

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 1.

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, JANUARY 5, 1932.

I. UNEMPLOYMENT FUND.

1. The Fire Commissioner today deposited a second monthly installment of \$5,000.00 with the City Collector, representing the voluntary contributions of the members of the Fire Department to the Unemployment Fund of the Overseers of Public Welfare, being raised by His Honor Mayor Curley because of the unusual demands being made on the Department of Public Welfare at this time. Because the contributions have been so willing and regular from the private earnings of the men the Fire Commissioner once again thanks the members of the department for their public spirit and generosity in raising this fund monthly and urges them to continue in this wonderful work of rendering material and financial assistance to their fellow citizens.

II. PROMOTION.

1. John J. Norris, Steamfitter in the Maintenance Division of the Fire Department, has been promoted to Master Steamfitter, to take effect at 8:00 A. M., January 8, 1932.

III. BOSTON AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM CARD.

1. A new Boston Automatic Fire Alarm card, page 30, dated December 30, 1931, is being issued to the department today. This card is to replace page 30, dated January 12, 1931. The old card should be returned to Headquarters on or before Monday, January 11, 1932, with the company number written on the back of each card.

IV. BOSTON 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 3:00 P. M., Friday, January 8, 1932. Members will bring with them their instruments, music books and stands and will report promptly at the hour mentioned.
2. When members of the band are on a day tour of duty and are notified to report at a band rehearsal at 3 o'clock they are to be excused from 2 to 6 P. M. If a member is on the night tour of duty he will not have to report until 8 P. M. This latter regulation also applies to men who are on the twenty-four hour tour of duty. It will not be necessary for them to report back until 8 P. M.

V. COMMENDATIONS.

1. Ladderman John E. Kamb of Ladder Company 16 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, still alarm in rear of 124 Bourne Street, December 28, 1931, while off duty.
2. Hoseman Alfred Mitchell of Engine Company 19 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 3542, December 30, 1931, while off duty.
3. Hoseman Benjamin F. Finn of Engine Company 50 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire in a street car on Bunker Hill Street, December 31, 1931, while off duty.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,
Chief of Department.

(The last General Orders, Series of 1931, was
numbered "97.")

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 2.

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, JANUARY 13, 1932.

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 3:00 P. M., on Friday, January 15, 1932.
2. Members are requested to report promptly at the hour mentioned and to bring with them their music, music stands and instruments.

II. HIGH PRESSURE STATION NO. 1.

1. The department is hereby notified that High Pressure Station No. 1 has been moved from the Lincoln Power Station of the Boston Elevated Railway, Battery and Commercial Street, to the new Edison Station of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company at 165 Kneeland Street.
2. The work of moving this station began on October 12th and was completed on December 14, 1931. on which date the station and its location was accepted and placed in service.
3. The new station is now in service and shall be identified as High Pressure Station No. 1.

III. ACCIDENT REPORTS.

1. Hereafter when making out accident reports on the long yellow form Company Commanders will see that the serial number of the fire department automobile is included in the report as well as the registration number. This serial number should be placed in the square block marked MOTOR VEHICLE NO. 1 - and written after the words "No. 1 is Fire Dept. Automobile" Serial No. _____.
2. Whenever any apparatus or motor vehicles of this department are involved in an accident a separate report concerning the accident will be immediately submitted on Form 5 by the Company Commander, giving a brief report of the accident and the extent of the damage done.

IV. BOSTON AUTOMATIC ASSIGNMENT CARD.

1. Notice has been received from the Boston Automatic Fire Alarm Company that signal numbers 562-563, located in the building 332-342 Congress Street have been discontinued.

V. COMMENDATIONS.

1. Ladderman Martin A. Kenealy of Ladder Company 13 is highly commended for the service rendered by him at the fire Box 1641, 348 Shawmut Avenue, two alarms, January 5, 1932 when he went over an aerial ladder to the fourth floor and assisted in the rescue of a lodger who was trapped in one of the rooms on that floor. Ladderman Kenealy walked along the coping and guided the lodger back to the ladder and he was assisted down by other members of the department. Ladderman Kenealy was off duty at the time and performed this work with considerable risk to himself.

