 1700 hours, November 10, 1997, for violation of Rule 18.44 (e).

III. CORRECTION

General Order No. 37 dated October 28, 1997, should be corrected to read the following Fire Fighter on Probation assignment:

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| William L. Miller | Ladder Company 24 |
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IV. ASSIGNMENT OF FIRE FIGHTER ON PROBATION

The following named Fire Fighter on Probation has been appointed effective 0800 hours, October 31, 1997, and assigned to the following company:

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| James A. Harding | Ladder Company 2 |
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BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER
NO. 40**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
NOVEMBER 26, 1997**

I. RETIREMENT

The retirement of the following named member in accordance with the provisions of Section 5, C32, M.G.L., will become effective at 1700 hours, November 30, 1997:

| | |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Fire Fighter | |
| Richard D. Reynolds | Marine Unit |

Fire Fighter Reynolds was appointed to the department on May 1, 1968 and leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

II. RESIGNATION

The resignation of the following named member will become effective at 0800 hours, November 25, 1997:

| | |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| Fire Fighter | |
| James W. Rodgers | Fire Investigation Unit |

III. STAND-BY COMPANY

An appropriately trained fire company shall be designated by the Incident Commander as the stand-by company at all box alarms, working fires, multiple alarms, and technical rescue incidents. The stand-by company will be used at the discretion of the Incident Commander for firefighter safety. Item II of Special Order No. 23, dated June 22, 1995, is hereby rescinded.

IV. TRANSFERS

The transfers of the following named members will become effective at 0800 hours, December 1, 1997:

| | | | |
|-------------------|----------------|----|---------------|
| Fire Captain | | | |
| Dennis B. Costin | Personnel Div. | to | Ladder Co. 11 |
| Fire Captain | | | |
| Richard F. Felton | Personnel Div. | to | Engine Co. 4 |
| Fire Lieutenant | | | |
| Hector E. Medal | Ladder Co. 16 | to | Engine Co. 18 |
| Fire Lieutenant | | | |
| Neil F. Doherty | Engine Co. 22 | to | Tower Co. |
| Fire Lieutenant | | | |
| John J. Tkachuk | Personnel Div. | to | Ladder Co. 24 |

TRANSFERS CONTINUED

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|------------------------|---------------------------------------|----|---------------------------------------|--|
| Fire Lieutenant | | | | |
| Paul D. Lucas | Engine Co. 56 | to | T.M.R. Division | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Edward D. Chase | Engine Co. 10 | to | Tower Co. | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Robert D. Morgan | Engine Co. 16 | to | Engine Co. 20 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Jeffrey K. Scott | Ladder Co. 24 | to | Engine Co. 53 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| William B. O'Sullivan | Ladder Co. 26 | to | Engine Co. 24 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Thomas J. Blake | Ladder Co. 16 | to | Engine Co. 24 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Pyeth V. Jones | Engine Co. 37 | to | Engine Co. 16 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Wesley L. Alleyne | Engine Co. 37 | to | Engine Co. 55 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Kenneth Simpson | Ladder Co. 25 | to | Engine Co. 4 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Daniel C. Smith | Engine Co. 4 | to | Engine Co. 32 | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Matthew J. Hendrickson | Rescue Co. 2 | to | Pers./Medical | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Monroe Johnson | Engine Co. 42 | to | Pers./Medical | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Robert K. Ferrara | Ladder Co. 18 | to | T.M.R. Division | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| James M. Hardy | Rescue Co. 1 | to | Fire Investigation Unit | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| John J. Flaherty | Ladder Co. 9 | to | Fire Prevention Div. | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Daniel P. Delgado | Fire Prevention Div. | to | Fire Investigation Unit | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| John F. Mangano | Ladder Co. 10 (Aide to Dep. Chief) | to | Engine Co. 28 (Aide to Dep. Chief) | |
| Fire Fighter | | | | |
| Richard McLaughlin | Pers./Medical | to | Ladder Co. 9 (eff: 11/22/97) | |

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER
NO. 43**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
DECEMBER 19, 1997**

I. CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

I want to extend to all of the members of the Boston Fire Department and their families best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year for 1998.

My sincere thanks to each and everyone of you, uniformed and civilian, for all that you do in keeping Boston one of the safest cities in the nation.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.

**GENERAL ORDER
NO. 44**

**HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
DECEMBER 29, 1997**

I. RETIREMENTS

The retirements of the following named members in accordance with the provisions indicated, will become effective at 1700 hours, December 31, 1997:

| | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|--|--------------------|
| Fire Captain | | | |
| Alfred E. Venezia | Engine Company 9 | | S7, C32, M.G.L. |
| Fire Lieutenant | | | |
| Benjamin E. Brown, Jr. | Rescue Company 1 | | S7-94, C32, M.G.L. |
| Fire Lieutenant | | | |
| Donald C. Taber | Engine Company 48 | | S7, C32, M.G.L. |
| Fire Fighter | | | |
| John A. Albanese | Engine Company 52 | | S7-94, C32, M.G.L. |
| Fire Fighter | | | |
| John F. Mangano | Engine Company 28 | | S5, C32, M.G.L. |

Fire Captain Venezia was appointed to the department on August 12, 1970, promoted to Fire Lieutenant on October 22, 1975, and to Fire Captain on January 19, 1983. Fire Lieutenant Brown was appointed to the department on December 30, 1970, and promoted to Fire Lieutenant on October 22, 1975. Fire Lieutenant Taber was appointed to the department on June 30, 1970, and promoted to Fire Lieutenant on May 23, 1979. Fire Fighter Albanese was appointed to the department on July 7, 1971. Fire Fighter Mangano was appointed to the department on January 17, 1968.

