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# MUNICIPAL REGISTER:

CONTAINING

THE CITY CHARTER,

THE

RULES AND ORDERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL,

AND A

LIST OF OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON,

FOR THE YEAR

1884.

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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The Fire Department consists of a Board of three Fire Commissioners, who have entire control of the department, a Chief Engineer, thirteen Assistant Engineers, a Superin-

tendent of Fire-Alarms, and officers, engine-men, telegraph operators, etc., to the number of about six hundred and fifty-eight in all.

### BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS.

One member annually is appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council, to hold office for three years from the first Monday in May in the year of his appointment. Salary, \$3,000, each, per annum.

———, <sup>1</sup> term ends 1887.

HENRY W. LONGLEY, *Chairman*, term ends 1886.

JOHN E. FITZGERALD, term ends 1885.

FREDERICK W. SMITH, JR., *Clerk*. Salary, \$1,900. [Appointed by the Fire Commissioners.]

### *Chief Engineer.*

WILLIAM A. GREEN, 8 Bosworth street. Salary, \$3,000, and the use of a horse and vehicle.

### *Assistant Engineers.*

Salaries, \$1,600 each.

JOSEPH DUNBAR,	assigned to District 1.
JOHN BARTLETT,	“ “ 2.
W. H. CUNNINGHAM,	“ “ 3.
WM. T. CHESWELL,	“ “ 4.
JOHN W. REGAN,	“ “ 5.
LOUIS P. ABBOT,	“ “ 6.
GEORGE C. FERNALD,	“ “ 7.
JOHN COLLIGAN,	“ “ 8.
JAMES MONROE,	“ “ 9.
J. FOSTER HEWINS,	“ “ 10.

<sup>1</sup> Edward A. White, appointed 1881, ceased to act May 3, 1884. William A. Green, appointed April 14, 1884, for the term beginning May 5; appointment refused confirmation in Common Council.

### *Call Engineers.*

WILLIAM E. DELANO, assigned to District 2.

GRANVILLE A. FULLER, assigned to that part of District 8 located in Brighton.

JAMES F. ROGERS, assigned to that part of District 10 located in West Roxbury.

## FIRE DISTRICTS.

The city is divided into ten fire districts, as follows : —

- DISTRICT 1. Comprises all that part of Boston known as East Boston.
- DIST. 2. All that part of Boston formerly known as Charlestown.
- DIST. 3. All that part east of a line beginning at the Charles-river drawbridge, and running through the centre of Charlestown street, Haymarket square, and Washington to Summer street, and north of Summer street and the N.Y. & N.E. R.R. passenger depot, to the water.
- DIST. 4. All that part west of District 3, and north of a line running through the centre of Winter and Park streets, and west of Beacon, to Arlington street, west side of Commonwealth avenue, to Chester park, to the water.
- DIST. 5. All that part south of Districts 3 and 4 to the centre of Dover-street drawbridge, and a line running through the centre of Dover, Berkeley, Boylston, east side of Commonwealth avenue, to Arlington, to Boylston street.
- DIST. 6. All that part of Boston known as South Boston.
- DIST. 7. All that part of Boston south of District 5 to the centre of Albany street; thence through the centre of Albany and Northampton streets, Columbus avenue, and West Chester park, to east side of Commonwealth avenue, to centre of Berkeley, to Dover street.
- DIST. 8. All that part south and west of District 7 to the boundary line of Ward 23 (formerly West Roxbury), and west of Shawmut avenue, to the Brookline boundary line, and including Ward 25, formerly Brighton.
- DIST. 9. All that part south of Districts 6 and 7 to Ward 23, and a line running through the centre of Blue Hill avenue, Columbia, Green, Bowdoin, Church, and East streets, and east of District 8, to the water.
- DIST. 10. All the southerly part of Boston south of Districts 8 and 9, including Ward 23 (formerly West Roxbury).