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2. Laddermen William J. Winn, John J. McDonough and Thomas J. Daly of Ladder Company 4 and George Walker of Ladder Company 23 are highly commended for the rescue work performed by them at fire at 4 Bower Street, January 5, 1932 when they assisted a Mother and three small children from the third floor window where they were trapped during the progress of a fire at that location.
3. The prompt, efficient and effective service rendered by Laddermen Kenealy, Winn, McDonough, Daly, and Walker in the two instances referred to above reflects credit upon the department as well as upon themselves.
4. Ladderman James J. Cox of Ladder Company 12 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire Box 2241, January 29, 1932, while off duty.
5. Hoseman Robert E. Roach of Engine Company 21 is hereby commended for extinguishing a fire in an automobile, before the arrival of the apparatus, on January 11, 1932 while off duty.
6. Hoseman John F. Sullivan of Engine Company 49 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, still alarm, Dedham, January 11, 1932, while off duty.

BY ORDER OF ACTING FIRE COMMISSIONER HENRY A. FOX,

Henry J. Power,
Acting Chief of Department.

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 3.

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, JANUARY 20, 1932.

I. HIGH PRESSURE SYSTEM.

1. The following is a corrected list of boxes in the High Pressure Zone, upon receipt of alarms from which, the pumps in the High Pressure Stations are operated:

BOXES IN DIVISION A - HIGH PRESSURE STATION NO. 1

FIRST ALARM

1211	12-1234	1247	1263	1313	1332
1212	1241	1251	12-1263	12-1313	12-1332
1213	1242	1252	13-1263	14-1313	1334
1214	12-1242	1253	1271	15-1313	12-1334
1215	13-1242	1254	1272	1314	1335
1221	1243	12-1254	12-1272	132	12-1335
12-1221	12-1243	1256	13-1272	1321	1336
1224	1244	1257	1281	1323	1337
12-1224	1245	1261	12-1281	12-1323	1342
1232	1246	1262	1311	13-1323	1371
1234		12-1262		1331	

SECOND ALARM

1223	13-1233	1367
1231	14-1233	12-1372
1233	134	13-1372

BOXES IN DIVISION B - HIGH PRESSURE STATION NO. 2

FIRST ALARM

1273	1294	1432	1461	12-1481	1515
1274	1295	1433	12-1461	13-1481	12-1515
1282	1411	1434	13-1461	14-1481	13-1515
1283	1412	1435	14-1461	1491	14-1515
1284	12-1412	12-1435	15-1461	1492	15-1515
12-1284	13-1412	13-1435	1463	12-1492	1519
1285	1421	1436	1471	1495	12-1519
1286	1422	1441	12-1471	1511	1521
1287	1423	1443	13-1471	12-1511	1523
1291	12-1423	12-1443	14-1471	13-1511	12-1523
12-1291	1425	13-1443	15-1471	14-1511	1531
1292	1431	1451	1481	15-1511	1622
1293		12-1451		1514	

SECOND ALARM

12-1411	13-1523
1494	1612

2. Company Commanders will arrange to have necessary corrections made on Cards "M" and "N" in assignment boxes, in accordance with the foregoing list of boxes.

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II. BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND

CHANGE OF TIME.

1. The next meeting and rehearsal for the Fire Department Band will be held at 2:30 P. M., Friday, January 22, 1932.
2. Members will bring with them their music, music stands, and instruments.
3. Attention is called to the change in the time of the rehearsal, namely, 2:30 P. M., and all members are expected to report promptly at that hour.

III. FIRE ALARM BOX REMOVED FROM SERVICE.

1. Box 13-1234, W. M. Lowney Co., 427 Commercial Street, has been removed from service.
2. Box 1234 is now the nearest box to the following Boston Automatic signals:

Signal No.	496	at	427 Commercial Street
"	"	1216	" 480 Hanover Street
"	"	1217	" 490 Hanover Street
"	"	1221	" 445-447 Commercial Street Front
"	"	1222	" 445-447 Commercial Street Rear

3. Company Commanders will correct the Boston Automatic assignment cards to correspond with the above.

IV. BOSTON AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM SIGNAL
REMOVED FROM SERVICE.

1. Notice has been received that Boston Automatic Signals Numbers 524-525-526 and 527 located 68-78 Portland Street, have been removed from service. Company Commanders will cross these numbers off to correspond with this notice.

