GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 34

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, JULY 1, 1977

## I. RETIREMENTS (See page 2)

1. The following retirements, in accordance with the provisions indicated, will become effective at 0800, July 1, 1977:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Fire Lieut. Gerard D. Murphy | Engine Co. 55 | S7, C32, GL |
| Acting Fire Capt. Ralph R. White | Ladder Co. 18 | S58, C32, GL |
| Fire Fighter John J. Kraft * | Engine Co. 30 | Chap. 255, Acts of 1977 |

*Effective 0800, July 3, 1977

2. Fire Lieut. Murphy was appointed to the department September 6, 1944 and promoted to Lieutenant December 25, 1957. Acting Fire Captain White was appointed January 29, 1947 and promoted to Lieutenant April 11, 1973. Fire Fighter Kraft was appointed January 29, 1947.

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

## II. CHANGES IN RESPONSE

1. Effective at 0800, July 2, 1977, the following changes shall be made on the assignment cards:

Boxes 1235 and 1236 - 1st alarm Drop E50, Add E25
2nd alarm Drop E25, Add E50
Order of response 1st alarm E8, 25, 4, MU; 2nd E50, 39, 26, 11

2. The Milton Street Bridge, Hyde Park will be closed to traffic starting Tuesday, July 5, 1977. The following temporary adjustments will be in effect at 0800 hrs., Tuesday, July 5, 1977.

3831 and 3832 Order of response 1st alarm E48, 49

3833, 3834, 3835, 3836, 3837, 3841, 3843, 3844, 3845, 3861, 3862, 3871, 3872, 3873, 3874, 3875, 3876, 3877
1st alarm Drop E49, Add E55; 2nd alarm Drop E55 Add E49
Order of response 1st alarm E48, 55; 2nd alarm E49, 45, 16, 30

3842 1st alarm Drop E49 Add E55; 2nd alarm Drop E55 Add E49

Order of response 1st alarm E55, 48; 2nd alarm E49, 45, 16, 30

3846, 3847, 3851, 3853, 3854, 3855, 3856, 3857, 3858, 3859
Order of response 2nd alarm E45, 55, 16, 30

3842 Order of response 1st alarm L5, L28

3846, 3847, 3851, 3853, 3854, 3855, 3856, 3857, 3858, 3859
1st alarm Drop L5 Add L16; 2nd alarm Drop L16 Add L5
Order of response 1st alarm L28, 16, 2nd alarm L5, 6

FIRST ALARM RESPONSE - The department is reminded that on all assignment cards where only two engine companies are indicated to respond on the first alarm, the first due engine company on the second alarm shall also respond on the first alarm.

## III. FIRE ALARM BOXES ESTABLISHED

In the near future the following boxes will be installed, and the circuit numbers will be announced at that time:

12-2951 Housing for Elderly, 23 Spring St.
Add to assignment card for Box 2951

2456 - Perkins and Chestnut Streets
New assignment card accompanying this order

Retirements - continued

The following retirements in accordance with Sect. 5, Chap. 32, GL will become effective on the dates indicated:

| | | 0800 hours |
|---|---|---|
| Fire Fighter Arthur R. Marr | Engine Co. 55 | July 1, 1977 |
| Fire Fighter Edward E. Gurnon | Engine Co. 55 | July 7, 1977 |
| Fire Fighter Francis J. Muldoon | Ladder Co. 11 | July 1, 1977 |

Fire Fighter Marr and Fire Fighter Gurnon were appointed to the department on January 22, 1947. Fire Fighter Muldoon was appointed June 11, 1947. They leave the department with the best wishes of their associates.

## IV. HIGH COMMENDATIONS

1. The department responded to an alarm at 1641 hours, June 26, 1977 to the Garvey Playground, Dorchester for a person struck by lightning. On arrival Fire Fighter Paul H. King, E.M.T. of Engine Co. 12 was applying CPR to the victim, aided by a young lady. Fire Fighter James B. Stack, E.M.T. of Engine Co. 20 relieved her until Ladder 27 started the Flynn Ventilator. A-19 arrived and both fire fighters accompanied the victim applying CPR until relieved by personnel of the Carney Hospital.

Fire Fighter King acted very promptly and with professional skill to keep the victim alive. He was off duty at the time and put to good use the training he received as an Emergency Medical Technician.

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Fighter King for saving the man's life, and his case is referred to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

2. The department responded to Box 1662 for a fire at 562 Massachusetts Ave., Boston on June 22, 1977 at 1733 hours. On arrival fire was showing in the basement, accompanied by heavy smoke, and fire involved the front room and hall.

While fire fighting operations were being put into effect, Fire Lieutenant James J. Famolare of Engine Co. 22 and Fire Fighter John D. Sheehan of Engine Co. 26 heard a moan from an interior room and quickly sought out the source of the moan. They found an unconscious woman on the bedroom floor and carried her outside. They shouted to other members that another person could be in the rear.

Acting Fire Lieutenant Dennis G. Callanan of Engine Co. 37 (detailed to Ladder 13), Fire Fighter Patrick A. Munroe of Engine Co. 22 and Fire Fighter Robert F. Bowen of Aerial Tower 1 searched a rear room and found an unconscious man and brought him to the street where both victims were removed to the Boston City Hospital.

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend these five members for rescuing the victims at great personal risk. Their cases are referred to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER GEORGE H. PAUL

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 35

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, JULY 8, 1977

## I. RETIREMENTS

1. The following retirements, in accordance with the provisions and dates indicated, are hereby announced:

| | | General Laws | 0800 |
|---|---|---|---|
| F.F. John J. Dundon | Eng. Co. 10 | S7, 94, 94A, C32 | 7-1-77 |
| F.F. Ralph A. Cipullo | Eng. Co. 54 | S7, C32 | 7-1-77 |
| F.F. George McCloskey | LAD ~~Eng~~. Co. 7 | S5, C32 | 7-8-77 |
| F.F. James J. Merrick | Lad. Co. 9 | S5, C32 | 7-8-77 |
| Fire Lieut. Bernard J. McTernan | F.P. D. | S5, C32 | 7-16-77 |
| F.F. Joseph W. Sullivan | Lad. Co. 28 | S5, C32 | 7-15-77 |
| F.F. Francis J. George | Lad. Co. 28 | S5, C32 | 7-15-77 |

2. Fire Fighter Dundon was appointed to the department January 29, 1977. Fire Fighter Cipullo was appointed April 27, 1949. Fire Fighter McCloskey was appointed November 7, 1945. Fire Fighter Merrick was appointed February 3, 1947. Lieutenant McTernan was appointed May 20, 1942 and promoted to Fire Lieutenant on February 5, 1947. Fire Fighter Sullivan was appointed March 22, 1944. Fire Fighter George was appointed January 3, 1945.

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

## II. FIRE ALARM BOX INSTALLED

The following box has been installed, and company commanders shall add it to circuit card 13:

12-2951 Housing for Elderly, 23 Spring Street

## III. FIRE ALARM BOX ESTABLISHED

The following box will be installed in the near future and the circuit number will be announced at that time. It shall be added to assignment cards for Box 1481.

19-1481 Housing for Elderly, 5 Oak Street West

## IV. CHANGE IN DESIGNATION OF F.A. BOX

Box 12-5293 should be adjusted to read as follows:

12-5293 Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co. Guard House, 15 Guest St.

## V. HIGH COMMENDATIONS

On June 8, 1977 at 2312 hours, Box 2448 was struck for a fire at 17 Dixwell St., Roxbury. Upon arrival fire was issuing from the third floor front and heavy smoke and intense heat filled the apartment. Tenants were reported to be trapped inside.

Fire Lieut. William W. Hayhurst, Headquarters (detailed to Ladder 30) ascended the front stairs through the fire and began a search of the apartment. Later he was joined by Fire Lieut. William D. Shea of Engine Co. 24, and they continued the search. At the end of the corridor they found an unconscious woman whom they removed outside and she was taken to the hospital.

Meanwhile Lieut. Shea heard a moan and he returned with Fire Fighter Paul McLellan of Engine Co. 24. They searched until they found a semi-conscious man in a bedroom, and they removed him to safety.

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Lieutenants Hayhurst and Shea and Fire Fighter McLellan for these rescues which were effected before ventilation had been accomplished, at great effort, and at great personal risk. Their cases are referred to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

## VI. LETTER OF THANKS

" June 30, 1977

Dear Commissioner Paul:

"On the night of June 16, 1977, my car was stolen from a parking lot in the City of Quincy sometime prior to ten o'clock p.m.

"It was found stripped and burning on Norfolk Avenue sometime after eleven o'clock p.m. At approximately twelve midnight, I received a call from Lieutenant Donovan from the 920 Mass. Ave. station informing me of the fire and also that he had recovered two tool boxes and tools from the car and that I might pick them up at his office.

"This letter is to say thank you to the Boston Fire Department and particularly to Lieutenant Donovan and his crew for their honesty and courtesy they extended to me. In these times it seems that to criticize comes easy for people but you very seldom hear a thank you for a job well done.

Signed/ Herbert D. Bell, 236 East St., Hanover"

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Lieut. Harold R. Donovan of Ladder Co. 20 for his integrity, honesty, and the initiative he exercised, thereby improving the public image of this department.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER GEORGE H. PAUL

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 36

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, JULY 12, 1977

## I. FIRE ALARM BOX INSTALLED

The following box has been installed, and company commanders shall add it to circuit card #11:

718 Engine House #1, 272 D Street

## II. COMMENDATION

Fire Fighter David S. Lang of Ladder Co. 11 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, Box 5244, 3 alarms, while off duty, July 4, 1977.

## III. CORRECTION IN G. O.

The retirement of F.F. George McCloskey announced in G. O. 35, c.s. should have read from Ladder Co. 7.

## IV. AERIAL TOWER 2

Effective at 1800 hours, Friday, July 15, 1977, Aerial Tower 2 will be placed in service at the quarters of Engine Co. 20, 301 Neponset Avenue and replaces Ladder 27. Aerial Tower 2 will assume response assignments as indicated in this order. Company commanders shall make the necessary changes on the assignment cards.

