

GENERAL ORDERS  
NO. 1.

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
BOSTON, JANUARY 8, 1931.

I. FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND.

1. The next rehearsal for the Fire Department Band will be held in the Assembly Hall at the quarters of Engine Company 26 at 2:00 P. M., Saturday, January 10, 1931. Members will report promptly at the hour mentioned and will bring their instruments, music books and stands.

II. PROMOTIONS.

1. The following named men have been promoted to the position of Apparatus Operator to take effect at 8:00 A. M., Friday, January 9, 1931:

Eugene H. Mason,	Engine 48,
Frank J. Sullivan,	Engine 36,
John T. Mullins,	Engine 52,
Walter P. Nolan,	Engine 1,
John E. Doherty,	Ladder 22.

III. TRANSFERS.

1. The following transfers are hereby announced to take effect at 8:00 A. M., Friday, January 9, 1931:

Captain Patrick F. O'Neil,	from Ladder 31 to Engine 17,
Apparatus Operator Eugene H. Mason	from Engine 48 to Engine 49,
Apparatus Operator Walter P. Nolan	from Engine 1 to Engine 36,
Apparatus Operator John E. Doherty	from Ladder 22 to Engine 11,
Apparatus Operator James D. Regan	from Engine 11 to Engine 15,
Apparatus Operator John T. Mullins	from Engine 52 to Engine 23,
Apparatus Operator Alfred T. Cunningham	from Engine 15 to
	Engine 53,
Harley C. Thomas	from Engine 49 to
	Engine 48.

IV. CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE UNEMPLOYED.

1. The monthly contributions for the unemployed will be collected in the department for the month of January so that all donations will be forwarded to Henry J. Power, Assistant Chief of Department, not later than Thursday, January 22, 1931. The plan for making these contributions was explained in General Orders No. 108, series of 1930. It is hoped that members of the department will be able to duplicate the generous response they made to the first appeal.

V. COMMENDATION.

1. The Commissioner is pleased to publish the following letter from City Councillor Israel Ruby, concerning a fire in his home, 182 Talbot Avenue on Saturday, January 3, 1931:

"January 5, 1931.

My dear Commissioner:

Permit me to express my commendation on the excellent manner in which the Fire Department handled the fire in the building in which I live and which occurred last Saturday morning. Were it not for the prompt attention and courteous treatment given, the tenants might have suffered severe injuries, and I desire, through you, to thank every man who had anything to do with the handling of the situation at 102-112 Talbot Avenue, Dorchester. Assuring you of my appreciation, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Israel Ruby."

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,  
Chief of Department.

The last General Orders, series of 1930, was numbered 113.

GENERAL ORDERS  
NO. 2.

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
BOSTON, JANUARY 14, 1931.

I. FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND.

1. The next rehearsal for the Boston Fire Department Band will be held on Saturday, January 17, 1931, at 2:00 P. M., in the quarters of Engine Company 26, Broadway. Members will report promptly at the hour mentioned and bring their instruments, music books and stands.

II. ACTING FIRE COMMISSIONER.

1. During the absence of the Fire Commissioner from January 13 to January 23, 1931, Chief of Department Henry A. Fox will be Acting Fire Commissioner and Assistant Chief of Department Henry J. Power will be Acting Chief of Department.

III. BOSTON AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM.

1. Notice has been received from the Boston Automatic Fire Alarm Company that automatic signal 167, located at 104 Kingston Street, has been discontinued from service, as of January 9, 1931.

IV. ACTING DISTRICT CHIEF.

1. Captain Joseph P. Hanton of Engine Company 33 has been relieved from the duties of Acting District Chief in District 7 at his own request.
2. Captain James J. Kelleher of Ladder Company 3 has been designated as Acting District Chief in District 7, effective January 9, 1931.

V. COMMENDATION.

1. The following communication which has been received by the Fire Commissioner is hereby published for the information of the department:

"January 9, 1931.

My dear Mr. McLaughlin:

We had an early call yesterday morning from your boys at 137 Marlborough Street, corner of Dartmouth Street, Suite 7, and I wish to express to you my appreciation of their efforts in our behalf. In the first place, they responded very promptly, and the first man up got into business at once and the fire was out before you could say 'Jack Robinson.' I want to speak very gratefully for the chief who was with the men. He conducted himself very wisely and very thoughtfully and considerately in our behalf. They all did as well by us as if they were in their own homes. The ladies in the house were especially grateful for the gentlemanly conduct of the men, and we all unite in hearty appreciation for their good work.

Very sincerely yours,  
/s/ I. C. Tomlinson."

BY ORDER OF ACTING FIRE COMMISSIONER HENRY A. FOX:

Henry J. Power,  
Acting Chief of Department.

GENERAL ORDERS  
NO. 4.

HEAD QUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
BOSTON, JANUARY 22, 1931.

I. LADDERMAN MICHAEL A. RILEY.

1. It is with deep regret that the Acting Fire Commissioner announces the death of Ladderman Michael A. Riley of Ladder Company 24, in the performance of duty at a fire at 88 Pearl Street - 126-138 High Street, Box 1291, three alarms, 9:54 $\frac{1}{2}$  P. M., Tuesday, January 20, 1931.
2. He was appointed to the department on July 2, 1897.
3. The funeral will take place from his late residence No. 2 Eaton Street, Boston, (West End) at 8:30 A. M., Friday, January 23, 1931, followed by services at St. Joseph's Church, Chambers Street, West End, at 9:00 A. M.
4. The Acting Chief of Department will make the customary detail, which will report at the quarters of Engine Company 4, Bowdoin Square, at 8:15 A. M., to District Chief John F. McDonough of District 4, who will be in command. Uniform overcoats and white gloves will be worn.
5. The members of Ladder Company 24 will be excused from duty during the hours of the funeral in order that they may attend same.

BY ORDER OF ACTING FIRE COMMISSIONER HENRY A. FOX:

Henry J. Power,  
Acting Chief of Department.



GENERAL ORDERS  
NO. 5.

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
BOSTON, JANUARY 22, 1931.

I. FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND.

1. The next meeting and rehearsal of the Fire Department Band will be held at 2:00 P. M., Saturday, January 24, 1931 at the quarters of Engine Company 26, Broadway. Members will report promptly at the hour mentioned and bring their instruments, music books and stands.

II. RETIREMENT.

1. The following retirement, which took effect at 8:00 A. M., January 12, 1931, is hereby announced:

Lieutenant Timothy J. Heffron, Ladder Co. 9.

2. Lieutenant Heffron was appointed to this department on September 12, 1890 and was promoted to Lieutenant on March 2, 1906. He leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

III. ENGINE 9 AND LADDER 2.

1. The work of alterations at the quarters of Engine Company 9 and Ladder Company 2 having been completed, these companies returned to their regular company quarters at 9:00 A. M., January 21st, 1931, and the temporary arrangements provided for by General Orders 73, series of 1930, cancelled at that time and date.

IV. TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

1. The following vote of the Boston Traffic Commission is hereby published for the information of the department:

"VOTED: Under authority granted the Chairman on December 4, 1930, that during the period of construction of the Professional Arts Building, Stuart Street is a one-way street, from Dartmouth Street to Clarendon Street, for a period estimated to be ten (10) months, effective January 22, 1931."

V. COMMENDATIONS.

1. The following named members are hereby commended for responding to Box 3834, 9.49 A. M., Monday, January 19, 1931 and assisting persons in the train wreck at Readville, while off duty:

Hoseman William J. Conley,	Engine 49,
Ladderman James J. Sreenan,	Ladder 28,
Ladderman James T. McTighe,	Ladder 30.

BY ORDER OF ACTING FIRE COMMISSIONER HENRY A. FOX:

Henry J. Power,  
Acting Chief of Department.

GENERAL ORDERS  
NO. 7.

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
BOSTON, JANUARY 26, 1931.

I. OLD OVERCOATS.

1. At the Clothing Section of the Maintenance Division the following old style overcoats are on hand:

2	size	35,	5	size	36,	10	size	38,
10	"	40,	1	"	42,	2	"	43.
2. These overcoats are servicable for fire duty and will be issued to the first members who apply for them.

II. FIRECRACKERS.

1. The following notice, known as Bulletin No. 1, has been received from the State Fire Marshal and is published herewith for the information of the department:

"1. I am giving you hereinunder, for your information a report on the results of the examination made by this department on the flash salutes manufactured by the Unexcelled Manufacturing Company, Inc., 22 Park Place, New York, N. Y., and known as the 'BAY STATE BUSTERS' :-

These salutes or firecrackers are 2" in length and 3/8" in diameter and therefore conform to the state regulations as to size.

The explosive charge of these salutes consists of a mixture of potassium nitrate, sulphur, charcoal and sulphide of antimony. The explosive power of this mixture is no greater than that of the same charge of black gunpowder. As these salutes contain no high explosive mixture such as aluminum dust, their sale in this state would be permissible as they conform with the Massachusetts laws."

III. BOSTON AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM.

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

175	location	31-33 South Street, Boston.
316	"	37-39 South Street, Boston.

IV. COMMENDATIONS.

1. Ladderman John J. M. Breslin of Ladder Company 12 is hereby commended for assisting in extinguishing a grass fire, still alarm, off Grouse Street, West Roxbury, January 18, 1931 while off duty.
2. Hoseman William C. Jeffers of Engine Company 3 and Engineer James E. Plunkett of the Motor Squad are hereby commended for the prompt and valuable assistance rendered by them in aiding in the resuscitation of a man who was taken from South Bay, January 21, 1931.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,  
Chief of Department.

I. ANNUAL BALL.

1. The Fifty-second Annual Ball of the Boston Fire and Protective Departments will be held on Monday Evening, February 2, 1931 at Mechanics Building, Huntington Avenue, Boston. It is hoped that this ball will be the most successful, both financially and socially, in the history of the department. This can be best accomplished by every member of the department doing his part in aiding the Ball Committee which has been untiring in its efforts.
2. The Fire Commissioner has taken a very personal interest in the Ball and has assisted the Committee in every way possible. He has arranged a special concert to be given by the Boston Fire Department Band from 8 - 9 o'clock. Special numbers have been prepared and the instructors of the band have been untiring in their efforts in preparation for this occasion. It is the Commissioner's earnest desire and wish that the members of the Boston Fire Department and their families appear at the Ball that evening and enjoy the program which has been prepared.
3. One of the important features of the Ball is the Grand March. The Commissioner is most anxious that this march be a representative one in which all members of the department who are off duty will take part. He expects that every officer who is off duty, Assistant Chief, Deputy Chiefs, District Chiefs, Captains, Lieutenants as well as the privates will appear in uniform and participate in this march. It should be remembered by every member of the department that the Annual Ball is conducted for the benefit of the Boston Firemen's Relief Fund of which each man is a beneficiary. To make the Ball attractive and successful every member of the department must do his part. The Fire Commissioner looks forward to seeing the largest representation of officers and men in uniform in the Grand March than ever before participated in any fire department ball.
4. The Floor Marshal is Lieut. Frederick J. Dobbratz of Ladder Company 18. The Chief of Aides is Captain John H. Leary of Ladder Company 12. Members of the department detailed to the Ball will report to the Chief of Aides, Mechanics Hall at 7.00 P.M., Thursday, February 2, 1931 unless otherwise ordered.
5. Members detailed will attend strictly to the duties assigned to them.
6. Trustees, Aides and members detailed to the Ball will be granted detailed leave from 4 P.M., February 2, to 8 A.M., February 3, 1931.
7. For officers regulation uniform, sack-coat and white gloves will be worn. For privates regulation uniform, sack-coat, black shirt and tie and white gloves will be worn on this occasion. This applies to all privates in uniform whether acting as Aides or not.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,  
Chief of Department.



I. FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND.

1. The next rehearsal of the Boston Fire Department Band will be held at Mechanics Building on Saturday afternoon, January 31, 1931, at 2 o'clock. Members are requested to report promptly at the hour mentioned. All members will bring their instruments, music books and stands. Entrance will be at the door #111 Huntington Avenue.

II. CONTRIBUTIONS FOR UNEMPLOYED.

1. The Fire Commissioner wishes to acknowledge receipt of the following contributions for the unemployed. The total amount subscribed for the month of January, 1931, is \$1,589.50:

District	1	.....	\$124.00
"	2	.....	84.00
"	3	.....	113.00
"	4	.....	122.00
"	5	.....	91.00
"	6	.....	100.00
"	7	.....	109.00
"	8	.....	72.00
"	9	.....	94.00
"	10	.....	61.00
"	11	.....	78.50
"	12	.....	70.00
"	13	.....	53.00
"	14	.....	69.00
"	15	.....	44.00
Headquarters		.....	35.00
Fire Prevention Division		.....	55.00
Maintenance Division		.....	103.00
Fire Alarm Division		.....	52.00
Wire Division		.....	43.00
High Pressure Service		.....	17.00

Total .....\$1,589.50

2. The Commissioner again wishes to congratulate the members of the department on the sacrifice that they are making to help others.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,  
Chief of Department.



