

# Special Commendation

While returning to quarters on July 3, 2022, Engine 14 encountered two men fighting at the intersection of Dudley and Monadnock Streets. Both men were on the ground and one had a substantial amount of blood covering his back. Engine 14 determined that the bleeding man was in obvious need of medical assistance and radioed Fire Alarm to have Boston Police and EMS respond. Engine 14's chauffeur then maneuvered the apparatus to block oncoming traffic and the company exited with their medical equipment to investigate and render first aid.

The men were separated and the injured party stated he had been stabbed while trying to stop the other combatant from stealing his bicycle. The second individual was still on scene with the knife in his hand; posing a threat to the injured man and to the members of Engine 14. With the police not yet on scene and an aggressive attacker threatening more potential violence, Firefighters Casey Owens and Anthony McDonagh quickly disarmed the assailant and restrained him until the police arrived and placed him in custody. Firefighters Owens and McDonagh placed themselves at great personal risk while disarming a man who had already shown he was willing to use a knife to injure people.

Therefore, the Fire Commissioner/Chief of Department, acting on the recommendation of the Board of Merit, hereby orders the Special Commendation be awarded to:



**Firefighter  
Anthony C. McDonagh**  
*Engine Company 14*



**Firefighter  
Casey S. Owens**  
*Engine Company 14*