123, 124 - 2nd alarm Drop L10 to 24 and L27 to 8
Add L11 to 24 and L13 to 8 and L30 to 13

3146, 3152, 3161, 3162 - 2nd alarm Replace L27 with A T 2

3148, 3164, 3165, 3166, 317, 3171, 3174, 3175, 3176, 3177, 3178, 3182, 3184, 3186, 319, 3191, 3195, 3196
1st alarm Replace L27 with A T 2

3152, 3196 - 2nd alarm Drop L20 to 27; Add L20 to A T 2

All 3200 Boxes - 1st alarm Replace L27 with A T 2
2nd alarm Drop L20 to 27; Add L20 to A T 2

341, 3412, 3414, 3415, 3416, 3417, 3418, 342, 3421, 3427, 3428, 3429, 3432, 3434, 3435, 3441, 3445, 3446, 3447, 3451, 3452, 3454, 3478, 3481, 3483, 3485, 3487, 3488, 3489, 3492, 3495, 3496
2nd alarm Replace L27 with A T 2

344, 3442, 3456, 3457, 3459, 3461, 3462, 3463, 3465, 3467, 3469, 347, 3471, 3474, 3476, 3477
1st alarm Replace L27 with A T 2

341, 3412, 3414, 3415, 3416, 3417, 3418, 342, 3421, 3427, 3428, 3429, 3432, 3434, 3435, 344, 3441, 3442, 3445, 3446, 3447, 3451, 3452, 3454,

3456, 3457, 3459, 3461, 3462, 3463, 3465, 3467, 3469, 347, 3471, 3474, 3476, 3477, 3478, 3481, 3483, 3485, 3487, 3488, 3489, 3492, 3495, 3496
2nd alarm Drop L20 to 27: Add L20 to A T 2

3532, 3533, 3537, 3538, 354, 3541, 3542, 3544, 3546, 3547, 3548, 3551, 3553, 3555, 3556, 356, 3561, 3563, 3564, 3565, 3566, 3567, 3568, 3569,

357, 3571, 3572, 3574, 3575, 3577, 3578, 358, 3581, 3582, 3583, 3584, 3585, 3586, 3587, 3591, 3593, 3594, 3595
2nd alarm Replace L27 with A T 2

3532, 3533, 3537, 3538, 354, 3541, 3542, 3544, 3546, 3547, 3548, 3551, 3553, 3555, 3556, 356, 3561, 3563, 3564, 3565, 3566, 3567, 3568, 3569, 357, 3571, 3572, 3574, 3575, 3577, 3578, 358, 3581, 3582, 3583, 3584, 3585, 3586, 3587, 3591, 3593, 3594, 3595
2nd alarm cover Drop L20 to 27; Add L20 to A T 2

36, 3618, 362, 3621, 3622, 3623, 3624, 3625, 3626, 3627, 363, 3631, 3632, 3633, 3635, 3637, 3638, 3639, 364, 3641, 3644, 3645, 3647,

3648, 3649, 365, 3651, 3652, 3654, 3655, 3656, 3657, 3658, 367, 3671, 3672, 3673, 368, 3681
2nd alarm cover Drop L18 to 27 and L27 to 6
Add L18 to A T 2 and A T 2 to 6

366, 3661, 3662, 3663, 3664, 3665, 3667, 3668, 3669, 369, 3692, 3693, 3694, 3696, 3697
2nd alarm cover Drop L27 to 6: Add A T 2 to 6

41, 411 2nd alarm cover Drop L10 to 24 and L23 to 18
Add L11 to 24, L13 to 8 and L30 to 13

4112 to 4192 inclusive - 2nd alarm cover Drop L10 to 24 and L27 to 8
Add L11 to 24, L13 to 8 and L30 to 13

All 4200 boxes - 2nd alarm cover Drop L10 to 24 and L27 to 8
Add L11 to 24, L13 to 8 and L30 to 13

431 2nd alarm cover Drop L14 to 24 and L27 to 8;
Add L11 to 24, L13 to 8 and L30 to 13

43 - 2nd alarm cover Drop L14 to 24; Add L11 to 24

6112, 6113, 6114, 6116, 6117, 6118, 6131, 6132, 6134, 6135, 6136
6138, 6139, 6141, 6142, 6143, 6145, 6146, 6151, 6152, 6153, 6154,

6155, 6156, 6157, 6161, 6162, 6163, 6164, 6165, 6166, 6167, 6168,
6171, 6172, 6173, 6174, 6175, 6177, 6178, 6179, 6181, 6182, 6183,
6184, 6185, 6186, 6187, 6192, 6194, 6195
2nd alarm cover Drop L15 to 24, L27 to 8
Add L11 to 24, L13 to 8, L15 to 1 and L30 to 13

612, 6121, 6122, 6123, 6124, 6125, 6126, 6127, 6128, 6129, 6191
2nd alarm Replace L18 with L8
1st alarm cover Drop L18 to 2; Add L8 to 2
2nd alarm cover Drop L14 to 24, L20 to 2 and L27 to 20
Add L11 to 24, L13 to 8, L18 to 2 and L30 to 13

All 6200 boxes - 2nd alarm cover Drop L15 to 24, L20 to 1, L23 to 20, and L27 to 8; Add L11 to 24, L13 to 8, L15 to 1 and L30 to 13

631 - 2nd alarm cover Drop L20 to 1, L23 to 20 and L27 to 8
Add L11 to 24, L13 to 8, L15 to 1 and L30 to 13

7611 - 1st alarm Replace L27 with A T 2
1st alarm cover Drop L29 to 27; Add L29 to A T 2
2nd alarm cover Drop L30 to 27; Add L30 to A T 2

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER GEORGE H. PAUL

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 37

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, JULY 15, 1977

## I. RETIREMENTS

1. The following retirements, in accordance with the provisions and dates indicated, are hereby announced:

| | | C32, G. L. | 0800 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Fire Captain Thomas W. Barrett | Eng. Co. 1 | Section 5 | 7-16-77 |
| F. F. John J. O'Brien | Eng. Co. 7 | Section 5 | 7-16-77 |
| F. F. Julian J. Goglia | Lad. Co. 21 | Section 5 | 7-16-77 |
| F. F. Lawrence F. Buckley | Lad. Co. 8 | Sect. 7, 94 | 8-1-77 |
| Princ. Operator Thomas N. Osborne | Fire Alarm | Section 5 | 7-16-77 |

2. Captain Barrett was appointed to the department May 20, 1942, promoted to Lieutenant February 5, 1947 and to Captain August 23, 1966. Fire Fighter O'Brien was appointed September 1, 1943. Fire Fighter Goglia was appointed April 23, 1952. Fire Fighter Buckley was appointed April 3, 1957. Principal Operator Osborne was appointed June 16, 1942 and promoted to Principal Operator on May 8, 1968.

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

## II. TRANSFERS

The following transfers will become effective at 0800, July 20, 1977:

| | From | To |
|---|---|---|
| Fire Lieut. Daniel P. Laffan | Headquarters | Ladder Co. 18 |
| Fire Lieut. Ralph P. Selvitella | Headquarters | Ladder Co. 1 |
| Fire Lieut. Walter J. Hanlon | Headquarters | Engine Co. 20 |
| F.F. Robert J. McCue | Ladder Co. 23 | Ladder Co. 28 |
| F.F. Robert H. Lindsay | Ladder Co. 15 | Ladder Co. 23 |
| F.F. David F. Walsh | Engine Co. 33 | Ladder Co. 15 |
| F.F. John F. Sullivan | Engine Co. 11 | Engine Co. 33 |
| F.F. James F. Flattery | Engine Co. 26 | Ladder Co. 14 |
| F.F. Francis J. Norris | Ladder Co. 15 | Ladder Co. 28 |
| F.F. Thomas L. Finn | Engine Co. 17 | Ladder Co. 7 |
| F.F. William M. Burns | Ladder Co. 29 | Ladder Co. 6 |
| F.F. John L. Campbell | Ladder Co. 5 | T & R Division |
| F.F. Francis P. Tierney | Ladder Co. 28 | T & R Division |

## III. RESPONSE

The response for Box 613 will be the same as for Box 6138.

## IV. REFILLS FOR AIR BOTTLES, ETC.

Effective at 0800, Monday, July 18, 1977 requests for refills of air bottles, fire extinguishers and oxygen (D-bottles) will be made by dialing 8-222 at Hdqtrs.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER GEORGE H. PAUL

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 38

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, JULY 22, 1977

## I. RETIREMENTS

1. The following retirements, in accordance with the provisions and dates indicated, are hereby announced:

| | | C32, G.L. | 0800 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Fire Capt. Walter J. LaMontagne | Eng. Co. 2 | Section 58 | 8-1-77 |
| Fire Lieut. Henry J. Strachan | Lad. Co. 21 | Section 5 | 7-20-77 |
| F.F. Louis J. Civitarese | Eng. Co. 20 | Section 7 | 7-31-77 |

2. Captain LaMontagne was appointed to the department January 22, 1947, promoted to Lieutenant August 17, 1955 and to Captain July 25, 1973. Fire Lieutenant Strachan was appointed January 21, 1948 and promoted to Lieutenant August 15, 1966. Fire Fighter Civitarese was appointed May 20, 1942.

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

## II. RETIREMENT RESCINDED

1. In reference to General Order 37 of 1977 the following retirement has been rescinded:

Fire Fighter John J. O'Brien — Engine Co. 7

## III. TRANSFERS

1. The following transfers will become effective at 0800, July 27, 1977:

| | From | To |
|---|---|---|
| F.F. Gerard W. Lavey | Engine Co. 9 | Ladder Co. 18 |
| F.F. Thomas F. Maguire | Ladder Co. 17 | Ladder Co. 28 |
| F.F. Eugene P. Irwin | Engine Co. 7 | Engine Co. 26 |
| F.F. Stephen M. Nawoichik | Engine Co. 33 | Engine Co. 37 |
| F.F. James J. Carey | Ladder Co. 11 | Ladder Co. 15 |
| F.F. Nicholas R. Tranghese | Engine Co. 11 | Ladder Co. 4 |
| F.F. Daniel McDougall | Ladder Co. 19 | Engine Co. 2 |

2. The following members will be transferred to Personnel Division (Medical) at 0800 July 27, 1977

| | |
|---|---|
| Fire Captain John J. Foscaldo | Engine Co. 3 |
| F.F. William E. Connolly | Ladder Co. 19 |
| F.F. James A. Sheehan | Ladder Co. 24 |
| F.F. Rodney W. Stratton | Ladder Co. 11 |
| F.F. James W. Ranahan | Ladder Co. 14 |
| F.F. Joseph I. Flynn | Engine Co. 45 |
| F.F. John J. Donovan | Ladder Co. 8 |
| F.F. Daniel E. Fitzgerald | Ladder Co. 26 |
| F.F. Edward J. MacDonald | T & R |
| F.F. Edward F. McDonald | Fire Prevention |

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER GEORGE H. PAUL

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 39

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, JULY 29, 1977

## I. RETIREMENTS

1. The following retirements, in accordance with the provisions of Section 5, Chap. 32, G. L., will become effective at 0800, August 1, 1977:

| | |
|---|---|
| Fire Lieut. John A. Rose | Ladder Co. 30 |
| Fire Fighter William G. Lynch | Ladder Co. 8 (effective 7-27-77 |
| F.F. 1st Mar. Engr. Edward L. Forrest | Marine Unit |
| Fire Fighter Alfred E. Langdon | Ladder Co. 28 |
| Fire Fighter Ernest G. Thompson | Ladder Co. 24 |
| Fire Fighter Robert M. Doheney | Engine Co. 32 (Section 58) |

2. Lieut. Rose was appointed to the department September 2, 1942 and promoted to Lieutenant April 13, 1949. Fire Fighter Lynch was appointed September 2, 1942. Engineer Forrest was appointed January 21, 1948 and promoted to 1st Marine Engineer July 31, 1963. Fire Fighters Langdon and Thompson were appointed July 20, 1949. Fire Fighter Doheney was appointed January 22, 1947.

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

4. The retirement date of Lieut. Henry J. Strachan announded in G. O. 38, c. s. should have read 0800, July 21, 1977 and Fire Fighter Louis J. Civitarese's retirement date should have read 0800, August 1, 1977.

## II. TRANSFERS

The following transfers will become effective at 0800, August 3, 1977:

| | From | To |
|---|---|---|
| Fire Capt. Paul A. Christian | Engine Co. 8 | Engine Co. 1 |
| Fire Lieut. Edward J. O'Mara | Engine Co. 20 | T & R Division |
| Fire Lieut. Renzo R. Santangelo | Ladder Co. 13 | Ladder Co. 30 |
| Fire Fighter William G. Sullivan | Ladder Co. 14 | Ladder Co. 9 |
| Fire Fighter Robert E. Habeeb | Engine Co. 28 | Engine Co. 48 |

## . III. RESPONSE TO LOGAN AIRPORT

General Orders No. 40 of 1973, Para. 8 shall be changed to read as follows:

"Boston apparatus responding to Box 612 (Logan Airport Control Tower) and Box 12-6121 (Logan Airport Fire Station) shall proceed via their prescribed routes to the new South Gate located between the Lang Air Freight Building and the Butler Airways Hangar on South Service Road, opposite the Post Office where they will HOLD for an escort to the fire station.

