

Fire Lieutenant Joseph J. Downing, age 48, Engine Company 2

On October 16, 1970, Fire Lieutenant Downing died at 0230 hours from injuries and severe burns after a taxicab's gasoline tank exploded on September 19, 1970, in front of 18 Dorchester Street, South Boston, Box 7316, (West 2nd & Dorchester Streets). He was burned over 90 per cent of his body. Lieutenant Downing had 24 years of service.