

Roll of Merit

On December 24, 2022, at 0419 hours, Box 2151 was struck for a building fire at 314 Warren Street in District 7. Upon arrival, heavy fire was showing from floors two and three with reports of occupants trapped on floor two. Engine Company 14 and Engine Company 24 immediately advanced lines to both floors to control fire spread, and primary searches commenced under heavy smoke conditions on both floors.

Firefighter Brian Heaton of Engine Company 14 (Detailed to Ladder Company 4) and Firefighter Andrew Gambon of Engine Company 24 (Detailed to Ladder Company 23), conducted a primary search of the second floor rear bedroom. Firefighter Heaton located an unconscious male victim and Firefighter Gambon immediately assisted Firefighter Heaton in carrying the victim through the apartment, down the stairs and out to the street.

Firefighter Steven O'Brien of Ladder Company 4 forced open a locked second floor bedroom door and began to conduct a primary search, where he located an unconscious woman. Firefighter O'Brien moved her from the bedroom to the stairwell where he was met by another firefighter who carried her down the stairs and out of the building where she later regained consciousness. Both victims were ultimately transported by Boston EMS.

The coordinated actions of Engine Company 24 and Engine Company 14 prevented the fire from advancing down the hallway, allowing members of Ladder Company 4 and Ladder Company 23 to conduct a successful primary search to locate and rescue two unconscious occupants.

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



**Firefighter
Andrew E. Gambon**
*Engine Company 24
(Detailed to Ladder Co. 23)*



**Firefighter
Brian J. Heaton**
*Engine Company 14
(Detailed to Ladder Co. 4)*



**Firefighter
Steven R. O'Brien**
Ladder Company 4