Signs are posted at intersections with 612 in the center of the sign, indicating route to the fire station."

## IV. FIRE ALARM BOX INSTALLED

The following box has been installed, and company commanders shall add it to circuit card 2:

13-1254 Faneuil Hall

## V. FIRE ALARM BOXES DISCONTINUED

The following boxes have been discontinued and company commanders shall delete them from circuit cards indicated:

6138 Summer Street and Orleans Street (circuit 89)
3783 Washington Street and Tyler Street (circuit 57)

## V. HIGH COMMENDATION

Box 4164 was struck for a fire at 46 Mystic Street, Charlestown on June 28, 1977 at 0238 hours. On arrival they were told a man was trapped on the second floor.

Fire Fighter Richard D. Reynolds of Engine Co. 50, detailed to Car 2, immediately entered the building, crawled on his hands and knees to a bedroom on the second floor. He located a man lying on the floor who was unconscious and dragged him out to the landing where members of Engine 50 removed him to the street. Fire Fighter Reynolds suffered from smoke inhalation and burns on both arms.

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Fighter Reynolds for performing this rescue before ventilation had been performed and without the benefit of breathing apparatus.

## VI. COMMENDATION

Fire Fighter John J. Ryan of Ladder Co. 5 is hereby commended for his quick and effective action in applying CPR to a patient at his home and enroute to the hospital where doctors credited him with saving the man's life on July 13, 1977.

## VII. BOSTON FIREFIGHTERS BOOK

For the information of members who ordered copies of the Boston Firefighters Book, the book is completed and has been forwarded to the publisher. Expect shipment in late October. Delay was due to terrific response which allowed for more pages, hence more research for data and pictures. The publisher thanks you for your patience.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER GEORGE H. PAUL

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 40

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, AUGUST 3, 1977

## I. RETIREMENTS

1. The following retirements, in accordance with the provisions of Sect. 5, C. 32, GL, are effective on the dates indicated:

| | | 0800 hrs. |
|---|---|---|
| F.F. (Superintendent of Maintenance) Joseph M. Roper | Maint. Div. | 8-1-77 |
| F.F. (Engr. in Charge) Bernard C. Macdonald | Maint. Div. | 8-1-77 |
| Fire Fighter John J. Sullivan | Eng. Co. 32 | 8-1-77 |
| District Fire Chief Steven H. Ostis | Dist. 10 | 8-5-77 |
| Fire Fighter Nicholas Mazza | Lad. Co. 31 | 8-10-77 |

2. Supt. Roper was appointed to the department September 2, 1942 and promoted to Superintendent of Maintenance on August 4, 1976. Engr. Macdonald was appointed September 1, 1943 and promoted to Engineer in Charge May 5, 1954. Fire Fighter Sullivan was appointed January 22, 1947. Chief Ostis was appointed January 22, 1947, promoted to Lieutenant October 21, 1959, to Captain June 1, 1966 and to District Fire Chief on August 5, 1970. Fire Fighter Mazza was appointed February 9, 1949.

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

## II. ASSIGNMENT OF F.F.O.P.'S

The following have been appointed Fire Fighters on Probation at 0800 hours, August 3, 1977 and assigned as follows:

| | To |
|---|---|
| Stanley Gallow | Ladder Co. 20 |
| Anton L. Cox | Engine Co. 14 |
| Frederick A. Sheffield | Engine Co. 42 |
| Emmanuel W. Lee | Ladder Co. 4 |
| Donald C. Langford | Ladder Co. 21 |
| Wendell L. Childs | Ladder Co. 1 |
| Robert E. Jackson | Aerial Tower 1 |
| Paul L. Hawkesworth | Ladder Co. 17 |
| Johnnie Green | Ladder Co. 19 |
| Sixto E. Jusino, Jr. | Ladder Co. 7 |
| Theodore W. Mathis | Ladder Co. 25 |
| Thaddeus W. Pritchard | Engine Co. 55 |
| Robert G. Vass | Ladder Co. 28 |
| Victor D. Williams | Ladder Co. 1 |
| Frank E. Almeida | Engine Co. 11 |
| Abelardo C. Guzman | Engine Co. 21 |
| Nathaniel Jenkins | Ladder Co. 14 |
| Larry Johnson | Engine Co. 26 |
| Otilio Santiago | Engine Co. 18 |
| Wardell Loftis | Ladder Co. 8 |
| James W. Rodgers | Ladder Co. 26 |
| Edward S. Twitty | Engine Co. 39 |

These members will be detailed to the Training & Research Division for a period of ten weeks, and they will report to their assigned companies for a night tour of duty each Saturday night during their drill school period starting Aug. 27th.

The following Provisional Fire Fighters have been appointed Fire Fighters on Probation at 0800, August 3, 1977:

| | |
|---|---|
| Joseph P. Hurley | Ladder Co. 2 |
| Michael J. Walsh | Engine Co. 26 |
| Michael J. McCarthy | Engine Co. 34 |
| Christopher P. Connolly | Aerial Tower 1 |
| Paul J. Bateman | Ladder Co. 7 |
| Paul T. Burke | Ladder Co. 13 |
| Robert P. Rull | Engine Co. 3 |
| Frederick M. Magrath | Ladder Co. 10 |
| Gerard H. Leahy | Rescue Co. 2 |
| William F. Foley | Engine Co. 39 |
| Gerald F. Spitz | Engine Co. 39 |
| Francis A. Farrell | Ladder Co. 21 |
| John F. McLaughlin | Engine Co. 4 |
| James F. Loftus | Ladder Co. 25 |
| John Lovett | Engine Co. 22 |
| Robert F. Cahill | Engine Co. 3 |
| Frederick L. Finn | Ladder Co. 15 |
| John F. Sullivan | Engine Co. 33 |
| Michael J. Bernier | Ladder Co. 11 |
| Kevin G. Falherty | Engine Co. 43 |
| John M. McSweeney | Ladder Co. 11 |
| Daniel F. Duffy | Engine Co. 24 |

## III. RESPONSE

The response for Box 613 will be the same as for Box 6139.

## IV. UNIFORM REGULATIONS

Company commanders shall read the following rules to all members. Numerous reports have been received at Fire Headquarters that the rules are not being complied with.

Rule 19.7. Members of the uniformed force shall wear the regulation uniform of the department only when on duty or when proceeding to and from duty between their homes and company quarters, except as permitted by the Fire Commissioner, or as otherwise provided for in this section.

Rule 19.8. Members not actually on duty must not use the uniform or any part thereof for the purpose of identifying themselves as members of the department. This rule shall also apply to members of auxiliary divisions who wear any part of a uniform.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER GEORGE H. PAUL

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 41

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, AUGUST 12, 1977

## I. RETIREMENTS

1. The following retirements, in accordance with the provisions indicated, will become effective at 0800, September 1, 1977, with the exception of Captain Freiberg's which was effective at 0800, August 1, 1977:

| | | C32, G. L. |
|---|---|---|
| Fire Captain Charles F. Freiberg | Ladder Co. 23 | Section 5 |
| Fire Lieut. Charles W. Kimball | Engine Co. 39 | Sect. 7 & 94 |
| Fire Lieut. Frank M. Vecchry | Engine Co. 34 | Section 7 |
| Fire Fighter Harold A. Mitchell | Fire Prev. Div. | Section 5 |
| Fire Fighter John J. McHugh | Ladder Co. 11 | Sect. 7 & 94 |
| Fire Fighter John P. Campbell | Ladder Co. 21 | Section 7 |

2. Captain Freiberg was appointed to the department July 16, 1937, promoted to Lieutenant February 5, 1947 and to Fire Captain October 2, 1968. Lieutenant Kimball was appointed January 22, 1947 and promoted to Lieutenant November 4, 1970. Lieutenant Vecchry was appointed April 11, 1951 and promoted to Lieutenant October 28, 1964. Fire Fighter Mitchell was appointed November 3, 1943. Fire Fighter McHugh was appointed January 22, 1947. Fire Fighter Campbell was appointed December 24, 1969.

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

## II. TRANSFERS

The following transfers will become effective at 0800, August 17, 1977:

| | From | To |
|---|---|---|
| Fire Captain John P. Wallace | Engine Co. 12 | Engine Co. 2 |
| Fire Captain James J. McCabe | Ladder Co. 13 | Ladder Co. 23 |
| Fire Lieut. Edmund L. Keif | Engine Co. 4 | Engine Co. 20 |
| Fire Lieut. John F. Finneran | Aerial Tower 2 | Engine Co. 20 |
| Fire Lieut. Walter J. Hanlon | Engine Co. 20 | Aerial Tower 2 |
| F.F. Frank J. Enrici | Engine Co. 45 | Engine Co. 30 |
| F.F. Robert A. DeVincent | Rescue Co. 2 | Engine Co. 45 |
| F.F. Stephen F. Fermano | Engine Co. 41 | Ladder Co. 14 |
| F.F. Joseph J. Comfrey | Rescue Co. 2 | Ladder Co. 28 |
| F.F. Jon G. Nemes | Ladder Co. 16 | Rescue Co. 2 |
| F.F. Simon F. Condon | Ladder Co. 30 | Ladder Co. 17 |
| F.F. Larry P. McLaughlin | Engine Co. 14 | Engine Co. 30 |
| F.F. Joseph B. Foley | Engine Co. 34 | Engine Co. 14 |
| F.F. Joseph F. Hoar | Ladder Co. 30 | Ladder Co. 31 |
| F.F. John D. Eggleton, III | Engine Co. 4 | Rescue Co. 1 |

The following members will be transferred to Personnel Division (Medical) at 0800, August 17, 1977:

| | |
|---|---|
| Fire Lieutenant Bernard D. McMahon | T & R Division |
| Fire Lieutenant Malcolm E. Foley | T & R Division |
| Fire Lieutenant Paul J. Bacci | Engine Co. 8 |
| Fire Fighter James M. Walsh | Engine Co. 48 |
| Fire Fighter William F. Ahern | Engine Co. 4 |
| Fire Fighter Walter F. Whelan | Headquarters |
| Fire Fighter George A. Almeida | Ladder Co. 6 |

## III. CHAPTER 438, G. L.

AN ACT INCREASING THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD FOR CERTAIN FIREFIGHTERS.

"Section 20D of chapter 31 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence, as most recently amended by chapter 62 of the acts of 1976, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-
Except as otherwise expressly provided in this chapter or in section thirty-six of chapter forty-eight, no person shall be regarded as holding office or employment on a full-time basis until he has been appointed to a permanent, full-time position in the official or labor service and has actually performed the duties of the office or position thereof for a probationary period of six months; provided, however, in the case of a person appointed as a regular police officer in any city or town, the metropolitan district police force, or the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority police force or as a capitol police officer or as a firefighter, the probationary period shall be twelve months."

Approved July 18, 1977
Effective October 16, 1977

## IV. HAZARDOUS BUILDINGS

The following buildings are hazardous for fire fighting. In case of fire in these buildings, members shall use extreme caution. They have been posted.

52-54 Winston Rd. 56-58 Winston Rd. 60-62 Winston Rd. - District 8
138-140 Lucerne St. 20 Frontenac Rd. - District 8
8-10-12 Pembroke St. - District 4

## V. COMPANY DRILLS

Officers conducting company drills shall use the instructions for the care and maintenance of respiratory protective equipment accompanying this order as subject matter for the drill period August 14 to August 27, 1977. These instructions are enclosed in plastic and a copy shall be kept at the patrol desk for members to review.

