

MUNICIPAL REGISTER:

CONTAINING

THE CITY CHARTER AND SPECIAL LAWS RELATING
TO THE CITY OF BOSTON,

THE

RULES OF THE CITY COUNCIL,

THE

REGISTER OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT,

AND

A LIST OF OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON
AND THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK,

FOR THE

YEAR 1891.



BOSTON:

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1891.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

[Stat. 1850, Chap. 262; Rev. Ord., Chap. 24.]

The Boston Fire Department was organized in 1837, the Chief Engineer of the paid Department publishing annual reports from 1838 until 1873. By the ordinance of October 24, 1873, the Department was placed under a Board of three Fire Commissioners, who have published annual reports since 1874. At the present time the Fire Department consists of a Board of three Fire Commissioners, who have entire control of the department, a Chief, an Assistant Chief, nine District Chiefs, a Superintendent of Fire-Alarms, and officers, engine-men, telegraph operators, etc., to the number of about seven hundred in all.

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS.

ROBERT G. FITCH, *Chairman*. Term ends in 1892.

GEORGE H. INNIS. Term ends in 1893.

JOHN R. MURPHY. Term ends in 1894.

Salary, \$3,500 each per annum.

[Office, 74 Tremont street.]

FIRE DISTRICTS.

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

DISTRICT 1. All that part of Boston known as East Boston.

DIST. 2. All that part of Boston formerly known as Charlestown.

DIST. 3. Boston proper 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. Boston proper 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).

STEAM FIRE ENGINES.

Number.	Location.	Officers.
1	Dorchester street, cor. Fourth, S. B. . . .	Robert E. Bartlett, Capt.
2	Fourth, cor. O street, South Boston . . .	John H. Le Cain, Capt.
3	Harrison avenue, cor. Bristol street . . .	James H. LeFavor, Capt.
4	Bulfinch street	M. Walsh, Lieut.
5	Marion street, East Boston	P. F. McDonough, Capt.
6	Leverett street	James P. Dean, Lieut.
7	East street	George A. Jones, Capt.
8	Salem street	John F. Ryan, Capt.
9	Paris street, East Boston	J. M. Gargan, Lieut.
10	River, foot of Mt. Vernon street	E. F. Martin, Capt.
11	Sumner street, East Boston Lieut.
12	Cor. Winslow and Dudley sts., Roxbury .	J. S. Kenney, Capt.
13	Cabot street, Roxbury	John I. Quigly, Lieut.
14	Centre street, Roxbury	E. B. Smith, Capt.
15	Cor. Broadway and Dorchester avenue . .	John Knights, Capt.
16	Temple street, Dorchester avenue	H. P. Pitcher, Lieut.
17	Meeting-House Hill, Dorchester	G. W. Warren, Capt.
18	Harvard street, Dorchester	B. McCarthy, Capt.
19	Norfolk street, Dorchester	Daniel T. Mardenn, Capt.
20	Walnut street, Dorchester	Daniel H. Sennott, Capt.
21	Boston street, Dorchester	Isaac A. Williams, Capt.
22	Dartmouth street	George J. Wall, Lieut.
23	Northampton street	Edwin R. Merrill, Capt.
24	Cor. Warren and Quincy streets	Alexander Glover, Capt.
25	Fort Hill square	John Colligan, Capt.
26	Mason street	George F. Fenno, Capt.
27	Elm street, Charlestown	William G. Blanchard, Capt.
28	Centre street, West Roxbury	T. W. Gowan, Capt.
29	Chestnut Hill avenue, Brighton	Charles F. Poor, Capt.
30	Mt. Vernon street, West Roxbury	F. E. Hibbard, Lieut.
31	Berth at India Wharf, Fire Boat	Nathan L. Hussey, Capt.
32	Bunker Hill street, Charlestown	R. E. Handy, Lieut.
33	Cor. Boylston and Hereford streets . . .	William Childs, Capt.
34	Western avenue, Brighton	C. O. Poland, Capt.
35	John Neal, Lieut.
36	C. C. Willett, Capt.
37	J. M. Garrity, Lieut.
		G. F. Titus, Capt.
		George B. Relley, Capt.
		C. H. Champney, Capt.
		James B. Prescott, Capt.
		B. F. Healey, Capt.
		C. E. Phoenix, Lieut.
		M. V. B. Kimball, Capt.
		George W. Frost, Capt.
		Charles Ingersoll, Lieut.
		George C. Fernald, Capt.
		W. I. Gaffey, Lieut.
		S. L. Low, Capt.
		H. D. Smith, Capt.

