

Head-Quarters Fire Department.

Office Board of Fire Commissioners.

BOSTON, May 24, 1886.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 256.

I.—The death of Ladderman MATTHEW MATSON, of Ladder Co. No. 11, is hereby announced to the Department.

II.—The funeral will take place on Wednesday, May 26th, at 3.00 P. M., from his late residence, No. 8 Cutter's Block, North Beacon Street.

III.—The Chief Engineer is authorized to arrange for the assignment of pallbearers and the necessary detail to care for the apparatus during the absence of the Company.

By order of the Board,

JOHN E. FITZGERALD,

Chairman.

OFFICIAL :

L. J. Weber

Chief Engineer.

Head-Quarters Fire Department.

Office Board of Fire Commissioners.

Boston, July 3, 1886.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 257.

I.—The death of Hoseman GEORGE W. GOODWIN, of Engine Co. No. 22, is hereby announced to the Department.

II.—The funeral will take place on Tuesday, July 6th, at 9.00 A. M., from the Cathedral.

III.—Assistant Engineer Fernald, with Engine Co. No. 22, will be relieved from all service between the hours of 8 A. M. and 1 P. M., to attend the funeral.

IV.—The Chief Engineer will detail six Permanent Men to act as pall-bearers.

V.—The Chief Engineer will detail twelve Permanent Men to act as funeral escort; the detail will report at Engine House No. 22, at 8 A. M., to Engineer Fernald, who will have charge, and, having formed, will march to the locality of the funeral. The column, as escort, will proceed to the corner of Lenox and Washington 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 No. 23, and be dismissed.

VI.—The Chief Engineer will detail one Permanent Man to run the engine, two Drivers and four Hosemen to Engine House No 22, to take charge of the House and apparatus during the absence of the Company.

By order of the Board,

JOHN E. FITZGERALD,

Chairman.

OFFICIAL :



Chief Engineer.

Head-Quarters Fire Department.

Office Board of Fire Commissioners.

Boston, July 9, 1886.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 258.

Weekly payments having been adopted by this Board, the following regulations are made for the government of officers and members in charge in forwarding a certificate of time of each member:—

I. The absentee reports from this date are abolished, and the time of each member will be entered on the accompanying roll.

II. Leaves of absence in future, when less than for 24 hours, will be granted for 6, 12 or 18 hours.

III. The officers of permanent companies, and member in charge of quarters in call companies, will be held responsible for making out and forwarding the rolls, and must enter names in pay-roll in accordance with the slip furnished.

IV. The officer or member in charge will be guided by the accompanying rate-table, and the rolls must be at Head-Quarters Fire Department at 11 A. M. every

~~Friday~~ *Thursday.*

By order of the Board,

JOHN E. FITZGERALD,

Chairman.

OFFICIAL:

L. P. Webber

Chief Engineer.

Head-Quarters Fire Department.

Office Board of Fire Commissioners.

Boston, July 24, 1886,

GENERAL ORDERS No. 259.

I.—The death of Hoseman THOMAS J. CAREY, of Engine Co. No. 6, is hereby announced to the Department.

II.—The funeral will take place on Sunday, July 25th, at 1½ P. M., from his late residence, 7 Gray Street, and at the St. Mary's Church, at 2 P. M.

III.—Assistant Engineer Cheswell, with Engine Co. No. 6, will be relieved from all service between the hours of 12½ and 6 P. M., to attend the funeral.

IV.—The Chief Engineer will detail three Permanent Men to act as pall-bearers.

V.—The Chief Engineer will detail twelve Permanent Men to act as funeral escort; the detail will report at Engine House No. 6, at 1 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 the Malden Bridge, where it will halt in line, in open order, the cortege to pass through the line, after which it will return to Engine House No. 32, and be dismissed.

VI.—The Chief Engineer will detail one Permanent Man to run the engine, two Drivers and four Hosemen to Engine House No 6, to take charge of the House and apparatus during the absence of the Company.

By order of the Board,

JOHN E. FITZGERALD,

Chairman.

OFFICIAL :



Chief Engineer.

Head-Quarters Fire Department.

Office Board of Fire Commissioners.

Boston, Sept. 27, 1886.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 264.

I.—The death of Hoseman GEO. WILLIAMS, of Hose Co. No. 4, is hereby announced to the Department.

II.—The funeral will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 29th, at 1 P. M., from his late residence, 59 Decatur Street, Charlestown.

