

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 1

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
JANUARY 5, 1979

I. RETIREMENTS

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

Fire Fighter Henry J. Schneider	Engine Co. 55	S58, C32, GL	0800, 1.20.79
Dist. Fire Chief James L. McGrath	District I	S5, C32, GL	0800, 1.4.79

Fire Fighter Schneider was appointed to the department January 29, 1947. District Fire Chief McGrath was appointed January 28, 1953, promoted to Fire Lieutenant October 28, 1964, promoted to Fire Captain August 19, 1970 and promoted to District Fire Chief November 27, 1974.

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

II. INVENTORY FORMS

Form I, Inventory Forms, are being issued with this order. These forms are to be filled out as of January 1, 1979 and returned to the Office of the Fire Commissioner on or before February 5, 1979. One form is to be given to each company commander.

III. FIRE ALARM BOX INSTALLED

The following box has been installed and company commanders shall add it to Circuit card #18:

12 - 2344 Vocational Adjustment Center 1249 Boylston Street

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 their assignment card:

4214 First Avenue and Sixth Street

V. RIFLE HONOR GUARD

Rifle Honor Guard drills for January will be held on January 11th and January 25th from 1800 to 2230 hours at Memorial Hall at Headquarters.

VI. COMPANY ANNUAL REPORTS

Accompanying this order are special forms designed to facilitate the reporting of annual activities of companies by the company commanders.

Form 2 (Revised) information shall be obtained from Company Forms 2MC and 2AC for 1978. (Note - reference to Rules 28.1 and 28.2 have been revised to S.O.P. 14.1 and 14.2)

Form 2E information shall be obtained from Engine Company Form 2EC (right hand page) for 1978.

Form 2L information shall be obtained from Ladder, Tower, Rescue Company Form 2LC (right hand page) for 1978.

Form 2S information shall be obtained from Lighting Plant Form 2SC (right hand page) for 1978.

One copy of these reports shall be returned to Headquarters by January 22, 1979.

VII. HIGH COMMENDATION

On November 17, 1978, members of the department were called to the scene of an accident at a construction site adjacent to 700 American Legion Highway, Roslindale.

Engine Company 45, Ladder Company 16, Rescue Company 2 and District 12, District Fire Chief Emmett J. Kiley commanding, responded to the alarm, Incident #51846, 1550 hours.

Upon arrival of the Fire Department, District Fire Chief Kiley was informed that two men were buried in a construction trench that had caved in. Chief Kiley ordered another Ladder Company to the scene and had members begin removing the dirt from the caved in excavation. The members had to work in a very dangerous environment for fear of more cave-in and continued until both victims were removed from the site.

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to highly commend Fire Lieutenant Stephen McLaughlin, Rescue Company 2, Fire Fighter Roger Dunn, Rescue Company 2, Fire Fighter Ronald Gatnick, Engine Company 52 and Fire Fighter John Cheatham, Ladder Company 16 for their bravery and extreme personal risk under most dangerous and difficult conditions which existed at this incident and their cases will be referred to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER GEORGE H. PAUL
THE LAST GENERAL ORDERS IN THE 1978 SERIES WAS NO. 69

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 2

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
JANUARY 11, 1979

100TH ANNUAL FIREMEN'S BALL

On the evening of May 26, 1979, the Boston Firemen's Relief Fund will hold its 100th Annual Ball in the Grand Ballroom of the Boston Park Plaza Hotel. The officers and trustees of your Relief Fund have planned a gala affair with refreshments, dancing, and professional entertainment featuring the Brenda Lee Show with Danny Davis and his nationally famous Nashville Brass.

Admission will be by ticket only. Tickets will be restricted exclusively to members of the department from January 16th through February 20th to ensure that all members of the department that desire to attend will be able to purchase tickets. Tickets will go on sale to the general public after February 20th. Cost of the tickets is \$15.00 each and is tax deductible. Tickets may be obtained at the Relief Office at Fire Headquarters, Monday through Friday between 0900 hours and 1400 hours.

BY ORDER OF
FIRE COMMISSIONER/CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT GEORGE H. PAUL

I. LEATHER & CANVAS WORKER ROBERT G. LEAHY

It is with deep regret that the Fire Commissioner/Chief announces the death of Leather & Canvas Worker Robert G. Leahy of the Maintenance Division who died on January 5, 1979. Leather & Canvas Worker Leahy was appointed to the department July 25, 1962.

The funeral was held from the James Murphy Funeral Home, 1020 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester at 0800 hours, Monday, January 8, 1979 followed by a Funeral Mass in St. William's Church, Dorchester at 0900 hours.

Members of the Maintenance Division were excused to attend the services.

II. RETIREMENTS

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

F.F. Norman L. Maddock	Ladder Co. 16	S7, 94, C32, GL	0800, 2.1.79
F. Lieut. William P. Donahue	Marine Unit	S7, 94, C32, GL	0800, 2.1.79
F.F. Joseph P. Curran	Ladder Co. 28	S7, 94, C32, GL	0800, 2.1.79
F.F. Joseph B. Abban	Engine Co. 2	S7, 94, C32, GL	0800, 2.1.79
F.F. Walter W. Kuczin	Ladder Co. 25	S5, C32, GL	0800, 1.27.79
F.F. (Engineer-in-Charge, Motor Squad) Roger E. Shea	Maintenance Div.	S5, C32, GL	0800, 2.1.79

Fire Fighter Maddock was appointed to the department March 12, 1947. Fire Lieutenant Donahue was appointed January 21, 1948 and promoted to Fire Lieutenant March 12, 1958. Fire Fighter Curran was appointed June 20, 1951. Fire Fighter Abban was appointed May 29, 1957. Fire Fighter Kuczin was appointed January 26, 1949. Fire Fighter (Engineer-in-Charge, Motor Squad) Shea was appointed January 29, 1947.

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

III. RESIGNATION

The following resignation has become effective at 1700 hours, January 16, 1979:

Clerk-Typist Marie Scagnoli - Headquarters Division

IV. MUTUAL AID

Company commanders will make the following changes on the assignment cards, effective at 0800 hours, January 18, 1979:

Mutual Aid Box 8217 Somerville	4th alarm response 4th alarm cover	Drop Engine 3 to fire Drop Engine 1 to Somerville Engine 3
Mutual Aid Box 8218 Cambridge	3rd alarm response 3rd alarm cover	Drop Dist. 2, Engine 10, Engine 34 to fire Drop Engine 3 to Cambridge Engine 2
Mutual Aid Box 8221 Newton	2nd alarm response 2nd alarm cover 3rd alarm response 3rd alarm cover	Drop S.S. Chief, En- gine 8, Engine 51 to fire Drop Engine 3 to Eng. 51 Drop Engine 10 to New- ton Engine 1 Drop Engine 11 to Engine 10 Drop Engine 10 to fire Drop Engine 3 to Newton Engine 1 Drop Engine 42 to Engine 51

V. COMBINATION STEP AND SHORT EXTENSION LADDER

A combination Short Extension and Jackknife "A" Step Ladder will shortly be issued to one Ladder Company in each district. This ladder can be quickly changed from an 8 foot step ladder to a 13 foot extension ladder.

The companies that are to be issued these ladders are:

District 1	Ladder Company 21
District 2	Ladder Company 9
District 3	Ladder Company 24
District 4	Ladder Company 17
District 5	Ladder Company 26
District 6	Ladder Company 19
District 7	Ladder Company 7
District 8	Aerial Tower #2
District 9	Ladder Company 10
District 10	Ladder Company 25
District 11	Ladder Company 22
District 12	Ladder Company 28

VI. HAZARDOUS BUILDINGS

The building located at 45 Milk Street (Boston Proper), District 3, is in a hazardous condition due to holes in the roof and the interior portions of floors. Fire companies should use extreme caution during fire fighting operations at this location. This building has been posted.

The six family tenement at 70 Torrey Street, District 8, is in a hazardous condition due to fires which have burned away sections of the floor on the second and third floors. A large portion of the roof has also collapsed onto the third floor. This building has been posted.

VII. HIGH COMMENDATION

On December 22, 1978, the department responded to Still Alarm, Box 1812 at 0420 hours for a fire at 19 Montpelier Road.

Upon arrival of Engine Company 43 and Ladder Company 20 at the scene, members were informed that occupants were trapped inside the burning apartment. The apartment was locked with numerous devices which impeded access and hindered rescue efforts; a Battering Ram was required to effect entry.

Acting Fire Lieutenant Edward Hudalla, Ladder Company 20 entered the apartment and made his way through the heavily charged area to the rear rooms where he found an unconscious woman on the floor. He moved her to the front of the apartment where he was assisted by Fire Fighter Richard Stedman in removing her to safety. Acting Lieutenant Hudalla continued the search and found a young boy under a bed in the rear bedroom whom he carried to safety.

Because the actions performed by Acting Lieutenant Hudalla and Fire Fighter Stedman were done at great personal risk to themselves, the Fire Commissioner/Chief is pleased to highly commend these members and refers their cases to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

VIII. LETTERS OF THANKS

Dear Commissioner Paul:

"On Christmas Day around 3:30 p.m. one of your men on duty at the Oliver Street Station in Boston showed great courtesy to us. We did not get his name but we are eager to express our gratitude for his help.

"While men like him are on the staff of any of Boston's departments, the city is a good place to live.

"It would please us too, if you were to include this commendation in his work file.

Sincerely,
Signed/Regina C. Caffrey"

JANUARY 17, 1979

Dear Commissioner:

"I want to take a moment to express the appreciation of the Red Cross Blood Services for the truly amazing turnout of fire fighters over the New Year's weekend.

"As I mentioned to you on the phone, our blood supplies were at critically low levels and the response of your men and your willingness to cooperate helped us through a trying period. Over one-third of the donors at our 99 Brookline Avenue center this weekend were fire fighters, reinforcing my belief that these men are a special group with a strong commitment and dedication to this community.

"I hope that you will express my gratitude and the gratitude of all those in the Blood Services to the men.

With best wishes
Signed/Jerry Hauer, M.H.S.
The American National
Red Cross Blood Program
812 Huntington Avenue
Boston, Ma. 02115"

Dear Sir:

"We wish to express our sincere gratitude to the men of Engine Company 43, Ladder 20. Their quick action in getting our father to the City Hospital probably saved his life.

"He is now in the intensive care unit.

Sincerely,
Signed/The Toner Family"

Dear Sir:

"On Friday, January 12th, about 4:30 p.m., I was not feeling too well so I went to your fire station on Cambridge Street and asked your men if I could rest awhile.