GENERAL ORDERS  
NO. 10.

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
BOSTON, JANUARY 30, 1931.

I. FIRE REPORTS.

1. Beginning at 12:01 A. M., Sunday, February 1, 1931, new forms for reporting fires will be used by District Chiefs in this department.
2. These forms are known as Forms 161A, 161B, 161C and 161D, and replace Form 16, the use of which is discontinued at the above date and hour. A description of these forms follows:
3. Form 161A This form is to be used in every instance where a building is involved in a fire. If a fire starts outside of a building from any cause whatsoever and extends to a building, Form 161A must be used. Except in a few instances the information requested on this form is practically the same as on the present Form 16. The questions asked on the form should be answered accurately and in detail.
4. Attached to this General Order is Appendix No. 1 outlining a classification of buildings by occupancy. The general occupancies are divided into five divisions, and these divisions into various subdivisions. In filling out the information space on Form 161A, the occupancy mentioned in the subdivision which best describes the general occupancy should be used. The main heading of the division need not be used except where specified in subdivision title. Thus, if the general occupancy is a "large single occupancy retail store", that is all that is necessary. The word "Mercantile" need not be used. A study should be made of this list of general occupancies as it must be followed in all instances in order that proper notations may be made on the new fire record system being installed at Headquarters.

CAUSES.

5. A new classification of causes has been established as outlined in Appendix No. 2 attached hereto. This schedule of causes must be followed in all instances in answer to the question "Cause in detail" with such additional information as may come to the knowledge of the district chief.
6. Form 161B. This form is to be used where the department responds to an alarm where there is no fire, such as false alarms, elevator accidents, or any emergency service.
7. When making out this form a cross-mark (x) should be placed in the square describing the character of the alarm. All other information should be furnished in detail.

8. Form 161C. This form is solely for fires in automobiles outside of buildings.
9. Form 161D. This form is for rubbish, grass, dump or other fires out of doors which do not involve a building or any part of a building. When making out this form a cross-mark (x) should be placed in the square describing the character of the fire. All other information should be furnished in detail.
10. Attention is called to the fact that when giving the location the Ward No. must also be given.
11. On and after February 1, 1931, it will not be necessary to forward Form 16A or the "Report to the Fire Marshal". All of these unused forms should be returned to Headquarters immediately.
12. DO NOT FOLD THESE FORMS. FORWARD FLAT.
13. Special care and attention must be given to the making out and forwarding of these forms as it has been found necessary and desirable to keep a more complete record of fires at Headquarters.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,  
Chief of Department.

CLASSIFICATION OF FIRES IN BUILDINGS BY OCCUPANCY.

Predominating occupancy should determine the classification in each case.

Public and Institutional Buildings, Places of Assembly.

Government Buildings:

Armories, Bath Houses, City Hall, Court Houses,  
Detention Buildings, Police Stations.

Institutional Buildings:

Asylums, Colleges, Hospitals, Libraries, Museums,  
Nurseries, Schools, Churches.

Amusement Buildings:

Amusement Halls, Theatres, Exhibition Buildings,  
Lodge Buildings, Non-resident Club Houses.

Residence Buildings.

Dwellings, 1-family

Dwellings, 2-family

Dwellings, 3-family

Dwellings, 4-family

Dwellings, multiple family apartments or tenements.

Stores and Dwellings (combined)

Hotels, Residence Clubs and Dormitories

Lodging Houses

Mercantile.

Office Buildings

Small Retail Stores (other than in connection  
with Residence Buildings) including Small Shops  
and Restaurants.

Large single occupancy retail stores

Mercantile Wholesale, Single occupancy

Mercantile Wholesale, Multiple occupancy

Storage Warehouse

Manufacturing.

Mfg. Single occupancy

Mfg. Multiple occupancy

Miscellaneous.

Railroad and Wharf Property

Lumber Yards

Bulk Oil Storage

Garages and Filling Stations

Other Miscellaneous

Stables, Ice Houses, Power Plants,  
and other occupancies not classified alone.



Schedule of Causes of Fires in Buildings.

Chimneys, soot burning  
Defective chimney (includes fire from overheated chimney or flue)  
Sparks from chimney on roof  
Defectively installed heater (includes fires from all defectively installed or overheated stoves, boilers, furnaces and smoke pipes.)  
Rubbish near heater (includes all cases where rubbish is ignited by contact with, or spark from stove, boiler, furnace or hot pipes.)  
Hot ashes (in contact with combustible material)  
Fuel oil burners  
Starting fires with kerosene or gasoline  
Careless smoking  
Children and matches  
Other careless use of matches  
Defective wiring  
Electric Appliances (and) Motors (electric)  
House dry cleaning  
Flammable liquids near flame (other use of)  
Kerosene lamps (and) stoves  
Grease, (or) food on stove (igniting)  
Clothes, (or) furniture too near fire (or flame)  
Spontaneous ignition  
Fireworks  
Thawing (frozen) water pipes  
Sparks from machines  
Illuminating gas and appliances  
Other known cause (specify)  
Incendiary or suspicious  
Unknown

I. AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC SIGNALS.

1. The following notice has been received from the Boston Traffic Commission:

"Automatic traffic signals were placed in operation at the following locations on January 28, 1931 at the times noted below:

Brookline Avenue and Longwood Avenue	11::00 A.M.
Curtis Street and Saratoga Street	11:45 A. M.
Adams Street and Dorchester Avenue	2:00 P. M.
Gallivan Boulevard and Granite Avenue,	2:30 P. M.
Cleary Square	3:00 P. M.
St. Alphonsus Street and Tremont Street	3:45 P. M."

II. NEW STREETS AND CHANGES IN NAMES OF STREETS.

1. New streets have been established and changes in names of streets have been made as follows:

EAST BOSTON

McKay Place, formerly that part of Lubec St., from Maverick Street, for 125 feet.

ROXBURY

Oakburn Court, formerly Auburn Place and Oak Grove Terrace, from Auburn Street to Rugles Street.

WEST ROXBURY

Roslindale Avenue, formerly that part of Amherst Street, from Dudley Avenue for 811 feet.

Gartland Street, formerly Garfield Street, from Washington Street to Corey Road.

Shurland Street, formerly that part of Garfield Street, from 31 Kenton Road.

DORCHESTER.

Westglow Street, formerly Fairview Street.

Ventura Street, formerly Vose Street.

HYDE PARK.

Eliot Street, from 253 Wood Avenue to Rosa Street.

Mariposa Street, formerly Roanoke Road.

III. COMMENDATIONS.

1. Hoseman John J. McDermott of Engine Company 36, Hoseman Alonzo P. Brooks of Engine Company 8 and Operator John H. Finnan of the Fire Alarm Division are hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 4138, three alarms, January 27, 1931, while off duty.

2. The Commissioner is in receipt of the following letter from Hon. James H. Brennan, which he is pleased to publish for the information of the department:

"Dear Mr. Commissioner:

I wish to thank the men of your Department who responded to an alarm in connection with the fire at my home, 60 Monument Avenue, on Thursday, January 8th, while I was attending the Inaugural Exercises at the State House. The work of the men who responded to the alarm, under District Chief Philip Tague, was highly pleasing to myself and to Mrs. Brennan. They performed their work with neatness, efficiency and dispatch, and with a minimum of confusion and damage to property. I wish you would extend to them my sincere thanks and to assure them of my appreciation of their thoughtful conduct on that occasion.

With best personal wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ James H. Brennan."

3. The Commissioner is also in receipt of the following letters, one from Hon. Frank S. Deland and one from Dr. Lewis W. Hill, concerning the fire on Lakeville Place, Jamaica Plain, which he is pleased to publish for the information of the department:

"Dear Sir:

The premises at 33 Lakeville Place, Jamaica Plain, a three storied brick apartment house, owned by my mother-in-law, had a severe fire on Tuesday last at 3:00 A. M. My house is directly opposite the scene of the fire and I was on the scene immediately after the arrival of the engines. There was a big fire under way and for a time it looked as if the entire block would go. The firemen, the chief and all his subordinates, did a magnificent piece of fire fighting, blocking that fire and keeping it in place in a remarkably short space of time. Two persons were badly burned and I believe two firemen received injuries. If with due propriety you can do so I wish you would extend the thanks of myself, as agent in charge, and my mother-in-law, who is the owner of the block, to the men who did such an efficient and valiant piece of work. Personally I saw one of the chiefs go into that fire, where I know I would not have ventured, to reach the woman trapped on the second floor. You have every reason to be proud of the men you command.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Frank S. Deland."

"Dear Sir:

Tuesday morning at 3 o'clock, there was a fire in my apartment at 33 Lakeville Place, Jamaica Plain, which completely gutted the place, and we, ourselves, barely got out in time. I wish to let you know my appreciation of the splendid way in which your firemen handled the whole affair from start to finish. They got there in no time at all, knew just what to do, and were most courteous and cooperative in all the dealings we had with them. They are a fine lot of men, and it does no harm to give praise where praise is due, particularly where these brave men are risking their lives every day to help out other people in their time of trouble.

Sincerely,

/S/ Lewis W. Hill, M. D."

IV. FORM 161A.

1. In submitting reports of fires in buildings on Form 161A District Chiefs will state under "Story of Fire" whether or not four or more persons usually live or are employed above the second floor.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,  
Chief of Department.



GENERAL ORDERS  
NO. 12.

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
BOSTON, FEBRUARY 5, 1931.

I. FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND.

1. The next meeting and rehearsal of the Fire Department Band will be held in the Assembly Hall at the quarters of Engine Company 26 at 2:00 P. M., Saturday, February 7, 1931. Members will report promptly at the hour mentioned and bring their instruments, music books and stands.

II. ANNUAL BALL.

1. The Fire Commissioner desires to extend to the department his hearty congratulations on the splendid showing made by the members and their friends at the Annual Ball at Mechanics Building on Monday evening, February 2, 1931. The members of the department have every reason to be proud of the excellent manner in which the details of the Ball were carried out, and the Commissioner has received many words of praise in regard to this, particularly in relation to the Grand March and the concert by the Boston Fire Department Band, which were admirably conducted.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,  
Chief of Department.

GENERAL ORDERS  
NO. 13.

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
BOSTON, FEBRUARY 11, 1931.

I. FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND.

1. The next rehearsal for the Fire Department Band will be held in the Assembly Hall at the quarters of Engine Company 26 at 2.00 P. M., Saturday, February 14, 1931. Members will report promptly at the hour mentioned and bring with them their instruments, music books and stands.

II. ASSIGNMENT CARDS.

1. The assignment cards for Box 2382 are being returned to the department today.
2. Attention is called to addition of Box 12-2382 announced in General Orders 106, Series of 1930.

III. CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE UNEMPLOYED.

1. The monthly contribution for the unemployed will be collected in the department for the month of February so that all donations will be forwarded to Henry J. Power, Assistant Chief of Department, not later than Wednesday, February 25, 1931.
2. The plan for making these contributions was explained in General Orders 108, Series of 1930.
3. It is sincerely hoped that members of the department will continue their generosity in contributing to the fund which they have started for the assistance of the unemployed. In connection with this fund the Fire Commissioner is pleased to submit below a copy of a letter received from the Secretary of the Overseers of the Public Welfare concerning the contributions of the Fire Department.

"February 7, 1931.

Edward F. McLaughlin, Fire Commissioner,  
Bristol Street, Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Kindly be advised that the Board of Overseers of the Public Welfare is being helped greatly in its work with those who are in need of assistance because of unemployment by the very generous donation made by your department.

The money received by the Board has been placed in the bank as a special fund, and is being drawn upon for particularly needy cases which are considered by the Board in every instance.

You may be assured that the Board appreciates the splendid gift, and better still, that it is being used as it was intended it should be used, to help lift the burden which has rested so heavily on those who have been without work for so long a time.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

/s/ Walter F. McCarthy  
Secretary."

IV. POWELL AUTOMATIC SAFETY VALVE.

1. The following notice has been received from the State Fire Marshal:

"State House, Boston  
Nov. 29, 1930.

1. This is to certify that the Powell Automatic Safety Valve is hereby approved by this department for use on light fuel oil burners which have been approved by this department for use in this Commonwealth. This valve is manufactured by the William Powell Company, Cincinnati, Ohio. The agent for same is Braman, Dow & Company, 239 Causeway Street, Boston.

/s/ John W. Reth  
State Fire Marshal."

V. BOSTON AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM.

1. Notice has been received from the Boston Automatic Fire Alarm Company that Automatic Box 156, 39-41 Kingston Street was discontinued from service on February 5, 1931.

