

III. Case of Lieutenant James L. Crawford of Ladder Company 27.

The department responded to an alarm from Box 2126 at 2:10 p.m., November 29, 1951, for a fire in the dwelling house at 935 Albany Street, Roxbury.

Upon arrival of Ladder Company 4 at the scene, Lieutenant Crawford who was detailed to Ladder Co. 4 was informed that a woman was trapped on the second floor. He entered the building, proceeded over the stairs and attempted to enter the apartment but was unable to do so because of furniture that was placed against the door. The Lieutenant quickly descended the stairs and climbed a painter's ladder, that had been set up by two civilians, to the second-floor window. He broke the glass and removed the unconscious woman, on his shoulder and down the ladder to the street. She was removed to the Boston City Hospital in the police ambulance.

Lieutenant Crawford was highly commended in General Orders No. 63, series of 1951, for this splendid rescue work.

The Board of Merit recommends the awarding of the "Patrick J. Kennedy Medal of Honor" to Lieutenant James L. Crawford.