"While there, I could not breathe. Your men gave me oxygen and called an ambulance. I refused to go to the hospital so they got me a taxi and I got home safely.

"Please extend my many thanks to them as I am sure they saved my life.

"Thanks again for all they did.

Signed/Louis C. Jacobs

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER/CHIEF GEORGE H. PAUL

I. RULE BOOK

A new and revised page 26(a) of the Department Rules and Regulations are being issued with this order; one page for each member's rule book. This will update the change in Rule 17.17 which became effective April 7, 1978. Some of the changes in Rule 17.17 are:

1. A member who is absent for not more than one tour duty and returns to a tour of duty within 48 hours does not have to report to the Medical Examiner unless so ordered by a superior officer.
2. A member who goes on sick leave on his last scheduled night tour before his group goes on seventy-two hours off, must report to the Department Medical Examiner before returning to duty.
3. A Form 3B - Return of Absentee must be forwarded to Headquarters on one day sick leaves. There is no Form 6B if the member did not report to the Medical Examiner.

II. TRANSFERS

The following transfers will become effective at 0800 hours, January 24, 1979:

District Fire Chief Joseph A. Russell	District 3	to	District 1
District Fire Chief Thomas G. Dunbar	S.S.	to	District 3

III. APPOINTMENT OF FIRE ALARM OPERATOR ON PROBATION

The following has been appointed Fire Alarm Operator on Probation at 0800 hours, January 17, 1979:

Paul F. Doucette

IV. FIRE ALARM BOXES INSTALLED

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

14 - 1243	North End Community Health Center 332 Hanover Street	Circuit Card #2
12 - 2472	Maliotis Cultural Center 256 Prince Street	Circuit Card #87

V. FIRE ALARM BOX ESTABLISHED

The following box will be installed in the near future and the circuit number will be announced when the box is installed. Company commanders shall add it to their respective assignment cards for box 171.

12 - 171

South Boston High School Annex

845 Albany Street

VI. LETTER OF THANKS

Dear Commissioner:

"On December 22, 1978, Chief John White and his men from District 6, Engine Company 1, responded to a call at the Central Laundry, 750 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester. Due to the quick response and the positive action taken at the plant by Chief White and his men, a possible disastrous fire was averted. The manner in which these men performed may well have saved the building. The efforts of District 6 played a large part in our plant being able to operate the following morning. We service hospitals and it is vital that we maintain the schedule.

"Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Signed/Peter Nixon, Director"

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER/CHIEF GEORGE H. PAUL

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 5

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
JANUARY 26, 1979

I. RETIREMENTS

The following retirements, in accordance with the provisions of Section 5, C32, G. L., will become effective 0800 hours, February 1, 1979:

Fire Fighter Daniel J. O'Brien
Fire Fighter Richard T. O'Brien

Engine Company 48
Engine Company 5

Fire Fighter Daniel J. O'Brien was appointed to the department February 3, 1947. Fire Fighter Richard T. O'Brien was appointed January 29, 1947.

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

II. FIRE ALARM BOX DISCONTINUED

The following fire alarm box has been removed from service and discontinued and company commanders shall delete this box from circuit card #78:

12 - 1284 Federal Reserve Bank - 30 Pearl Street

III. FIRE ALARM BOX ESTABLISHED

The following box will be installed in the near future and the circuit number will be announced when the box is installed. Company commanders shall add it to their respective assignment cards for box 7544.

12 - 7544 Boston Marine Industrial Park - Building #21 Drydock Avenue

IV. SCOTT 4.5 USER RESPONSIBILITIES

Accompanying this order are copies of "Important Warnings and Specific User Responsibilities" regarding care and maintenance of the Scott Air Masks used by this department. This pamphlet is issued by Scott Aviation, Lancaster, New York.

The comments stressed in this pamphlet are also outlined in S. O. P. #32

Company commanders shall see that each member of his company receives a copy of these important warnings.

V. COMPANY DRILLS

Officers conducting company drills during the period of February 1 to February 15, 1979, shall use as subject matter, S. O. P. #32, "Instructions for Care and Maintenance of Respiratory Protective Equipment", S. O. P. #32A "Mandatory Mask Rules" and also the pamphlet issued by Scott Aviation on "User Responsibilities".

VI. COMBINATION STEP AND SHORT EXTENSION LADDER

Clarification of General Order No. 3 c. s. regarding the combination step and extension ladder.

This ladder issued as an addition to and not in lieu of a baby bangor ladder. It is intended for use as a step ladder for inside use such as checking electrical ballasts etc. It may also be used as a 13 foot extension ladder.

VII. LETTERS OF THANKS

January 23, 1979

Dear Commissioner:

"Please accept my appreciation to you and the members of your department who assisted us on the night of January 18, 1979 at either of the two serious fires which we encountered that evening.

"It is a feeling of great satisfaction to know that when your own forces are committed to an emergency there is a backup force in mutual aid that can be depended on to handle a simultaneous emergency.

"Again, a thank you for a job well done by all concerned.

Sincerely,
Signed/Harvey D. Preble, Chief
Newton Fire Department"

October 30, 1978

Sir:

"I would like to express my sincere thanks to you, along with Fire Fighters Jackson, Toomey and Hunnicutt of Ladder Company 2, on your speedy arrival to District 7, Boston Police Department, on October 4, 1978 to administer oxygen to me on my recent angina attack.

"Thanks once again. You are a great crew, as I have found out in working in conjunction with the fire department for almost thirty years.

Sincerely,
Signed/Leo E. Ducey
Police Officer, District 7
Boston Police Department"

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER/CHIEF GEORGE H. PAUL

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 8

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
FEBRUARY 2, 1979

I. RETIREMENTS

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

F. F. (1st Marine Engineer, Diesel) John E. Lydstone	Marine Unit	S5, C32, GL	0800, 2. 5. 79
F. F. John P. Vaughan	Engine Co. 4	S5, C32, GL	0800, 1. 30. 79
F. F. Philip E. Spruill	Ladder Co. 31	S7, 94, C32, GL	0800, 2. 1. 79
F. Lieut. George J. Malette	Ladder Co. 28	S7, 94, C32, GL	0800, 2. 1. 79

Fire Fighter (1st Marine Engineer, Diesel) Lydstone was appointed to the department January 30, 1946. Fire Fighter Vaughan was appointed January 29, 1947. Fire Fighter Spruill was appointed January 21, 1948. Fire Lieutenant Malette was appointed April 27, 1949 and promoted to Fire Lieutenant September 9, 1970.

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

II. FIRE ALARM BOX ESTABLISHED

The following box will be installed in the near future and the circuit number will be announced when the box is installed:

13 - 2551 Southwest Campus High School #2 - 144 McBride Street

Company commanders shall add the above box to their respective assignment card.

III. EXAMINATION TO PROMOTION TO DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

This department has received Announcement No. 5230 from the Massachusetts Division of Personnel Administration announcing the examination for promotion to Deputy Fire Chief in the Boston Fire Department to be held on March 24, 1979.

Applications must be received at the Massachusetts Division of Personnel Administration not later than Friday, February 9, 1979.

IV. HAZARDOUS BUILDINGS

Buildings at 32, 34, 36 Greenleaf Street, District 5, are in a hazardous condition due to sagging floors and bulging walls because of a recent fire.

In case of another fire in these buildings, members shall use extreme caution.

These buildings have been posted.

V. DISCONTINUATION OF STREETS

Notice has been received from the Public Improvement Commission of the City of Boston of the discontinuation of streets:

Buick Street	Boston Proper	As a public highway from Commonwealth Avenue to land of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority
Gaffney Street	Boston Proper	As a public highway from a point approximately 221 feet north of Commonwealth Avenue to land of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER/CHIEF GEORGE H. PAUL

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 9

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
FEBRUARY 7, 1979

I. RETIREMENTS

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

Fire Captain Robert W. Collins	Ladder Co. 8	S5, C32, GL	0800, 3.1.79
Fire Fighter Francis A. McGowan	Engine Co. 29	S5, C32, GL	0800, 3.1.79
Fire Lieutenant Leo J. Keefe	Ladder Co. 15	S5, C32, GL	0800, 2.3.79

Fire Captain Collins was appointed to the department July 16, 1937, promoted to Fire Lieutenant February 5, 1947 and promoted to Fire Captain May 30, 1956. Fire Fighter McGowan was appointed January 21, 1948. Fire Lieutenant Keefe was appointed October 9, 1946, promoted to Fire Lieutenant September 9, 1970.

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

II. HYDRANT THAWING DEVICE

After each use and at the conclusion of each tour of hydrant inspection, company commanders shall see that Hydrant Thawing Device is checked for proper level of alcohol and water.

III. FIRE ALARM BOX DISCONTINUED

The following fire alarm box has been removed from service and discontinued and company commanders shall delete this box from circuit card #27:

14 - 2275 Ackroyd Nursing Home - 1841 Columbus Avenue

IV. HONOR GUARD DRILLS

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

V. HAZARDOUS BUILDING

The building located at 29 Athelwold Street, Dorchester, District 8, is in hazardous condition; Holes are in floors on various rooms on the second floor. The interior stairway on the right side of the building from the first floor to the second floor is in the state of collapse.

Members should use extreme caution during fire fighting operations in this building. This building has been posted.

VI. HIGH COMMENDATION

On December 9, 1978, the department responded to Incident #55001, Box 1551 which was struck for a church fire at West Brookline and Tremont Streets. Three alarms were eventually sounded for this incident.

Upon arrival of Aerial Tower 1 at the scene, Fire Fighter John Hullum of Aerial Tower 1 and Fire Fighter James J. Kelly, Engine Co. 7 detailed to Aerial Tower 1, immediately entered the two most severely exposed buildings to assist in evacuation of occupants. Fire Fighters Hullum and Kelly were successful in rescuing five persons from these buildings before the walls and roof of the church collapsed, crushing the smaller town-house structures.

Because Fire Fighters Hullum and Kelly performed these acts at great personal risk to themselves, the Fire Commissioner/Chief is pleased to highly commend both members and recommend their cases to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

VII. LETTER OF THANKS

February 5, 1979

Dear Commissioner Paul:

"On Thursday, January 25, 1979, due to severe flooding in the basement of my home, a fire erupted in my gas furnace.