VI. COMMENDATIONS.

1. The Fire Commissioner wishes to express his commendation of Ladderman Francis G. Murray of Ladder Company 27 for the idea which he has developed for the electrical operation of a hand operated siren horn. The attachment is now being tried out on Ladder Company 27. This attachment developed by Ladderman Murray shows his ingenuity and his interest in the affairs of the department.
2. Ladderman Edward F. Doyle of Ladder Company 8 is hereby commended for the services rendered by him at Box 6241, three alarms, February 6, 1931 while off duty. Ladderman Doyle discovered the fire, sounded the alarm and was of assistance to the companies which responded.

VII. LEGISLATION.

1. The Fire Commissioner has been requested to call the attention of the members of the department to Chapter 263 of the Acts of 1930, a copy of which is submitted below:

(CHAP. 263.)

AN ACT PROVIDING HIGHER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CHILDREN OF MASSACHUSETTS MEN WHO DIED IN THE MILITARY OR NAVAL SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES DURING THE WORLD WAR, OR AS A RESULT OF SUCH SERVICE.

WHEREAS, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

BE IT ENACTED, ETC., AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The commonwealth, acting through the department of education, may contribute toward the expenses of the higher education of any child, resident in the commonwealth and not under sixteen years and not over twenty-two years of age, whose father entered the military or naval service of the United States from Massachusetts in the world war and was killed in action or died from other cause as a result of such service, between April sixth, nineteen hundred and seventeen and July second, nineteen hundred and twenty-one.

SECTION 2. Any child who is eligible under the provisions of the preceding section shall, upon becoming a student in any state or county educational institution or other educational institution approved in writing by the commissioner of education, be entitled to reimbursement by the commonwealth, in an amount not to exceed two hundred and fifty dollars in any year, for expenses for tuition, board and room rent, transportation, books and supplies necessary or incidental to his pursuit of study at any such state or county educational institution and for expenses for the above-named items except tuition in any other educational institution as aforesaid. Such reimbursement shall be made to such child, or his guardian if any, on the presentation of vouchers therefor approved by the said commissioner.

SECTION 3. Such payments shall continue for the benefit of a child only during such time as he remains a student in good standing in the institution in which he is enrolled, and in no event shall any student receive the benefits provided by this act for more than four years.

SECTION 4. The said commissioner shall determine the eligibility of children for the benefits hereinbefore provided for.

Approved April 30, 1930.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,  
Chief of Department.



GENERAL ORDERS  
NO. 14.

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
BOSTON, FEBRUARY 11, 1931.

I. FRANK J. GRUTTNER.

1. It is with deep regret that the Fire Commissioner announces the death, on Tuesday, February 10, 1931, of Hoseman Frank J. Gruttner of Engine Company 37.
2. Hoseman Gruttner was appointed to this department on February 1, 1924.
3. The funeral will be held from his late residence, 51 Regent Street, Roxbury, at 8:15 A. M., Friday, February 13, 1931, followed by services at St. Joseph's Church, Circuit Street, Roxbury, at 9:00 A. M.
4. The Chief of Department will make the customary detail which will report to District Chief Edward J. Locke at the quarters of Ladder Company 4, Dudley and Winslow Streets, Roxbury, at 8:00 A. M. Uniform overcoats and white gloves will be worn. The members of Engine Company 37 will be excused from duty during the hours of the funeral in order that they may attend same.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,  
Chief of Department.

GENERAL ORDERS  
NO. 15.

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
BOSTON, FEBRUARY 13, 1931.

I. FIRE ALARM BOX 13-3557.

1. Company Commanders are instructed to place a star opposite the location of Box 13-3557, Boston Sanatorium, Admission Building, so that Ladder Company 27 will be included to respond to this box on first alarms. The placing of this star was inadvertently omitted when the cards were printed.

II. INCOME TAX RETURNS.

1. The members of the Boston Fire Department who received more than \$2,000. for the year 1930 are obliged to fill out an income tax return in accordance with the statutes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In addition such members are required to fill out the cards issued with this order and return them to Headquarters immediately.
2. These blanks are to be filled with the names and addresses of the members in the space provided. In the right hand corner of the card the company number should be inserted. The lower half of the blank is not to be filled out.
3. These blanks are to be made out only by men who are receiving the maximum salary.
4. Chief Officers need not make these cards out. They will be made out at Headquarters.

III. RESIGNATION.

1. George A. Ellsworth of Engine Company 5 resigned from this department to take effect at 8:00 A. M., Thursday, February 12, 1931.

IV. LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

1. When an application is made on Form 3 for a continuation or an extension of a leave of absence the reason for the application must be stated in full the same as on the original leave. The words "extension" or "continuation of leave" are not satisfactory.

V. COMMENDATIONS.

1. Hoseman Nicholas Connell of Engine Company 10 is hereby commended for extinguishing a fire in a taxi cab, Box 1356, February 9, 1931, while off duty.
2. Lieutenant Walter W. Corwin and Apparatus Operator Francis J. Carolan of Engine Company 32 are hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 4176, February 10, 1931, while off duty.

3. Lieutenant Walter D. Holden of Engine Company 12 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 3622, February 11, 1931, while off duty.
4. The following letter, which has been received by the Chief of Department, is hereby published for the information of the department:

Strickland, Blodget & Law  
Architects  
Twenty Newbury Street

"Dear Sir:

Last night there was a fire in the building in which we have our offices, upon the top, or fifth floor. I was called and notified, and arrived from my home just as they had brought the fire under control. I am writing you to compliment you upon the manner in which the men of your department handled the situation. There are a dozen or more tenants occupying this building, which of necessity had to be opened from top to bottom. I had the feeling that everything was handled in a most businesslike and expert manner, and I felt that it was only just to your department to notify you of my sentiments.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Sidney T. Strickland."

5. Ladderman Frank V. Falcone of Ladder Company 12 is hereby commended for his judgment and initiative at the fire, Box 1677, February 2, 1931. A woman was in a window on the second floor during the progress of the fire and gave every indication that she was going to jump. Ladderman Falcone ran into the next building to a window on the same level as the woman was, assured her she was safe, crawled along a coping and then stepped across the space between them and assisted Mrs. Baker down a ladder.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,  
Chief of Department.

I. FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND.

1. The next meeting and rehearsal for the Boston Fire Department Band will be held at the quarters of Engine Company 26, Broadway, at 2:00 P. M., Saturday, February 21, 1931. Members will bring their instruments, music and stands with them.
2. Attention is called to the necessity of all members reporting promptly. They are requested to use the front door on Broadway, and make certain that they are checked off for attendance as they enter.

II. FIRE IN THE OPEN AIR.

1. The attention of District Chiefs is called to Chapter 401 of the Acts of 1930, which was issued to the department in pamphlet form, concerning fires in the open air. In accordance with the provisions of this section permits for fires in the open air cannot be issued for a period longer than ten (10) days.

III. NEW FIRE ALARM BOXES.

1. The following new fire alarm boxes will shortly be installed in the following locations:

Box 2459, Forest Hills Street, opposite No. 167. This box will be connected into circuit 72 and assignments will be the same as for Box 2455.

Box 12-2459, Talitha Cumi Maternity Home, 215 Forest Hills Street. This box will be connected into circuit 66 and assignments will be the same as for Box 2455, with Ladder 23 added to the first alarm response.

2. The cards for these boxes will be issued to the department as soon as they are received from the printer.

IV. CARE OF HOUSE BOILERS.

1. All house boilers in this department shall be blown down regularly each week by the man regularly assigned to the care and operation of the house boilers.
2. Company Commanders will be held responsible for the enforcement of this practice and be sure that the men who are assigned to this duty are qualified.
3. If there is any question in regard to the procedure of blowing down boilers, the Superintendent of Maintenance will be notified and he will assign an engineer to instruct members in the care and operation of house boilers. Under no circumstances will boilers be blown down by anyone except those who are competent to do so.
4. In connection with the above, all house boilers that are equipped with Excelsa Water Heaters shall have the Excelsa Heaters blown down regularly each week.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,  
Chief of Department.



GENERAL ORDERS  
NO. 17.

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
BOSTON, FEBRUARY 26, 1931.

I. FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND.

1. The next rehearsal for the Fire Department Band will be held at the quarters of Engine Company 26 on Saturday, February 28, 1931 at 2:00 P. M. Members are expected to report promptly at the hour mentioned and bring their instruments, music books and stands.

II. REPORTS OF FIRES TO STATE FIRE MARSHAL.

1. Commencing at 12:01 A. M., Sunday, March 1, 1931, District Chiefs will make out and forward to Headquarters reports of fires on cards furnished by the State Fire Marshal. The cards for this purpose are being supplied to the department today. These cards are to be made out as heretofore for all fires where there is a loss and should be forwarded as promptly as possible through regular channels to Headquarters.

III. "REDUCE FIRE WASTE" CARDS.

1. The department is being furnished today with a supply of cards marked "REDUCE FIRE WASTE." These cards will be distributed to District Chiefs through the Deputy Chiefs. District Chiefs will see that these cards are placed in prominent locations in important buildings in their districts. Additional supplies of these cards may be obtained at Headquarters.

IV. INDEX TO GENERAL ORDERS.

1. The department is being furnished today with the index to General Orders for 1930.

V. BOARD OF MERIT.

1. The Commissioner is in receipt of the following report from the Board of Merit for the year 1930, which is approved by him and published for the information of the department. The Board comprised Chief of Department Henry A. Fox, Assistant Chief of Department Henry J. Power, Deputy Chiefs Walter M. McLean, Frank A. Sweeney, John J. Kelley, Thomas H. Downey and William F. Quigley.

"After careful consideration it is the recommendation of the Board that the following action be taken:

That Ladderman Florence J. Driscoll of Ladder Co. 9 be awarded a Special Commendation of action performed by him while off duty at fire Box 4173, 8.17 A. M., January 21, 1930, 458 Bunker Hill Street, in assisting Mrs. Rachel McKeown and her Son, Robert McKeown, aged 86 and 35 respectively, to safety.

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"That Ladderman Edward F. Doyle of Ladder Co. 8 be awarded a Special Commendation for his action in the rescue from drowning of Joseph Kolb at the L Street Bridge fire, Box 7123, three alarms, June 6, 1930.

The Board is of the opinion that all other cases passed upon have already been sufficiently recognized."

2. The Special Commendations recommended are hereby granted by the Fire Commissioner.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,  
Chief of Department.

I. FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND.

1. The next rehearsal for the Fire Department Band will be held in the quarters of Engine Company 26 at 2:00 P. M., Saturday, March 7, 1931. Members will report promptly at the hour mentioned and bring their instruments, music books and stands.

II. J. W. INDICATOR.

1. A J. W. Indicator, Model C, for the detection of inflammable gases or vapors has been placed in service with Rescue Company 1. This indicator is for the purpose of detecting the presence of gases or vapors in buildings, manholes, ships' holds, tanks, etc. It will also determine whether or not the concentration of gas or vapor has reached the explosive point.
2. The officers and members of Rescue Company 1 have been instructed in its operation and use. This instrument will be available for any tests that may be required by the chief officers of this department in order to determine dangerous conditions, where gases and vapors are encountered, which might result in an explosion. It should be used only by officers or men of the Rescue Company, who are thoroughly familiar with its use.

III. RECHARGING OXYGEN CYLINDERS.

1. Recently there has been installed at the quarters of Rescue Company 3, Bowdoin Square, a motor driven high pressure oxygen pump. This pump is for the purpose of replenishing oxygen supplies to the oxygen cylinders used on inhalators, pulmotors, lungmotors, Draeger masks and oxygen cylinders of Oxy-Acetylene cutting outfits, etc. The officers of Rescue Company 3 have been instructed in the use of this pump and they are now able to do whatever recharging of cylinders is required.
2. Hereafter, Company Commanders will forward by messenger to Rescue Company 3 all oxygen cylinders for the above mentioned appliances which are in need of recharging. This does not apply to acetylene cylinders or Presto-lite cylinders, which should be sent to the Maintenance Division Repair Shop for recharging.

IV. CHANGES IN STREET NAMES.

1. The following vote of the Boston Traffic Commission is hereby published for the information of the department:  
"VOTED:- That the names of the following public ways in the City of Boston, be, and the same are hereby changed, as follows: and that said ways be hereafter known under the names respectively assigned thereto in this order:  
Truxton street, Dorchester district; new name, Fuller Street;  
Louis Prang street, Roxbury district, between Huntington avenue and Parker street; new name, Ruggles street;  
Mechanic street, Roxbury district, between Ruggles street and Madison Court; new name, Tavern Road.  
Vale street, West Roxbury district, southwesterly from LaGrange street; new name, Virgil road;

Washington place, Roxbury district, northeasterly from Roxbury street; new name, Roxbury court;

Oakburn court, Roxbury district, from Auburn street to Ruggles street; new name, Oakburn avenue;

That part of Morton street, Dorchester district, between River street and Morton street as extended under the order of March 11, 1927; new name, Old Morton street;

That part of South Waverly street, Brighton district, between South Waverly street and Litchfield street; new name, Dumas street;

Hemlock street, West Roxbury district, from Washington street to Roslindale avenue and Walworth street; new name, Wellsmere road;"

#### V. UNEMPLOYMENT FUND.

1. The Commissioner is pleased to acknowledge the generous contribution made by the members of this department for the Unemployment Fund during the past three months. This money has been turned over to His Honor the Mayor, James M. Curley, who has in turn sent it to the Department of Public Welfare for the relief of the unemployed. It is very gratifying to know of such generosity on the part of members of the Fire Department. The total amount subscribed for three months by members is \$4,704.00.