V. AMERICAN DISTRICT TELEGRAPH SIGNAL NUMBER
REMOVED FROM SERVICE.

1. Notice has been received that signal number 139 of the American District Telegraph Co., 53-55 India Street, has been removed from service.
2. Company Commanders will cross this number off the A. D. T. book.

VI. BOSTON FIREMEN'S MUTUAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

1. The following were elected to office in the Boston Firemen's Mutual Relief Association, at the Annual Election held January 7, 1932:

PRESIDENT

H. P. Doherty, Engine 18

VICE-PRESIDENT

H. W. E. Powers, Ladder 19

SECRETARY-TREASURER

H. A. Fox, Chief of Department

TRUSTEE

T. F. Muldoon, Ladder 14

DIRECTORS

F. C. McKenna,	Tower 1,	District 4	
M. F. Quirk,	Engine 35,	"	5
F. L. Mayo,	Engine 15,	"	6
J. F. Regan,	Engine 3,	"	7
E. H. Mason,	Engine 49,	"	15
D. A. Toomey,	Ladder 22,	"	2 (Unexpired Term)
J. F. Reynolds,	Past Members.		

VII. FIRST AID PAMPHLETS.

1. For the information of the members of the department, the Acting Medical Examiner is distributing today to the department copies of a First Aid pamphlet. One copy is being distributed to each house.

BY ORDER OF ACTING FIRE COMMISSIONER HENRY A. FOX;

Henry J. Power,
Acting Chief of Department.

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 4.

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, JANUARY 27, 1932.

I. FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND.

1. The next meeting and rehearsal for the Fire Department Band will be held at the quarters of Engine Company 26, Broadway, Boston at 2:30 P. M., on Friday, January 29th. Members will bring with them their music, music stands and instruments and are requested to report promptly at the hour mentioned.

II. INSPECTION OF BRAKES, LIGHTS, ETC.

1. Assistant Engineer of Motor Apparatus Henry T. Brennan will inspect all automobiles and motor apparatus of this department for the purpose of ascertaining the condition of brakes, lights and safety devices thereon.
2. This inspection is in connection with the regulations of the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.
3. Assistant Engineer of Motor Apparatus Brennan will submit a report of his inspections to the Superintendent of Maintenance, who will keep a record of the same.

III. INSPECTION OF MOTOR APPARATUS.

The Superintendent of Maintenance will detail Engineer of Motor Apparatus James W. Ryan to inspect all motor apparatus in this department for the purpose of determining whether or not it is properly lubricated and kept in the proper condition as to cleanliness for its efficient operation and appearance.

The District Chief of the district in which the apparatus to be inspected is located will accompany the Engineer of Motor Apparatus on these inspections and will assist in the inspections which shall be held in the presence of the company commander and the men assigned to care for the apparatus.

The Engineer of Motor Apparatus will make a report of his inspections to the Superintendent of Maintenance, who in turn shall submit a report to the Chief of Department and the Fire Commissioner.

IV. COMMENDATIONS.

1. Ladderman David A. Shea of Ladder Company 16 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 2525, January 22, 1932, while off duty.
2. Apparatus Operator John W. Duggan of Engine Company 49 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire at N. Y. N. H. & Hartford Railroad, still alarm, January 23, 1932, while off duty.

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 29, 1932.