"I immediately evacuated my children from the house and called the Fire Department for assistance. Within minutes the firefighters from the fire station on Neponset Avenue in Dorchester were at my home, and entered the premises without hesitation. The fire was extinguished and the main gas valve turned off to prevent a further occurrence, until the Boston Gas Company could send a service man to check the house.

"This is just another example of the competent, courteous and fearless manner in which the Boston Firefighters perform their daily duties. They are worth every penny of their salaries, especially when they give the citizens of the City a feeling that they are secure in the safety of their homes.

Sincerely,
Signed/ Michael J. Donovan
Clerk of Court"

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER/ CHIEF GEORGE H. PAUL

GENERAL ORDERS
NO.11

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
FEBRUARY 16, 1979

I. DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF HOWARD J. SYLVESTER

It is with deep regret that the Fire Commissioner/Chief announces the death on February 9, 1979 of District Fire Chief Howard J. Sylvester of District 4. District Fire Chief Sylvester was appointed to the department February 3, 1947, promoted to Fire Lieutenant January 27, 1954, promoted to Fire Captain December 11, 1957 and promoted to District Fire Chief September 15, 1965.

The funeral was held from the John F. O'Brien Funeral Home, 146 Dorchester Street, South Boston at 0900 hours Friday, February 16, 1979 followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Brigid's Church, South Boston at 1000 hours.

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

II. RETIREMENT

The following retirement, in accordance with the provisions of Section 5, C32, GL, became effective at 1700 hours, February 8, 1979:

Principal Clerk & Typist Adale T. Salemi Training & Research Div.

Principal Clerk & Typist Salemi was appointed to the department July 26, 1944, promoted to Senior Clerk & Typist April 1, 1952 and promoted to Principal Clerk & Typist March 6, 1963.

Miss Salemi leaves the department with the best wishes of her associates.

III. RETIREMENT RESCINDED

In reference to General Orders No. 9 of 1979, the following retirement has been rescinded:

Fire Lieutenant Leo J. Keefe Ladder Company 15

IV. TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT

The following termination of employment will become effective 0800 hours, February 19, 1979:

Fire Fighter on Probation Paul Williams - Engine Company 34

V. TRANSFERS

The following transfers will become effective at 0800 hours, February 21, 1979:

	FROM	TO
F.F. John P. Kenney	Ladder Company 2	Engine Company 4
F.F. Francis Duffy	Engine Company 5	Engine Company 11
F.F. Joseph F. Hourihan	Engine Company 4	Engine Company 5
F.F. Robert B. MacKinnon	Engine Company 3	Marine Unit
F.F. Albert I. Peters	Ladder Company 6	Ladder Company 23
F.F. Winston C. Ashley	Engine Company 11	Ladder Company 30
F.F. Charles J. Parenteau	Ladder Company 22	Ladder Company 4
F.F. Edwin T. Keenan	Personnel (Med.)	Fire Prevention Div.
F.F. Ross D. Josie	Engine Company 40	Engine Company 17
F.F. Ernest E. Humphrey	Engine Company 36	Ladder Company 9
F.F. Ralph Bruno	Engine Company 1	Engine Company 2
F.F. Paul J. Zeph	Ladder Company 10	Rescue Company 2
F.F. Dennis F. Scannell	Ladder Company 13	Ladder Company 9
F.F. John J. O'Brien	Engine Company 20	Aerial Tower 2
F.F. Phillip E. Marsh	Engine Company 34	Ladder Company 6
F.F. Robert K. Ferrara	Engine Company 11	Aerial Tower 1
F.F. John D. Teehan	Engine Company 29	Engine Company 16
F.F. Charles W. Bellew	Engine Company 51	Engine Company 24
F.F. Emil Belanger	Ladder Company 8	Aerial Tower 2
F.F. Joseph J. Curran	Ladder Company 21	Ladder Company 4
F.F. Dennis J. Roache	Engine Company 14	Engine Company 48
F.F. Thomas M. Murphy	Engine Company 34	Engine Company 14
F.F. Lawrence G. Lohnes	Engine Company 14	Engine Company 18

The following members will be transferred to Personnel Division (Medical) at 0800 hours, February 21, 1979:

Fire Captain Robert Bluthardt	Engine Company 18
Fire Lieutenant John P. Byrne	Ladder Company 14
Fire Lieutenant Leo J. Keefe	Ladder Company 15
F.F. David J. Hansford	Fire Prevention Div.
F.F. Joseph J. Kent	Engine Company 36
F.F. Raymond F. Brundage	Engine Company 9
F.F. Martin T. Glynn	Ladder Company 17
F.F. Robert C. Peterson	Rescue Company 2
F.F. George T. Domaldo	Engine Company 53
Fire Lieutenant Philip P. O'Donnell	Ladder Company 26

VI. FIRE ALARM BOX ESTABLISHED

The following box will be installed in the near future and the circuit number will be announced when the box is installed. Company commanders shall add it to their respective assignment cards for box 7112:

12 - 7112 Boston Fire Museum - 344 Congress Street

VII. CHANGE IN DESIGNATION OF FIRE ALARM BOX

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

12 - 3711 Village Manor Nursing Home - 25 Alpine Street

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER/CHIEF GEORGE H. PAUL

I. FIRE FIGHTER JOHN F. O'KEEFE

It is with deep regret that the Fire Commissioner/Chief announces the death on February 20, 1979 of Fire Fighter John F. O'Keefe of the Fire Prevention Division. Fire Fighter O'Keefe was appointed to the department December 24, 1969.

The funeral was held from the McDonald Funeral Home, 809 Main Street, Route 18, South Weymouth at 0900 hours, Friday, February 23, 1979 followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Francis Xavier Church, Pleasant Street, South Weymouth, at 1000 hours.

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

II. RETIREMENTS

The following retirements, in accordance with the provisions of Section 5, C32, GL, are hereby announced:

Fire Fighter John J. Gaddis	Aerial Tower 2	0800, 3.1.79
Fire Fighter Louis G. Paulino	Engine Company 28	0800, 2.22.79

Fire Fighter Gaddis was appointed to the department December 5, 1945. Fire Fighter Paulino was appointed June 11, 1947.

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

III. RETIREMENT PROVISION CORRECTION

Notification has been received from the State-Boston Retirement Board, stating that Fire Captain Robert W. Collins will retire at 0800 hours, March 1, 1979, under the provision of Section 58, C32, GL, not S5, C32, GL as reported in General Orders #9 of 1979.

IV. HAZARDOUS BUILDINGS

The buildings located at the corner of Dudley Street and Bartlett Street, at Eliot Square, District 5, are in hazardous condition. The rear walls of several buildings have fallen. Members shall use extreme caution during fire fighting operations in these buildings. These buildings have been posted.

V. NEW FEDERAL WITHHOLDINGS

On week ending February 21, 1979, payroll checks will reflect new Federal withholdings based on recent revision of the Internal Revenue code. Withholdings for some employees will increase while withholdings for other employees will decrease.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER/CHIEF GEORGE H. PAUL

I. RETIREMENT

The following retirement, in accordance with the provisions of Section 5, C32, GL, became effective at 0800 hours, March 1, 1979:

Fire Fighter Edward F. McLeod

Aerial Tower 2

Fire Fighter McLeod was appointed to the department July 2, 1947.

Fire Fighter McLeod leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

II. RESIGNATION

The following resignation became effective 0800 hours, February 28, 1979:

Fire Lieutenant Philip P. O'Donnell

Ladder Company 26

III. TRANSFERS

The following transfers will become effective 0800 hours, March 7, 1979:

	FROM	TO
District Fire Chief Thomas G. Dunbar	District 3	District 4
District Fire Chief Durwood E. Haynes	Spec. Serv.	District 3
Fire Captain Lawrence J. McAdams	Rescue Co. 1	Ladder Co. 8
Fire Captain Joseph C. Frackleton	Engine Co. 11	Rescue Co. 1
Fire Captain Joseph L. Tehan	Fire Prev.	Maintenance
Fire Lieutenant John M. Doherty	Aerial Tower 1	Engine Co. 41
Fire Lieutenant Edward M. Coffey	Engine Co. 41	Engine Co. 43
Fire Lieutenant John F. Hasson	Engine Co. 43	Ladder Co. 26
Fire Lieutenant Henry T. Hickey	Headquarters	Ladder Co. 15
Fire Lieutenant Rodney Horton	Headquarters	Aerial Tower 1
Fire Lieutenant Edward J. Cusack	Headquarters	Ladder Co. 14
Fire Fighter Allan B. Llewellyn	Ladder Co. 15	Maintenance
Fire Fighter Francis R. Davis	Headquarters	Engine Co. 24
Fire Fighter John J. Nee	Engine Co. 40	Engine Co. 7

IV. HAZARDOUS CONDITION

It has come to the attention of this office that the South Station Building, Atlantic Avenue and Summer Street, presents an added hazardous condition to members during fire fighting operations within the complex.

The wire lath and plaster construction of the large expanse ceilings are liable to collapse due to the weight of water accumulating in them from tactical operations.

Extreme caution is demanded while performing duties within these buildings.

V. THE "96"

The retirement on March 1, 1979 of Fire Captain Robert W. Collins, Ladder Company 8, will bring to an end the presence within our ranks of a group of men who were referred to and were justly proud to be called the "96".

To the members of the department who are not aware of the "96", they were a group of 96 fire fighters appointed July 16, 1937, a time when appointments were few and far between.

Over the years these men, by their example of courage and experience, kept the spirit and camaraderie of this department alive and well. Furthermore, they had the foresight that brought positive changes within the department that are enjoyed by all members today, changes such as creation of Local 718, Celeste Blood Bank, establishment of the Credit Union, and change in Relief Fund elections.

On behalf of all members, I am pleased to highly commend these men and wish them good health in their retirements.

VI. INSTRUCTIONS APPLYING TO RULE 17.23

All requests for Personal Leave shall be telephoned in immediately to the District Fire Chief of the District involved and to the Personnel Division by the company officer or auxiliary division superior upon receipt of such request. This is to be followed with a Form 3L to be forwarded to Headquarters through the proper channels.

On weekends and holidays, telephone calls will be made to the District Fire Chief of the District involved by the company officer receiving the request for Personal Leave. The District Fire Chief shall then notify the Deputy Fire Chief of the Division concerned.

Deputy Fire Chiefs of the Division shall compile weekend request list for Personal Leave and forward a Form 5A to Headquarters each Monday, A.M.