2. The subscriptions for the past month by districts and department branches is as follows:

District	1.....	\$111.00
"	2.....	83.00
"	3.....	103.00
"	4.....	107.00
"	5.....	86.00
"	6.....	85.00
"	7.....	107.00
"	8.....	69.00
"	9.....	81.00
"	10.....	64.00
"	11.....	69.50
"	12.....	47.00
"	13.....	44.00
"	14.....	77.00
"	15.....	30.00
Headquarters.....		27.00
Fire Prevention Division.....		38.00
Fire Alarm Division.....		57.00
Maintenance Division.....		97.00
Wire Division.....		40.00
High Pressure Service.....		17.00

Total..... \$1,439.50



VI. COMMENDATIONS.

1. Ladderman Michael Harkins of Ladder Company 10 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 2462, February 25, 1931, while off duty.
2. Lieutenant William J. McGrath of Ladder Company 23 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 3523, February 27, 1931, while off duty.
3. Ladderman John J. Ryan of Ladder Company 18 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 337, February 28, 1931, while off duty.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,  
Chief of Department.

GENERAL ORDERS  
NO. 20.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
BOSTON, MARCH 12, 1931.

I. FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND.

1. The next rehearsal for the Boston Fire Department Band will be held at 2:00 P. M., Saturday, March 14, 1931, in the South Armory, Irvington Street, Boston. Members will report promptly at the hour mentioned and are requested to appear in uniform. Members will bring their instruments and music books. It will not be necessary to bring stands. Members of the Band will make sure that they are checked off for attendance as they enter the Armory.

II. ACTING DISTRICT CHIEFS.

1. Captain Lorenzo D. Merrill of Engine Company 52 has been designated Acting District Chief for District 14, effective at 8:00 A. M., Friday, March 13, 1931.
2. Captain William J. Mahoney of Engine Company 41 has been designated Acting District Chief for District 11, effective at 8:00 A. M., Friday, March 13, 1931.

III. PROMOTION.

1. The following promotion, which took effect at 8:00 A. M., Friday, March 6, 1931, is hereby announced:  
Mathew J. Oskinis, Engine Co. 10, to Apparatus Operator.

IV. TRANSFER.

1. The following transfer, which took effect at 8:00 A. M., Friday, March 6, 1931, is hereby announced:  
Apparatus Operator Mathew J. Oskinis from Engine 10 to Engine 5.

V. FIREBOATS.

1. The patrol service which Fireboat Engine 44 has been performing in connection with the Police Department, in accordance with General Orders No. 14, series of 1930, has been discontinued, effective at 12 noon, March 7, 1931, at which time the three fireboats resumed their regular running cards.

VI. NEW STREET NAMES.

1. Notice has been received from the Board of Street Commissioners concerning changes in names of the following streets:

Jamaica Plain

Chilcott Place, formerly Chauncy Place, from 3156 Washington Street, 473 feet southeast.

Greenley Place, formerly Alden Place, from 192 Green Street, 344 feet northeast.

Brighton  
Carol Avenue, formerly Florence Avenue, from 1526 Commonwealth Avenue to 271 Allston Street.

VII. ASSIGNMENT CARDS.

1. New assignment cards for Box 2459 and Box 12-2459 are being issued to the department today. Company Commanders will see that the proper number of assignment cards are received at the various stations. Installation of these two boxes was originally announced in General Orders No. 16, c.s.

VIII. BOSTON AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM SIGNAL.

1. Because of changes in equipment in the building 81-83 Bedford Street, Signals 448-449, it is necessary to cancel Signal 449 and change Boston Automatic Fire Alarm cards to read as follows:

"Signal 448 - 81-83 Bedford Street, Jordan Building,  
1st floors and basements."

2. This change will become effective at 12 o'clock noon, March 18, 1931. Company Commanders will see that these corrections are made on the Boston Automatic assignment cards.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,  
Chief of Department.

GENERAL ORDERS  
NO. 24.

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
BOSTON, MARCH 19, 1931.

I. FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND.

1. The next rehearsal for the Fire Department Band will be held at the quarters of Engine Company 26, Broadway, at 1:00 o'clock, Saturday afternoon, March 21, 1931. Members will bring their instruments, music and music stands.
2. Attention is called to the fact that the hour for beginning the rehearsal is advanced to 1 o'clock on Saturday, March 21. Prompt attendance at rehearsals is of great importance and every member of the Band is expected to be present at the hour mentioned.

II. ANNUAL BALL.

1. The Fire Commissioner wishes to congratulate the Trustees of the Relief Fund and members of the department for the very successful manner in which the Ball was conducted for 1931. The net proceeds from the Ball amounted to \$31,490.96.

III. BOSTON AUTOMATIC ASSIGNMENT CARD.

1. A new Boston Automatic Assignment Card, page 18, is being issued to the department today. This card is to replace a similar card, starting with automatic signals 448, and dated April 1, 1929. The new card is dated ~~April 1, 1931~~ MAR 12 1931.
2. Company Commanders will return the old cards to this office on or before Saturday, March 21, 1931, in the envelopes that are being sent out today.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,  
Chief of Department.



I. ASSIGNMENTS.

1. The following assignments of Members on Probation are hereby announced to take effect at 8:00 A. M., Monday, March 23, 1931:

Jeremiah E. Mahoney, To Engine 31,  
John J. Leahy, To Engine 47.

II. TRANSFERS.

1. The following transfers are hereby announced to take effect at 8:00 A. M., Monday, March 23, 1931:

Lieutenant Daniel F. Mahoney	from Tower 1 to Ladder 9,
Patrick J. Flaherty,	from Engine 31 to Engine 22,
Clarence W. Snow,	from Engine 34 to Rescue 3,
John J. McHugh,	from Rescue 3 to Engine 34,
John J. Sullivan,	from Engine 25 to Engine 44,
Frederick G. Loughran,	from Engine 44 to Engine 25.

III. COMMENDATION.

1. The following letter has been received by the Chief of Department and the Fire Commissioner is pleased to publish it for the information of the department:

"Dear Sir:

On Thursday last at four o'clock A. M., a bad fire broke out in my home from what origin I am not sure at this time.

But I do wish to take this opportunity to comment upon the promptness, efficiency and consideration of the Fire Department of which Chief Donohoe had control. He had his men in the flaming kitchen, spared considerable damage, from axes, etc., and immediately put out the blaze.

It was a bad, stormy night, with heavy snow and a hill to climb. I wish you to know the promptness of the arrival of the apparatus was marvelled at by the entire neighborhood. These brave men deserve the praise of our citizens and would thank you to pass these words of appreciation from all the members of my family.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Emma Murray Schmid  
(Mrs. Frederic P. Schmid)

156 Beach Street,  
Roslindale, Mass."

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,  
Chief of Department.

I. FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND.

1. The next meeting and rehearsal for the Boston Fire Department Band will be held at the quarters of Engine Co. 26, Broadway, at 2:00 P. M., Saturday, March 28, 1931. Members will report promptly at the hour mentioned and will bring their instruments, music books and stands.

II. TRANSFER.

1. The following transfer is hereby announced to take effect at 8:00 A. M., Friday, March 27, 1931:  
Lieutenant John F. Howard, from Tower 2 to Engine 7.

III. FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND - APPRECIATION.

1. The following resolve adopted by the Boston City Council is hereby published for the information of the department:

"RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council commends the Boston Fire Department Band for its splendid appearance and harmonious playing in the Evacuation Day Parade, South Boston.

In City Council March 23, 1931. Adopted.

Attest:

/s/ W. J. Doyle  
City Clerk."

IV. FORM 161A.

1. Attention of District Chiefs is called to Form 161A. Officers filling out these reports are requested to give particular attention to the description of the general occupancy of a building. If the building is occupied as a dwelling it should be stated in the report the number of families, namely; 1-family, 2-family, 3-family, 4-family or multiple.

V. COMMENDATIONS.

1. Ladderman Walter Kormann of Ladder Company 10 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 2453, two alarms, March 6, 1931, while off duty.
2. Aide to the Commissioner James J. Donovan is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 7431, March 22, 1931, while off duty. Aide to the Commissioner Donovan discovered the fire, sounded the alarm, and assisted women and children from the dwelling house.
3. Hoseman Alfred T. Mitchell of Engine Company 19 is hereby commended for responding to and working at still alarm, 25 Hosmer Street, March 24, 1931, while off duty.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,  
Chief of Department.

I. FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND.

1. The next meeting and rehearsal for the Fire Department Band will be held in the Assembly Hall at the quarters of Engine Company 26 at 6:00 P. M., Wednesday, April 1, 1931. Members will bring their instruments, music books and stands. Members are again informed of the importance of reporting on time for these rehearsals.
2. Members of the Band who are working on the day platoon will be allowed sufficient time off to report at Engine 26 promptly. Members on the night platoon will report back to quarters after the rehearsal.

II. "GIANT" HOSE BRIDGES.

1. The department has purchased two sets of "Giant" Hose Bridges, which are designed for the protection of fire hose from damage caused by driving vehicles over it.
2. It is not intended that these bridges are to be used at every fire, but occasions arise where detailed lines are left at fires for long periods of time and also when it is required to extend lines across streets when this department is called upon to do pumping of cellars, basements, etc. of public buildings. On occasions similar to this it has been sometimes necessary to close streets to vehicular traffic in order to prevent damage to our hose.
3. Should occasion arise the hose bridges can be obtained from the Maintenance Division Repair Shop by notifying the Superintendent of Maintenance or his representative.

III. FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND - APPRECIATION.

1. The Fire Commissioner has received the following letter from the Chief Marshal of the Evacuation Day Parade, March 17, 1931, which he is pleased to publish for the information of the department:

"March 26, 1931.

Hon. Edward F. McLaughlin,  
Fire Commissioner,  
Boston Fire Department,  
Bristol St., Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

As Chief Marshal of the Evacuation Day parade held in South Boston on the afternoon of March 17, 1931, I desire to take this opportunity to thank you for your hearty cooperation in assisting me to make that day one of great success. It was a pleasure to me, as Chief Marshal, to have your Department and Band participate in the parade which made a very impressive

showing along the line of parade and earned some very favorable comment for their appearance.

Trusting that the parades in the future will find your Department and Band taking just as active a part, I am,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Edward M. Sheehy,

Chief Marshal."

IV. COMMENDATIONS.

1. Hoseman John C. O'Brien of Engine Company 37 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire still alarm, opposite 4334 Washington Street, March 24, 1931, while off duty.
2. Hoseman William F. Nicholson of Engine Company 45 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, still alarm, opposite 335 Poplar Street, March 27, 1931, while off duty.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,  
Chief of Department.



GENERAL ORDERS  
NO. 29.

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
BOSTON, APRIL 1, 1931.

I. DISCHARGE.

1. The Fire Commissioner is in receipt of the following letter from the Department of Civil Service and Registration, Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

"Department of Civil Service and Registration  
State House, Boston  
March 31, 1931

Edward F. McLaughlin  
Fire Commissioner  
Bristol Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Commissioner to inform you that he regrets that he cannot authorize the reinstatement of William E. Devine.

Yours respectfully,

/s/ John C. Gilbert

MPS

Executive Secretary"  
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2. In accordance therewith, Hoseman William E. Devine of Engine Company 40 has been dropped from the rolls of this department, to take effect at 8:00 A. M., Thursday, April 2, 1931.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,  
Chief of Department.

GENERAL ORDERS  
NO. 30.

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
BOSTON, APRIL 2, 1931.

I. FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND.

1. The next meeting of the Fire Department Band will be held in the Assembly Hall at the quarters of Engine Company 26 at 2:00 P. M., Saturday, April 4, 1931. Members will report promptly at the hour mentioned and bring their instruments, music books and stands.

II. TRANSFERS.

1. The following transfers, which took effect at 8:00 A. M., Friday, March 27, 1931, are hereby announced:

Lieutenant James E. Welch, from Ladder 26 to Engine 7,  
Lieutenant John F. Cox, from Ladder 23 to Ladder 26.

III. RESIGNATION.

1. The resignation of Apparatus Operator Clarence R. Ritchie of Engine Company 3 was accepted by the Fire Commissioner to take effect at 8:00 A. M., Wednesday, April 1, 1931, Rule 305 having been waived by the Commissioner.