## VI. LETTER OF THANKS

July 21, 1977

Dear Commissioner Paul,

"On Sunday afternoon, July 3, 1977, this Department responded to an alarm of fire for a 2½-story wooden frame dwelling at 67 Prospect Avenue in the Cottage Hill section of our town.

"Upon arrival of the first apparatus on the scene, smoke and fire was observed coming from the second floor of the building, with rapid extension imminent.

"Our Department, as most during this time of year, is operating at less than desired strength because of vacations. Consequently, manpower is at a premium.

"Boston Firefighter John J. Conway, Jr., a member of your Department assigned to Engine Co. 10, was in the area at the time and, upon arrival of our apparatus, immediately and without hesitation went to the assistance of our members, stretching hose lines, raising ladders and, in general, doing whatever possible to assist in the initial attack on this blaze, which was promptly declared a "working fire," resulting in dispatch of two Boston fire companies to our community as "coverage" while our Department was totally committed.

"Although Firefighter Conway received many thanks for his efforts by our personnel at the scene, the Board of Fire Engineers wishes to express our appreciation for his prompt assistance which, no doubt, significantly contributed to our success in containing this fire and halted its further extension to the attic."

Board of Fire Engineers
Signed / Richard N. Bangs, Chief Engineer
Normal E. Gill
David W. Lounsbury, Clerk

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Dear Commissioner Paul:

"I would like to compliment you on the response of your department to Logan Box 12-6121. Their prompt and efficient action aided us greatly in a successful operation.

"I would particularly like to commend District Chief George Rull and men of Ladder Two. The professionalism and outstanding cooperation exhibited by Chief Rull and his men was commendable. Please extend our thanks to the men concerned.

Massachusetts Port Authority
William D. Jeffrey, Act. Chief, Fire Control"

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 44

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, AUGUST 26, 1977

## I. RETIREMENTS

1. The following retirements, in accordance with the provisions of Section 5, C32, G. L., will become effective at 0800, September 1, 1977:

| | |
|---|---|
| Fire Fighter William G. Cudmore | Fire Prevention Division |
| Fire Fighter Peter Miscovitch | Ladder Co. 6 |
| Fire Fighter William E. Connolly | Ladder Co. 19 |

2 Fire Fighter Cudmore was appointed to the department February 3, 1947. Fire Fighter Miscovitch was appointed January 21, 1948. Fire Fighter Connolly was appointed April 7, 1948.

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

## II. RESIGNATION

The following resignation became effective at 0800, August 13, 1977:

Fire Fighter on Probation Anton L. Cox, Engine Co. 14

## III. FIRE ALARM BOX INSTALLED

The following box has been installed, and company commanders shall add it to circuit card #70:

19-1481 Housing for the Elderly, 5 Oak Street West

## IV. COMPANY DRILLS

Officers conducting company drills shall use Standard Operating Procedure No. 21 "Recall System for Use in Case of Emergency" as subject matter for the drill period, August 28 to September 10, 1977.

## V. COMMENDATIONS

1. Working Foreman John Miller and Lineman Robert O'Brien of the Fire Alarm Division discovered a fire at 1909-1911 Columbus Ave. on August 15, 1977. They immediately sounded the alarm, entered the building which was heavily charged with smoke, alerted the occupants, and assisted in evacuation. They rendered first aid to those who were overcome by smoke.

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Working Foreman Miller and Lineman O'Brien for these rescues which undoubtedly averted loss of life and extensive property damage.

2. The department responded to an alarm of fire at 27 B Old Ironsides Way, District 2 on August 9, 1977. On arrival heavy smoke was showing, and they were informed a woman was trapped in the apartment. Fire Lieutenant Edward J. Kavanagh of Engine Co. 50 immediately entered the building to search for her, found her unconscious, and removed her to the street where she was given oxygen by members of Engine Co. 36.

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend Lieut. Kavanagh for this rescue which was made before ventilation had been performed, without a gas mask, and under such trying conditions that he required first aid.

## VI. FIRE ALARM BOXES ESTABLISHED

In the near future the following boxes will be installed, and the circuit numbers will be announced at that time:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 13-1272 | Fidelity Building, 82 Devonshire St. | (Add to assignment card 1272) |
| 12-2235 | Madison Park High School, Bldg. #1 | (Add to assignment card 2235) |
| 13-2235 | Madison Park High School, Bldg. #2 | " |
| 14-2235 | Madison Park High School, Bldg. #3 | " |
| 15-2235 | Madison Park High School, Bldg. #4 | " |
| 16-2235 | Madison Park High School, Bldg. #5 | " |
| 17-2235 | Madison Park High School, Bldg. #6 | " |

## VII. LETTER OF THANKS

Dear Commissioner Paul:

"During the past week I was forced to call the police for help. My brother who is a senior citizen was unable to breathe, and in less time than it takes me to write this letter, Ladder 20 was at the door with the oxygen, and the finest crew of men I have ever seen, also the officers from Division 11. Had it not been for their fine work, my brother would not be alive today.

"I hope you can find a few minutes in your busy day to commend these fine men from Ladder 20.

"With heartfelt thanks and gratitude, I am

Gratefully,

Signed/ Catherine T. Carey
14 Howes St., Dorchester "

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER GEORGE H. PAUL

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 45

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, AUGUST 31, 1977

## I. ASSIGNMENT OF F.F.O.P.'S

The following have been appointed Fire Fighters on Probation at 0800 hours, August 31, 1977:

| | To |
|---|---|
| John E. Stewart | Engine Co. 5 |
| Henry Daise | Engine Co. 25 |
| Louis A. Velazquez | Engine Co. 24 |
| Ronald R. Ross | Engine Co. 12 |
| Walter W. Joy | Ladder Co. 5 |
| Shawn K. Dinkins | Engine Co. 45 |
| Israel Amos | Ladder Co. 6 |
| Dolores Curet | Engine Co. 7 |
| Kenneth I. Price | Engine Co. 43 |
| Gilberto Quinchia | Engine Co. 17 |
| Kenneth W. Reddick | Ladder Co. 15 |
| Robert L. Riggins | Ladder Co. 1 |
| Eddie Rodgers | Engine Co. 4 |
| James D. Davison | Engine Co. 52 |
| Willie J. Clark | Ladder Co. 10 |
| Isaiah Cleckley, Jr. | Engine Co. 20 |
| Paul Hicks | Engine Co. 1 |
| Jesse B. Jones | Engine Co. 56 |
| Gladstone L. Weeks | Engine Co. 32 |
| Zachary D. White | Engine Co. 30 |
| Alfredo Herrera | Ladder Co. 23 |
| Albert Lowe | Engine Co. 9 |
| Elijah E. Magee | Ladder Co. 29 |
| Hiram K. Ortega | Ladder Co. 4 |
| Rafael Sosa | Engine Co. 14 |
| Robert Bullock | Aerial Tower 2 |
| Carl R. Jones | Ladder Co. 16 |
| Jose R. Nieves | Ladder Co. 13 |
| Ismael Perez | Engine Co. 17 |

These members will be detailed to the Training & Research Division for a period of ten weeks, and they will report to their assigned companies for a night tour of duty each Saturday night during their drill school period starting September 24, 1977.

The following Provisional Fire Fighters have been appointed Fire Fighters on Probation at 0800, August 31, 1977:

| | |
|---|---|
| James A. Stokinger | Ladder Co. 16 |
| James R. Oliver | Ladder Co. 2 |
| Frank E. Hawe | Aerial Tower 1 |
| Richard J. Johnson | Engine Co. 36 |
| Thomas M. Murphy | Engine Co. 34 |
| Kevin G. Mitchell | Engine Co. 56 |
| William M. Manning | Engine Co. 51 |
| Peter R. Martenelli | Engine Co. 56 |
| James M. Morrison | Engine Co. 29 |
| Richard M. Toohey | Ladder Co. 10 |
| | |
| Edmund L. Keif | Engine Co. 25 |
| Stephen F. Fermano | Ladder Co. 14 |
| Salvatore R. Russo | Engine Co. 11 |
| John T. Coppney | Engine Co. 56 |
| Ronald F. Petrucci | Ladder Co. 25 |
| Patrick J. McDonough | Ladder Co. 11 |
| Douglas M. Titcomb | Engine Co. 50 |
| James P. McCusker | Ladder Co. 30 |
| John J. Baxter | Ladder Co. 22 |
| William T. Connors | Engine Co. 25 |
| | |
| James J. Cahill | Engine Co. 39 |
| Michael J. Morrissey | Engine Co. 41 |
| Richard Ryan | Engine Co. 34 |
| Lawrence B. Curran | Engine Co. 1 |
| Paul B. Walsh | Engine Co. 9 |
| Mark G. Callahan | Engine Co. 17 |
| Richard T. Davis | Engine Co. 50 |
| Steven M. Murphy | Ladder Co. 2 |

## II. RIFLE HONOR GUARD

Rifle Honor Guard drills for September will be on the 8th and 22nd from 1800 to 2230 hours at the Fire Academy.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER GEORGE H. PAUL

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 46

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 2, 1977

## I. RETIREMENTS

1. The following retirements, in accordance with the provisions of Sect. 5, C. 32, GL, are effective on the dates indicated:

| | | 0800 hrs. |
|---|---|---|
| F.F. John J. O'Brien | Eng. Co. 7 | 9.15.77 |
| F.F. Thomas F. Lane | Eng. Co. 48 | 9.22.77 |
| F.F. Daniel G. Finnerty | Eng. Co. 55 | 9.06.77 |

2. Fire Fighter O'Brien was appointed to the department September 1, 1943. Fire Fighter Lane was appointed January 22, 1947. Fire Fighter Finnerty was appointed February 3, 1947.

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

## II. PROMOTIONS

1. The following Fire Lieutenants will be promoted to Fire Captains and transferred at 0800, September 7, 1977:

| | FROM | TO |
|---|---|---|
| Fire Lieut. Joseph P. Cleary | Lad. Co. 19 | Eng. Co. 3 |
| Fire Lieut. Joseph C. Frackleton | Lad. Co. 24 | Eng. Co. 11 |
| Fire Lieut. William P. Mc Dermott | Eng. Co. 53 | Eng. Co. 8 |

2. The following Fire Fighters will be promoted to Fire Lieutenants and transferred at 0800, September 7, 1977:

| | FROM | TO |
|---|---|---|
| Fire Fighter Charles F. Lamb | Eng. Co. 48 | Headquarters |
| Fire Fighter Ronald E. Marston | Eng. Co. 8 | Headquarters |
| Fire Fighter Paul D. Hurley | Lad. Co. 26 | Aerial Tower 1 |
| Fire Fighter Dennis G. Callanan | Eng. Co. 37 | Lad. Co. 13 |
| Fire Fighter Paul M. Lentini | Eng. Co. 14 | Headquarters |
| Fire Fighter Walter J. Wyse | Aerial Tower 1 | Headquarters |
| Fire Fighter John E. Conway | Aerial Tower 1 | Headquarters |
| Fire Fighter John J. Evans | Eng. Co. 2 | Headquarters |
| Fire Fighter Paul J. Greene | Eng. Co. 20 | Lad. Co. 24 |
| Fire Fighter John F. Hasson | Eng. Co. 14 | Lad. Co. 13 |
| Fire Fighter Robert E. Grenier | Eng. Co. 18 | Eng. Co. 4 |
| Fire Fighter Jean A. Pillard | Eng. Co. 16 | Lad. Co. 21 |
| Fire Fighter Paul O. Kelley | Eng. Co. 18 | Eng. Co. 34 |

## III. TRANSFERS

The following transfers will become effective at 0800, September 7, 1977:

| | FROM | TO |
|---|---|---|
| Fire Lieut. Charles E. Graul | Aerial Tower 1 | Lad. Co. 19 |
| Fire Lieut. Paul D. Crimmins | Lad. Co. 13 | Eng. Co. 53 |
| Fire Fighter Robert P. Williams | Eng. Co. 40 | Eng. Co. 4 |
| Fire Fighter Kevin G. Mitchell | Eng. Co. 56 | Lad. Co. 21 |
| Fire Fighter John Lovett | Eng. Co. 22 | Lad. Co. 29 |
| Fire Fighter Robert F. Brooks | Lad. Co. 29 | Aerial Tower 2 |
| Fire Fighter William F. Mc Caffrey | Eng. Co. 36 | Eng. Co. 32 |

The following members will be transfered to the Personnel Division (Medical) at 0800, September 7, 1977:

| | |
|---|---|
| Fire Lieut. Robert Byrne | Eng. Co. 34 |
| Fire Fighter Francis D. Gunning | Marine Unit |
| Fire Fighter Robert M. Ceurvels | Eng. Co. 10 |

## IV. LETTERS OF THANKS

Dear Commissioner Paul:

"On Thursday night last, at approximately 6 p.m., a fire started in a basement room of the Kennedy Center at 27 Winthrop Street. That fire and resulting damage was contained only by the prompt response and efficient action of Charlestown's Engine Company 50 of the Boston Fire Department.