Personal Leave shall be reported on the Morning Report Form 13D in the space Vacation/Other Leave - e.g., F.F. Jones - Personal Leave - Day.

Company commanders shall see that a record of all Personal Leave tours are kept on file at the company level.

Paragraph II of General Order 48 dated September 13, 1978 is hereby rescinded.

VII. COMPANY DRILLS

Officers conducting company drills during the period March 1 to March 15, 1979 shall use a subject matter S. O. P. #1 "High Rise Buildings" and shall review pages 95 to 103 in the Emergency Medical Services Handbook.

VIII. FIRE ALARM BOXES ESTABLISHED

The following boxes will be installed in the near future and the circuit numbers will be announced when the boxes are installed. Company commanders shall add them to their respective assignment cards.

12 - 516	Jim Did It Sign Company	465 Cambridge Street
13 - 7535	Marine Industrial Park - Building 18 -A St. and Fifth St.	

IX. FIRE ALARM BOX INSTALLED

The following box has been installed and company commanders shall add it to Circuit card #33:

12 - 7112	Boston Fire Museum - 344 Congress Street
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X. RIFLE HONOR GUARD

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

XI. LETTERS OF THANKS

February 11, 1979

Dear Sir:

"My husband and I just want to express our belated thanks for the fine job the firemen did on the night of January 8th when our new condominium caught fire. They arrived at our apartment in record time and did their best to damage as little of our belongings as possible. Due to their consideration and effort, we were able to salvage many of our possessions and are currently re-building.

"Many thanks for a job well-done by a team of professionals.

Our sincere thanks,
Signed/Joe & Vicki Keimig
1990 Commonwealth Ave.
Brighton, Ma."

MARCH 2, 1979

February 18, 1979

Dear Sir:

"On Tuesday morning, January 30, 1979, about 8:45 A.M., Ladder Company 19, South Boston, responded immediately to a call for assistance to my wife who suffered what proved to be a fatal heart attack.

"I am most grateful for the kind and efficient service rendered by Captain Hasson and Fire Fighters Golden, Jackmauh and McDonough.

Thank you,
Signed/Jim Sullivan
202 M Street
South Boston, Ma."

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER/CHIEF GEORGE H. PAUL

I. FIRE ALARM BOX INSTALLED

The following box has been installed and company commanders shall add it to Circuit Card #87:

13 - 2551 Southwest Campus High School - #2 144 McBride Street

II. HIGH COMMENDATION

On February 17, 1979, the department responded to Incident #6508, Box 1771, which was struck for a fire at 422 Columbia Road at 1432 hours.

Upon arrival of Engine Company 24 at the scene, orders were received to run a 2½" line to the fourth floor. While in the process of advancing the line, Fire Fighter James B. Fitzgerald of Engine Company 24 was informed that people were trapped on the fifth floor, whereupon Fire Fighter Fitzgerald ascended to the fifth floor and proceeded to conduct a search for victims. Directed to an apartment by cries for help, Fire Fighter Fitzgerald found a man and woman whom he calmed and started to lead to safety. Due to the smoke and heat conditions encountered, Fire Fighter Fitzgerald used his air mask face piece on both victims alternately while he brought them out of the building to safety.

Because of the resourcefulness of Fire Fighter Fitzgerald in the judicious use of his respiratory equipment and judgment, he undoubtedly saved these two people from injury and death.

The Fire Commissioner/Chief is pleased to highly commend Fire Fighter James B. Fitzgerald, Engine Company 24, for the manner in which he conducted himself at extreme personal risk while performing these rescues and recommends his case to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

III. COMMENDATION

On February 20, 1979, the department responded to Incident #7033, Box 13-4192 which was struck for a fire in the stairwell of the Tobin Memorial Bridge at 1153 hours.

Upon arrival of the fire companies at the scene, fire was showing at both the first and second levels. Fire Lieutenant Joseph G. Flynn and Fire Fighter Bernard McCaffrey of Ladder Company 9, Fire Fighter Thomas Crilley, Ladder Company 1, detailed to Ladder Company 9 and Fire Fighter Richard Johnson, Engine Company 36 made their way into the enclosure of the stairwell to the elevator where a maintenance worker was trapped inside because of failure of the elevator doors. These members worked under extreme conditions of heat and smoke which required the use of lines of hose to protect them while they forced the jammed doors to effect the rescue.

The Fire Commissioner/Chief is pleased to commend Fire Lieutenant Flynn, Fire Fighters McCaffrey, Crilley and Johnson for the manner in which the rescue efforts were conducted, without regard for their own personal safety, which is in the best tradition of the Boston Fire Department.

IV. PUBLIC EDUCATION SPECIALIST

In line with the Presidential Commission's Report "America Burning", Mr. James M. Murray has been appointed a Public Education Specialist for the department, effective February 14, 1979.

A graduate of Boston College, concentrating in English/Journalism, he will be spending an initial period of time becoming acquainted with the department and the many facets of its operations. The orientation will include visits to the various divisions and engine and ladder companies as well.

Mr. Murray's duties will include, but not be limited to, the planning, development and implementation of a city-wide public education program aimed at reducing the rate of fire related deaths and injuries to civilians and fire fighters alike.

Working with community groups, individuals, public agencies, schools and the private sector, the program will stress basic fire safety techniques and programs as well as community and individual cooperation with fire officials and fire fighters.

Mr. Murray will also utilize his writing background by assisting in the production of handbooks, brochures and other literature relating to fire safety and promoting the efforts of the Boston Fire Department in fulfilling its mission.

All comments, suggestions and insights relative to public education that you, as fire fighting professionals may wish to offer, will be welcomed and should be forwarded to Mr. Murray at Headquarters.

He can be reached at Extension 219.

V. LETTER OF THANKS

Dear Commissioner:

"We would like to take this opportunity to thank Deputy Fire Chief John Harrison and District Fire Chief Edward Campbell and all the Fire Fighters under their command on duty Thursday, February 22, 1979.

"The quick response and the efficient use of men and equipment minimized our loss which was most important since there was no insurance coverage.

Signed/Schaffer Paper Fibres"

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER/CHIEF GEORGE H. PAUL

I. RESIGNATION

The following resignation became effective 0800 hours, March 14, 1979:

Fire Fighter on Probation Paul J. Chin

Ladder Company 8

II. FIRE ALARM BOX INSTALLED

The following box has been installed and company commanders shall add it to Circuit Card #31:

12 - 171 South Boston High School Annex - 845 Albany Street

III. HYDRANT INSPECTIONS

Company commanders shall review S.O. #7, February 1, 1979.

Form 5 shall be forwarded to Planning and Logistics Division on completion of hydrant inspections of an individual group sub-district. All hydrants shall be noted.

On completion of the entire sub-district, company commanders shall forward a separate Form 5.

IV. COMPANY DRILLS

Officers conducting company drills shall use S.O.P. #12 "Alarms" as subject matter during the period March 15 to March 31, 1979.

V. HOSE FOR STANDPIPES

Company officers shall abide by G.O. #8, February 19, 1976. This single-jacketed hose is to be used for fire department standpipes inside buildings and for the standpipe outlets in the subway system, and shall not be used for other purposes.

VI. HAZARDOUS BUILDING

The building located at 120 - 124 Hampden Street, District 13, is in hazardous condition. This building has had numerous fires. The building is opened to vandals and floors and roof have a number of holes which would make fire fighting operations extremely hazardous.

This building has been posted.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER/CHIEF GEORGE H. PAUL

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 18

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
MARCH 23, 1979

I. FIRE FIGHTER JAMES J. KELLY

It is with deep regret that the Fire Commissioner/Chief announces the death on March 19, 1979 of Fire Fighter James J. Kelly of Engine Company 7. Fire Fighter Kelly was appointed to the department October 20, 1971.

The funeral was held from Frank H. Carr Funeral Home, 220 Bunker Hill Street, Charlestown at 1000 hours, Thursday, March 22, 1979 followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Francis De Sales Church, Bunker Hill Street, Charlestown at 1100 hours.

The Fire Commissioner/Chief made the customary detail to act as funeral escort and members of the Fire Prevention Division, Training and Research Division, Headquarters and Engine Company 7 were excused to attend the services.

II. FIRE LIEUTENANT FRANK A. DESISTO

It is with deep regret that the Fire Commissioner/Chief announces the death on March 21, 1979 of Fire Lieutenant Frank A. DeSisto of Engine Company 2. Fire Lieutenant DeSisto was appointed to the department on November 29, 1950 and promoted to Fire Lieutenant February 2, 1972.

The funeral will be held from the John O'Connor & Son Funeral Home, 740 Adams Street, Dorchester at 0900 hours, Saturday, March 24, 1979 followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Ann's Church, Dorchester at 1000 hours.

The Fire Commissioner/Chief will make the customary detail to act as funeral escort and members of Engine Company 2 will be excused to attend the funeral.

III. HAZARDOUS BUILDING

The building located at 92 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, District 5, is in a hazardous condition. The rear wall is completely missing from the first floor to the third floor.

Extreme caution should be taken while performing fire fighting duties in this building. This building has been posted.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER/CHIEF GEORGE H. PAUL

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 19

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
MARCH 30, 1979

I. FIRE LIEUTENANT GEORGE M. SACCO

It is with deep regret that the Fire Commissioner/Chief announces the death on March 23, 1979 of Fire Lieutenant George M. Sacco of Engine Company 5. Fire Lieutenant Sacco was appointed to the department May 20, 1942 and promoted to Fire Lieutenant February 5, 1947.

The funeral was held from the Richard C. Kirby Funeral Home, 917 Bennington Street, East Boston at 0900 hours, Monday, March 26, 1979 followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Lazarus Church, 67 Ashley Street, East Boston at 1000 hours.

The Fire Commissioner/Chief made the customary detail to act as funeral escort and members of the Fire Prevention Division, Training and Research Division, Headquarters and Engine Company 5 were excused to attend the services.

II. RETIREMENT

The following retirement, in accordance with the provisions of Section 7, C32, GL, will become effective at 0800 hours, April 1, 1979:

Fire Fighter Francis A. Farrell

Ladder Company 21

Fire Fighter Farrell was appointed to the department March 19, 1975.

He leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

III. RESIGNATION

The following resignation became effective at 1700 hours, March 16, 1979:

Statistical Machine Operator Margaret M. O'Leary - Fire Prevention Div.