IV. POST HYDRANTS.

1. If any member of the department, operating a post hydrant, notices the same to be "chattering," to shake, to rumble or to vibrate the matter should be reported to the fire alarm office at once. The fire alarm office will then transmit the information to the Water Service, 710 Albany Street, Kenmore 8210.
2. There are post hydrants scattered here and there in the water system, which, because of improper operation, have valves which cause dangerous vibration and it is of importance that they be removed at once.

V. A. D. T. ASSIGNMENT BOOKS.

1. District Chiefs will forward to this office on or before Monday, April 6, 1931, a list of the A. D. T. assignment books in their districts. They will also submit recommendations for any houses which have no books at present, but should have them.

VI. PARKING REGULATIONS.

1. The following vote of the Boston Traffic Commission has been received by the Fire Commissioner:

"VOTED: That parking between the hours of 6:00 P. M. and 1:00 A. M. be allowed on all downtown streets except Washington and Tremont Streets. Parking is permitted to continue on the Common side of Tremont Street. All effective April 13, 1931."

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,  
Chief of Department.

I. CONCERT - BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND.

1. On Sunday, April 26, 1931, at 8:15 P. M., the Boston Fire Department Band will present a concert in Symphony Hall, Huntington and Massachusetts Avenues for the benefit of the families of our comrades who have died during the year, George J. Corcoran, John J. Carmody and Michael A. Riley.
2. Less than a year ago the Band was organized for two very significant purposes, one to improve the morale of the department and the other to furnish an agency for providing funds for the benefit of the families of our deceased associates. In accordance with these purposes an occasion is presented for the members of the department to show a little consideration for the well being of the families of those who have gone before us.
3. Of the names mentioned, we have a man who was a member of the Department less than a year, another who was a member for twelve years and another who was a member for thirty-three years. All three died in the uniform of the department, and Corcoran, a youth, gave his life on the altar of sacrifice, as did the veteran Riley.
4. No one can foretell, in the hazardous occupation of a fireman, who will be the next to go. Age or length of service are not factors. No one knows whose family will be the next to be helped.
5. A special sale of tickets to all members and employees of the department will begin on Tuesday, April 7, 1931. A special committee of members of the department will personally solicit every member and report on the action taken. Final returns for tickets should be in the hands of the Commissioner on Thursday, April 16, 1931.
6. It is the personal wish of the Commissioner that the family of every member of the department, whether the member is working that night or not, shall be represented at the concert. The price of the tickets issued to members of the department is \$2.00 each.
7. It is hoped to arrange a substantial sum to be divided among the families of the three men as a tribute of the interest and affection of their fellow members.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,  
Chief of Department.

GENERAL ORDERS  
NO. 33.

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
BOSTON, APRIL 6, 1931.

I. FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND.

1. The next meeting and rehearsal of the Boston Fire Department Band will be held in the Assembly Hall at the quarters of Engine Company 26, Wednesday, April 8, 1931, at 6:00 P. M. Members will report promptly at the hour mentioned and will bring their instruments, music books and stands.
2. Members of the Band who are working on the day platoon will be allowed sufficient time off to report at Engine 26 promptly. Members on the night platoon will report back to quarters after the rehearsal.

II. BOSTON AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM CO. SIGNALS.

1. The following Boston Automatic Fire Alarm Company signals have been discontinued as of April 1, 1931:

Automatic Box 82, located in building 109-113 Court Street, Palace Theatre.

Automatic Box 1297, located in building 134 Richmond Street, Holman & Company, Inc.

III. NEW FIRE ALARM BOX.

1. A new fire alarm box numbered 3718 will shortly be installed on Huntington Avenue, near River Street. It will be connected into circuit No. 58. Assignments for the above box will be the same as for Box 3713.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,  
Chief of Department.



GENERAL ORDERS  
NO. 34.

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
BOSTON, APRIL 8, 1931.

I. FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND.

1. A meeting and rehearsal of the Boston Fire Department Band will be held in the Assembly Hall at the quarters of Engine Company 26 at 2:00 P. M., Saturday, April 11, 1931. Members should report promptly at the hour mentioned and bring their instruments, music books and stands.

II. CHANGES IN ASSIGNMENT CARDS.

1. The following changes have been made in the assignment cards to take effect at 8:00 A. M., Friday, April 10, 1931:

Box 2445: FIRST ALARM - Add Division 3  
SECOND ALARM - Drop Division 3  
Drop District 8  
Add District 9  
Drop District 7 to District 8  
Add District 7 to District 9  
FOURTH ALARM - Drop District 9  
Add District 8  
Drop District 3 to District 9  
Add District 3 to District 8

Box 2551: FIRST ALARM - Add District 15  
SECOND ALARM - Drop District 12  
Drop District 8 to District 13  
Add District 12 to District 15  
FOURTH ALARM - Drop District 8  
Add District 9  
Drop District 9 to District 13

Box 2557: FIRST ALARM - Add District 13  
SECOND ALARM - Drop District 13  
Second alarm, covering:  
Add Engine 37 to Engine 30  
Drop Engine 7 to Engine 30

Box 3441: FIRST ALARM - Drop Division 3  
Add District 14  
SECOND ALARM - Add Division 3  
Drop District 9  
Add District 9 to District 14

Box 345: FIRST ALARM - Add District 10  
SECOND ALARM - Drop District 10  
FOURTH ALARM - Drop District 9  
Add District 7  
Drop District 3 to District 14  
Add District 3 to District 9

Box 3546:    FIRST ALARM    -    Add District 15  
                 SECOND ALARM    -    Drop District 10  
                                 Drop District 12 to Division 3  
  
                 FOURTH ALARM    -    Drop District 12  
                                 Add District 10  
                                 Drop District 3 to Division 3  
                                 Add District 3 to District 10

2.        These corrections are to be made under the personal supervision of Company Commanders. They must be made neatly and in ink,

### III. MULTIPLE ALARMS.

1.        On multiple alarms of fire where a District Chief is assigned to cover the Headquarters of Division 3 and the Headquarters of District 9 is also being covered by another District Chief, the movements of the District Chief at Division 3's Headquarters will be governed by the Fire Alarm Office.

### IV. DISTRICT BOUNDARY LINES.

1.        The boundary line between Districts 8 and 11 is hereby changed from Ashby Street to Essex Street; Essex Street and Cottage Farm Bridge being included in District 11.

### V. FIRES OUT OF THE CITY.

1.        Hereafter, when apparatus of this department responds to an alarm of fire out of the city, whether by mutual aid arrangement or by direction of the Chief of Department, the District Chief of the district from which the apparatus responds will submit a report on Form 161A. The only information required will be that in the first section of the report, giving the companies which responded to the alarm, the time, the location and the Chief to whom the Boston apparatus reported. It will not be necessary to give the exact location of the fire, merely the city or town to which the apparatus responded. Information in regard to the buildings involved, cause of fire, etc. will not be required. This report is to be a memo report for the records at Headquarters.

### VI. PROMOTION.

1.        The following promotion, which took effect at 8:00 A. M., Monday, April 6, 1931, is hereby announced:

George H. Niland of Engine Co. 12 to Apparatus Operator.

### VII. TRANSFER.

1.        The following transfer is hereby announced to take effect at 8:00 A. M., Friday, April 10, 1931:  
  
Apparatus Operator George H. Niland, from Engine 12 to Engine 3.

VIII. BOSTON AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM BOX.

1. Notice has been received from the Boston Automatic Fire Alarm Company that Automatic Box 439, in building No. 80 Central Street, Boston, has been discontinued.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,  
Chief of Department.

I. REDUCED ASSIGNMENTS DURING DRY PERIODS.

1. Because of the numerous grass and brush fires during dry spells, the following reduced assignments will be in effect on first alarms, during such dry periods.
2. In District 1 upon receipt of an alarm from any box above 6225 and in Districts 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 upon receipt of an alarm from any box, the first two engine companies and the first ladder company on the assignment cards will respond, excepting boxes that are located on private property and all boxes auxiliary to schoolhouse systems, in which case the full complement provided for on the assignment cards shall respond. In the affected districts only the district chief in the district where the box is located shall respond.
3. The following signals will be struck on gongs two rounds, designating that the reduced assignments are in effect, or are terminated, for that particular day:

Reduced assignments in effect:

Six (6) blows      - - - - -      (two rounds)

Reduced assignment schedule ended:

Seven (7) blows      - - - - -      (two rounds)

4. Ordinarily these reduced assignments are in effect from 8:00 A. M. to 8:00 P. M. During these periods the signal will be struck at 8:00 A. M. daily. If, however, conditions are such that it is deemed advisable to keep normal assignments in effect the signal will be omitted at that time but may be struck later in the day. The reduced assignments will not be effective unless the signal is struck. The signal terminating the schedule will be struck ordinarily at 8:00 P. M., but if conditions warrant it will be struck previous to that time.
5. Due to the reduced assignments brought about by the conditions existing during these periods, officers and members of companies responding must promptly order additional apparatus if in their judgment such is needed. This must be done by key.
6. Officers in charge of fires during this period, if the fire is inconsequential, must return all unnecessary apparatus to quarters at once.
7. All officers and members shall thoroughly familiarize themselves with these instructions in order to maintain the efficiency of the department.
8. All orders inconsistent hereto are hereby rescinded.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,  
Chief of Department.



I. BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND, INC.

1. The Fire Commissioner expresses to the department his thanks and appreciation for the splendid interest and spirit of cooperation shown by the members of all branches of the department in the forthcoming concert by the Boston Fire Department Band, Inc., to be held at Symphony Hall, April 26, 1931 at 8.15 P. M. The prompt and generous response from all sides which met the Commissioner's announcement has been most gratifying and encouraging, and has shown that the members of the department sympathize with the families of their former associates, and true to tradition are anxious and willing to make sacrifices to aid the families of their comrades who died in the uniform of the Boston Fire Department.
2. The present indications are that the concert will be a financial success and that a fund will be realized sufficient to give the families of three late comrades a remembrance of the kindness and interest of their associates in the fire service.
3. The concert will also be a distinct artistic success and in order that it may be appreciated every member of the department should see that the tickets purchased are used.
4. The success of this concert will assure the success of others that are to follow so that when by death the family of a member of the department is deprived of its father, its supporter and guiding hand, some consolation will be rendered by the Fire Department Band, through financial assistance by means of a benefit concert similar to the concert to be given on Sunday.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,  
Chief of Department.

I. FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND.

1. The next rehearsal of the Boston Fire Department Band will be held on Friday evening, April 24, 1931 at six o'clock at Symphony Hall, Huntington and Massachusetts Avenue. Entrance will be by St. Stephen's Street door. Members of the band will wear their uniforms with sackcoats and bring with them their instruments, music and music stands. It is essential that all members report promptly at six o'clock ready to begin the rehearsal at that time. Members on duty will be allowed sufficient time to report.

II. PROMOTION.

1. Henry J. Power is hereby promoted from the position of Deputy Chief to Assistant Chief of the Boston Fire Department to take effect at 8.00 A. M., April 24, 1931.

III. TRANSFER.

1. The following transfer is hereby announced to take effect at 8:00 A. M., Friday, April 24, 1931:

Aide to Assistant Chief of Department Herbert D. Gilman  
from Ladder 8 to Tower 2.

IV. CHANGE IN TIME.

1. Sunday, April 26, 1931 is the date required by law to make a change in clock time. In order to conform with the law clocks in the department stations will be set ahead one hour at 2.00 A. M., and all tower clocks maintained by this department will be set ahead one hour at 6.00 A. M., or as soon thereafter as is practical by the men regularly assigned to wind the clocks.

V. VACATIONS.

1. It has become the custom in the past few years, after vacations have been drawn, for many members to request vacations outside the regular period, namely in December. These requests have become so numerous that the policy of equalizing vacation periods is grossly violated. It must be borne in mind that in December the department is usually called upon to fight some of the largest and most serious fires, under trying conditions and handicapped by severe Winter weather. December is one of the months when more men are obliged to go off duty on account of illness. Because of these facts it is necessary to maintain the department at full strength during the Winter months. It has been decided, therefore, to limit the practice of granting changes in vacation to the month of December after the vacations have been drawn.
2. Members desiring a vacation in the month of December should forward request for same on or before Monday, April 27, 1931, giving the dates requested and the reason. If the request is granted such member will be eliminated from the regular vacation drawing.

3. The adoption of this rule will make it possible to arrange the vacation periods more systematically. Attention is also called to the fact that vacations are drawn with the district as a unit and not by companies. All vacations must be taken within the calendar year for which they are drawn.

VI. FIRE ALARM BOX REMOVED FROM SERVICE.

1. Box 12-2136 Winthrop Street School, Winthrop Street, has been permanently removed from service. Company Commanders will make the necessary corrections on the assignment cards immediately and neatly.