I. UNITED BOSTON EMERGENCY RELIEF CAMPAIGN.

1. The Fire Commissioner is in receipt of a letter from the Hon. James M. Curley, Mayor of the City of Boston, calling attention to the United Boston Emergency Relief Campaign which was launched on Sunday, January 24th.
2. The following extract from Mayor Curley's letter is published for the information of the department:

"The municipal employees, who have been safeguarded from the depression and who through three years of unemployment, enjoyed continuity in their work, and without reduction in pay, I am certain are not unappreciative. I desire that you request the employees of your department to select some particular work in connection with the drive, whether it be as a member of their particular ward or precinct committee or as a worker in the solicitation of the homes and stores in their particular wards, or in any other capacity, and to render every service requested. Volunteer workers will be requested to report to the campaign headquarters in their respective wards by Friday evening, January 29th, at 7:30, and the names of all such workers will be forwarded to the Mayor's office."

3. Information concerning the location of ward and district headquarters may be obtained by calling Mr. Hickey or Mr. Slattery at the Fire Commissioner's Office.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,
Chief of Department.

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 6.

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, JANUARY 30, 1932.

I. FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND.

1. The next meeting and rehearsal for the Fire Department Band will be held at the quarters of Engine Company 26, Broadway, Boston, at 6:00 P. M., on Tuesday evening, February 2. Members will bring with them their music, music stands and instruments.
2. Another rehearsal will be held at the quarters of Engine Company 26, Broadway, Boston, at 2:30 P. M. on Friday afternoon, February 5th.
3. As the next two rehearsals will be devoted to the preparation of the program for the Annual Ball, only those members who attend these two rehearsals will be allowed to participate in the concert program at the Ball.
4. On Tuesday all members of the department who are members of the Band and who are on the day tour of duty, will be excused at 5:00 P. M., and all members who are on the night tour of duty will be excused from roll call and will report back at the company quarters at 10:30 P. M. Members who are on the twenty-four hour tour of duty will be excused from 5:00 P. M. to 10:30 P. M.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,
Chief of Department.

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 7.

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, FEBRUARY 3, 1932.

I. ANNUAL BALL.

1. The Fifty-third Annual Ball of the Boston Fire and Protective Departments will be held on Monday evening, February 8th at the Boston Garden. 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. The ball last year was a wonderful success financially and in attendance because of the co-operation shown by every member.
2. The Commissioner has taken a very personal interest in the Ball again this year and looks forward to the same co-operation which was received last year. 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 of 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 and attractions of the Ball is the Grand March. The Commissioner is most anxious that this march be a representative one and that all members of the department who are off duty will participate. 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 take part in the 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 and his family is a beneficiary. It is a duty and obligation of each member of the department to do his part to make the Ball a success. The Fire Commissioner looks forward to seeing the largest representation of officers and men in uniform in the Grand March than ever before.
4. The Floor Marshal is Captain William J. Mahoney of Engine Company 41. 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, Boston Garden at 7:00 P. M., Monday, February 8, 1932 unless otherwise ordered.
5. Members detailed will attend strictly to the duties assigned to them.

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6. Trustees, Aides and members detailed to the Ball will be granted detailed leave from 4:00 P. M. February 8th to 8:00 A. M., February 9, 1932.
7. Members of the band who are on the day tour of duty will be relieved at 4:00 P. M. Members of the band who are on the night tour of duty will be excused from roll call and will report back to company quarters at 2:00 A. M., February 9th. Members of the band who are on the twenty-four hour tour of duty will be excused from 4:00 P. M., February 8 to 2:00 A.M., February 9th. Members of the band will report at Room 4, Boston Garden with all their music, music stands and instruments not later than 7:00 P. M., February 8th.
8. 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.

II. RETIREMENTS.

1. The retirement of Ladderman Francis S. Meleedy of Ladder Company 26 is hereby announced to take effect at 8:00 A. M., Friday, February 5, 1932. Ladderman Meleedy was appointed to this department August 11, 1892.
2. The retirement of Lieutenant George J. Baumeister of Engine Company 48 is also announced to take effect at 8:00 A. M., Thursday, February 11, 1932. Lieutenant Baumeister was appointed to this department on February 11, 1898 and was promoted to Lieutenant on April 19, 1918.
3. Both men leave the department with the best wishes of their comrades.