IV. FIRE ALARM BOX INSTALLED

The following box has been installed and company commanders shall add it to Circuit Card #92:

12 - 7544 Marine Industrial Park - Building 21 - Drydock Avenue

V. INHALATOR RESPONSE

Engine Company 34 has been trained in the operation of resuscitation equipment. They also have been so equipped and will respond to emergency medical incidents effective 0800 hours, March 31, 1979.

V. COMPANY DRILLS

Officers conducting company drills during the period of April 1 to April 15 shall cover pages 103 to 115 of the "Emergency Medical Handbook".

Foam companies shall also review S. O. P. #6 "Foam Equipment". In the near future these companies will be sent to the Fire Academy for an inspection and evaluation of equipment and operating procedures.

VI. INSTRUCTIONS APPLYING TO RULE 17.23

Paragraph 4, Instructions Applying To Rule 17.23 in General Orders 13, dated March 13, 1979 has been changed to read as follows:

Personal Leave shall be reported on the Morning Report Form 13D in the space Death/Personal Leave - e.g., F.F. Jones - Personal Leave - Day.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER/ CHIEF GEORGE H. PAUL

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 20

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
APRIL 4, 1979

I. COPLEY PLAZA & SHERATON - BOSTON HOTEL FIRES

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend all officers and members of this department for the outstanding demonstration of courage and professionalism demonstrated on the night tour of March 28, 1979.

The prospect of this department coping with two major hotel fires almost simultaneously is almost beyond comprehension. The command decisions that were made at the scene of both fires quickly mobilized the resources necessary to cope with them.

The courage, tenacity and professionalism demonstrated by the companies responding were unsurpassed in the history of this department. There is little doubt that there were many individual acts of heroism at these fires that resulted in the saving of an untold number of lives, thereby averting a tragedy and great human suffering. Unfortunately, due to the scope of operations, these deeds will not receive the public recognition they richly deserve. Each member of this department that responded to these fires can take pride in the knowledge of a job well done.

The diligent work of the members of the Fire and Police Departments involved in the arson investigation which was brought to a successful conclusion is to be highly commended.

II. LETTERS OF THANKS

March 30, 1979

Dear Commissioner Paul:

"I wish to express my congratulations to you and the members of the Boston Fire Department for the outstanding manner in which they performed their duties during the fire at the Sheraton-Boston early yesterday morning.

"The dedication and efficiency of the firemen at the scene made it possible for the 1,000 guests occupying the North Tower of the hotel to be evacuated safely and we at Sheraton are deeply grateful.

"Please accept my sincere thanks on behalf of our guests, our employees and the entire community which you have so effectively served.

Cordially,
Signed/ Howard P. James
Chairman, President &
Chief Executive Officer
The Sheraton Corporation"

March 31, 1979

Dear Commissioner Paul:

"On behalf of our Manager, Mr. Michael D. Welly, our entire staff, and myself, I want to express our deepest appreciation and congratulations for the outstanding performance of the Boston Fire Department during Thursday's tragic fire.

"The high professionalism and total dedication of your people was evident throughout the night. Their action contributed to the orderly evacuation of over 1000 guests from our North Tower and the effective containment of the blaze to the second level of the hotel.

"The citizens of our City are fortunate to have a Fire Department which represents the highest traditions of public service.

Sincerely,
Signed/ Thomas F. Hewitt
Vice President &
General Manager
Sheraton-Boston Hotel"

March 30, 1979

Dear Commissioner Paul:

"I didn't want any more time to go by without letting you know how much we, at John Hancock, appreciated the tremendous effort put forth by the Boston Fire Department in containing and putting out the fire at our Copley Plaza Hotel this past Thursday. Our executive management people have asked me to thank you personally and all of the very dedicated firefighters for a job exceedingly well done.

"Alan Tremain tells me that your people performed in an outstanding manner with courage and dedication to duty. Many lives and a great deal of property were saved in what could have easily been a complete disaster. We salute all of your good people.

Sincerely,
Signed/ John A. Worthen
Vice President
John Hancock Mutual Life
Insurance Company"

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER/CHIEF GEORGE H. PAUL

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 21

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
APRIL 12, 1979

I. RETIREMENTS

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

Fire Fighter	John J. Mikulski	Ladder Co. 31	S7, 94A, C32, GL	0800, 5.1. 79
Fire Lieutenant	Philip P. O'Donnell	Ladder Co. 26	S5, C32, GL	0800, 3.1. 79
Fire Fighter	Frederick W. McClennan	Engine Co. 48	S7, 94, C32, GL	0800, 5.1. 79
Fire Fighter	John F. White	Engine Co. 45	S7, 94, C32, GL	0800, 5.1. 79
Working Foreman Lineman & Cablesplicer	Patrick J. Carter	Fire Alarm	S7, C32, GL	1700, 4. 30. 79
Fire Fighter	Harold A. Simpson	Ladder Co. 13	S7, C32, GL	0800, 5.1. 79
Fire Fighter	James E. Lampro	Ladder Co. 6	S7, C32, GL	0800, 5.1. 79

Fire Fighter Mikulski was appointed to the department February 3, 1947. Fire Lieutenant O'Donnell was appointed April 9, 1947 and promoted to Fire Lieutenant July 4, 1973. Fire Fighter McClennan was appointed January 21, 1948. Fire Fighter White was appointed June 11, 1952. Working Foreman Lineman & Cablesplicer Carter was appointed August 13, 1958. Fire Fighter Simpson was appointed June 27, 1962. Fire Fighter Lampro was appointed July 27, 1966.

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

II. PROMOTION TO DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF

The following Fire Captains were promoted to District Fire Chief and transferred at 0800 hours, April 11, 1979:

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Donovan, Robert R.	Ladder Company 11	Special Service Unit
Sangas, Ralph F.	Engine Company 33	Special Service Unit

III. TRANSFERS

The following transfers became effective at 0800 hours, April 11, 1979:

Fire Captain William R. Tehan	Headquarters	Ladder Company 11
Fire Captain John Lockhead	Engine Company 36	Engine Company 33

IV. REGISTERED E. M. T.

In order to update our records, and in compliance with the State Office of Emergency Medical Services, all company commanders shall submit a Form 5 to this office with the names and registry numbers of all E. M. T.'s in their companies on or before April 30, 1979.

V. HAZARDOUS BUILDING

The building located at 18 Woodward Park Street, District 7, is in hazardous condition due to holes in the second and third floor flooring from previous fires.

In case of another fire in this building, members shall use extreme caution. This building has been posted.

VI. STREET CLOSING

North Bennett Street in the North End of Boston will be closed to thru traffic from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday, from Thursday, April 5, 1979 thru Friday, April 20, 1979.

The street will be made accessible to emergency vehicles if the need arises and will be open to thru traffic from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

VII. COMPANY DRILLS

Officers conducting company drills shall use as subject matter S. O. P #24 "Building Inspection" during the period April 16th to April 30th.

VIII. CHANGE IN DESIGNATION OF FIRE ALARM BOX

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

12 - 7432

James M. Curley Recreation Center - 1663 Columbia Road

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER/ CHIEF GEORGE H. PAUL

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 22

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
APRIL 13, 1979

I. TRANSFERS

The following transfers will become effective 0800 hours, April 18, 1979:

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Fire Lieutenant James R. Delaney	Engine Co. 40	Engine Co. 5
Fire Lieutenant John J. McGrath	Engine Co. 21	Engine Co. 2
Fire Lieutenant Edward T. Riley	Engine Co. 42	Engine Co. 21
Fire Lieutenant Kristo Apostol	Headquarters	Aerial Tower 1
Fire Lieutenant Arthur Perkins	Aerial Tower 1	Engine Co. 42
Fire Lieutenant Robert Prince	Headquarters	Engine Co. 40
Fire Fighter Francis Fay	Headquarters	Engine Co. 20
Fire Fighter John McLaughlin	Engine Co. 4	Ladder Co. 10
Fire Fighter Francis Doherty	Personnel (Med.)	Engine Co. 26
Fire Fighter Charles J. Kelley	Personnel (Med.)	Ladder Co. 20
Fire Fighter Peter Nee	Ladder Co. 20	Ladder Co. 18
Fire Fighter Thomas Coyne	Ladder Co. 1	Motor Squad
Fire Fighter Daniel Flaherty	Rescue Co. 1	Marine Unit 1
Fire Fighter Franklin O'Leary	Ladder Co. 23	Rescue Co. 1

The following members will be transferred to Personnel (Medical)
Division at 0800 hours, April 18, 1979:

Fire Lieutenant Frederick J. Walsh	Engine Co. 49
Fire Fighter Robert J. Barron	Ladder Co. 6
Fire Fighter Thomas A. Lydon	Engine Co. 2

II. LETTERS OF THANKS

April 1, 1979

Dear Sir:

"Although I know no one involved in the fires in your city last week, I wanted to write you and your men a letter of thanks and congratulations. I only wish I knew how to get this letter to each station involved in fighting the hotel fires.

"I must admit how angry I was at the lack of coverage the media gave your department. I think we have all come to realize the media wants tragedy. I am sure if many lives had been lost, your department would have been recognized by most of the citizens of this country. I wish the citizens could know of the bravery and self sacrifice your men had to make in the rescues of so many and of the turmoil in the aftermath.

"As the wife of a fire fighter, paramedic, I want you, your men and your citizens to know how much your jobs are appreciated.

Sincerely,
Signed/Kathleen Clayton
Cincinnati, Ohio"

APRIL 13, 1979

April 6, 1979

Dear Commissioner Paul:

"My wife and I were unfortunate enough to have been in both the Copley Plaza fire and the Sheraton Boston fire last week and now that the trauma and excitement is past, I want to take this opportunity to express the thanks of myself and my wife for the outstanding job done by your department.

"This is the first time I have been in a fire of this type (and I hope it is the last) but both Marilyn and I were impressed by the work done by the Boston Fire Department. They knew exactly what they were doing and went about their job with a minimum of confusion while at the same time being very courteous and solicitous.

"Please pass along my thanks and appreciation to any of those who were involved.

Sincerely,
Signed/J. W. Vannucci, President
Northeast Area
ARA Food Services Company"

March 30, 1979

Dear Mayor White:

"Last Monday evening, March 26th, I was one of the hospital group at Davio's Restaurant on Newbury Street and you stopped by to greet us.

"I would like to presume on that brief acquaintance to ask you to convey to the members of the Boston Fire Department, the compliments and appreciation of the thousands of hospital people who were in attendance at the New England Hospital Assembly this week.

"Like hundreds of other hospital people, I was one of the evacuees from the fire in the Sheraton-Boston Hotel.