VII. COMMENDATIONS.

1. Box 2385 was received at 3.02 P. M., April 14, 1931 for an accident when a small boy had fallen into a quarry hole off Grotto Glen Road. The hole was full of water in some places twelve feet deep.
2. Lieut. Arthur A. Nixon of Ladder Company 10, Hosemen George T. Hathaway, James J. McGoldrick and Christopher Harris dived repeatedly into the water hole for about twenty minutes in attempting to locate the boy. The boy was finally brought to the surface by Hoseman Harris. He was immediately taken to the Children's Hospital in the police ambulance of Station 10 where he was pronounced dead.
3. The hole had been used as a dumping place for discarded automobiles, bed springs and other debris. The above-mentioned officer and men performed the rescue work at risks to themselves and the Commissioner commends them for their bravery and the excellent service rendered.
4. Lieut. Nixon, Hosemen Hathaway, McGoldrick and Harris are granted seven days additional vacation and the case is referred to the Board of Merit for further action.
5. Ladderman Edward F. Doyle of Ladder Company 8 is hereby commended for extinguishing a fire in an automobile at the corner of Summer Street and Dorchester Avenue, April 16, 1931, while off duty.
6. Box 1411 was sounded for this fire, but on the arrival of the apparatus Ladderman Doyle had effected extinguishment.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,  
Chief of Department.

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HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
BOSTON, APRIL 27, 1931.

I. PROMOTION.

1. The following promotion is hereby announced to take effect at 8:00 A. M., Monday, April 27, 1931:

District Chief Louis C. Stickel to Deputy Chief.

II. TRANSFER.

1. The following transfer is hereby announced to take effect at 8:00 A. M., Monday, April 27, 1931:

Deputy Chief Louis C. Stickel from District 8 to  
Division 1.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,  
Chief of Department.



I. FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND.

1. The next meeting and rehearsal for the Boston Fire Department Band will be held at the quarters of Engine Company 26 at 2:00 P. M., Saturday, May 2, 1931. Members will report promptly at the hour mentioned and bring their instruments, music and music stands.

II. NEAR EAST RELIEF--BUNDLE STATIONS.

1. Bundle Day, in aid of the Near East Relief, will be observed May 18, 19 and 20. In accordance with the annual custom the fire stations of the department will be open during those days as receiving stations for bundles of clothing. Posters, designating fire stations as bundle stations, will be issued to the department shortly. Company Commanders will place the posters in prominent positions on the stations.
2. Members of the department are requested to receive courteously any bundles that are brought in any time up to and including May 20, 1931. The bundles will be collected on Friday, May 22, by the Near East Relief, and no bundles are to be accepted after the collection is made on that day.

III. RETIREMENT.

1. Lieutenant David F. Sheehan of Engine Company 7 has been retired from the Boston Fire Department to take effect at 8:00 A. M., Friday, May 1, 1931. Lieutenant Sheehan was appointed to this department on April 30, 1906 and after twenty-five years of service leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

IV. COMMENDATIONS.

1. Lieutenant John F. Cox of Ladder Company 26 is hereby commended for the assistance rendered by him at a grass fire, 1401 Centre Street, April 18, 1931, while off duty. Lieutenant Cox sent in a still alarm to the Fire Alarm Office and remained at the box, preventing the sounding of a box alarm.
2. Hoseman Charles D. Travis of Engine Company 42 is hereby commended for responding to and working at a fire, Box 2546, April 19, 1931, while off duty.
3. Hoseman Daniel H. Twiss of Engine Company 22 is hereby commended for responding to and working at a fire, still alarm, 41 Humphreys Street, April 25, 1931, while off duty.
4. Ladderman Michael J. Foley of Ladder Company 19 is hereby commended for extinguishing a fire in an automobile, opposite 195 K Street, South Boston, April 27, 1931, while off duty.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,  
Chief of Department.

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NO. 43.

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
BOSTON, MAY 4, 1931.

I. BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND CONCERT.

1. Because of the splendid success of the concert given by the Boston Fire Department Band at Symphony Hall on Sunday, April 26, 1931, it was possible for the Fire Commissioner to present to the widows of John J. Carmody, George J. Corcoran and Michael A. Riley, each, a check for one thousand dollars from the net proceeds of the concert. This presentation took place at the office of the Fire Commissioner on Monday afternoon, May 4, 1931.
2. Not only does the Commissioner wish to congratulate the members of this department and of the Boston Protective Department for what they have done in this particular instance, but he also wishes to thank the Board of Governors of the Boston Fire Department Band, Inc. and their many friends outside the department for the wonderful spirit of cooperation and interest which made this presentation possible. By this generous act the members of the department and their friends have shown that they appreciate the service rendered by their late comrades, who gave their lives in the line of duty.
3. On behalf of the members of the Boston Fire Department Band and the families of the late members of this department, the Commissioner wishes to thank all those who in any way assisted in making the concert a success.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,  
Chief of Department.

GENERAL ORDERS  
NO. 45.

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
BOSTON, MAY 7, 1931.

I. FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND.

1. The next meeting and rehearsal of the Boston Fire Department Band will be held in the quarters of Engine Co. 26 at 2:00 P. M., Saturday, May 9, 1931. Members will report promptly at the hour mentioned and bring their instruments, music books and stands.

II. PROMOTION.

1. The following promotion is hereby announced to take effect at 8:00 A. M., Friday, May 8, 1931:

Captain Charles H. McDonnell, Engine Co. 7, to District Chief.

III. TRANSFERS.

1. The following transfers are hereby announced to take effect at 8:00 A. M., Friday, May 8, 1931:

District Chief Charles H. McDonnell from Engine 7 to District 8,  
Captain James J. Kane, from Ladder 20 to Engine 7,  
Lieutenant John F. Howard, from Engine 7 to Ladder 20.

IV. H. AND H. INHALATOR.

1. An H. and H. Inhalator was placed in service with Ladder Company 9 on May 2, 1931.

V. HOUSE JOURNALS.

1. Company Commanders will forward to Headquarters requests for the annual supply of house journals, from June 1, 1931. These requests shall be forwarded not later than May 15, 1931.

VI. UNIVERSITY EXTENSION COURSE.

1. There is being distributed to the department today a bulletin from the Division of University Extension, State House, Boston. One bulletin is being issued for each house and the Commissioner recommends this course to the men who are seeking promotion in this department.

VII. COMMENDATIONS.

1. Laddermen Theodore P. Cressey and Arthur I. Roake of Ladder Company 19 are hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 7434, April 30, 1931, while off duty.
2. Apparatus Operator William H. Lanigan of Engine Company 26 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 2232, three alarms, May 2, 1931, while off duty..
3. The Commissioner is in receipt of the following letter from Dr. Walter R. Mansfield, 371 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, which he is pleased to publish for the information of the department:



"April 29, 1931.

Dear Sir:

I wish to extend to you and through you to the men of Ladders twelve and fifteen my deep appreciation for services rendered to my patient, Mr. Thomas Hoban of 9 Haviland Street, Boston. Mr. Hoban had an attack of pneumonia complicated with persistent hiccoughs and after all known measures had been exhausted at the suggestion of Dr. Francis Henderson your men came in with their pulmotor and administered oxygen. They were constantly on duty day and night and I feel that it was largely due to their efforts that the hiccoughs were overcome. Mr. Hoban is making a good convalescence from the pneumonia and I take this opportunity of telling you how much all concerned appreciate the humane work of your department and especially the thorough and cheerful manner in which your men assisted.

Yours sincerely

/s/ Walter R. Mansfield, M. D.

4. The Commissioner is also in receipt of the following letter from Mr. Thomas J. Hoban, 9 Haviland Street, Boston, in which Mr. Hoban thanks the department for the assistance rendered to him in his recent illness:

"April 28, 1931.

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you to express my sincere appreciation of the help the firemen of Stations 12 and 15 extended to me in a life and death crisis. I had been ill for four days with a severe attack of hiccoughs and could be relieved in no way until the firemen appeared with an inhalator. These men worked on me for four days and to their self-sacrificing efforts I feel that I owe my life. Would you be kind enough to extend to these men the heartfelt thanks of myself and my family for their kindly and meritorious work.

Cordially yours,

/s/ Thomas J. Hoban.

5. The Commissioner is in receipt of the following letter from Dr. Lincoln Davis, 205 Beacon Street, Boston, in which he expresses appreciation for services rendered by members of this department at a fire in his residence on April 30.

"May 1, 1931.

Dear Sir:

Last night there was a chimney fire at my residence, 279 Beacon Street, Boston. I telephoned the alarm to the department which was responded to very promptly. The Ladder Company from the Fire Department took charge of the affair, and I wish to let you know how much I appreciate the efficiency, consideration and courtesy of the chief and men of your department in putting out the fire and avoiding damage to property. It was my first personal experience with the Fire Department, and both I and my family were very much impressed by the splendid behavior of those concerned. I am very glad as a citizen of Boston to be able to commend the men of your department in a matter which seemed perhaps trivial to them but important to me.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Lincoln Davis, M. D."

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,

Chief of Department.



GENERAL ORDERS  
NO. 49.

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
BOSTON, MAY 20, 1931.

I. FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND.

1. The next meeting and rehearsal of the Fire Department Band will be held at the quarters of Engine Co. 26 at 4:00 P. M., Thursday, May 21, 1931. Members will bring their instruments, music and stands and are requested to report promptly at the hour mentioned as the rehearsal is to last for two hours only.
2. Company Commanders will excuse members who are on day duty at 3 o'clock. Members who are on night duty will be excused until 8 P. M.

II. MEMORIAL FIELD SERVICE.

1. Members of the department who are veterans of the Spanish-American and World Wars and who are desirous of participating in the Memorial Field Service on Sunday, May 24, 1931 at Fenway Park, on their off time, will report to Lieutenant J. Herbert White of Engine Co. 42 on Berkeley Street, near Boylston Street, north side, not later than 1:00 P. M.
2. Because of the large number of members of the department, who served in these two wars, who may desire to attend the service, permission is granted to exchange periods of duty.
3. The regulation uniform of the department, sack coat and white gloves, will be worn. Organization badges, war service medals and ribbons may be worn aside of the corporation badge.

III. DECORATION OF FIRE BOATS.

1. In accordance with the custom established a few years ago, permission has been granted the American Legion to decorate the fire boats of this department in honor of the memory of the men for whom they are named by placing a wreath on each boat sometime during the week of May 24, 1931.

IV. TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

1. The following votes of the Boston Traffic Commission, amending the traffic regulations, are published for the information of the department:

"May 8, 1931.

VOTED:

That the following amendments to the Traffic Regulations are effective May 25, 1931:

That Section 1 is amended by adding the following under 'Authorized Emergency Vehicles':

All vehicles owned, used or controlled by the Mayor of Boston.

All vehicles used by the Corporation Counsel and employees of the Law Department of the City of Boston in connection with work of said department.

All vehicles used by the City Treasurer and employees of the Treasury Department in connection with delivery of payrolls and collection of money.

"Said vehicles of the Law Department and the City Treasurer's Department shall be properly identified by a plate or other form of marking satisfactory to the Traffic Commission.

That Section 3 is amended by striking out the following in the first sentence thereof, after the words, 'Authorized Emergency Vehicles':

'While the drivers of such emergency vehicles are operating the same in an emergency in the necessary performance of duties.'

That Section 17, part 3, is amended by adding the following:

Bickerstaff Street:

West side, from Norway Street to Astor Street

Geneva Avenue:

Both sides, from Tonawanda Street to Park Street

K Street:

East side, from East Broadway to East Fourth Street

Leather Square:

Both sides

Norway Street:

North side, from Bickerstaff to Stoneholm Street

That Section 38 is amended by adding the following:

Bickerstaff Street:

From Norway Street to Haviland Street

Chapman Place:

From Bosworth Street to School Street

Norway Street:

From Hemenway Street to Stoneholm Street

From Bickerstaff Street to Falmouth Street

That Section 38 is amended by striking out the following:

Bickerstaff Street:

From Astor Street to Haviland Street

Norway Street:

From Hemenway Street to Falmouth Street"

"May 14, 1931.

VOTED:

That the following amendments to the Traffic Regulations are effective May 25, 1931:

That Section 17, part 4, is amended by adding the following:

Between the hours of 1 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Quincy Street:

North side, from Warren street to Coloman Street.

Between the hours of 1 p.m. and 1 a.m.

Quincy Street:

South side, from Warren street to Coleman street.

That Section 31 is amended by adding the following:

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"nor from Arlington street into Beacon street, westerly;  
nor from Fenwood road into Brookline avenue, southwest-  
erly.

That Section 38 is amended by adding the following:

Emerson street:

From East Broadway to K Street"

V. COAL.

1. Commanders of fire stations using bituminous coal will report at once to the Fire Commissioner on Form 5, the amount of buckwheat coal now in the bins and an approximate estimate of the amount that can be accepted for delivery at present time.

VI. COMMENDATION.

1. District Chief Samuel J. Pope of District 7 is hereby commended for the service rendered by him at Box 1271, May 15, 1931, while off duty.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,  
Chief of Department.