"We would, therefore, like to take this opportunity to commend all of the fine men of that Company; and, in particular, Firefighters John Upton and Vincent Scalli, who observed and reported the fire and secured the key to the building. Under the able direction of Lieutenant Richard Morrissey, the men of the Company entered the building and extinguished the fire with remarkably little damage to the parts of the structure not directly involved. In fact, despite necessary entrance through a storage room for ceramic crafts, not one of these fragile pieces was even slightly disturbed.

"Again, we salute your Department and the men of our Charlestown companies for their dedication and performance. And, although we have always recognized and respected their outstanding reputation, it is in circumstances like this that we can truly appreciate the continuing basis for it.

"Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Signed/ John T. Gardiner
Executive Director

Maurice J. Gillen
President"

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER GEORGE H. PAUL

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 47

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 9, 1977

## I. RETIREMENTS

1. The following retirements, in accordance with the provisions of Sect. 5, C. 32, G.L., are effective on the dates indicated:

| | | 0800 hrs. |
|---|---|---|
| F.F. Robert M. Ceurvels | Engine Co. 10 | 9.16.77 |
| F.F. George E. Doherty | Fire Prevention Div. | 9.7.77 |

2. Fire Fighter Robert Ceurvels was appointed to the department January 29, 1947. Fire Fighter George Doherty was appointed December 21, 1949.

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

## II. RETIREMENT RESCINDED

1. In reference of General Order 46 of 1977, the following retirement has been rescinded:

F. F. Daniel G. Finnerty — Engine Co. 55

## III. HAZARDOUS BUILDING

The building at 693 Washington Street, Boston is hazardous for fire fighting. In case of fire in this building, members shall use extreme caution. The building is posted.

## IV. COMPANY DRILLS

Officers conducting company drills shall use Standard Operating Procedure No. 13 "Response to Fire and other Emergencies" as subject matter for the drill period, September 11 to September 24, 1977. If the drill item is completed prior to the end of a training period, officers may hold drills on box and hydrant locations, routes, special equipment etc.

## V. LETTER OF THANKS

To Boston Fire Department Members:

"The family of William Dowd will be forever thankful and grateful for the blood donations he received during a severe illness. He is feeling better and on the road to recovery. We will always remember all firefighters in our prayers. Again, many thanks,

Signed/ Mrs. James Dowd (Mother)
John C. Mc Cue, Ladder Co. 23"

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER GEORGE H. PAUL

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 48

September 16, 1977

## I. RESIGNATION

The following resignation became effective at 0800, September 15, 1977:

Fire Fighter on Probation Zachary D. White, Engine Co. 30

## II. TRANSFERS

The following transfers will become effective at 0800, September 21, 1977:

| | FROM | TO |
|---|---|---|
| Fire Lieut. John F. Hasson | Ladder Co. 13 | Engine Co. 8 |
| Fire Lieut. John J. Evans | Headquarters | Ladder Co. 13 |
| Fire Fighter George P. Hession | Engine Co. 18 | Engine Co. 55 |
| Fire Fighter James W. McNamara | Ladder Co. 30 | Engine Co. 18 |
| Fire Fighter Daniel E. Fitzgerald | Personnel (Medical) | Ladder Co. 26 |
| Fire Fighter Roger E. Shea | Personnel (Medical) | Maint. Division |

## III. FIRE ALARM BOXES INSTALLED

The following boxes have been installed, and company commanders will add them to their respective circuit cards:

| | |
|---|---|
| 12 - 1413 | Federal Reserve Bank - 600 Atlantic Avenue - Cct. 55 |
| 12 - 2235 | Madison Park High School - 55 New Dudley St.-Cct. 22 |
| 13 - 2235 | Madison Park High School - 55 New Dudley St.-Cct. 81 |
| 14 - 2235 | Madison Park High School - 55 New Dudley St.-Cct. 27 |
| 16 - 2235 | Madison Park High School - 55 New Dudley St.-Cct. 81 |
| 17 - 2235 | Madison Park High School - 55 New Dudley St.-Cct. 22 |

## IV. CHANGE IN DESIGNATION OF FIRE ALARM BOXES

The designation of the following boxes have been changed, and company commanders will make the change on the assignment cards:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 14 - 7221 | South Boston Medical Building | 386 Broadway |
| 13 - 7312 | South Boston Heights Academy | East Third St. near I St. |
| 12 - 3681 | Mattahunt School | 125 Alabama Street |

## V. FIRE ALARM BOX DISCONTINUED

The following box has been discontinued and company commander shall delete it from circuit card indicated:

12 - 3621 Audubon School 436 Harvard Street (circuit 31)

## VI. HAZARDOUS BUILDING

The building located at 15 Tucker Street, Dorchester is hazardous for fire fighting. In case of fire in this building, members shall use extreme caution. The building will be placarded.

VII. RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: by the City Council of the City of Revere, that the members of the Fire Department, Police Department and Public Works Department be commended for their efforts on the evening of August 23, 1977, on containing the fire at premises located at the corner of Shirley Avenue and Walnut Avenue; their maintaining of order and the free passage of traffic at the scene of the fire; and the cleaning process that followed.

Further Ordered, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the surrounding communities who helped assist at said fire, and also, that a copy be forwarded to the MDC.

In City Council, September 6, 1977
ADOPTED on an affirmative vote.
Attest: Joseph F. McChristal, City Clerk
(signed)

APPROVED by Mayor William G. Reinstein
September 12, 1977"

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER GEORGE H. PAUL

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 50

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 23, 1977

## I. RETIREMENTS

1. The following retirements, in accordance with the provisions indicated, will become effective at 0800, October 1, 1977:

| | |
|---|---|
| F. F. Aide to Deputy Chief James L. Glasheen | Ladder Company 8-S7, 94, C32 GL |
| F. F. Robert G. Brady | Ladder Company 25-S7, 94, 94A,C32 GL |

2. Fire Fighter Glasheen was appointed to the department January 29, 1947. Fire Fighter Brady was appointed April 23, 1952.

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

## II. COMPANY DRILLS

Officers conducting company drills shall use Standard Operating Procedure No. 20 "House Patrol" as subject matter for the drill period September 25 to October 15, 1977. If the drill item is completed prior to the end of a training period, officers may hold drills on box and hydrant locations, routes, special equipment, etc.

BY ORDER OF ACTING FIRE COMMISSIONER JOSEPH M. CLASBY

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 51

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, OCTOBER 3, 1977

## I. CHANGE IN DESIGNATION OF FIRE ALARM BOXES

7511 - Boston Marine Industrial Park - A Street between Buildings 30 & 53
7521 - Boston Marine Industrial Park - Dry Dock Ave. East End at Pier #10
7531 - Boston Marine Industrial Park - Pier #1 and aux. Midway on Pier
7541 - Boston Marine Industrial Park - Fire Station, Building #29 (aux.)
7536 - Building #56 - Northwest Corner

Company Commanders will make the above changes on assignment cards.

## II. FIRE ALARM BOXES ESTABLISHED

The following boxes will be installed in the near future:

14 - 531 Washington - Corey Elderly Housing - 20 Washington Street
16 - 1271 Easton Building - 15 State Street
12 - 1371 Boston Athenaeum - 10½ Beacon Street

Company Commanders will add the above boxes to their respective assignment cards. Circuit numbers will be announced when the boxes are installed.

## III. RESIGNATION

The following resignation became effective at 1700 hours, September 27, 1977:
Fire Fighter on Probation Stanley Gallow, Ladder Co. 20

## IV. NATIONAL APPOINTMENT

District Fire Chief John D. White has been appointed to the National Fire Prevention and Control Administration for one year beginning October 1, 1977.

Chief White will assist in setting the curricula for the Fire Academy in Executive Development for fire officers and fire service instructors.

Chief White's appointment to this important position brings great credit to this Department, and it also indicates the high esteem the National Fire Academy has for the officers and members of the Boston Fire Department.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER GEORGE H. PAUL

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 52

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, OCTOBER 5, 1977

# FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

1. Fire Prevention Week will be observed in the City of Boston from Oct. 9 to Oct. 15, 1977, inclusive. Mayor Kevin H. White has issued the following statement in connection with the observance of this week.

"The success of a fire prevention program is predicated on the activities of an experienced fire department and the cooperative assistance received from members of the community. We are fortunate in Boston that these necessary elements exist, and thus fire safety has steadily progressed. The nature of fire and fire causes is such that negligence can lead to disaster. Hence, everlasting vigilance must be maintained. The Fire Department must provide initiative to the public at all times, for their greater safety from fire.

"I have noted the progress made by the Boston Fire Department in the field of research. The efforts expended in this area have been extensive and rewarding. As Mayor of this city, I am pleased to congratulate the fire department for their accomplishments in this respect. The results indicate that research such as this is a most important factor in future fire safety. This added to the continous fire prevention work, and the efficient operations of an excellent fire fighting force contribute to make Boston a safer city."

2. The Boston Fire Department will again emphasize Fire Prevention Week with a series of activities as follows:

(a) Fire stations shall be open to the public between the hours of 1200 and 2000 for inspection of the premises and for the conveyance of information concerning the fire department functions and fire prevention matters. When citizens come to a station during fire prevention week, the man on house patrol shall summon the commanding officer who should be available and ready to either show the visitors around the station and to answer the questions regarding the department, or to have a suitable person assigned to this duty.

(b) Canvas signs giving notice that Fire Prevention Week is in progress should be displayed from all fire stations. Most stations have these signs in their possession from exhibitions of pervious years, and it is the responsibility of company officers to see to it that these signs are kept in good condition from year to year. Signs should be displayed from Sunday to Saturday. Signs shall be checked daily by the officer in charge of quarters to assure they are firmly affixed to the building in a proper manner.

3. District Fire Chiefs are directed to take an active interest in fire prevention programs in the following manner:

(a) By making arrangements with the various plants and industrial enterprises within the district to hold fire drills during the week, by grading these drills as "Good", "Fair", or "Poor", and making a report of same to the Fire Prevention Division, indicating the name of the enterprise, the date of the drill and the grade. Same should be forwarded promptly. Each concern should be requested

to acknowledge participation in Fire Prevention Week activities via written correspondence. These drills should be conducted by a company officer after arrangements are made. At plants where there are special or company fire brigades, particular attention should be given to assignments and/or response procedures. It is requested that the name of the company officer conducting the drill be furnished. It is anticipated that not less than three drills be conducted in each district.