"My wife and I were most impressed with the efficiency and orderly approach of the fire fighters to the task at hand. While I am not a professional in combatting fires, I have absorbed sufficient knowledge through my contact with the Stamford Fire Department to recognize superior competence, which was ably demonstrated by the members of the Boston Fire Department.

"Contributing to the absence of hysteria was the attitude of the fire fighters. As I descended the escape towers, the fire fighters were ascending the stairs and instead of a gruff "out of the way" or "make way" their comments were "excuse me, please". I am confident that such mannerisms provide a calming effect on those of us who were apprehensive or bordering on fright. There was a potential for panic, which never manifested itself. You and the leaders of the Fire Department can take great pride in the caliber of the Boston fire fighters.

Signed/Sincerely,
Edgar L. Geibel
Connecticut Hospital Assoc."

April 3, 1979

Boston Fire Fighters:

"In the early hours of last Thursday, more than a dozen companies sped to a fire fighter's nightmare. A major hotel, The Copley Plaza, was burning. With methodical precision, scores of guests were brought to safety and the fire quickly contained. Suddenly, another blaze broke out in the Sheraton Boston and its internal alarm system had apparently failed. Men and material were remmarshalled and a floor by floor search and evacuation was conducted while that blaze was brought under control. Injuries were few and the buildings were saved.

"Big fires like these are unusual and fortunately, very rare. To their credit, the men of the Boston Fire Department were trained and able to prevent what could have been a catastrophe. We want to take this time to publicly thank them for a job very well done.

WRKO Editorial #298
Chuck Goldmark, General Mgr."

April 4, 1979

Dear Sir:

"Last Wednesday night I was staying at the Copley Plaza Hotel. When the fire started, I was on the sixth floor of the hotel. I feel that I never would be writing this letter to you if it were not for the men of your Fire Department. They came to our room and brought us down the smoke filled stairs. They were calm and reassuring and somehow I knew they would get me out of the smoke and confusion. The Naval Physician and E. M. T.s who examined us were all very good. They treated each person in a thorough and competent manner. I just felt that I needed to say a word of praise and thanks to them all.

Sincerely,
Signed/Wilma Rice
Taunton, Ma."

III. CHANGE IN S. O. P. #18

The following changes shall be made in S. O. P. #18 "Procedure Upon Dispatching of Department Members to a Hospital From a Fire or Other Incidents":

- 18.1 Directly... (through) follows - will remain the same.
- (a) Changed to read: "Number of members being sent to the hospital".
- (b) Changed to read: "How members are being transported (i. e. ambulance, police, etc)".
- (c) Remain the same.
- (d) Remain the same.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER/CHIEF GEORGE H. PAUL

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 23

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
APRIL 27, 1979

I. RETIREMENTS

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

F.F. (Engineer in Charge, Motor Squad) Richard J. Harrington	Maintenance Div.	S5, C32, GL	<u>0800 hrs.</u> 4.25.79
F.F. Nickolas G. Vekos	Engine Co. 5	S7, C32, GL	5.1.79

Fire Fighter (Engineer in Charge, Motor Squad) Harrington was appointed to the department February 3, 1947 and appointed Fire Fighter (Engineer in Charge, Motor Squad) October 26, 1977. Fire Fighter Vekos was appointed May 20, 1964.

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

II. OMISSION - G.O. 21 - APRIL 12, 1979 - 1. RETIREMENTS

The following information was omitted for the retirement of Working Foreman Lineman & Cablesplicer Patrick J. Carter, Fire Alarm Division. He was promoted to Working Foreman Lineman & Cablesplicer April 9, 1969.

III. FIRE ALARM BOX INSTALLED

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

13 - 7535	Marine Industrial Park - Building #18	Circuit Card #92
	A Street and Fifth Street	

IV. HAZARDOUS BUILDING

The building located at 23 Moulton Street, Charlestown, District 2, is in hazardous condition and unsafe for fire fighting operations.

This building is vacant, a four story tenement of brick and wood construction. There are many holes in the floors due to past fires and the rear stairs leading from the second to the third floor are broken and unsafe for fire department use. The stairs between third floor and roof are completely missing.

Fire companies should use extreme caution during fire fighting operations at this location. This building has been posted.

April 27, 1979

V. COMPANY DRILLS

Officers conducting company drills shall use as subject matter S. O. P. #4 "Deck Gun Operations" during period of May 1st to May 15th.

Water should be passed through all guns during this drill period.

VI. LETTERS OF THANKS

April 10, 1979

Dear Sir:

"I was a guest in the Sheraton Hotel during the recent fire. Much praise should be awarded to all the firemen who participated in the evacuation and extinguishment of the blaze. It was handled in a most orderly and professional manner.

"Would you kindly pass on my thanks and appreciation to all of them.

Sincerely,
Signed/Foster C. Myers
Flight Engineer
American Airlines, Inc.
Santa Monica, Calif. "

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER/CHIEF GEORGE H. PAUL



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COMMENDATION TO THE BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I want to call the attention of my colleagues to a dramatic display of skill, courage, and dedication by the officers and members of the Boston Fire Department.

In the early morning hours of March 29, 1979, two major hotel fires broke out almost simultaneously in downtown Boston. This was one of the most potentially disastrous fire situations in the history of our city. Over 200 firefighters were quickly and efficiently mobilized, and nearly 2,000 persons were safely evacuated from their rooms in the Copley Plaza and Sheraton-Boston Hotels.

Tragically, the fires resulted in 1 death, and 69 people were hospitalized. However, there is no doubt that the courage and professionalism demonstrated by the Boston Fire Department that night averted a major disaster. Indeed, the many individual acts of heroism at these fires resulted in the saving of an untold number of lives.

My colleagues here in the Senate know that our firefighters are engaged in one of our Nation's most hazardous jobs, demanding great self-sacrifice and tremendous skills. Yet, unfortunately, all too often we take for granted the dedicated service of our firefighters to our communities. All too often we fail to give them the public recognition and gratification they so richly deserve.

I want the Boston Fire Department to know that their heroic actions will not be forgotten, and I want to commend this very special group of public servants for their tremendous effort on the morning of March 29.

Mr. President, I ask that a Boston

Globe editorial justly praising the work of the Boston Fire Department be printed in the Record.

The editorial follows:

A TEST OF COURAGE AND SKILL

It was a nightmare situation—two big uptown hotels on fire and some 1900 guests groping around inside, some of them threatening to jump from windows in their panic. The fact that no one died and relatively few people were seriously injured is a very great tribute to the training, discipline and overall efficiency of the Boston Fire Department.

Within minutes of the early morning alarm at the Copley Plaza Hotel, a record 13 Boston ladder companies were on the scene with 200 firefighters manning the 100-foot ladders to bring as many as 50 people to safety. And just at that fire was brought under control, another broke out in the 29-story Sheraton, two blocks away.

There the situation was worse. The alarm system, checked out on March 7, had not been activated to warn guests above the first four floors that the emergency was indeed real. The fire had caused fuses to blow on some floors and staircases were in darkness. Yet weary firemen, trained for the job, checked every room, every closet on each of the 29 floors, reassuring the fugitives and making sure that no one was left in the building.

The Department of Health and Hospitals, routinely alerted in any three-alarm situation, had emergency units at the two hotels and crews stood by in the city's main hospitals to receive all who might need attention. The Hynes Auditorium, next door to the Sheraton, was opened for those who had nowhere to go. There were coffee and blankets for those who remained. And, in the end, the disaster did not happen.

In any old city like Boston the threat of a holocaust is real. In Boston, memories of the Cocoanut Grove and the Hotel Vendome conflagrations make that threat vivid. On Tuesday the Fire Department and the network designed to meet such a crisis were tested. They came through with glory and the city as a whole owes them thanks.

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 24

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
MAY 4, 1979

I. RIFLE HONOR GUARD DRILLS

Rifle Honor Guard Drills for May will be held on May 10th and May 24th from 1800 hours to 2230 hours at the Fire Academy.

II. COMMENDATION

April 17, 1979

Dear Commissioner Paul:

"I am enclosing copies of my "Commendation to the Boston Fire Department" which appeared in the April 10th issue of the Congressional Record.

"The officers and men of your department performed in the highest traditions of their profession. The individual acts of heroism by Boston Fire Fighters in the early morning hours of March 29th prevented a major disaster and undoubtedly saved many lives.

"Truly, Boston Fire Fighters are the finest.

"With all good wishes.

Sincerely,
Signed/Edward M. Kennedy"

A copy of the commendation from the Congressional Record accompanies this order.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER/CHIEF GEORGE H. PAUL

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 25

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
MAY 15, 1979

I. FIRE FIGHTER ANTHONY GRACE

It is with deep regret that the Fire Commissioner/Chief announces the death of Fire Fighter Anthony Grace of the Headquarters Division who died on May 4, 1979. Fire Fighter Grace was appointed to the department April 7, 1948.

Private funeral services were held Saturday, May 5, 1979.

II. TRAINING PAMPHLET

Accompanying this order are copies of Training Division Pamphlet entitled "Duties & Responsibilities of Fire Lieutenants and Acting Fire Lieutenants". This pamphlet is issued as a guide to enable new officers to easily look up procedures used to handle various problems that may be encountered during a tour of duty. Six (6) copies are being distributed to each company. Company commanders shall have these pamphlets readily available for any member to use, particularly those who may be acting out of grade.

III. COMPANY DRILLS

Officers conducting company drills shall use as subject matter S. O. P. #5 "Raising and Lowering Ground Ladders" during period of May 15, 1979 to June 1, 1979.

IV. FIRE ALARM BOX RENUMBERED

The following mentioned fire alarm box will be renumbered at 0800 hour hours, May 23, 1979:

Old number 317	Freeport St. & Victory Road
New number 3169	Freeport St. & Victory Road

Company commanders will make the above changes at the prescribed time.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER/CHIEF GEORGE H. PAUL

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 26

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
MAY 17, 1979

I. 100TH ANNUAL BALL

The Board of Trustees of the Boston Firemen's Relief Fund wish to remind all members that the last date on which to obtain tickets to the 100th Annual Ball will be on May 23, 1979. Don't be shut out. Tickets may be obtained at the Relief Fund Office, 1st floor, Headquarters.