I. NAMES OF CITY EMPLOYEES.

1. In accordance with section 27, chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, the Superintendents of the Wire Division, Fire Alarm Division, Fire Prevention Division and the Maintenance Division and company commanders will have the accompanying blanks filled out with the name, residence by street and ward, designation, compensation, date of appointment to present position, also the date of first entry into the employ of the city of all men under their command as of June 1, 1931.
2. These lists must be forwarded to Headquarters not later than Monday, June 1, 1931.
3. The names of the Deputy and District Chiefs will be placed on the lists of the companies where they are stationed.
4. The list must be typewritten. The names of the persons on each sheet should be arranged in their proper order according to the nature of their employment. If the nature of the employment of two or more persons is the same and they receive the same salary, their names should be arranged in alphabetical order.
5. Enter names thus: "John H. Smith" - not "Smith, John H." Give first names in full and middle initial, if any, except in the following cases:
  - a. If a person, in signing his name customarily uses the initial of his first name and his second name in full (for example, "J. Henry Smith"), enter the name in that way.
  - b. If a person ordinarily uses both his given names (for example "John Henry Smith"), enter the name in that way.
6. Give not only the street on which the person resides, but also the number on that street and the ward.
7. Give Civil Service rating in all cases under "Designation."
8. If compensation is fixed at an annual rate, give the compensation per year. If compensation is fixed on the per diem basis, enter it that way. Do not in any such case give compensation per week.
9. Under the heading "Date of Election or Appointment" will be placed the date of the last promotion, excepting hosemen, laddermen and assistant engineers, in which case the date of their original appointment as probationers in the department will be entered. If a member of the department has been reinstated in the department or was in the employ of the city in some other department prior to entering the Fire Department, the date of his last appointment should appear under "Date of Election or Appointment" and the date of his first appointment in the column so designated.



10. In giving the month, write the month, do not use figures.
11. The preparation of these lists is a matter of importance and officers should give this matter prompt attention.
12. Members of the department who have moved recently and who have not forwarded to this office the change of address are instructed to do so at once. Members of the department contemplating moving on or before June 1, 1931, should forward a communication to Headquarters giving the new and old address.

## II. FIREWORKS REGULATIONS.

1. The following notice has been received from the State Fire Marshal and is published for the information of the department:

"Subject: In Re: Existing regulations of the Department of  
Public Safety.  
In Re: Fireworks.

1. In order to clear up certain misunderstandings in certain communities, I am sending you again, quoted hereinunder, copy of a circular letter which was sent out from my office under date of December 4th, 1930, and reads as follows:

'1. Existing regulations of the Department of Public Safety, Fire Prevention Division, will be in force until new ones are promulgated.'

2. The said existing regulations will be in force, insofar as they do not conflict with the provisions of Chapter 399, Acts of 1930, until such times as the new regulations are promulgated by this department.

### IN RE: FIREWORKS.

3. I respectfully refer you to Section 39 of Chapter 148 established by Chapter 399, Acts of 1930, which states that no firecracker exceeding two inches in length and three eighths of an inch in diameter, etc., shall be sold, kept for sale, set off or exploded. These dimensions are on the extreme outside circumference.

4. Any salute or firecracker, domestic or foreign, which contains aluminum is stronger than a firecracker or salute of the same size which contains black gunpowder only and, therefore, is banned under the law.

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JOHN W. RETH,  
State Fire Marshal."

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:  
Henry A. Fox,  
Chief of Department.

### I. FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND.

1. The next meeting and rehearsal of the Fire Department Band will be held at the quarters of Engine Company 26 at 4:00 P. M., Friday, May 29, 1931. The rehearsal will be from 4:00 P. M. to 7:00 P. M. and members must bring their instruments, music and music stands with them. Members are requested to report promptly at the hour mentioned. Men who are on day duty will be excused at 3:00 P. M. and members who are on night duty will be excused until 9:00 P. M.
2. In accordance with the announcement made at the rehearsal last week the Band will play at Boston College Sunday morning, May 31, 1931. All members of the Band must report at the quarters of Engine Company 26 in sufficient time to leave that fire station at 8:00 A. M. Members who are on night duty previous to 8:00 A. M., Sunday, May 31, will be excused in sufficient time to get breakfast and report at the quarters of Engine Company 26 in time to leave promptly at 8:00 A. M. Members who are on day duty Sunday, May 31, will be excused until 2:00 P. M. When reporting, Sunday, members will bring their instruments, music, stands and lyres.

### II. HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP.

1. The Reverend Principal of Boston College High School has requested that the attention of the members of the department be called to the fact that on Saturday, June 20, 1931, there will be a special examination for the Reverend Dennis J. Lynch Scholarship, founded by the members of the Boston Fire Department. The Scholarship is to be awarded to the son of any member of the Fire Department, who obtains the highest average in the annual competitive examinations.
2. The examination will be held at Boston College High School Building, James Street, Boston, at 9:00 A. M., June 20, 1931.

### III. TRANSFER.

1. The following transfer is hereby announced to take effect at 8:00 A. M., Friday, May 29, 1931:  
Apparatus Operator Joseph A. Fierling, from Engine 8 to High Pressure Service.

### IV. COMMENDATIONS.

1. Hoseman John J. Maughn of Engine Company 46 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 3356, three alarms, May 25, 1931, while off duty.
2. The Fire Commissioner is pleased to publish the following letter which he has received from George D. Wetherill & Co., Inc., 36 Sudbury Street, Boston:

"May 25, 1931.

Hon. Edward F. McLaughlin,  
Fire Commissioner.

Dear Sir:-

A recent fire in our warehouse at 60 Portland Street destroyed our elevator well, motors and part of the roof. We want to say at this time that we feel if it were not for the efficient and effective work of your department that we would have suffered a much heavier loss, and would have been severely crippled at a time of the year which is most important to the paint business. We wish to thank the men, through you, and take pleasure in enclosing a small donation which we trust you will turn over to the Boston Firemen's Relief Fund.

Very truly yours,  
GEO. D. WETHERILL & CO. INC. OF MASS.  
/s/ Harry L. Hemmeringer  
Manager."

3. The check referred to has been turned over to the Boston Firemen's Relief Fund.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,  
Chief of Department.

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I. FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND.

1. The next meeting and rehearsal of the Boston Fire Department Band will be held at the quarters of Engine Company 26 at 2:00 P. M., Saturday, June 6, 1931. Members will bring their instruments, music books and stands and are urged to report promptly at the hour mentioned.

II. STREET BOOKS.

1. Street books will be distributed to the department today. One book will be issued to each house and to each chief officer.

III. TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

1. The following vote of the Boston Traffic Commission is published for the information of the department:

"May 29, 1931.

VOTED:

That the Traffic Regulations are amended as follows, effective June 15, 1931:

That Section 17, part 4, is amended by adding the following:

Between the hours of 1 A.M. and 1 P.M.

Greenville Street:

West side, from Dudley Street to Winthrop Street

Between the hours of 1 P.M. and 1 A.M.

Greenville Street:

East side, from Dudley Street to Winthrop Street

That parking of vehicles is permitted for a period not exceeding one hour in both sides of the following streets, between the hours of 1 P.M. and 12 P.M. on Saturdays:

South Street:

From Poplar Street to Belgrade Avenue

Belgrade Avenue:

From South Street to Corinth Street

Corinth Street:

From Belgrade Avenue to Washington Street

Poplar Street:

From Corinth Street to South Street"

IV. COAL.

1. Company Commanders will forward to Headquarters on or before Monday, June 8, 1931, on Form 5, the amount and size of coal that can be taken in the bins of their respective houses at the present time.



V. FIREWORKS.

1. The Fire Commissioner is in receipt of two communications from the State Fire Marshal which are published herewith for the information and guidance of the department:

"Subject: Fireworks.

1. I wish you would carefully keep a list of all jobbers, manufacturers and retailers who sell fireworks in violation of the rules, regulations and orders of this department, and of the statutes, and who persist in violating the law regardless of your instructions. In cases of persons who do this, you are hereby directed to revoke their licenses for the sale of fireworks forthwith and not to re-issue them under any circumstances next year.

2. In order to be extraordinarily fair to all fireworks organizations, both wholesale and retail, and their distributing elements, we have been gradually approaching a time when they will be made to realize the full force and effect of the law. The responsibility of the fireworks' people is as great as yours and mine. Their persistence in the violation of the law is forcing an ultimate banning of all fireworks by authorities throughout the Commonwealth.

3. Confiscation and prosecution must follow for violations in every case.

JOHN W. RETH,

JWR/B

State Fire Marshal."

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"Subject: In Re: 'Bay State Buster' Salute.

1. It has come to my notice that there is being marketed by some persons a salute in a package bearing the mark 'Bay State Buster' which exceeds the legal limits of  $3/8$ " in diameter and 2" in length and the contents of which contain aluminum. These are of various colors. I CAUTION you that if any of these salutes are sold, they are illegal and must be confiscated and banned, and I recommend that, if they are sold, the retailer's license as well as the distributor's license, be revoked.

2. The salute 'Bay State Buster' which is 2" in length on the outside and  $3/8$ " in diameter on the outside, containing a mixture of potassium nitrate or chlorate of potash, sulphur, charcoal and sulphide of antimony is the salute which I approved in January and is referred to in my Bulletin No. 1 issued under date of January 1st, 1931. This salute is legal in Massachusetts.

"3. If you are in doubt which is which, have a chemist test the salutes. PERMIT the sale of one; CONFISCATE The other.

4. To answer a question which has been asked me, jobbers and wholesalers require a permit to store fireworks just the same as retailers. Jobbers and wholesalers are in the same category as retailers.

5. The dimensions of all firecrackers and salutes are to be taken on the outside.

(Signed) JOHN W. RETH,

State Fire Marshal."

JWR/B

#### VI. FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND - APPRECIATION.

1. The Fire Commissioner is in receipt of two letters, one from His Eminence Cardinal O'Connell and the other from Very Reverend James H. Dolan, S. J., President of Boston College, in which they express their appreciation of the concert given by the Band at the Boston College Alumni exercises Sunday, May 31, 1931. The Commissioner is pleased to publish the letters herewith:

"June 1, 1931.

Dear Mr. McLaughlin:

I wish to assure you of my appreciation of the very excellent musical program of the Firemen's Band at the Boston College Alumni exercises on last Sunday.

I enjoyed the various pieces that the Band played immensely, but I was so occupied with one thing or another that I did not have an opportunity to congratulate them.

May I ask you to do so for me and to convey to them, as well as to the Board of Directors, my profound thanks?

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ J. Card. O'Connell.

Abp. Boston."

"June 1, 1931.

Dear Mr. McLaughlin:

I would ask you to kindly extend to the members of the Firemen's Band of Boston the assurance of the sincere and heartfelt gratitude of all at Boston College for the great favor accorded us yesterday through their very kind and generous contribution to the success of the Field Mass program at University Heights. The selection and rendition of the program was excellent and fully in keeping with the splendid reputation that heretofore has characterized your very worthy organization.

"Accept then our most cordial congratulations and the earnest wish for your continued success and prosperity.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ James H. Dolan, S. J."

VII. COMMENDATIONS.

1. District Chief John J. Kenney of District 3 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 1646, two alarms, May 29, 1931, while off duty.
2. Lieutenant James A. Kennedy and Apparatus Operator William Lanigan of Engine Company 26 are hereby commended for extinguishing a fire in an automobile opposite 424 Boylston Street, May 29, 1931, while off duty.
3. Engineer James E. Plunkett of the Motor Squad and Bernard A. McLaughlin of the Fire Alarm Division are hereby commended for working at fire, Box 2633, May 31, 1931, while off duty.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,  
Chief of Department.

I. FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND.

1. The next meeting and rehearsal of the Fire Department Band will be held in the quarters of Engine Co. 26, Broadway, Friday, June 12th at four o'clock. Members of the band who are on day duty Friday, June 12th, will be excused at 3:00 P. M. Members who are on night duty will be excused until 8:00 P. M.
2. Members will bring with them their music, music stands and instruments and report promptly at the hour mentioned.

II. FIREMEN'S MEMORIAL SUNDAY.

1. Firemen's Memorial Sunday will be held on Sunday morning, June 14, 1931. A detail consisting of two men from each district will act as an escort to the various organizations participating in the Memorial Exercises. The detail will report to the Chief Marshal, John F. H. Fox of Engine Company 19, at the corner of Broadway and Harrison Avenue at 9:00 A. M.
2. The detail will include the trustees of the Charitable Association of the Boston Fire Department who are on duty on that day. The regulation uniform, with sackcoat and white gloves will be worn on this occasion.
3. Members who are on the night tour of duty, Saturday, June 13 and who are to participate in the service will be allowed to leave quarters before 8:00 A. M. Sunday and will be excused from roll call if relieved by members of the oncoming shift prior to eight o'clock.
4. Members of the department who are on a day off or who are on the off tour on Sunday, June 14th are invited to participate in the Memorial Exercises and it is hoped that a large number will avail themselves of the opportunity to honor the memory of the deceased members of the department.
5. Members of the department who are on the Committee on arrangements will be granted sufficient time to attend to their committee duties and those members of the committee who are working on Sunday, June 14 will be excused from duty on that day.
6. The Fire Department Band will furnish the music for the parade and exercises. All members of the Band will report at the quarters of Engine Co. 3, Harrison Avenue and Bristol Street at 9:00 A. M., sharp, Sunday, June 14. They will bring with them their instruments, small band books and music lyres.
7. The instrument cases will be left at the quarters of Engine Co. 3 and a member of that company will be assigned to take care of the property while it is in that station. If the company responds to an alarm of fire a member of the department will be left in charge of the Band property.