III. RESIGNATION.

1. The resignation of Ladderman Edward H. Mulvey of Ladder Company 25 is hereby accepted as of 8:00 A. M., February 2, 1932, Rule 305 having been waived by the Fire Commissioner.

IV. BOSTON AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM SIGNAL
REMOVED FROM SERVICE.

1. Notice has been received that Boston Automatic Signal No. 177, S. S. Pierce Company, Tremont and Beacon Streets, has been removed from service. Company Commanders will cross this number off the Boston Automatic Fire Alarm Co. assignment book.

V. GENERAL ORDERS INDEX.

1. The index for General Orders for 1931 is issued to the department today.

VI. EXAMINATION FOR PROMOTION TO DEPUTY CHIEF.

1. The Department of Civil Service and Registration of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has announced that an examination will be held on Monday, February 29th for promotion to the rank of Deputy Chief in the Boston Fire Department.
2. This examination is open to all District Chiefs in the Boston Fire Department.
3. The subjects of examination with their respective weights will be as follows:

Senority	4
Report	3
Practical questions	8
Personality & fitness as determined by an oral interview	<u>5</u>
Total	20

4. Applicants will be required to obtain at least 70% in each subject of the examination in order to become eligible.
5. Physical examination.
6. Applications are being distributed to the department today. The vouchers on these applications need not be filled out. When completed, applications should be sent to the Division of Civil Service, Rooms 145-152, State House, Boston. Applications must be placed on file not later than Friday, February 19, 1932 at 5:00 P. M.
7. Applicants will be notified of the precise time and place of examination.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,
Chief of Department.

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 8.

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, FEBRUARY 4, 1932.

I. COMMENDATIONS.

1. The Fire Commissioner wishes to express his appreciation to the members of the various companies in the department who worked at the four alarm fire, Box 1436, January 28, 1932. All the circumstances surrounding the fire made it a very difficult one to combat, but it is very gratifying to the Commissioner to have the men work so willingly and so long in the exercise of their duty. Much praise was heard from many people concerning the services performed by this department. The Commissioner is pleased to publish herewith for the information of the department a letter which he received from Mr. William E. Hurley, Postmaster, Boston, Mass., concerning the fire.

"OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

February 2, 1932.

Hon. Edward F. McLaughlin,
Fire Commissioner,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. McLaughlin:

Kindly accept my appreciation of the splendid work of the men of your Department in overcoming the fire in the building at Beach and South Streets, adjacent to the South Postal Annex on January 28, 1932.

The wonderful work of your men prevented the fire from spreading to the South Postal Annex, and as a result there was no delay to the mails and no loss of postoffice values. I understand that at times there were as many as thirty lines of hose running through the South Postal Annex, and that notwithstanding this, practically no damage was caused to the upper floors by water in that building. The thoughtfulness of your force in not breaking the lines in our building and the assistance given us in pumping out the water were extremely helpful, and I am truly grateful.

Again assuring you that we appreciate the services rendered by the firemen, and with kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. E. Hurley,
Postmaster."

2. Apparatus Operator John T. Mullins of Engine Co. 23 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire Box 3256, January 19, 1932, while off duty.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,
Chief of Department.

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 9.

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, FEBRUARY 10, 1932.

I. MAYOR'S LETTER.

1. The Fire Commissioner is in receipt of the following letter from Honorable James M. Curley, Mayor of the City of Boston.

"February 2, 1932.

Mr. Edward F. McLaughlin, Commissioner,
Fire Department,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

The budget as finally compiled for all departments of the city is nearly seven million dollars lower than the department estimates as submitted after the departments had been notified to revise their original estimates. It will be necessary that every department be so conducted that there will be no expenditures under any item in excess of the amount allotted.

I shall accept of no excuses for failure to live within the amount allotted, and you are accordingly directed to immediately arrange your program of expenditures for the year 1932 in conformity with budget allowances.

Sincerely,

/s/ James M. Curley

Mayor."

2. In accordance with the instructions received in the foregoing letter, the heads of Divisions of the department, Deputy Chiefs, District Chiefs, Company Commanders and individual members are instructed to exercise the greatest care of city property under their control. Economy must be practiced in the use of supplies of all kinds, including building materials, electrical equipment, stationery, etc. Officers will be held strictly responsible for the use of materials under their control.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,
Chief of Department.