All of these members leave the department with the best wishes of their associates.

II. RESIGNATIONS

The resignations of the following named members became effective on the dates indicated:

| | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------|----------|
| Fire Fighter | | | |
| Jay Greene | Engine Company 2 | 0900 hours | 12/11/97 |
| Fire Fighter on Probation | | | |
| Clifford W. Hearn III | Fire Academy | 1700 hours | 12/5/97 |

III. CORRECTION

General Order No. 42 dated December 19, 1997, entitled Christmas Greetings, should be corrected to read **General Order No. 43**.

IV. TRANSFERS

The transfers of the following named members will become effective at 0800 hours, January 1, 1998:

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Fire Captain Edward Kirk | Ladder Co. 21 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Captain Peter P. Pearson | Ladder Co. 24 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Lieutenant Gilbert Quinchia | Engine Co. 51 | to | Engine Co. 22 |
| Fire Lieutenant Charles M. Parillo | Engine Co. 53 | to | Ladder Co. 16 |
| Fire Lieutenant Michael J. Doherty | Personnel Division | to | Engine Co. 56 |
| Fire Lieutenant Paul A. Dolan | Ladder Co. 10 | to | T.M.R. Division |
| Fire Lieutenant William Nelson | Personnel Division | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Lieutenant William P. Kenneally | Engine Co. 37 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter Robert E. Hayes | Ladder Co. 17 to | Ladder Co. 16 | |
| Fire Fighter Keith Rowe | Ladder Co. 11 | to | Engine Co. 4 |
| Fire Fighter John J. Bottary | Engine Co. 30 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter Patricia K. Donovan | Engine Co. 3 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter Thomas L. Finn | Rescue Co. 1 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter Kevin P. Golden | Engine Co. 2 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter Harold G. Gay | Engine Co. 32 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter Richard Gottwald | Engine Co. 22 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter William M. Manning | Engine Co. 32 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter Kevin McNiff | Ladder Co. 18 | to | Pers./Medical |

TRANSFERS CONTINUED

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|--------------|------------------------|-------------------|----|---------------|
| Fire Fighter | Ronald M. Nolan | Ladder Co. 21 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter | John E. Noonan | Ladder Co. 9 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter | Michael F. O'Connor | Ladder Co. 18 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter | Peter Pappas | Engine Co. 32 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter | Nadene M. Stewart | Engine Co. 29 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter | Ernest M. Taro | Marine Unit | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter | Francis J. Walton, Jr. | Fire Invest. Unit | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter | William D. Ceurvels | Ladder Co.23 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter | John P. Foley | Engine Co. 21 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter | Leonard P. Pacino | Ladder Co. 29 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter | Kirk Stokes | Ladder Co. 4 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter | David L. Garrett | Ladder Co. 19 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter | Francis Torres | Ladder Co. 2 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter | Michael P. Dillon | Engine Co. 42 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter | Nathan D. Canzater | Engine Co. 30 | to | Pers./Medical |
| Fire Fighter | Ronald D. McCray | Engine Co. 20 | to | Pers./Medical |

V. HIGH COMMENDATION

On September 17, 1997 at 0151 hours, Box 1321 was struck for a building fire at 141 Portland Street, Boston which escalated to three alarms. Heavy fire was showing from every window on the first and second floors of a three story heavy timber construction building upon arrival of the first due companies. Fire Fighter James White, Engine Company 8, detailed to Ladder Company 1, ascended the aerial ladder to perform roof

ventilation. Upon reaching the roof, he discovered an addition had been built and was filled with heavy smoke banked down to the floor. He cleared out a plate glass window and observed an unconscious victim on a couch in this addition. Crawling through extreme heat and heavy smoke, he reached the victim and dragged him to the floor and out onto the roof, and removed him to safety via the aerial ladder.

Because this rescue was performed at great personal risk under extreme heat and heavy smoke conditions, and before ventilation was made or lines of hose charged, the Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Fighter James E. White of Engine Company 8 and refers his case to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

VI. COMMENDATION

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Fire Fighter Joseph M. Hughes and Fire Fighter David W. McCann of Rescue Company 1. On November 3, 1997 at 0230 hours, Fire Fighters Hughes and McCann rescued a woman who was in a state of exhaustion and clinging to an old piling in the water of the Fort Point Channel. This commendation shall be made part of their personnel files.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MARTIN E. PIERCE, JR.