LADDER CARRIAGES.

No. 1. Friend street. A. R. Johnson, *Captain*; T. B. Flannagan, *Lieutenant*.

No. 2. Sumner, corner Orleans street, East Boston. John H. Elliot, *Captain*.

No. 3. Harrison avenue, corner of Bristol street. John Grady, *Captain*; Charles T. Adams, *Lieutenant*.

No. 4. Dudley street, Roxbury. James M. Littleton, *Captain*.

No. 5. Fourth, near Dorchester street. E. A. Perkins, *Captain*.

No. 6. Located in Engine-house No. 16, Temple street, Dorchester. George S. Bourne, *Captain*.

No. 7. Meeting-house Hill, Dorchester. F. W. Webber, *Ladderman in charge*.

No. 8. Fort Hill square. George F. Griffin, *Captain*.

No. 9. Main street, Charlestown. Thomas W. Conway, *Captain*.

No. 10. Centre street, West Roxbury. John F. Boothby, *Captain*.

No. 11. Chestnut Hill avenue, Brighton. James A. Dooley, *Captain*.

No. 12. Tremont street, Roxbury. John W. Godbold, *Captain*; C. H. Leary, *Lieutenant*.

No. 13. Washington, near Dover street. C. Henry Webber, *Lieutenant in charge*. Turn-table truck.

No. 14. Fort Hill square, in charge of Ladder No. 8. Turn-table truck.

No. 15. Boylston and Hereford streets. Casper H. Moning, *Captain*; W. C. Lee, *Lieutenant*. Turn-table truck.

No. 16. Washington street, West Roxbury. Thomas P. Lally, *Lieutenant in charge*.

HORSE HOSE-CARRIAGES.

Hose No. 3. Winthrop street, Charlestown. Owen Tulley, *Captain*.

Hose No. 5. Shawmut avenue. J. D. Kelley, *Hoseman in charge*.

Hose No. 6. Chelsea street, East Boston.

Hose No. 7. Tremont street, Roxbury.

Hose No. 8. North Grove street. John H. Ewers, *Lieutenant in charge*.

Hose No. 10. Washington Village. C. E. Molloy, *Hoseman in charge*.

Hose No. 12. Fourth, near K street, South Boston. M. A. Jones, *Hoseman in charge*.

CHEMICAL ENGINES.

No. 1. Bulfinch street. P. F. McDonough, *Captain*.

No. 2. Church street. Joseph Smith, *Lieutenant in charge*.

- No. 3. Longwood avenue. T. Henry Weltch, *Hoseman in charge*.
No. 4. Corner Washington and Poplar streets, West Roxbury. Thomas P. Lally, *Lieutenant in charge*.
No. 5. Washington street, near Egleston square. John T. Byron, *Hoseman in charge*.
No. 6. South Harvard, near Cambridge street, Brighton. E. T. Smith, *Lieutenant in charge*.
No. 7. Corner of Saratoga and Byron streets, East Boston. George W. Stoddard, *Lieutenant in charge*.
No. 8. B street, South Boston. Henry J. Hart, *Lieutenant in charge*.
No. 9. Main street, Charlestown. T. W. Conway, *Captain in charge*.
No. 10. Eustis street, Roxbury. A. W. Brown, *Lieutenant in charge*.

FIRE-ALARM TELEGRAPH.