## HOOK AND LADDER CARRIAGES.

- No. 1. Friend street. John F. Egan, *Foreman*.
- No. 2. Sumner, corner Orleans street, East Boston. John H. Elliot, *Foreman*.
- No. 3. Harrison avenue, corner of Bristol street. Eugene Cummings, *Foreman*.
- No. 4. Dudley street, Roxbury. John M. Powers, *Foreman*.
- No. 5. Fourth, near Dorchester street. John B. Hill, *Foreman*.
- No. 6. Located in Engine-house No. 16, Temple street, Dorchester. Henry Crane, *Foreman*.
- No. 7. Meeting-house Hill, Dorchester. L. P. Bird, *Foreman*.
- No. 8. Fort Hill square. George F. Griffin, *Foreman*.
- No. 9. Main street, Charlestown District. C. H. W. Pope, *Foreman*.
- No. 10. Centre street, West Roxbury District, in house with steamer. Mark C. Davis, *Foreman*.
- No. 11. Chestnut Hill avenue, Brighton District. James A. Dooley, *Foreman*.
- No. 12. Tremont street, Roxbury. E. H. Sawyer, *Foreman*.
- No. 13. Washington, near Dover street. J. W. Chase, *Lieut. in charge*.
- Aerial ladder, Fort Hill square, in charge of H. and L. No. 8.
- Water Tower, Bulfinch street, in charge of Engine Co. No. 4.

#### STEAM FIRE-ENGINES.

- No. 1. Dorchester street, corner Fourth, South Boston. Robt. E. Bartlett, *Foreman*.
- No. 2. Fourth, corner of O street, South Boston. G. A. Jones, *Foreman*.
- No. 3. Harrison avenue, corner Bristol street. Lewis P. Webber, *Foreman*.
- No. 4. Bulfinch street. Hiram D. Smith, *Foreman*.
- No. 5. Marion street, East Boston. George A. Tucker, *Foreman*.
- No. 6. Wall street. P. E. Keyes, *Foreman*.
- No. 7. East street. Daniel T. Marden, *Foreman*.
- No. 8. Salem street. William Childs, *Foreman*.
- No. 9. Paris street, East Boston. Gershom Sherman, *Foreman*.
- No. 10. River, foot of Mount Vernon street. C. O. Poland, *Foreman*.
- No. 11. Sumner street, East Boston. G. W. Warren, *Foreman*.
- No. 12. Corner Winslow and Dudley streets, Roxbury. B. McCarthy, *Foreman*.
- No. 13. Cabot street, Roxbury. Francis Freeman, *Foreman*.
- No. 14. Centre street, Roxbury. Charles F. Poor, *Foreman*.
- No. 15. Corner Broadway and Dorchester avenue. John A. Mullen, *Foreman*.
- No. 16. Temple street, Dorchester. Edwin R. Merrill, *Foreman*.
- No. 17. Meeting-house Hill, Dorchester. Alex. Glover, Jr., *Foreman*.
- No. 18. Harvard street, Dorchester. Henry Fobes, *Foreman*.
- No. 19. Norfolk street, Dorchester. George F. Fenno, *Foreman*.
- No. 20. Walnut street, Dorchester. Wm. G. Blanchard, *Foreman*.
- No. 21. Boston street, Dorchester. T. W. Gowan, *Foreman*.
- No. 22. Dartmouth street. W. A. Gaylord, *Foreman*.
- No. 23. Northampton street. Nathan L. Hussey, *Foreman*.
- No. 24. Corner Warren and Quincy streets, Roxbury. D. C. Bickford, *Foreman*.
- No. 25. Fort Hill square. Geo. W. Frost, *Foreman*.
- No. 26. Mason street. C. C. Willett, *Foreman*.
- No. 27. Elm street, Charlestown District. G. F. Titus, *Foreman*.
- No. 28. Centre street, West Roxbury. Geo. B. Reiley, *Foreman*.
- No. 29. Chestnut Hill avenue, Brighton District. C. H. Champney, *Foreman*.
- No. 30. Mt. Vernon, near Centre street, West Roxbury. James B. Prescott, *Foreman*.
- No. 31. South side of India wharf. Has four steam-pumps and high-pressure boiler and engine of 80-horse-power, throwing 2,500 gallons of water per minute. S. L. Low, *Captain*.
- No. 32. Bunker Hill, near Main street, Charlestown. M. V. B. Kimball, *Foreman*.

#### CHEMICAL ENGINES.

- No. 1. Bulfinch street. Hiram D. Smith, *Foreman*.
- No. 2. Church street. E. F. Martin, *Foreman*.
- No. 3. Longwood avenue. T. Henry Weltch, *Driver*, in command.
- No. 4. Corner Shawmut avenue and Poplar street, West Roxbury. Thomas P. Lally, *Driver*, in command.
- No. 5. Washington street, near Egleston square. Chas. E. Wilson, *Driver*, in command.
- No. 6. South Harvard, near Cambridge street, Brighton. George A. Kennison, *Driver*, in command.