III.—Assistant Engineer Bartlett, with Hose Co. No. 4, will be relieved from all service between the hours of 12 and 4 P. M., to attend the funeral.

IV.—The Assistant Engineer will make the necessary detail to act as pall-bearers; Engineer Bartlett will have charge of the escort, who will meet at Hose House 4, at 12½ P. M., and, having formed, will march to the locality of the funeral. The column, as escort, will proceed to the Bunker Hill St. Cemetery, where it will halt in line, in open order, the cortege to pass through the line, after which it will return to Hose House No. 4, and be dismissed.

V.—The Chief Engineer will detail one Permanent Man to take charge of the House and apparatus during the absence of the Company, and he is charged with the carrying out of any necessary details not herein mentioned.

By order of the Board,

ROBERT G. FITCH,

Chairman.

OFFICIAL:



Chief Engineer.

Head-Quarters Fire Department.

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BOSTON, Oct. 22, 1886.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 266.

I.—The death of Hoseman GEO. E. TYLER, of Engine Co. No. 32, is hereby announced to the Department.

II.—The funeral will take place on Sunday, Oct. 24th, at 1.30 P. M., from his late residence, 16 Seaver Street, Charlestown.

III.—Assistant Engineer Bartlett, with Engine Co. No. 32, will be relieved from all service between the hours of 12½ and 5 P. M., to attend the funeral.

IV.—The Assistant Engineer will make the necessary detail to act as pall-bearers; Engineer Bartlett will have charge of the escort, who will meet at Engine House 32, at 1 P. M., and, having formed, will march to the locality of the funeral. The column, as escort, will proceed to Malden Bridge, where it will halt in line, in open order, the cortege to pass through the line, after which it will return to Engine House No. 32, and be dismissed.

V.—The Chief Engineer will detail five Permanent Men to take charge of the House and apparatus during the absence of the Company, and he is charged with the carrying out of any necessary details not herein mentioned.

By order of the Board,

ROBERT G. FITCH,

Chairman.

OFFICIAL :



Chief Engineer.

Head-Quarters Fire Department.

Office Board of Fire Commissioners.

Boston, Nov. 27, 1886.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 268.

I.—The death of Geo. S. Thom, of the Fire Alarm branch of the service, is hereby announced to the Department.

II.—The funeral will take place on Sunday, Nov. 28th, at 2.00 P. M., from the residence of his daughter, corner of Aspinwall Avenue and Harvard Street, Brookline.

III.—Supt. B. S. Flanders, with such members of his force as can be spared, will be relieved from duty between the hours of 12.30 and 6 P. M., to attend the funeral.

IV.—The Supt. of Fire Alarms is charged with the carrying out of any necessary details not herein mentioned.

By the death of Captain Thom a career of faithful service, continued to the last moment, is ended. He died at the post of duty. He had served the city long and well in one of the most hazardous and exacting of any of the departments upon whose efficiency its welfare depends, and made it his debtor to a greater extent than can be generally known or acknowledged. He was a faithful servant of the City, a faithful friend, a man of integrity and honor—no less a tribute than this can be paid to his memory by those who knew him.

By order of the Board,

ROBERT G. FITCH,

Chairman.

OFFICIAL :



Chief Engineer.

Head-Quarters Fire Department.

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BOSTON, Nov. 27, 1886.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 269.

I.—The death of Ladderman WILLIAM H. FLAVELL, of Ladder Company No. 8, is hereby announced to the Department.

II.—The funeral will take place on Sunday, Nov. 28th, at 12 o'clock, noon, from his late residence, Arlington Heights.

III.—Assistant Engineer Abbott, with a detail of 5 firemen, will be relieved from all service between the hours of 10.30 A. M. and 6 P. M., to attend the funeral and act as pall-bearers.

IV.—The detail will report at Ladder House 8, at 10 A. M., to Engineer Abbott, who will have charge, and proceed in carriage to the locality of the funeral.

V.—The Chief Engineer will make the necessary detail to Ladder House 8 during the absence of the pall-bearers.

The Board makes this announcement with deep regret, and a profound appreciation of the loss the department has sustained. The service is deprived of one who knew neither fear nor faltering, and the members of the department of a comrade who had won their cordial regard by his many genial and generous qualities, and their admiration by his daring and efficiency in special emergencies. His death was an heroic one, and his memory will be cherished among the tender legacies which danger and duty have bequeathed to this department.

By order of the Board,

ROBERT G. FITCH,
Chairman.

OFFICIAL:



Chief Engineer.