BROWN S. FLANDERS, *Superintendent*. Salary, \$3,200. He has also the care and charge of all the public bells and clocks.

A constant watch is kept at the headquarters, 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 use of the apparatus in giving alarms, for testing the circuits, and for other details pertaining to the service. An automatic arrangement is connected with the receiving apparatus, by which assistance may be called from the sleeping apartments, if at any time the operator should be suddenly incapacitated from performing his duties.

An accurate account is kept of the time of each alarm, of the station from which it originates, and of 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 other persons near each station have keys to the boxes. There are 501 fire-alarm boxes in connection with the headquarters, numbered variously from 2 to 874.

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.

Second Alarms are sounded by striking ten blows, followed by the box number. Third Alarms are sounded by striking ten blows twice, followed by the box number.

In cases where the entire department is required alarms are sounded by striking twelve blows twice, followed by the box number.

In cases where special apparatus is wanted, signals are given as follows:—

For Engine Companies	13 blows.
" Chemical Engine Companies	14 "
" Hook and Ladder Companies	15 "
" the Water Tower	16 "
" Hose Companies	17 "

to be followed by the numbers of the companies wanted, and the number of the box to which they are called.

Of other signals given on the fire-alarm bells, 689 indicates a fire at Deer Island; 698 indicates a call from Chelsea for assistance; 699 indicates a call upon Chelsea for assistance; 22 indicates "no school."

Meridian bells, at their various locations on churches, school-houses, and engine-houses, are struck from the Fire-Alarm office precisely at noon (standard time) every day. Correct time is furnished by telegraph from the Observatory of Harvard University, so that accuracy is secured.

All bells in the city proper north of Dover street, except the Faneuil Hall bell, have been cut out from sounding public alarms.

FIRE-MARSHAL.

[Stat. 1886, Chap. 354; 1887, Chap. 231.]

The Fire-Marshal is appointed by the Governor, to hold office for three years from the date of his appointment, or until his successor is appointed, with the duty of examining into the cause, circumstances, and origin of fires in the city of Boston, for which purpose he is vested with certain judicial and police powers. The Board of Fire Commissioners makes rules and regulations for the performance of the duties of the Fire-Marshal, and supervises his investigations and proceedings when in its opinion the public interests will be subserved thereby. The salary and expenses of the Fire-Marshal are repaid to the city of Boston from the treasury of the Commonwealth, to an extent not exceeding twenty-five per cent. of the State tax collected on premiums for writing fire-risks in the city of Boston during the preceding year.

CHARLES W. WHITCOMB, *Fire-Marshal*. Salary, \$3,000 per annum.

Term ends November 3, 1892.

[Office, 6 Pemberton square.]

CITY CHARTER.

[CHAP. 404, ACTS OF 1891.]

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT IN RELATION TO PENSIONING DISABLED MEMBERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows: —

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter one hundred and seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty, as amended by chapter one hundred and seventy-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: *Section 1.* The board of fire commissioners of the city of Boston, by the majority vote of the members, and with the approval of the mayor, shall, when they retire from office in the fire department any member thereof who has become disabled while in the actual performance of duty, or any member who has performed faithful service in the department for a period of not less than fifteen consecutive years, place the member so retired upon a pension roll. Any member may be placed on the pension roll when it shall be certified to the board in writing by the city physician that such member is permanently incapacitated, either mentally or physically, from performing his duty as a member of the department. In case of total disability caused or induced by the actual performance of his duty, the amount of annual pension shall be one-half of the annual compensation allowed to

men of the grade in which such member served, or such less sum as the said board may determine. The pension of members of the permanent force who have served fifteen years shall be an amount not exceeding one-third the annual salary or compensation of the office from which said members are retired, or such less sum as the board may determine. The pension of members of the call force who have served fifteen or more consecutive years shall be one-half the annual salary or compensation of the office from which said members are retired, or such further sum as the board may determine.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when accepted by the city council of the city of Boston.

[*Approved June 11, 1891.*]