(b) Due to conditions at various schools throughout the city, fire prevention activities will be held during Fire Prevention Week at the discretion of the Headmaster. Company officers will contact school officials in the schools in their subdistrict and make arrangements to hold the required fire exit drills during Fire Prevention Week, if feasible. The fire exit drill shall be so arranged that it will be held ten minutes prior to the end of the school day.

4. The district fire chief should compile a list of fraternal, social, civic and professional organizations within the district and advertise to them the willingness of the Fire Department to provide company officers for the purpose of lecturing on Fire Prevention at any time. District fire chiefs should make a concerted effort to bring the activities of the department before these organizations and arrange for lectures to be given. The name of any organization so participating should be reported to Fire Prevention Division, specifically if the organization can be urged to forward on their own stationery a notation of the event, it would be to the greater advantage of the Fire Department.

5. Fire Fighters are to pay special attention to the observance of fire hazards and to the duty of observing and locating fire hazards along the route followed by them in their coming to and going from daily work. Dilapidated buildings, rubbish accumulation, and other hazards should be reported to the Fire Prevention Division. The public expects, uniformed members of the Fire Department to know something about fire prevention work and to have an interest in this subject since they are public employees engaged in this field. Fire Fighters, therefore, during Fire Prevention Week should have this subject uppermost in their minds, and they should not pass a fire hazard at any time without making a note of it for reference to the Fire Prevention Division. In short, every uniformed man in the Fire Department is a fire prevention inspector at all times.

6. Company commanders, on receipt of the Fire Prevention posters, will post these items in a suitable location at the front of each fire station where they will be visible to the public. They will remain posted until October 16, 1977.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER GEORGE H. PAUL

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 53

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, OCTOBER 7, 1977

## I. DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF THOMAS J. MC GRATH

It is with deep regret that the Fire Commissioner announces the death on September 30, 1977 of District Fire Chief Thomas J. Mc Grath of Headquarters Division. Chief Mc Grath was appointed to the department October 16, 1940, promoted to Fire Lieutenant January 31, 1951, to Fire Captain April 3, 1968, and to District Fire Chief on May 4, 1977.

The funeral was held from the John F. O'Brien Funeral Home, 146 Dorchester Street, South Boston at 0900 hours Monday, October 3, 1977, followed by a Funeral Mass in Gate of Heaven Church, South Boston at 1000 hours.

The Fire Commissioner made the customary detail to act as funeral escort and members of Aerial Tower 1, Training & Research Division, Fire Prevention Division and Headquarters were excused to attend the services.

## II. ASSIGNMENT OF F.F.O.P.'S

The following Provisional Fire Fighters will be appointed Fire Fighters on Probation at 0800, Wednesday, October 12, 1977:

| | |
|---|---|
| Richard P. Cetrone | Ladder Co. 22 |
| Richard T. Doyle | Ladder Co. 10 |
| Thomas L. Conley | Engine Co. 34 |
| Robert K. Ferrara | Engine Co. 11 |
| Gerard A. Yanovitch | Ladder Co. 2 |
| Stephen A. Holmes | Engine Co. 11 |
| Roger N. Denn | Engine Co. 5 |

## III. TRANSFERS

The following transfers will become effective at 0800, October 12, 1977:

| | FROM | TO |
|---|---|---|
| Dist. Fire Chief Patrick J. Roache | District 5 | District 10 |
| Dist. Fire Chief Roy Stanley | District 4 | District 12 |
| Dist. Fire Chief Paul B. McNiff | District 3 | District 4 |
| Dist. Fire Chief Chester Eastman | T&R Division | Special Service |
| Dist. Fire Chief Francis Cody | District 11 | T&R Division |
| Dist. Fire Chief Raymond Morse | Special Service | District 5 |
| Dist. Fire Chief Paul Callaghan | Special Service | District 11 |
| Dist. Fire Chief Vincent Kane | Special Service | District 3 |
| Dist. Fire Chief Gerald Walton | Headquarters | Special Services |
| Dist. Fire Chief John Sullivan | Headquarters | Special Services |

| | FROM | TO |
|---|---|---|
| Fire Lieut. Edward J. Kavanaugh | Engine Co. 50 | Ladder Co. 15 |
| Fire Lieut. John E. Conway | Headquarters | Engine Co. 29 |
| Fire Lieut. Alfred E. Venezia | Engine Co. 29 | Engine Co. 50 |
| Fire Fighter William G. Feeney | Engine Co. 37 | Ladder Co. 9 |
| Fire Fighter Matthew Mc Donagh | Engine Co. 12 | Engine Co. 4 |
| Fire Fighter Walter F. Hurley | Engine Co. 12 | Engine Co. 37 |
| Fire Fighter Robert T. Gorman | Engine Co. 12 | Engine Co. 29 |
| Fire Fighter Gerard W. Lavey | Ladder Co. 18 | Engine Co. 1 |
| Fire Fighter Francis X. Feeney | Engine Co. 1 | Ladder Co. 18 |
| Fire Fighter Arthur E. Hitchman | Aerial Tower I | Engine Co. 12 |
| Fire Fighter Joseph W. Mandeville | Engine Co. 26 | Engine Co. 45 |
| Fire Fighter John F. Brennan | Engine Co. 4 | Engine Co. 26 |
| Fire Fighter James F. Cooley | Engine Co. 37 | Engine Co. 55 |
| Fire Fighter Andrew O'Halloran | Engine Co. 29 | Engine Co. 37 |
| Fire Fighter Thomas J. Sullivan | Engine Co. 42 | Engine Co. 55 |
| Fire Fighter Fred Ellis, Jr. | Ladder Co. 8 | Rescue Co. 1 |
| Fire Fighter Paul S. Rankin | Rescue Co. 1 | Ladder Co. 8 |
| Fire Fighter Joseph M. Greenwood | Ladder Co. 4 | Ladder Co. 5 |
| Fire Fighter Joseph R. Jackson | Engine Co. 11 | Engine Co. 33 |
| Fire Fighter William J. Hegarty | Engine Co. 26 | Engine Co. 12 |

The following members will be transferred to the Personnel Division (Medical) at 0800, October 12, 1977:

| | |
|---|---|
| Dist. Fire Chief George Comfrey | District 12 |
| Fire Lieut. Francis McLaughlin | Ladder Co. 15 |
| Fire Fighter Alfred R. Sears | Ladder Co. 28 |
| Fire Fighter Joseph Benson | Engine Co. 51 |
| Fire Fighter Martin J. Rush | Ladder Co. 28 |
| Fire Fighter John J. Handren | Engine Co. 55 |
| Fire Fighter Theodore M. Brown | Aerial Tower #1 |

## IV. HOUSE JOURNALS

Company commanders shall submit a Form 5 on or before October 15, 1977 stating the number of House Journals which will be required for use at the Patrol Desks in their respective companies for the year beginning October 15, 1977.

## V. DRESS UNIFORM JACKET

District Chiefs, Captains, Lieutenants and permanent District Chief Drivers who have not already received the dress jacket shall submit a Form 23A to the Clothing Department requesting same. Delete Overcoat on the Form and insert the word Jacket.

Dear Commissioner Paul:

"I wish to thank and to commend to you the firemen from the Boylston St. / Back Bay Group 3 who responded to the dawn fire at 6 Gloucester Street in early August. The men performed their duties efficiently and capably, and went far beyond the minimum level of service required to perform their duties. One fireman rescued me and my roommate from a potentially hazardous situation by helping us evacuate our building, ordering us to descend a smoky stairwell that to the ordinary person appeared unsafe. The fireman, through his training and experience, was able to make a judgment that we were not qualified to make in determining that the level of smoke was not dangerous, and made it possible for us to vacate an apartment that was rapidly filling with dangerous levels of smoke.

"The team of firemen who covered our building, which is adjacent to the building that burned, managed to open all doors and windows, to keep smoke damage to a minimum, to prevent all other forms of structural damage, and to prevent all units from vandalism and theft while they were wide open for a period of time.

"I understand that two firemen sustained injuries as a result of this fire, and was pleased to learn that they recovered rapidly. I should very much appreciate it if you would relate to them my appreciation for their efforts. I should like to add that several other residents of 4 Gloucester Street expressed sentiments similar to mine regarding the fine service provided by these men. kj

Signed/Margaret Lee Bland

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER GEORGE H. PAUL

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 54

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, OCTOBER 14, 1977

## I. RETIREMENTS

1. The following retirement, in accordance with the provisions of Section 5, Chapter 32, G. L., became effective at 1700, October 12, 1977:

Head Clerk & Secretary Mary A. Hurley  Headquarters Division

2. The following retirements, in accordance with the provisions and dates indicated, are hereby announced:

| | | GENERAL LAWS | 0800 |
|---|---|---|---|
| F.F. John T. Mc Namara | Eng. Co. 16 | S58, C32, GL | 10.5.77 |
| F.F. Leonard F. Hansford | Lad. Co. 2 | S58, C32, GL | 10.12.77 |
| F.F. James J. Barry | Lad. Co. 31 | S5, C32, GL | 11.1.77 |

3. Head Clerk & Secretary Hurley was appointed to the department as Clerk & Stenographer September 23, 1942, promoted to Senior Clerk & Stenographer April 2, 1952, promoted to Principal Clerk & Stenographer September 5, 1956 and Head Clerk & Secretary May 15, 1957. Fire Fighter Mc Namara was appointed June 2, 1948. Fire Fighter Hansford was appointed January 22, 1947. Fire Fighter Barry was appointed December 27, 1945.

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

## II. HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS

The external conditions of Lincoln Wharf, which is the area located at the rear of the discontinued M.B.T.A. electrical Power Plant on Commercial Street, is in hazardous condition. In the event of another fire involving the coal pocket located on this wharf, it is recommended that land company members use extreme caution with regards to the following:

> Many holes and loose and rotted planking were noted on all sides of the coal pocket, particularly on the side at the extreme end of the pier and on the side adjacent to Union Wharf. Caution should be used by members not to walk along the two passage ways which run under and along the entire length of the coal pocket. There are also many heavy metal hoppers or chutes built into the overhead along these passages which are in poor condition and could break loose. The roof and stairway (outside) located at the head of the structure leading to the roof are also in very poor condition. Please note that the oil has been removed from the tanks located at the rear of the Power Plant. This building has been posted.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER GEORGE H. PAUL

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 55

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, OCTOBER 20, 1977

## I. FIRE FIGHTER THOMAS A. FAY

It is with deep regret that the Fire Commissioner announces the death on October 17, 1977 of Fire Fighter Thomas A. Fay of Engine Company 4. Fire Fighter Fay was appointed to the department September 9, 1964.

The funeral was held from the Thomas D. Russell Funeral Home, 1644 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester at 0800 hours, Thursday, October 20, 1977 followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Ambrose Church, 240 Adams Street, Dorchester at 0900 hours.

The Fire Commissioner made the customary detail to act as funeral escort, and members of Engine Company 4, Training & Research Division, Fire Prevention Division and Headquarters were excused to attend the services.

## II. RETIREMENT

The following retirement in accordance with the provision of Sect. 5, Chap. 32, G. L. became effective at 1700 hours, October 15, 1977:

Anna E. Glynn  Custodial Worker  Headquarters Division

Custodial Worker Glynn was appointed to the Boston City Hospital September 7, 1949 and transferred to the Boston Fire Department May 17, 1961. She leaves the department with the best wishes of her associates.

