

DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF MICHAEL WALSH DIES

Was Injured in a Collision
Last December.

Never Able to Assume Last Post to
Which He Was Promoted.



CHIEF MICHAEL WALSH
Of Roxbury Fire District.

Death yesterday claimed District Chief Michael Walsh, a veteran member of the Boston Fire Department, depriving him of the honor of assuming the post of district leader, to which he had been advanced by Commissioner Grady Jan 15 last. In December, while responding to an alarm, the department automobile in which he was riding was struck by a trolley car and the injuries that the chief received, not at first considered serious, are now assigned as the cause of his death.

Chief Walsh had been a firefighter for nearly 31 years. He was 59 years old and was a printer before joining the fire service. In his younger days he was in the Navy. In 1879 he was on the Richmond, which circled the globe with Gen Grant aboard. He served in China for more than three years.

April 9, 1884, he was appointed to the fire force as a permanent substitute and assigned to Engine Company 7, on East st. A year from the following September he was appointed to the regular force and in 1887 was shifted to Engine 22, then on Dartmouth st. June 1, 1889, he was promoted to lieutenant and Feb 10, 1893, to captain. From the time of his promotion to lieutenant until June 15, 1894, he was on duty at Engine 3, Harrison av. Since 1894 he had been at Engine 23, Northampton st.

Not only was he considered a good fireman, but an able leader, and his men held him in high regard. Last Summer he took the examination for promotion to district chief and was among the first four on the list. He was off duty at the time of his promotion and it was expected it would only be a matter of a few weeks before he would get back in the harness. He was anticipating returning to duty and taking command of the 9th Fire District, with headquarters at the house of Engine 12, Dudley st, Roxbury, when his condition became serious.

He is survived by his wife, three sons and a daughter, the latter, Miss Irene Walsh, a teacher in the Benjamin Fenwick School, Dorchester. He resided at 317 Dudley st. The funeral will be held Tuesday morning with services at St Patrick's Church, Monday Commissioner Grady and Chief McDonough will prepare a detail to serve as escort at the funeral.