II. FIRE ALARM BOX INSTALLED

The following box has been installed and company commanders shall add it to circuit card #55:

12 - 1286 U. S. Custom House Tower - 4 India Street

III. NOTIFICATION OF REMOVAL OF APPARATUS FROM SERVICE

Before any apparatus is removed from service by the Maintenance Division, Motor Squad or a company officer, the Fire Alarm office must be notified.

This procedure must be strictly adhered to as there has been serious gaps in the availability of apparatus in certain districts because this procedure has not been followed.

IV. M. B. T. A. STANDPIPE INFORMATION

Information relative to the location of all standpipe connections for the M. B. T. A. tunnels are being distributed with this order, one for each district and division car.

Later, similar information will be distributed to all companies.

V. HAZARDOUS BUILDING

The 2½ story wooden building located at 5 Howard Place, Dorchester, District 7, is in hazardous condition. The roof of the building has fallen in due to numerous fires.

Extreme caution should be exercised at all time while performing duties for fires in this building. This building has been posted.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER/CHIEF GEORGE H. PAUL

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 27

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
MAY 18, 1979

I. PROMOTIONS TO FIRE LIEUTENANT

The following Fire Fighters will be promoted to Fire Lieutenants and transferred at 0800 hours, Wednesday, May 23, 1979:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Fire Lieut. Eugene E. McDevitt	Engine Company 8	Headquarters
Fire Lieut. Walter J. Buckley	Ladder Company 9	Headquarters
Fire Lieut. Francis J. Manning	Engine Company 24	Headquarters
Fire Lieut. Joseph F. Connolly	Ladder Company 18	Headquarters
Fire Lieut. Ralph D. Ciavattone	Ladder Company 4	Headquarters
Fire Lieut. William N. Kirk	Ladder Company 21	Headquarters
Fire Lieut. Ronald J. O'Brien	Fire Prevention	Headquarters
Fire Lieut. Paul M. Reynolds	Engine Company 10	Headquarters
Fire Lieut. Kevin F. Duffley	Aerial Tower I	Headquarters
Fire Lieut. John J. B. Sheehan	Engine Company 16	Headquarters
Fire Lieut. Paul J. Skarzenski	Engine Company 17	Headquarters
Fire Lieut. Edward L. Fitzpatrick	Engine Company 18	Headquarters
Fire Lieut. James P. Mahoney	Engine Company 24	Headquarters
Fire Lieut. Charles R. Messina	Ladder Company 9	Headquarters
Fire Lieut. Michael C. Liotta	Ladder Company 10	Headquarters
Fire Lieut. Neal A. Mullane	Engine Company 21	Headquarters
Fire Lieut. George M. Sacco	Ladder Company 2	Headquarters
Fire Lieut. Joseph M. Welch	Ladder Company 10	Headquarters
Fire Lieut. Leo J. Mullin	Ladder Company 14	Headquarters
Fire Lieut. Frank B. Greenberg	Engine Company 3	Headquarters
Fire Lieut. Donald P. Doenges	Engine Company 10	Headquarters
Fire Lieut. William P. Ward	Ladder Company 29	Headquarters
Fire Lieut. Donald C. Taber	Engine Company 45	Headquarters
Fire Lieut. Peter W. Judge	Engine Company 22	Headquarters
Fire Lieut. James F. Murphy	Engine Company 41	Headquarters
Fire Lieut. Donald C. Kernan	Engine Company 2	Headquarters
Fire Lieut. Victor R. Leazott	Fire Prevention	Headquarters
Fire Lieut. James R. Wall	Engine Company 33	Headquarters
Fire Lieut. Joseph M. Casey	Ladder Company 17	Headquarters
Fire Lieut. Matthew J. Corbett	Engine Company 25	Headquarters
Fire Lieut. Maurice J. Mahoney	Ladder Company 20	Headquarters

II. TRANSFERS

The following transfers will become effective 0800, May 23, 1979:

F.F. Franklin A. O'Leary	Rescue Company 1	Ladder Co. 23
F.F. Edward H. Maloney	Ladder Company 8	Fire Prevention
F.F. James R. Palizollo	Engine Company 40	Engine Co. 5
F.F. Stephen Holmes	Engine Company 11	Engine Co. 7
F.F. Alfred Hansen	Personnel (Med.)	Headquarters
F.F. Bernard Lydon	Ladder Company 6	Engine Co. 54
F.F. George Bishop	Ladder Company 22	Ladder Co. 10

II. TRANSFERS CONTINUED

	From	To
F.F. Walter J. McEvoy	Engine Co. 8	Ladder Co. 8
F.F. David Mendes	Engine Co. 2	Engine Co. 52
F.F. John F. Canavan	Engine Co. 52	Engine Co. 2
F.F. William E. Boulanger	Engine Co. 48	Maintenance
F.F. Armand R. Viera	Ladder Co. 29	Maintenance
F.F. Daniel C. Patterson	Engine Co. 11	Maintenance
F.F. Leo Lang	Ladder Co. 25	Maintenance
F.F. Michael J. Farro	Engine Co. 39	Headquarters
F.F. Edmund V. Raymond	Engine Co. 24	Ladder Co. 23
F.F. James A. Clark	Engine Co. 22	Engine Co. 24
F.F. Robert McGonagle	Engine Co. 3	Ladder Co. 18
F.F. John A. Rushton	Ladder Co. 24	Engine Co. 10
F.F. Paul J. Cedorchuck	Engine Co. 25	Engine Co. 10
F.F. Philip D. Malone	Ladder Co. 8	Ladder Co. 10
F.F. Richard J. Doherty	Engine Co. 20	Engine Co. 43
F.F. James J. Carey	Ladder Co. 15	Ladder Co. 25
F.F. Leo Conley	Ladder Co. 10	Headquarters
F.F. Paul F. Mahoney	Ladder Co. 23	Engine Co. 2
F.F. Thomas F. Kennedy	Ladder Co. 6	Ladder Co. 28

III. FIRE ALARM BOX ESTABLISHED

The following box will be installed in the near future and the circuit number will be announced when the box is installed. Company commanders shall add it to their respective assignment card.

15 - 2356 Affiliated Hospitals Center - 75 Francis Street

IV. FIRE ALARM BOX DISCONTINUED

The following fire alarm box has been removed from service and discontinued and company commanders shall delete this box from circuit card #15:

12 - 1463 Chauncy House - 115 Chauncy Street

V. HIGH COMMENDATIONS

On April 8, 1979, Engine Co. 32 and Ladder Co. 9 responded to a Still Alarm on the report of a man in the water of the Mystic River near the Alford Street Bridge.

Upon arrival of the companies at the scene, members observed a man who was in need of help about fifty feet from shore in the icy water. Fire Captain George Gravalles of Engine Co. 32 immediately removed his fire coat, boots and helmet and with the aid of a life line, entered the water and swam out to

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the struggling victim and brought him to a position where members of Engine Co. 32 and Ladder Co. 9 were able to bring the man to street level where he was taken to the Boston City Hospital by ambulance.

The Fire Commissioner/Chief is pleased to commend Fire Captain George Gravalles, Engine Company 32, because of the personal risk without regard for his own safety at this incident and recommends his case to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

On March 15, 1979, the department responded to Box 1541, Incident #10053, at 0147 hours which was struck for a fire at 606 Tremont Street, South End.

Upon arrival of the companies at the scene, members were informed that a man was still in the building on the fifth floor. Fire Lieutenant Arthur Perkins, Fire Fighter Thomas McDuff, both of Aerial Tower 1 and Fire Fighter Edward O'Brien, Engine Company 22, immediately went to the fifth floor, passing the fire on the fourth floor, to effect a search and rescue. They found an unconscious man on the rear bedroom floor. The victim was removed from danger by these department members to the street where he was revived and then taken to the Boston City Hospital for treatment.

The Fire Commissioner/Chief is pleased to commend Fire Lieutenant Arthur Perkins, Aerial Tower 1, Fire Fighter Thomas McDuff, Aerial Tower 1 and Fire Fighter Edward O'Brien, Engine Company 22 for the rescue efforts that were performed at great personal risk to themselves and recommends their case to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER/CHIEF GEORGE H. PAUL

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 28

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT
MAY 22, 1979

I. ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON

The Annual Awards Luncheon of the Boston Fire Department will be held Friday, May 25, 1979 at Florian Hall.

PROGRAM

1330 hours National Anthem sung by Fire Lieutenant
Frank Bonner, Retired
Invocation, Boston Fire Department Chaplain
Rev. John E. Barclay
Luncheon
Greetings by President
Francis J. Chapin
Boston Firemen's Relief Fund
Master of Ceremonies
F.F. Martin E. Pierce, Ladder Company 17
Presentation of "Distinguished Service Awards" by
Fire Commissioner/Chief George H. Paul
Presentation of "Roll of Merit Awards" by
Fire Commissioner/Chief George H. Paul
Presentation of "Walter Scott Medal for Valor" by
Fire Commissioner/Chief George H. Paul
Presentation of "John E. Fitzgerald Medal for Most
Meritorious Act of 1978" by
Fire Commissioner/Chief George H. Paul
Presentation of Boston Fire Department
"Medal of Valor" Awards posthumously by
Fire Commissioner/Chief George H. Paul
Presentation of Portraits of the late Fire Fighters
Robert M. Greene - Ladder Company 23
John J. McDonough - Lighting Plant I
Ceremony for Departed Members of the
Boston Fire Department by B.F.D. Chaplain
Rabbi Dr. Ira A. Korff

Medal winners and Roll of Merit recipients will report to President Chapin at 1000 hours, May 25th, at Florian Hall. These members will be excused from duty from 0800 hours, May 25th to 0800 hours, May 27th.

The above members will wear regulation uniform, sack coat and white gloves.

The Relief Fund Office will be closed all day May 25th.

II. ANNUAL BALL

The 100th Annual Ball of the Boston Fire Department will be held at 2000 hours, Saturday, May 26th, 1979 at the Park Plaza Hotel, Boston.

The Fire Commissioner/Chief and the officers of the Relief Fund have given considerable time and thought in preparing a program that will be interesting and enjoyable to all. Insofar as the proceeds from this affair are used for the assistance of department members, past and present, the Fire Commissioner/Chief urgently requests all off-duty members to attend this function. It is your organization. Help support it. **ADMISSION WILL BE BY TICKET ONLY.**

PROGRAM

2000 hours	Dancing
2100 hours	Grand March - National Anthem
2115 hours	Drawing
2130 hours	Entertainment - Danny Davis Nashville Brass with Brenda Lee
Two shows	2130 hours to 2245 hours 2315 hours to 0100 hours

930 - 12 45
1145 - 1 15

The Floor Marshal will be Fire Fighter Carl F. Cuqua, Training & Research Division. The Grand March will be conducted by the Rifle Honor Guard under the direction of District Fire Chief Robert E. Laing, Headquarters. All Chief Officers and guests are encouraged to participate in the Grand March.