## III. FIRE ALARM BOXES INSTALLED

The following boxes have been installed, and company commanders will add them to their respective circuit cards:

| | | | Circuit Card No. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 12-1256 | Faneuil Hall Market Place #2 | 2 So. Market St. | 2 |
| 21-2363 | Mass. College of Pharmacy | 179 Longwood Ave. | 90 |
| 12-72 | MBTA, Dorchester Ave. & W. 4th St. Rapid Tran. Shop | | 33 |
| 12-1251 | Housing for Elderly | 190 Commercial St. | 3 |
| 15-72 | MBTA, Dorchester Ave. & W. 4th St. Bus Garage | | 33 |
| 13-72 | MBTA, Dorchester Ave. & W. 4th St. Police Bldg. & Vehicle Storage | | 74 |

## IV. CHANGE IN DESIGNATION OF FIRE ALARM BOX

. The designation of the following box has been changed and company commanders will make the change on the assignment card:

12-2417  Language & Cognitive Development Center Inc.  11 Wyman St.

## V. LETTERS OF THANKS

Dear Commissioner Paul:

"On Tuesday, October 11, 1977, at about two in the morning, I discovered a fire burning my front entrance way.

"My wife gathered up our two children and we went out the back door to await the fire department.

"In the space of two to three minutes, I heard the fire equipment coming up Main Street. The first engine reached the front door, the man in charge sized up the situation, and the fire was contained in a short period. Then, other firemen began a careful and methodical check of all areas of the building.

"You, as a firefighter, must know of my relief that no one in my family was injured. But I also wish to express my gratitude and admiration for the way the men in this group, Group 4, handled the entire situation.

"After removing the threat of the fire, your men checked all the electrical circuits, the gas fixtures to the furnace and to the hot water heater. Meanwhile, somebody had gone up and opened every window on the second and third floor so that the smoke and smell would disappear. Soon after, one of the men asked myself and possible witnesses for information about the fire.

"Throughout the whole fire "mess", it was a great comfort to be able to depend on professional firefighters who cared for my family as they would their own.

"Please pass on my words of very real thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Signed/Kevin Roche"

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Dear Commissioner Paul:

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank the men of Engine Company 18 in Dorchester.

"On July 25, 1977, I was unfortunate in having a very serious fire in my home. The fire took place at approximately 3 A.M. I placed a call to the Fire Department and within minutes they responded to my call.

"The men were kind and compassionate to my children and myself. I am very grateful.

Sincerely,

Dear Commissioner Paul:

"Just a few words to inform you of the wonderful job the Firefighters from Ladder Co. 29, Blue Hill Avenue, did for my husband on the night of October 10th.

"My husband was detailed that night on Group 4 with Lieut. Steve McLaughlin, Bob Kilduff and Paul Hynes. They encounted a fire and he was strickened with a heart attack. I'm sure his life was saved by their prompt action, in speeding him to the Carney Hospital and administering oxygen on the way.

"I'm proud to be a wife of a Firefighter in this wonderful organization.

Sincerely,

Signed/Peg Curran"

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER GEORGE H. PAUL

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 56

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, NOVEMBER 4, 1977

## I. RETIREMENTS

The following retirements, in accordance with the provisions indicated, became effective at 0800, November 1, 1977:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| F.F. Joseph P. Boyd | Engine Company 50 | S5, C32, GL |
| Fire Lieut. Bernard D. McMahon | Training & Research Div. | S7, 94, C32, GL |
| F.F. Bernard F. Pritchard | Engine Company 16 | S7, 94, C32, GL |
| F.F. Charles J. Kelly | Engine Company 30 | S7, C32, GL |

Fire Fighter Boyd was appointed to the department January 22, 1947. Fire Lieutenant Mc Mahon was appointed January 21, 1948 and promoted to Lieutenant June 29, 1960. Fire Fighter Pritchard was appointed April 27, 1949. Fire Fighter Kelly was appointed December 24, 1969.

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

## II. RESIGNATION

The following resignation became effective at 0800, October 31, 1977:

F.F. Bruce Fabyan, Marine Unit

## III. CHANGE IN RESPONSE

Company commanders shall make the following change on the assignment card:

Box 1612 - 2nd alarm response A. T. #1, L. 18

## IV. CHANGE IN DESIGNATION OF FIRE ALARM BOXES

The designation of the following boxes have been changed, and company commanders shall make the change on the assignment cards:

2312 - Beacon Street, Opposite #664
3352 - Engine House #24 - 36 Washington Street

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER GEORGE H. PAUL

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 57

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, NOVEMBER 18, 1977

## I. RETIREMENT

The following retirement, in accordance with the provisions of Section 7, 94, Chapter 32, G. L. will become effective at 0800 hours, December 1, 1977:

Fire Lieut. Malcolm E. Foley  Training & Research Division

Fire Lieutenant Foley was appointed to the department June 11, 1947 and promoted to Lieutenant October 28, 1964.

Lieutenant Foley leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

## II. TRANSFERS

The following transfers will become effective at 0800 hours, Wednesday, November 23, 1977:

| | FROM | TO |
|---|---|---|
| Fire Lieut. Roy E. Burrill | Engine Co. 12 | Headquarters |
| Fire Lieut. George H. Ruston | Engine Co. 12 | Engine Co. 48 |
| Fire Lieut. Richard Lawler | Engine 48 | Fire Prevention |
| Fire Lieut. Benjamin E. Brown, Jr. | Ladder Co. 4 | Engine Co. 12 |
| Fire Lieut. William Hayhurst | Headquarters | Ladder Co. 4 |
| Fire Lieut. Joseph L. Mc Pherson | Engine Co. 43 | Training & Research |
| Fire Lieut. Paul O. Kelley | Engine Co. 34 | Engine Co. 43 |
| Fire Lieut. Walter J. Wyse | Headquarters | Engine Co. 34 |
| Fire Lieut. Paul M. Lentine | Headquarters | Engine Co. 25 |
| Fire Lieut. Ronald E. Marston | Headquarters | Engine Co. 12 |
| F.F. Patrick J. Smith | Engine Co. 52 | Rescue Co. 2 |
| F.F. James Flynn | Ladder Co. 24 | Fire Prevention |
| F.F. John C. Mc Cue | Ladder Co. 23 | Ladder Co. 28 |
| F.F. Joseph Doyle | Ladder Co. 16 | Fire Prevention |
| F.F. Stephen K. Morrison | Engine Co. 9 | Engine Co. 37 |
| F.F. Walter Austin | Ladder Co. 4 | Fire Prevention |
| F.F. Joseph M. Hughes | Ladder Co. 26 | Rescue Co. 2 |
| F.F. Victor Leazott | Headquarters | Fire Prevention |
| F.F. Gerard F. Lucas | Ladder Co. 30 | Engine Co. 24 |
| F.F. Thomas J. Fogel | Engine Co. 24 | Engine Co. 48 |

The following members will be transferred to the Personnel Division (Medical) at 0800 hours, Wednesday, November 23, 1977:

| | |
|---|---|
| Fire Lieut. John P. ~~Wood~~ WARD | Engine Co. 25 |
| F.F. Harold Simpson | Ladder Co. 13 |
| F.F. Francis R. Davis | Rescue.Co. 2 |
| F.F. John O'Keefe | Aerial Tower 2 |
| F.F. Stephen H. Olszewski | Engine Co. 28 |
| F.F. Daniel J. Finnerty | Engine Co. 55 |
| F.F. Daniel Moynihan | Rescue Co. 1 |

The following members will also be transferred to the Personnel Division (Medical) at 0800 hours Wednesday, November 23, 1977:

| | |
|---|---|
| F.F. Robert Moore | Ladder Co. 21 |
| F.F. Charles J. Kelley | Ladder Co. 20 |
| F.F. Edward Collins. Jr. | Ladder Co. 28 |
| F.F. Thomas M. Tobin | Engine Co. 39 |

## III. CHANGE IN RESPONSE

Company commanders shall make the following change on the assignment cards effective at 0800 hours, November 19, 1977:

Box 1612 - 1st Alarm - L. 17 L. 13, 2nd Alarm A.T. 1 - L. 8

Box 4137 & 4139 ORDER OF RESPONSE 1st Alarm E. 50 32

Box 4129, 4145, 4146, 415, 4151, 4161 - ORDER OF RESPONSE
1st Alarm E. 50 - 36

Box 4147, 4148 ORDER OF RESPONSE 1st Alarm E. 50, 36, M.U.

## IV. CHANGE IN DESIGNATION OF FIRE ALARM BOX

The designation of the following box has been changed and company commanders shall make the change on the assignment card:

2553 Williams Street Opposite #115

## V. FIRE ALARM BOX INSTALLED

The following box has been installed and company commanders will add it to their respective circuit card:

14-531 Washington-Corey Elderly Housing - 20 Washington Street

## VI. LETTER OF THANKS

Dear Commissioner Paul:

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your men at the Grove Hall Fire House for the assistance they gave my wife when she was robbed on Columbia Road, Dorchester on November 12, 1977.

My wife's car window was shattered by a rock or hammer and her hand was cut and purse stolen, needless to say she was in shock. Your men arrived took care of her, put her in an ambulance, took her car to the fire house and overall was really protective to her. I owe them all a debt of gratitude. If at anytime I can return this favor, please feel free to call. Once again, thanks very much.

Signed/Paul W. Flebotte"

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER GEORGE H. PAUL

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 58

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, NOVEMBER 25, 1977

## I. FIRE FIGHTER GEORGE W. DALY

It is with deep regret that the Fire Commissioner announces the death on November 22, 1977 of Fire Fighter George W. Daly of Engine Company 30. Fire Fighter Daly was appointed a provisional military substitute on October 31, 1945 and appointed permanently April 9, 1947.

The funeral was held from the Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre Street, West Roxbury at 0900 hours, Friday, November 25, 1977 followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Theresa's Church, Centre Street, West Roxbury at 1000 hours.

The Fire Commissioner made the customary detail to act as funeral escort and members of Engine Company 30, Training & Research Division, Fire Prevention Division and Headquarters were excused to attend the services.

## II. RETIREMENT

The following retirement in accordance with the provision of Sect. 58, Chap. 32, G. L. became effective at 0800 hours, November 19, 1977:

Francis J. Cummings, Acting Fire Captain

Acting Fire Captain Cummings was appointed to the department on April 3, 1946 and appointed Lieutenant May 2, 1951. He leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

## III. TRANSFERS

The following transfers will become effective at 0800 hours, November 30, 1977:

| | From | To |
|---|---|---|
| Fire Lieut. Walter J. Wyse | Eng. Co. 34 | Eng. Co. 8 |
| Fire Lieut. John Hasson | Eng. Co. 8 | Eng. Co. 43 |
| Fire Lieut. Paul O. Kelley | Eng. Co. 43 | Lad. Co. 8 |
| Fire Lieut. Charles Lamb | Hdqtrs. | Eng. Co. 34 |
| F.F. Thomas Mc Donough | Hdqtrs. | Fire Prevention |
| F.F. Francis L. Mc Laughlin, Jr. | Rescue Co. 2 | Hdqtrs. |
| F.F. Paul D. Mc Laughlin | Eng. Co. 4 | Hdqtrs. |
| F.F. John E. Kervin, III | Eng. Co. 29 | Hdqtrs. |
| F.F. Simon F. Condon | Lad. Co. 17 | Lad. Co. 30 |

## IV. RIFLE HONOR GUARD DRILLS

Rifle Honor Guard drills for December will be held on December 8th and 22nd from 1800 to 2230 hours at Memorial Hall at Headquarters.