#### HORSE HOSE-CARRIAGES.

- Hose No. 1. Main street, Charlestown. George S. Rich, *Foreman*.  
Hose No. 3. Winthrop street, Charlestown. Owen Tulley, *Foreman*.  
Hose No. 4. Corner Bunker Hill and Tufts streets, Charlestown. G. Getchell, *Foreman*.  
Hose No. 5. Shawmut avenue. W. Lovell, *Foreman*.  
Hose No. 6. Chelsea street, East Boston. John H. Weston, *Foreman*.  
Hose No. 7. Tremont street, Roxbury. Charles G. Green, *Foreman*.  
Hose No. 8. North Grove street. John Knight, *Asst. Foreman*.  
Hose No. 9. B street, South Boston. Albert Schell, *Foreman*.  
Hose No. 10. Washington Village. H. T. Bowers, *Foreman*.  
Hose No. 12. Fourth, near K street, South Boston. David Smith, *Foreman*.

The Engines, Hose, Hats, Axes, Ladders, and all the other apparatus used by the Fire Department are owned by the city, and are under the care and control of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

#### FIRE-ALARM TELEGRAPH.

BROWN S. FLANDERS, *Superintendent*. Salary, \$2,600, and the use of a horse and vehicle. Office, City Hall. He has also the care and charge of all the public Bells and Clocks.  
Cyrus A. George, *Asst. Superintendent*.  
*Operators*, Charles M. Chaplin, Uzziel Putnam, James L. Crowley.  
*Foreman of Construction*, Wm. H. Godfrey.  
*Repairers*, George S. Thom, J. M. Morris, J. W. Bird, G. S. Mendall, J. Flavell.  
*Battery-man*, James L. Gethins.

[The above are appointed by the Board of Fire Commissioners.]

A constant watch is kept at the head-quarters, City Hall, night and day, by the operators. Each operator has assigned to him certain hours of duty, during which time he is responsible for the correct working of the apparatus in giving alarms, and all testing of the circuits and other details pertaining to the service. An automatic arrangement is con-

nected with the receiving apparatus, by which assistance may be called from the sleeping apartments, if at any time the operator should be suddenly incapacitated by illness from performing his duties. No operator is permitted to sleep during his watch, unless expressly relieved by some one else, and by consent of the Superintendent.

An accurate account is kept of the time of giving each alarm, and of the station from which it originates, and all other necessary information.

Alarms are transmitted to the Central Office, from the Signal Stations, or Boxes, by pulling a slide in the box. The police-officers and one other person resident near each station have keys to the boxes. There are 329 fire-alarm boxes in connection with the head-quarters, numbered variously from 2 to 812. Thirty-two of these boxes are supplied with a "keyless door."

ALARMS are sounded by striking the number of the box upon the alarm-bells, and upon the gongs in the engine-houses, for three rounds.

Alarms are usually given about half a minute from the time the box is operated.

*Second Alarms* are sounded by striking ten blows, followed by box number. *Third Alarms* are sounded by striking ten blows three times, thus: 10 — 10 — 10.

In cases where the entire department is required, alarms are sounded by striking twelve blows three times, thus: 12 — 12 — 12.

*Return Signal.* — Notice is given on the bells and gongs by striking one blow four times, thus: 1 — 1 — 1 — 1; upon which the several pieces of apparatus on their way to the fire return to their quarters.

In cases where Hook and Ladder Companies *only* are wanted, the signal is given by striking fifteen blows once, with the number of the Company struck twice, thus: Hook and Ladder No. One, 15 — 1 — 1. Hook and Ladder No. Four, 15 — 4 — 4.

If more than one Hook & Ladder Company is wanted, the signal is given thus: Hook & Ladder One and Three, 15 — 1 — 1 — 3 — 3. Hook & Ladder Two and Four, 15 — 2 — 2 — 4 — 4.

Of other signals given on the fire-alarm bells, 189 indicates a fire at Deer Island; 198 indicates a call from Chelsea for assistance; 22 indicates no school; eleven blows indicates Police call.

THE MERIDIAN BELLS. — Fifty-one bells, one hundred and one gongs, forty-nine tappers, twenty-four box gongs, and ten vibrators, at their various locations on churches, school-houses, in engine-houses, and R.R. depots, are struck from the Fire-Alarm office precisely at noon (Standard time), every day. Correct time is furnished by telegraph from Cambridge Observatory, so that absolute accuracy is secured.

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#### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

##### CHIEF ENGINEER.

Samuel D. Harris, 1826 to 1829.	Elisha Smith, 1854 to 1856.
Thomas C. Amory, 1829 to 1836.	George W. Bird, 1856 to 1866.
William Barnicoat, 1836 to 1854.	John S. Damrell, 1866 to 1874.
	William A. Green, 1874.