The Rifle Honor Guard will be excused at 1800 hours, May 26th to 0800 hours, May 27th, to participate in the Annual Ball.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER/CHIEF GEORGE H. PAUL

BOARD OF MERIT

The Board of Merit, consisting of the Fire Commissioner/Chief of Department and the Deputy Fire Chiefs, has considered all meritorious acts referred to it for the year, 1978. After careful consideration and study, the Board submitted the following recommendations which are hereby approved by the Fire Commissioner/Chief of Department.

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| 1. Cases of Fire Fighter Thomas E. Bernhard | Engine Company 21 |
| Fire Fighter John E. McNally | Engine Company 21 |

At 0915 hours, March 5, 1978, Engine Company 21 responded to Box 1873 (2 alarms) at 96 Sawyer Avenue, Dorchester. Upon arrival, six or seven people were noticed trapped on the third floor rear porch : and when Engine Company 21 tried to reach them by placing their ladder on top of an exceptionally high snow bank, it was found to be too short.

Fire Fighters Bernhard and McNally went up the rear stairs which was heavily charged with smoke and in danger of bursting into flames at any minute. Their efforts were further complicated by the lack of visibility and large amounts of debris and storage including rubbish, automobile parts, cases of oil and a large rolled up 12' by 12' rug. They calmed the panic stricken people down and then guided them down the rear stairs to safety.

The panic stricken people were greatly endangered by the heat, smoke and flames; their ages were mostly in the twenties and thirties and it took the expertise and courage of Fire Fighters Bernhard and McNally to effect the rescue.

The Fire Commissioner/Chief highly commended these members in General Orders No. 20 of 1978 for these rescues which were performed under great personal risk.

The Board recommended that the names of

Fire Fighter Thomas E. Bernhard	Engine Company 21
Fire Fighter John E. McNally	Engine Company 21

be placed on the Roll of Merit.

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| 2. Case of Fire Fighter James R. Neff | Ladder Company 18 |
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At 0943 hours, April 17, 1978, Ladder Company 18 responded to Box 7236 (2 alarms) at 17 Middle Street, South Boston. Upon arrival, Ladder Company 18 found heavy fire and smoke showing at the rear of the building. Fire Lieutenant Paschal of Ladder Company 18 was informed by civilians at the scene that a small child had been left in a rear bedroom on the third floor.

Lieutenant Paschal, with Fire Lieutenant Solletti of Engine Company 1 and Fire Fighter Neff gained access to the third floor but were driven down the stairs because of the intense heat and smoke. A second attempt was made immediately but without success.

At this point, Fire Fighter Neff went to the rear of the building and as a line commenced operating in the rear stairway, he made his way ahead of the line into the third floor. At this time, the fire was in the walls of the stairway, the stairs were heavily charred and fire also in the ceiling and wall of the third floor. He made his way into the bedroom at the rear right hand side of the building, removed the child from the bed, made his way to the front of the building, down the stairs and then to a waiting ambulance, giving mouth to mouth resuscitation on the way. There was intense heat and smoke on the third floor during this rescue.

The child was removed to the Boston City Hospital where she was admitted. Fire Fighter Neff was also removed to the Boston City Hospital where he was treated for heat exhaustion and later relieved from duty.

The Fire Commissioner/Chief highly commended Fire Fighter Neff in General Orders No. 28 of 1978 for this rescue which was performed under extreme personal risk.

The Board recommended that

Fire Fighter James R. Neff

Ladder Company 18

be awarded the John E. Fitzgerald Medal for the Most Meritorious Act.

3. Cases of Fire Fighter Peter F. Nee

Ladder Company 20

Fire Fighter Lawrence C. Holt

Ladder Company 20

At approximately 1850 hours, June 20, 1978, at Marine Park, South Boston, Fire Fighters Peter F. Nee and Lawrence C. Holt, both of Ladder Company 20, successfully resuscitated Fire Captain James D. Kennedy, Ladder Company 20 on four occasions when he had apparently succumbed to a severe coronary attack.

Off duty members of the department were participating in a soft ball league game when Fire Captain Kennedy, a spectator, was stricken with a severe coronary attack. He had stopped breathing and had become cyanotic. Fire Fighters Nee and Holt immediately commenced cardio-pulmonary resuscitation until Fire Captain Kennedy resumed breathing. While other members called for an ambulance and resuscitator service, Captain Kennedy again lapsed into a cyanotic condition and Fire Fighters Nee and Holt resumed cardio-pulmonary resuscitation.

Upon arrival of Ladder Company 19, oxygen was administered until the arrival of the Boston City Hospital ambulance. Fire Captain Kennedy lapsed into a cyanotic condition on two occasions while being transported to the Boston City Hospital and was revived by Fire Fighters Nee and Holt.

The Fire Commissioner/Chief highly commended Fire Fighters Nee and Holt in General Orders No. 41 of 1978 for their swift and efficient administration of cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and their persistence in reviving their Company Commander.

The Board recommended that

Fire Fighter Peter F. Nee
Fire Fighter Lawrence C. Holt

Ladder Company 20
Ladder Company 20

be awarded the Distinguished Service Award.

4. Case of Fire Lieutenant Nicholas P. Keenan Ladder Company 15

At 1711 hours, June 16, 1978, Box 1579 was struck for a fire at 287 Beacon Street, Incident #26241.

Upon arrival of Engine Company 33 and Ladder Company 15 at the above location, members were informed that a child was still inside the fire building. Fire Lieutenant Nicholas P. Keenan, Ladder Company 15, donned an air-mask and proceeded to lead a search of the premises. Lieutenant Keenan found a child on a bed adjacent to the fire area and as he removed the victim from the building, he performed mouth to mouth resuscitation until he reached the outside where other members relieved him until arrival of an ambulance. The child was removed to the Children's Hospital for treatment by Health and Hospital personnel.

Since fire, heat, smoke and gasses had built to a considerable degree because ventilation had not been accomplished or lines of hose placed into operation, Fire Lieutenant Keenan performed this act without regard for his own personal safety, under extremely hazardous conditions.

The Fire Commissioner/Chief highly commended Fire Lieutenant Keenan in General Orders No. 43 of 1978.

The Board recommended that the name of

Fire Lieutenant Nicholas P. Keenan Ladder Company 15

be placed on the Roll of Merit.

5. Case of Fire Lieutenant James M. Solletti Engine Company 1

On August 17, 1978, at approximately 1105 hours, Fire Lieutenant James J. Solletti of Engine Company 1, while off duty, was stopped in traffic opposite 1826 Dorchester Avenue. Lieutenant Solletti observed the roof of the Ashmont Creamery, 1826 Dorchester Avenue, suddenly collapse due to demolition work in the adjacent building.

Lieutenant Solletti had observed three small boys enter the store just prior to the collapse and, without regard for his own personal safety, hastened to enter the collapsed structure to assist any victims present. He found the three small boys and the owners of the store, Albert and Estelle Winn, and assisted them to safety.

This act was performed by Fire Lieutenant Solletti with half of the roof timbers collapsed on the grocery shelves, a heavy pall of plaster dust in the air and the remaining half of the roof in imminent danger of collapsing.

The Fire Commissioner/Chief highly commended Fire Lieutenant Solletti of Engine Company 1 in General Orders No. 46 of 1978, for his actions at great personal risk.

The Board recommended that the name of

Fire Lieutenant James J. Solletti Engine Company 1

be placed on the Roll of Merit.

6. Cases of Fire Lieutenant Stephen E. McLaughlin Rescue Company 2
Fire Fighter Roger J. Dunn Rescue Company 2
Fire Fighter Ronald Gatnik Engine Company 52
Fire Fighter John L. Cheatham Ladder Company 16

On November 17, 1978, members of the department were called to the scene of an accident at a construction site adjacent to 700 American Legion Highway, Roslindale.

Engine Company 45, Ladder Company 16, Rescue Company 2 and District 12, District Fire Chief Emmett J. Kiley commanding, responded to the alarm, Incident #51846, 1550 hours.

Upon arrival of the Fire Department, District Fire Chief Kiley was informed that two men were buried in a construction trench that had caved in. Chief Kiley ordered another Ladder Company to the scene and had members begin removing the dirt from the caved in excavation. The members had to work in a very dangerous environment for fear of more cave in and continued until both victims were removed from the site.

The Fire Commissioner/Chief highly commended these men in General Orders No. 1 of 1979 for their bravery and extreme personal risk under most dangerous and difficult conditions which existed at this incident.

The Board recommended that the names of

Fire Lieutenant Stephen E. McLaughlin	Rescue Company 2
Fire Fighter Roger J. Dunn	Rescue Company 2
Fire Fighter Ronald Gatnik	Engine Company 52
Fire Fighter John L. Cheatham	Ladder Company 16

be placed on the Roll of Merit.

7. Cases of Acting Fire Lieutenant Edward J. Hudalla Ladder Company 20
Fire Fighter Richard L. Stedman Engine Company 43

On December 22, 1978, the department responded to still alarm, Box 1812 at 0420 hours for a fire at 19 Montpelier Road.

Upon arrival of Engine Company 43 and Ladder Company 20 at the scene, members were informed that occupants were trapped inside the burning apartment. The apartment was locked with numerous devices which impeded access and hindered rescue efforts; a battering ram was required to effect entry.

Acting Fire Lieutenant Edward J. Hudalla, Ladder Company 20, entered the apartment and made his way through the heavily charged area to the rear rooms where he found an unconscious woman on the floor. He moved her to the front of the apartment where he was assisted by Fire Fighter Richard Stedman in removing her to safety. Acting Lieutenant Hudalla continued the search and found a young boy under a bed in the rear bedroom whom he carried to safety.

The Fire Commissioner/Chief commended Acting Fire Lieutenant Hudalla and Fire Fighter Stedman in General Orders No. 3 of 1979.

The Board recommended that

Acting Fire Lieutenant Edward J. Hudalla
Ladder Company 20

be awarded the Walter Scott Medal for Valor.

The Board recommended that the name of

Fire Fighter Richard L. Stedman	Engine Company 43
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be placed on the Roll of Merit.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER/CHIEF GEORGE H. PAUL