Head-Quarters Fire Department.

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Boston, Nov. 27, 1886.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 270.

I.—The death of Hoseman GEORGE F. EMMONS, of Hose Company No. 10, is hereby announced to the Department.

II.—The funeral will take place on Monday, Nov. 29th, at 2 P. M., from the Unity Chapel, Dorchester Street, South Boston.

III.—Assistant Engineer Mullen, with Hose Company No. 10, will be relieved from all service between the hours of 1.30 and 6 P. M., to attend the funeral.

IV.—The Assistant Engineer will make the necessary detail to act as pallbearers and escort; the detail will report at Hose House No. 10, at 1.30 P. M., to Engineer Mullen, who will have charge, and having formed, will march to the locality of the funeral. The columns, as escort, will proceed to Clapp Place, off Boston Street, where it will halt in line in open order—the cortege to pass through the line—after which it will return to Hose House No. 10 and be dismissed.

V.—The Chief Engineer will detail one Permanent Man to Hose House No. 10, to take charge of the House and apparatus during the absence of the Company.

By order of the Board,

ROBERT G. FITCH,

Chairman.

OFFICIAL:



Chief Engineer.

Head-Quarters Fire Department.

Office Board of Fire Commissioners.

Boston, Dec. 11, 1886.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 272.

I.—The death of Hoseman THOMAS J. GOOD, of Engine Company No. 3, is hereby announced to the Department.

II.—The funeral will take place on Sunday, Dec. 12th, at 2 P. M., from the Cathedral of the Holy Cross.

III.—Assistant Engineer Fernald, with Engine Company No. 3, will be relieved from all service between the hours of 1.30 and 6 P. M. to attend the funeral.

IV.—The Chief Engineer will detail four Permanent Men to act as pall-bearers.

V.—The Chief Engineer will detail twelve Permanent Men to act as funeral escort; the detail will report at Engine House No. 3, at 1.30 P. M., to Engineer Fernald, who will have charge, and having formed, will march to the locality of the funeral. The column, as escort, will proceed to the corner of Washington and Camden 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 No. 23, and be dismissed.

VI.—The Chief Engineer will detail one Permanent Man to run the engine, two Drivers and four Hosemen to Engine House No. 3, to take charge of the House and apparatus during the absence of the Company.

By order of the Board,

ROBERT G. FITCH,
Chairman.

OFFICIAL:



Chief Engineer.

Head-Quarters Fire Department.

Office Board of Fire Commissioners.

Boston, Dec. 17, 1886.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 273.

I.—The Board of Fire Commissioners hereby announces to the Department that under the provisions of Chapter 354, Acts of 1886, Charles W. Whitcomb has been appointed Fire Marshal and assumed active duty. His headquarters have been established at No. 5 Pemberton Square, and telephonic communication has been made with the regular fire department system, and officers in command at fires will forward to the Fire Marshal information concerning alarms, in accordance with the following instructions:—

1st. All alarms, whether *public* or *still*, must be reported as soon as the “all out” signal has been given, by giving the *time* and *location*.

2d. Communication may be had by telephone with his headquarters between the hours of 9 A. M. and 5 P. M. on week days, except Saturday, when communication will be suspended at 2 P. M.

3d. On Sundays, Holidays, and at all hours not included above, information will be forwarded to the Fire Alarm office.

4th. The Fire Alarm Department will make record of such information received, and the Aid to the Marshal will call and take a transcript of same.

5th. Engineers will forward, in *duplicate*, their reports of *all* Alarms in their districts (as per Form No. 16) to this Board at the earliest possible moment.

6th. The special daily reports of Alarms will be made to this Board as usual.

The Board enjoins on the Department cordial coöperation with the Fire Marshal in his efforts to discover the causes, and especially the criminal causes of fires. The greater the success attending his endeavors, the lighter will be the hazard and labor of the Department. Let it be remembered that we are all working in a common cause—the reduction of fire loss in the City of Boston, and the detection and punishment of those who are wilfully responsible for any part of that loss. All information should be given as promptly and made as lucid and comprehensive as possible. The creation of this new position is not intended to relieve the Department of the duty of investigation, in the slightest, but to give to the facts which it may obtain the system and emphasis which it has had neither time nor authority to impart to them in the past.

By order of the Board,

ROBERT G. FITCH,

Chairman.

OFFICIAL :

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "L. P. Weber". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "L" and "P". The signature is positioned above a horizontal dotted line.

Chief Engineer.