8. Members of the Band who are on duty Sunday, June 14th, will be excused for the day. Members of the Band who are on the night tour of duty June 13th will be allowed sufficient time to report promptly at nine o'clock Sunday morning.

III. REDUCED ASSIGNMENTS - JUNE 17TH  
AND JULY 4TH.

1. The reduced assignments and regulations promulgated in General Orders No. 57, series of 1930, will be effective between the hours of 9 P. M., June 16 and Midnight June 17, and from 9 P. M., July 3 to Midnight, July 4.

IV. TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

1. The following vote of the Traffic Commission is published for the information of the department:

"June 4, 1931.

VOTED:-

That the Traffic Regulations are amended by rescinding the following vote adopted March 30, 1931, effective June 15, 1931:

That parking between the hours of 6.00 P.M. and 1.00 A.M. be allowed on all downtown streets except Washington and Tremont Streets. Parking is permitted to continue on the Common side of Tremont Street. All effective April 13, 1931.

That the Traffic Regulations are amended as follows, effective June 15, 1931:

That Section 17 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:

That parking between the hours of 6.00 P.M. and 1.00 A.M. be allowed on all downtown streets (as defined in Section 1 of the Traffic Regulations) except on Washington Street and Tremont Street. Parking is permitted to continue on the Common side of Tremont Street. This amendment is subject to the provisions of Section 16; Section 17, parts 1 and 2, and Section 22, part 4, of the Traffic Regulations.

V. COMMENDATION.

1. Ladderman Daniel Denehy of Ladder Company 8 is hereby commended for assisting in an elevator accident at 349 Atlantic Avenue, June 2, 1931, while off duty.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,  
Chief of Department.

GENERAL ORDERS  
NO. 54.

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
BOSTON, JUNE 15, 1931.

I. FIREMEN'S MEMORIAL SUNDAY.

1. The Fire Commissioner is very happy to extend his congratulations to the officers and members of the Boston Fire and Protective Departments and associated veteran organizations for the wonderful tribute which was paid to their deceased comrades on Firemen's Memorial Sunday, June 14, 1931. The great number of men who gave their own time to attend the services on this day was a marked example of the loyalty, fealty and devotion which the members of the department hold for their departed comrades. On all sides the Commissioner received words of praise for the sincerity and impressiveness of the services.
2. The attendance at the services of yesterday, which was the largest in the history of the Memorial Service, should be an example for future years and every member of the department who can possibly do so in years to follow should without urging of any kind participate in these splendid services.
3. To the members of the Boston Fire Department Band, whose contribution was of such characteristic excellence, the Commissioner desires to express his thanks and appreciation.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,  
Chief of Department.

I. JUNE SEVENTEENTH.

1. The Boston Fire Department has been invited to participate in the Bunker Hill Day Parade on Wednesday, June 17th, 1931. The Fire Department will comprise the Third Division of the parade, and the detachment from this department will consist of the Fire Department Band and a detail of thirty-eight men and several pieces of our latest type of fire apparatus. The detail will be made up of inspectors from the Fire Prevention Division and some members from Divisions One and Three. The marching detail of thirty men, including the colors and color guard will be under the command of Coleman C. Curran. The department apparatus will be under the command of Engineer of Motor Apparatus James W. Ryan.
2. The detail from this department will form on Mystic Street, extending towards Medford Street, at 1:00 P. M. This applies to the entire detachment. Previous to reporting on Mystic Street the members of the Band will leave their instrument cases at the quarters of Engine Company 50 on Winthrop Street, which station is nearest to the point of dismissal after the parade. The Sousa-phones and bass drum will be delivered on Mystic Street before the start of the parade.
3. Members of the Band and those members who comprise the detail, and who are on duty June 17th, will be excused from 11 A. M. to 6:00 P. M.

II. FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND.

1. The next rehearsal of the Boston Fire Department Band will be held at the quarters of Engine Company 26 at 4:00 P. M., Friday, June 19, 1931. Members are requested to report promptly at the hour mentioned and bring their instruments, music books and stands. Members who are on day duty will be excused at 3:00 P. M. and those on night duty will be excused until 8:00 P.M.
2. At this meeting tags will be distributed with which the members are to tag both parts of their music stands for use on Tuesday, June 23, 1931, in connection with the opening of the Fire Chiefs' Convention.

III. BOSTON AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM ASSIGNMENT CARDS.

1. A new assignment card, page 16, for the Boston Automatic Fire Alarm book is being issued to the department today. This card is dated June 8, 1931, and is to replace page 16, dated January 17, 1930. The old assignment cards will be returned to Headquarters in the envelopes provided on or before Thursday, June 18, 1931.

IV. COMMENDATION.

1. Apparatus Operator John H. Norton of Engine Company 24 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 2172, June 3, 1931, while off duty.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,  
Chief of Department.



GENERAL ORDERS  
NO. 56.

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
BOSTON, JUNE 20, 1931.

I. NEW ENGLAND FIRE CHIEFS' CONVENTION.

1. On Tuesday afternoon, June 23, 1931, the Boston Fire Department Band will participate in the opening exercises of the Ninth Annual Convention of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs.
2. The Band will report promptly at the quarters of Engine Company 22, Warren Avenue, at 12 Noon, Tuesday, June 23, 1931. From there it will proceed to Copley Square where a concert will be given on the steps of the Boston Public Library. At the conclusion of the concert the Band will escort the delegation to Paul Revere Hall and there render several selections in connection with the opening exercises.
3. Members of the Band will bring their instruments, music stands, lyres and both music books. Tags have been furnished for tagging the stands so that when they are transported from Copley Square to Mechanics Building each member may identify his own. Instrument cases will be left at the quarters of Engine Company 22 and a man from that company will be assigned to take care of this property until the members of the Band return.
4. Members of the Band who are on day duty will be excused from 11:00 A. M. to 6:00 P. M.
5. Members of the department who are off duty are cordially invited to attend the opening exercises of the Convention, including the concert in Copley Square. They are also invited to witness the Water Demonstration at 7:00 P. M., Tuesday, June 23, 1931 at Congress Street and Dorchester Avenue, in which several companies of this Department will participate under the direction of Assistant Chief of Department Henry J. Power.
6. During the days of the Convention, from June 23 to June 26, inclusive, there will be many visitors in Boston interested in the operation of the Fire Department. The fire stations will be open to inspection at all reasonable hours. If visitors arrive in quarters the man on patrol will immediately summon the commanding officer who will extend to the visitors every courtesy, showing them around the quarters and furnishing them with such information as they desire or assigning some other member to do so.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,  
Chief of Department.

I. FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND.

1. The next meeting and rehearsal of the Boston Fire Department Band will be held at the quarters of Engine Company 26 at 4:00 P. M., Friday, June 26, 1931. Members are requested to report promptly at the hour mentioned and bring their instruments, music books and stands. Members who are on day duty will be excused at 3:00 P. M. and those on night duty will be excused until 8:00 P. M.

II. EXAMINATION FOR PROMOTION FROM  
PRIVATE TO LIEUTENANT.

1. The Department of Civil Service and Registration of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts announces that examination will be held on Thursday, July 23, 1931 and Saturday, July 25, 1931, for promotion to the grade of Lieutenant in the Boston Fire Department.
2. The examination is open to the permanent men in the Boston Fire Department who have served as such, in accordance with Civil Service Rules, for at least five years immediately preceding the date of examination. A candidate who has been off duty for over three months during the period prescribed can be admitted only by permission of the Commissioner of Civil Service.
3. The subject and weights of the examination are as follows: Seniority, 4; report, 3; practical questions, 8; total, 15.
4. Applicants will be required to obtain at least 70 per cent in each subject of examination in order to become eligible.
5. Successful applicants will be given a physical examination.
6. Application blanks may be secured from the District Chiefs of each district. The vouchers on these blanks need not be filled out. When completed, applications should be sent to the Division of Civil Service, Rooms 152 State House, Boston, to be placed on file not later than Monday, July 13, 1931, at 5:00 P. M.
7. Applicants will be notified of the precise time and place of examination about a week in advance.
8. Members of the department who begin their annual vacation on Friday, July 24, 1931, may take the examination on Thursday, July 23, and members who return from annual vacation on July 24, 1931, may take the examination on Saturday, July 25, 1931. The men who are to take this examination will be divided as evenly as possible between the two days mentioned so that the efficiency of the department will not be lessened. Deputy Chiefs will go into this matter with District Chiefs and see that each company is covered with chauffeurs, pump operators, etc. Changes of time off will be allowed to meet this condition. It should be borne in mind that the Department of Civil Service desires to have the classes evenly divided.

9. Each applicant must bring his own penholder, pen, blotter, pencil, eraser and ink.
10. NO SMOKING: Attention of those who are to take the examination is called to the fact that smoking is strictly prohibited in school buildings, and the Fire Commissioner has been requested to call the attention of the men to this rule. It is hoped that he will receive no complaints after the examination that the men were careless in this regard.

### III. NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM.

1. The automatic traffic signal system recently installed in Massachusetts Avenue, from Beacon Street to Tremont Street, inclusive, was placed in permanent operation effective on Sunday, June 21, 1931, at 11:30 A. M.

### IV. CHANGE IN BOX NUMBER.

1. The following change in box number will be made to take effect at 12 o'clock noon, June 30, 1931:

	<u>Present No.</u>	<u>New No.</u>
Trescott School, Rosemont St.	3714	12-3582
2. Company Commanders will see that the proper records are made in the assignment cards. The new assignment cards for this box will be furnished at a later date.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,  
Chief of Department.



I. FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND.

1. Owing to the fact that the usual rehearsal date for the Fire Department Band will fall on Friday afternoon, July 3, 1931, there will be no rehearsal for the Band this week. Notice concerning the next rehearsal will be issued in General Orders.

II. INSPECTOR OF TOOLS AND APPLIANCES.

1. Ladderman Coleman C. Curran has been detailed as Inspector of Tools and Appliances in the Fire Department. It will be his duty to visit the various stations in the department periodically and thoroughly inspect all tools and appliances to see that they are in good condition and in proper working order. He will also see that all standard equipment of the department is in the same location on each piece of apparatus.
2. He will work under the direction of the Superintendent of Maintenance and report to him all defects that are found. He will submit a consolidated weekly report of all apparatus inspected.

III. REINSTATEMENTS.

1. The Fire Commissioner is in receipt of a communication from the Commissioner of Civil Service in which the Commissioner of Civil Service states that no reinstatements, after suspensions, can be made unless with the approval of the Commissioner of Civil Service. Any member of the department who is suspended for cause cannot be reinstated by the Fire Commissioner until the Commissioner has first requested permission from the Commissioner of Civil Service.
2. The foregoing is published for the information and guidance of the department.

IV. RETIREMENTS.

1. The following retirements are hereby announced to take effect at 8:00 A. M., Tuesday, July 7, 1931:

District Chief Thomas E. Conroy of District 1.  
Lieutenant Michael J. Dacey, Fire Alarm Division.

2. District Chief Conroy was appointed to this department on September 12, 1890 and his promotions were as follows: To Lieutenant, February 8, 1901; to Captain, March 12, 1915; to District Chief, February 1, 1924. Lieutenant Michael J. Dacey was appointed to this department on May 24, 1889 and was promoted to Lieutenant on March 2, 1906. Both of these officers leave the department with the best wishes of their associates.



V. TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

1. The following vote of the Boston Traffic Commission is hereby published for the information of the department:

"VOTED:

That the Traffic Regulations are amended as follows, effective June 22, 1931: That Section 38 is amended by adding the following:

Rollins Street

From Washington Street to Harrison Avenue."

VI. COMMENDATIONS.

1. Aide to the Deputy Chief William H. Bell of Engine Company 22 and Ladderman Kerin L. Shaughnessey of Ladder Co. 29 are hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 2245, three alarms, June 23, 1931, while off duty.
2. The Fire Commissioner is in receipt of a letter from Miss Elizabeth J. Wilkins, 368 Shawmut Avenue, in which she expresses her appreciation of the services rendered by members of this department at a fire at 366 Shawmut Avenue on June 24, 1931. Miss Wilkins is high in her praise of the work of this department at the fire and has forwarded a check for \$5.00 as a donation to the Boston Firemen's Relief Fund.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,  
Chief of Department.