

Head-Quarters Fire Department

Office Board of Fire Commissioners.

Boston, Nov. 1, 1881.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 172.

I.—The death of PETER J. FARLEY, member of Engine Co. No. 6, is hereby announced to the Department.

II.—The funeral will take place on Wednesday, November 2d, at 2 P. M., from the St. Joseph's Church, Chambers Street.

III.—Assistant Engineer Cheswell, with Engine Co. No. 6, will be relieved from all service between the hours of 1½ and 5 P. M., to attend the funeral service.

IV.—The Chief Engineer will detail one man from each of the Permanent Companies (except Chemical Engine Co's), as funeral escort, four of whom will be selected to act as pall-bearers.

V.—The detail will report at Engine House 4 at 1½ P. M., to Engineer Cheswell, who will have charge, and, having formed, will march to the locality of the funeral. The column, as escort, will proceed to corner of Beacon and Berkeley Streets, where it will halt in line, in open order, the cortege to pass through the line, after which it will return to Engine House 10 and be dismissed.

VI.—The Chief Engineer will detail one Permanent member to run the Engine, two drivers and two hosemen to Engine House 6, to take charge of the House and apparatus during the absence of the Company.

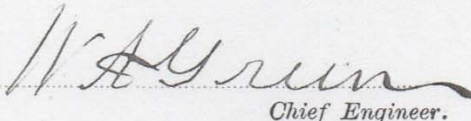
The Chief Engineer is charged with the carrying out of any necessary details not herein specially designated.

By order of the Board.

JOHN E. FITZGERALD,

Chairman.

OFFICIAL,



Chief Engineer.

Head-Quarters Fire Department

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BOSTON, Dec. 12, 1881.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 176.

The Board of Fire Commissioners have adopted the following described Uniform, to be worn by permanent members of the Fire Department. This order is issued for their information and government.

UNIFORM SACK COAT.

For Chief Engineer.—A double-breasted close fitting sack coat, of dark-blue cloth, pure indigo dye, cut to button close to the neck, with rolling collar; to have eight medium-size department buttons of white metal on each breast, grouped in pairs; the cuffs to be made to fit the wrist, and closed with three small regulation buttons; a pocket on the outside of each breast, and one on the inside of right breast; the outside pocket to have plain flaps; no other pockets will be allowed in any part of the coat; the sleeves to be cut only so large as to be convenient to wear inside of the overcoat; the length of coat to be three inches above the knee; the coat to be lined with black Italian cloth; the sleeves to have a linen lining.

For Assistant Engineers.—Same as for Chief Engineer, except that the buttons on the breast will be placed equidistant.

For Company Officers.—Same as for Engineers, except that the coat will be single-breasted, without lapels, with eight medium-size department buttons.

For Enginemen, Hosemen and Laddermen.—Same as for company officers, except that the coat will have six instead of eight medium-size buttons in front; to be cut and made according to pattern at Head-quarters. *For summer wear.*—Officers and men will be permitted to wear in summer, a coat cut in the same style as above, made of dark-blue flannel, pure indigo dye, without lining, and at all other times and seasons the sack worn must be of dark-blue cloth, in accordance with the regulations, except while wearing an overcoat—then a cardigan jacket may be substituted.

PANTALOONS.

For Chief Engineer and all other Officers.—Made of the same material, or of 18oz. flannel, and the same color as the coat; to fit close around the waist, but loose around the thighs and legs, to admit of their free use, according to pattern at Head-quarters.

For Enginemen, Hosemen and Laddermen.—Same as for officers.

VEST.

For Chief Engineer.—A single-breasted vest, made according to pattern at Head-quarters, of dark-blue cloth of the same shade and texture as the uniform coat, without

collar, so as not to interfere with the collar of the shirt, with eight small department regulation buttons grouped in pairs; inside to be lined with light slate-colored silesia; back to be made of black twilled silesia.

For Assistant Engineers.—Same as for Chief Engineer, except that the buttons will be placed equidistant.

For Company Officers and all other Members.—Same as for Engineers.

OVERCOAT.

For Chief Engineer.—A double-breasted frock, with rolling collar, made according to pattern at Head-quarters, of dark-blue cloth, pure indigo dye, in length to reach two inches below the knee, to button up close to the neck, with eight department large regulation buttons of white metal on each breast, grouped in pairs, three on each skirt behind, and three of small size on each sleeve at the cuff; one large outside pocket flap on each skirt, without pocket, and a small outside pocket on the left breast, covered with a "flap," and one inside pocket on the right breast, and one in each tail of the coat, if desired; the skirts to be lined with black Italian cloth, and back to be lined with dark-blue twilled flannel; the sleeves to be lined with brown Holland linen.

For all other Officers.—Same as for Chief Engineer, except that there will be but seven large regulation buttons on each breast, placed equidistant.

For all other Members.—Same as for officers (except Chief Engineer.)

Reefer for the Officers and Crew of the Fire Boat.—A double-breasted sack coat of dark-blue pilot cloth, pure indigo dye, in length to reach two inches above the knee, cut to button close to the neck, with rolling collar; to have five large size department buttons of white metal on each breast, and three small regulation buttons on each cuff; a small pocket on the outside of left breast, and one on the inside of the right breast; one large pocket on each side of the coat; the outside pockets to be covered with flaps. The coat to be lined with dark-blue twilled flannel; the sleeves to be lined with brown Holland linen.

SHIRT.

For Chief Engineer and Assistant Engineers.—White linen or muslin, with turn down or standing collar.

For Company Officers.—Same as for Chief Engineer and Assistant Engineers, except that it shall have a turn down collar.