## V. FIRE ALARM BOX ESTABLISHED

The following box will be installed in the near future:

2377 Mission Park Drive and New Whitney Street

The response to this box will be the same as to box 2376 with the exception that this fire alarm box is in District 5.

The Circuit number will be announced when the box is installed.

## VI. LETTER OF THANKS

Dear Commissioner Paul:

"I would like to praise the Officers and Men from Ladder 25 for the quick response they made to my home at 6 A.M. on November 3, 1977.

"My husband had very bad chest pains and could not breathe. They administered oxygen and made him comfortable. They also called for an ambulance and had them take him to the Faulkner Hospital.

"I cannot give enough praise to the Fire Department and the Ambulance Drivers for the wonderful service.

"My husband would probably not be here today, only for those wonderful men.

"It is nice to know that we, the people of Boston, have this wonderful service. My husband and I would like to thank each and everyone of them.

Sincerely,
Mr. & Mrs. John Walsh
28 Paulman Circle
West Roxbury, Ma. 02132"

GENERAL ORDER
NO. 59

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
DECEMBER 2, 1977

## I. FIRE FIGHTER DENNIS J. CROWE

It is with deep regret that the Fire Commissioner announces the death on December 1, 1977 of Fire Fighter Dennis J. Crowe of Aerial Tower 1. Fire Fighter Crowe was appointed to the department June 27, 1962.

The funeral will be held from the John F. O'Brien Funeral Home, 146 Dorchester Street, South Boston at 0900 hours Monday, December 5, 1977, followed by a Funeral Mass in Gate of Heaven Church, South Boston at 1000 hours.

The Fire Commissioner will make the customary detail to act as funeral escort and members of Aerial Tower 1, Training & Research Division, Fire Prevention Division and Headquarters will be excused to attend the services.

## II. TRANSFERS

The following transfers will become effective at 0800 hours, December 7, 1977

| | FROM | TO |
|---|---|---|
| F.F. John J. Horgan, Jr. | Lad. Co. 16 | Maintenance Division |
| F.F. Francis H. Hazelton | Eng. Co. 24 | Maintenance Division |
| F.F. Bartholomew F. Clements | Eng. Co. 43 | Maintenance Division |
| F.F. Dennis J. Walsh | Lad. Co. 16 | Maintenance Division |
| F.F. Daniel V. Milligan | Lad. Co. 6 | Fire Prevention Div. |

## III. FIRE ALARM BOX ESTABLISHED

The following box will be installed in the near future:

13-3456 Carney Hospital Garage - 2100 Dorchester Avenue

Company Commanders will add the above fire alarm box to the assignment cards for box 3456.

The Circuit number will be announced when the box is installed.

## IV. LETTER OF THANKS

Dear Commissioner Paul:

"On the night of November 17, 1977, Ladder 22 responded to my home at 23 Matchett Street, Brighton. They administered oxygen to my husband, Joseph Benson, who is a Boston Firefighter and under the supervision of Fire Lieutenant Ratigan, they started CPR immediately. I want to thank John Sullivan and the other members of the company for saving his life. Also, a thanks to Monsignor Keating for his encouraging words.

Ever Grateful,
(Signed) Mary A. Benson

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER GEORGE H. PAUL

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 60

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
DECEMBER 9, 1977

## I. EXAMINATION FOR PROMOTION TO FIRE CAPTAIN

This department has received Announcement No. 4578 from the Massachusetts Division of Personnel Administration announcing the examination for promotion to Fire Captain in the Boston Fire Department to be held on February 25, 1978.

Applications must be received at the Massachusetts Division of Personnel Administration not later than Friday, January 13, 1978.

## II. FIRE ALARM BOX INSTALLED

The following box has been installed and company commanders shall add it to circuit card #30:

13-3456 Carney Hospital Garage - 2100 Dorchester Avenue

## III. TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT

The following terminations of employment which became effective at 0800 hours, December 7, 1977 are hereby announced:

F.F.O.P. Paul L. Hawkesworth Ladder Company 17
F.F.O.P. Frederick A. Sheffield Engine Company 42

## IV. LETTER OF THANKS

Dear Commissioner:

"On Tuesday evening, November 15, 1977, my wife collasped at home in the kitchen. Her breathing had stopped. I told my daughter to dial 911 and explain the situation. In the mean time, I started mouth to mouth resuscitation.

In a very, very short time (a matter of minutes), a fire fighter tapped me on the shoulder and politely told me "move over sir, we will take over now". They immediately started with the oxygen and heart massage.

I am writing you this letter to inform you of some of the dedicated men you have. The men that were at my house were of that type. I have the names of these men but the spelling may be wrong, Acting Lieutenant Del Signore, Fire Fighters Flynn, Stokinger, Petrozziello and Cheatham.

The final result was that my wife did not make it. It was her time to go. Your men did everything humanly possible for her at that time. I cannot express my gratitude. You might say that what your men did was in the line of duty. I think they did above and beyond that. I wish you could personally inform them of what a terrific job they are doing. I know it will mean something to get a pat on the back. They deserve it.

Signed/Arthur O. Froempter and Family
8 Brookdale Street, Roslindale"

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER GEORGE H. PAUL

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 61

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
DECEMBER 22, 1977

## I. BOSTON FIREFIGHTERS BOOK

The first printing of the Boston Firefighters Book is sold out. Due to the tremendous response however, a second printing will be available in February. For further information, contact the Community Relations Office at Headquarters.

## II. FIRE ALARM BOX ESTABLISHED

The following box will be installed in the near future:

12 - 7535 Boston Marine Industrial Park - Bldg. 49 - 5th & A Streets

Company Commanders will add the above fire alarm box to the assignment cards.

The Circuit number will be announced when the box is installed.

## III. CHANGE IN DESIGNATION OF FIRE ALARM BOXES

The designation of the following boxes have been changed and company commanders shall make the change on their assignment cards:

7531 Boston Marine Industrial Park - C Street & Fifth Street
7535 Boston Marine Industrial Park - Fifth Street & A Street

## IV. LETTERS OF THANKS

Dear Commissioner Paul,

"Quite recently I was a visitor in Boston, and being a "firebuff", stopped in several of your stations. Then, through the kindness of one of your firefighters, I was shown the dispatching system office of your department. I was really amazed at all that I saw and all the men that I met.

Because of all the kind treatment and care. I had received from many men of your department, I felt that you should know about it. I've been in hundreds of fire stations all across the states and never have I received such hospitality as I did from your department.

So I thank you for your department and the way it is. It makes me feel good to know that there are still some friendly fire departments.

My hat is off to you.

Respectfully yours,
Signed/ David Evans
Drexel Hill, Pa. "

Dear Commissioner Paul,

"We wish to express our sincere appreciation for the prompt and excellent service which the firemen gave Mrs. Anderson on the night of October 3rd. The speed of your arrival probably saved her life.

Yours truly,
Signed / Mr. & Mrs. Goodwin Anderson
28 Clare Avenue
Roslindale, Ma."

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Dear Commissioner Paul,

"On the evening of November 15th, I passed out about 6:00 P.M. Since I had angina, an ambulance was called. Promptly a ladder truck came to the front of the house, and the firemen appeared in the front hall where I was sitting on the front step.

The fireman whom I did not know was very kind and spoke encouraging words to me. He was ready to assist, if needed.

Now that I am home from the Mass. General Hospital, wearing a Pacemaker, I cannot forget in retrospect the promptness and kindness of your men at this time.

I am proud that there is such an excellent group of men under your command.

Please accept my sincerest gratitude for a job well done. May God bless them all.

Sincerely,
Thomas Coughlin
449 Bennington Street
East Boston, Ma."

## V. BRIDGE OPEN

Permission has been given by the State Department of Public Works for apparatus of the Boston Fire Department to cross the following bridge, even though posted for less than 20 tons:

GOLD STREET RAILROAD BRIDGE, DISTRICT 6

Only one vehicle is allowed on the bridge at one time and shall not exceed 10 miles per hour while on the bridge. Come to a complete stop before going onto the bridge. Use alternate route when returning to quarters. Bridge to be used only when responding to an alarm or emergency call.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER GEORGE H. PAUL

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 62

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
DECEMBER 30, 1977

## COMPANY DRILLS

Officers conducting company drills shall use Standard Operating Procedure No. 22 "Department Motor Vehicle Accidents" as subject matter for the drill period January 1 to January 15, 1978.

## HIGH COMMENDATIONS

At 0505 hours, December 2, 1977, Box 5332 (4 alarms), District 11, Ladder Company 11 and Engine Company 29 had been dispatched to investigate a report of an odor of gas in the vicinity of Mt. Hood Road and Commonwealth Avenue.

Upon arrival, it was discovered that 592 gallons of gasoline had been discharged from a filling station pump and had run into the sewer system. Shortly after operations had commenced to flush the system and to continue the investigation in adjacent buildings, a series of explosions occurred down the street from the filling station. One of the explosions was in the basement of the building located at 1706 Commonwealth Avenue, where some of the basement windows had been blown out and heavy smoke was issuing from the windows. Occupants who had vacated the other apartments informed the District Chief that a woman and her child were trapped in the basement.

Fire Fighter (Aide to the District Fire Chief) Robert T. Gorman of Engine Company 29, without hesitation or regard for his own safety, entered the basement area. Tracing her screams, Fire Fighter Gorman was successful in locating the woman and her child. An unknown civilian outside the building assisted him in removing the woman and child from the basement apartment through the rear window. Shortly after he climbed out of the window, the entire basement erupted into fire.

This rescue was made under extremely dangerous conditions due to the possibility of more explosions. Fire Fighter Gorman made a search of the basement at extreme personal risk in a building heavily charged with smoke and heat before ventilation had been accomplished.

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Fighter Gorman for this rescue and his case is referred to the Board of Merit for Further consideration.

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At 1300 hours on December 22, 1977, the K4 Arson Inspectors Lieutenant William P. Ahern and Inspector Lawrence P. Kelley were on arson patrol in the Jackson Square area of Roxbury. While proceeding on Centre Street towards Columbus Avenue, they observed a person running out from between two buildings and completely involved in fire. These two men immediately chased the victim with the car and simultaneously called in a still alarm to the fire alarm office and also for an ambulance. They both jumped out of the car and with their outer garments wrapped the victim and tried to get him to the ground. This was done with great difficulty due to the fact that the victim had been sprayed with gasoline and kept reigniting. They finally managed to put out the flames and due to the seriousness of the burns to the victim, they immediately placed him in the Arson Alert car and drove him to the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital.

Lieutenant Ahern and Inspector Kelley both received first degree burns on their hands, arms and face plus the fact that their coats were badly burned in the extinguishing process. The victim was transferred to the Shrine Burn Center and has third degree burns covering 60% of his body. The fast action of these two men and their utter disregard for their own safety resulted in the saving of this victim's life.

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Lieutenant Ahern and Fire Fighter Kelley and their case is referred to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

## LETTER OF THANKS

Dear Commissioner Paul:

" My family and I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the officers and firefighters that responded to the December 5th fire at 172 L Street. The loss of our father Arthur F. Bullock is the saddest of all in that South Boston fire, but thanks to the courageous firefighters, our 5 year old nephew Brian Bullock, our 16 year old sister Carol Bullock and our brother Arthur Bullock, Jr. survived and are doing as well as can be expected.

We heard that a fireman was injured, we do hope he is fine by now. Again, our thanks to Ladder 19, Engine 1, Ladder 18, Engine 39 and all others who helped to make our Christmas a little merrier than it might not have. been.
God Bless you all for all you do.

Sincerely in your debt,
Signed / The Bullock Families"