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 10.

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, FEBRUARY 10, 1932.

I. BERNARD A. McLAUGHLIN.

1. It is with deep regret that the Fire Commissioner announces the death, on February 4, 1932, of Bernard A. McLaughlin, Clerk and Storekeeper in the Fire Alarm Division of this department. Mr. McLaughlin was appointed to this department on March 7, 1918. He left this department on January 2, 1919 to accept an appointment in the Schoolhouse Department. On November 14, 1921 he was reappointed to this department as a Stockman.
2. The funeral was held from his late residence, 28 Oak Avenue, West Roxbury, on Monday, February 8, 1932. This department was represented by a detail from the Fire Alarm Division and other branches of the department.

II. THOMAS F. MURRAY.

1. It is with deep regret that the Fire Commissioner announces the death, on February 8, 1932, of Hoseman Thomas F. Murray of Engine Company 45. Hoseman Murray was appointed to this department on October 5, 1909.
2. The funeral was held from his late residence, 20 Heathcote Street, Roslindale, Wednesday, February 10, 1932. The department was represented by the customary detail and the members of Engine Company 45 were excused from duty to attend the funeral.

III. BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND.

1. The next meeting and rehearsal of the Boston Fire Department Band will be held at 3:00 P. M. on Friday, February 12, 1932 at the quarters of Engine Company 26. Members will bring their music, music stands and instruments and are directed to report promptly at the hour mentioned.

IV. NEW BOX CIRCUITS.

1. Two new box circuits have been established in the department. These circuits have been made up of the following boxes:

Circuit No. 84.									
	2176	out of	No. 31	circuit		3372	out of	No. 41	circuit
12-	3126	"	"	54	"	3374	"	"	41
	3127	"	"	54	"	3421	"	"	30
	3223	"	"	80	"	3445	"	"	39
	3234	"	"	80	"	3523	"	"	41
	3239	"	"	80	"	353	"	"	79
12-	3246	"	"	68	"	3531	"	"	79
13-	3246	"	"	68	"	*3533	"	"	79
	3313	"	"	31	"	12-3615	"	"	30

*Box 3533 is not yet installed.

Circuit No. 85.

	2148	out	of	No.	54	Circuit		262	out	of	No.	71	Circuit
	2154	"	"	"	54	"		2623	"	"	"	65	"
	2382	"	"	"	35	"		2625	"	"	"	65	"
	2384	"	"	"	35	"		2721	"	"	"	71	"
	242	"	"	"	35	"		2735	"	"	"	71	"
	2433	"	"	"	66	"		2739	"	"	"	42	"
	2461	"	"	"	56	"		2746	"	"	"	71	"
	2462	"	"	"	56	"		2748	"	"	"	71	"
12-	2463	"	"	"	56	"		2753	"	"	"	71	"
	2476	"	"	"	66	"		2755	"	"	"	71	"

2. New cards will be furnished for these circuits at a later date. In the meantime company commanders are instructed to make corrections on the present circuit cards.

V. BOSTON AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM
SIGNALS DISCONTINUED.

1. Notice has been received from the Boston Automatic Fire Alarm Co. that Signals No. 1412 and 1413, in building 774 Albany Street, have been discontinued. Company Commanders will cross these signals off the Boston Automatic assignment book.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,
Chief of Department.

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 11.

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, FEBRUARY 11, 1932.

I. CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT FUND.

1. The Fire Commissioner deposited today with the City Treasurer a check for \$7,637.35, which is the final deposit of the members of the Boston Fire Department to the Unemployment Fund under the voluntary system of contributing weekly from their salaries an amount equal to 1, 2 or 3 per cent of their earnings. In the three months in which this system has been in operation the members of the Boston Fire Department have voluntarily contributed out of their daily wages \$17,637.35. Previously the members of the department had made voluntary contributions to the fund in the amount of \$4,704.00. This represents voluntary contributions from the members of the Fire Department amounting to a total of \$22,341.35, and represents individual donations out of the daily earnings of approximately 1,700 men.
2. The Fire Commissioner wishes to take this opportunity to commend the members of the department for their generosity and sacrifice which has prompted them to give at some cost to themselves so willingly and freely to the fund for the relief of their less fortunate fellow citizens. The members of the department have been true to their tradition in being ever ready to bring relief and assistance in any worthy cause.
3. The plan of making contributions on the basis of 1, 2 and 3 per cent was abandoned on all money earned after February 1, 1932. Beginning with that date the members of the Boston Fire Department, like all other city employees, will contribute one day's pay per month to the fund raised for the relief of the unemployed. The plan which has been adopted by the city for collecting these contributions is outlined in a letter from His Honor, Mayor James M. Curley, dated January 19, 1932. A copy of the letter is published below for the information of the department.

"January 19, 1932.

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

Dear Sir:

The United Boston Unemployment Relief Committee representing all social agencies has inaugurated a campaign for the raising of a fund of \$3,000,000, two-thirds of which is to be distributed to the Department of Public Welfare of the City of Boston, and one-third, to private charitable agencies of the city, for unemployment relief.

"At a meeting of city and county officials and heads of departments held in the Council Chamber on the 13th instant, Mr. Carl P. Dennett representing the Committee stated that private employers had agreed that all persons upon their payrolls would be required to contribute one day's pay each month for a five-month period beginning February 1, 1932. Mr. Dennett further stated that in the opinion of private employers a similar contribution should be made by all persons upon city and county payrolls. This suggestion was unanimously approved by the city and county officials and heads of departments.

In accordance with this action you are respectfully notified that the necessary deductions upon your payrolls are to be made as follows:

Deductions from employees paid on weekly rolls are to be made in the week in which the 25th of the month occurs.

Deductions from annual salaries paid weekly are to be for one day, as shown on the salary rate card; from weekly salaries or wages, one day, or one-sixth of the weekly rate; from per diem wages, one day's pay.

Deductions from employees paid on monthly or semi-monthly rolls are to be made on the basis of one-thirtieth of the monthly rate.

All deductions are to be computed upon the salary or wage before the retirement deduction is figured.

The payrolls on which deductions are made should make use of the column now headed 'Net Amount' for 'Unemployment Relief Fund', and an extra column should be ruled and used for the 'Net Amount', which will be the amount paid by the Treasurer to the employee. Any questions as to the interpretation of these instructions or special cases not specifically covered above may be taken up with the City Auditor.

The day's pay deduction will take the place of the system of voluntary percentage contributions now in operation. This latter system will be discontinued on and after February 1st. You are requested to notify every employee in your department, office, or division, of the contents of this letter.

The whole-hearted cooperation of every city and county official, department head, and employee, is expected in this emergency.

Respectfully,

/s/ James M. Curley
Mayor."

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4. In accordance with the foregoing letter deductions will be made from the Fire Department pay roll for the week ending February 26, 1932, and will continue once each month from the pay roll in which the 25th of the month occurs. It is estimated that the contribution of the Fire Department under this plan, for a five month period, will amount to more than \$51,000.00.

II. FIRE DEPARTMENT BALL.

1. The Fire Commissioner congratulates and commends the members of the Boston Fire Department for the very successful manner in which the Fifty-Third Annual Ball of the Boston Fire and Protective Departments was conducted in the Boston Garden on Monday evening, February 8, 1932. It was readily seen early in the evening that the attendance at this affair would assume unusual proportions and that all activities connected with the Ball would surpass those of previous years.
2. In his appreciation the Commissioner wishes to make special mention of the Fire Department Band and the Grand March. Those who participated in these two events contributed in great measure to the success of the evening.
3. The behavior of all those present was particularly noted and the Commissioner wishes to thank all members of the department for their fine appearance and excellent conduct on this occasion.

III. COMMENDATION.

1. Hoseman James J. Flanagan of Engine Company 37 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 2326, February 1, 1932, while off duty.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN:

Henry A. Fox,
Chief of Department.