For Enginemen, Hosemen and Laddermen.—A double-breasted indigo-blue flannel shirt, with rolling collar, according to pattern at Head-quarters. (a)

(a) For summer wear (*i. e.*, from June 15th to September 15th, inclusive,) all permanent members of the Department will wear a white cotton or linen shirt, with turn down collar, instead of the blue flannel shirt prescribed; except that upon all occasions of ceremony the blue flannel shirt will be worn, unless special orders are given to the contrary.

CRAVAT.

For Chief Engineer and Assistant Engineers.—A small neck-tie of black silk.

For Company Officers and all other Members.—A black silk cravat, to pass once around the neck, and tie with a double bow and flat knot in front; the ends to extend not more than three inches from the knot.

GLOVES.

For all Officers and Members. — When worn, to be white Berlin Lisle thread, or wash leather, as per pattern at Head-quarters Fire Department.

FIRE HAT.

For Chief Engineer. — A leather fire hat of the present style, entirely white, with sixteen combs; the front to be of white patent leather, supported by a gilt eagle head; the letters indicating his office to be black on a white ground, over which the insignia, to show on black ground, and under all the word "Boston."

For Assistant Engineers. — Same as Chief Engineer, entirely white, except that there will be but twelve combs, and the letters, white on a red ground, as also the insignia; below all, the initials of the wearer's name are to be placed.

For Officers of Engine Companies. — A black leather hat of the present style, with eight combs; a white patent leather front; the number of the company in plain block figures cut out of the centre, the insignia of office, same as on coat collar, above the figure, and the number of corporation badge below; the number of company, insignia of office, and number of badge to be black patent leather.

For Members of Engine Companies. — Same as for officers of Engine Companies, except that the front will be of black patent leather with white figures, the letter **H** over the figure distinguishing the Hose Companies, and the letter **C** the Chemical Companies.

For Officers of Hook and Ladder Companies. — Same as for officers of Engine Companies, except that the numbers and insignia will be in red, and the upper half of skull to be painted red.

For Members of Hook and Ladder Companies. — Same as for officers of Hook and Ladder Companies, except that the front will be of black patent leather, instead of white.

FATIGUE HAT AND CAP.

For Chief Engineer. — A black felt hat of the pattern at Head-quarters. It shall have a black and gold cord with gold acorns, and shall bear in the centre of the front, $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches above the rim, the insignia of office the same as that upon the coat collar.

For Assistant Engineers. — Same as that of the Chief Engineer, except that the acorns upon the cord are black, and the insignia of office the same as on the coat collar.

For Company Officers. — A blue cloth cap of the pattern at Head-quarters; to be made of dark-blue cloth, same as the uniform coat, of the United States Navy pattern, with a plain solid black patent leather visor, two inches wide, with rounded corners; top seven inches wide and seven and one-half to eight inches long; band one and one-half inches wide; quarters one and three-quarters inches high; lining of red leather, to be sewed into the seam of top and quarters; a narrow welt around the bottom of band and also around the top seam of cap; inner band to be of strong, serviceable leather; chin strap of black patent leather, one-half inch wide; one small regulation button on each side of cap. The cap made on the "gossamer body" is also adopted as regulation.

The *device* will consist of a five-pointed star, to correspond with the one on the collar, the lower point to rest upon the upper welt of the band; also, the *number* of the company, in block letter, placed directly under the star.

For all other Firemen. — Same as for company officers, except the device, which will consist of a Greek cross of white metal with a circular shield, marked with the number of the wearer. It is to be attached to the centre of the front of the cap, the lower point resting upon the chin strap. (b) (c)

Officers and men will wear, in stormy weather, a cover to the fatigue cap, made of rubber cloth, dull finish, so constructed that the device will be in view.

(b) The uniform for the officers and crew of the Fire Boat will be the same in all respects as that prescribed for the corresponding grades of the companies of the permanent force, with these exceptions, *viz.*: The officers and crew may wear, when the weather necessitates, a coat of the pattern described as "Reefer." The Captain and Mate shall, in place of the block figure worn on the cap to indicate the number of the apparatus, have the words "Fire Boat" embroidered in silver under the star.

(c) A straw hat of the pattern at Head-quarters will be worn from June 15th to September 15th, inclusive, and is, during this period, made part of the uniform.

INSIGNIA OF OFFICE.

For Chief Engineer. — The Insignia of Office of the Chief Engineer shall be the letter **E** (block letter), $\frac{3}{8}$ inch long, surrounded by a wreath, all embroidered in gold upon a dark blue cloth, and shall be worn upon the front corner of the collar of the uniform coat.

For Assistant Engineers. — The same as the Chief Engineer, except that it shall be embroidered in silver.

For Foremen. — A five-pointed silver star, measuring one inch in diameter.

For Assistant Foremen. — Two five-pointed silver stars, joined, measuring three-fourths of an inch (each) in diameter.

All uniforms and parts of uniforms, made after this date, will conform strictly to this order and receive an inspection between the hours of 12 M. and 2 P. M., at Head-quarters, by the Board of Fire Commissioners, before being worn. Company officers will attend to the enforcement of this rule, and District Engineers will report all violations coming under their observation.

No insignia of office, except the one prescribed, will be worn upon any part of the uniform.

Company Commanders will see that the provisions of all Rules and Regulations issued by the Board regarding uniforms, are complied with.

All previous orders, inconsistent with the foregoing, are repealed.

By order of the Board.

JOHN E. FITZGERALD,

Chairman.

OFFICIAL:



Chief Engineer.